
Subject: FW: H-Symbol Delegated Authority Feedback

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Thanks Rob. I completely agree!

Staff should & could recommend H-Symbol to Planning Committee to be confirmed by Council. That would be representative democracy at work.

Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 17, 2021, at 10:21 PM, Kiley,Robert <rkiley@cityofkingston.ca> wrote:

Good evening, Commissioner Agnew and Director Park;

I'd like to officially register my opposition to the proposal that the use of the H-symbol be delegated to staff under the Planning Act as is currently being contemplated by the provincial government.

While I appreciate this decision would ultimately be enacted by individual municipalities via specific, local by-laws, I – nevertheless – feel compelled to vocalize my concern.

Over my term, I have seen the power and purpose of holding provisions in terms of empowering local councils and planning committees to keep developments in check when it comes to land use planning decisions.

I believe this is especially the case when elected municipal officials attempt to safeguard the environment (for example and particularly related to hydrogeological considerations) but may not have the latitude to do so through other mechanisms in the process under other statutory limitations.

While I recognize the intent and desire to streamline the planning process, I suggest that shifting h-symbols from a Councillor's to staff's responsibility is a step too far.

Please let me know if you need more information or illustrations from me in order to feed this perspective into the current legislative review (locally, regionally, or otherwise) of the Planning Act on this file.

Finally, I'd ask that this correspondence be shared formally to the City of Kingston

Planning committee.

Thank you. Kindly,
Councillor Kiley, Vice Chair, Planning Committee, City of Kingston

(cc'ed City of Kingston's Mayor Bryan Paterson; Planning Committee Chair Neill;
Planning Committee Clerk Fawcett)

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