QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD RESULTS FEDERATION OF URBAN NEIGHBOURHOOD (ONTARIO) INC. (FUN)

If the OMB is to be continued, what changes should be made? Please indicate the level of your support for the following suggestions by circling one of the following: SS strong support, S moderate support, N is no support.

- 1. The OMB could be restricted in its powers so that it could only hear an appeal of a development decision by a municipality on the basis that the municipality has contravened federal or provincial legislation, the Provincial Planning Document and/or its Official Plan.
 - 67% strongly supported this suggestion with 25% moderately supporting and 8% no support.
- 2. The OMB could be restricted by taking appeals of Committee of Adjustment decisions from their mandate and requiring the municipality to establish an independent local appeal body to hear these appeals.
 - 36% strongly supported this suggestion with 45% moderately supporting and 18% no support.
- 3. Large municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa could be removed from the jurisdiction of the OMB and required to establish their own independent body to hear appeals of Council decisions on developments (i.e. a local municipal board).
 - 25% strongly supported this suggestion with 42% moderately supporting and 33% no support.
- 4. Intervenor funding could be provided to incorporated community organizations who are opposing an appeal by developers of a municipal council decision.
 - 56% strongly supported this suggestion with 17% moderately supporting and 25% no support
- 5. The OMB could be restricted when hearing appeals from hearing any new evidence that was not provided to the municipality in its decision-making.
 - 60% strongly supported this suggestion with 20% moderately supporting and 20% no support
- 6. The OMB could be restricted from hearing any application matters until the municipality has completed its decision-making process. Municipalities could be penalized for taking too much time to process applications.
 - 40% strongly supported this suggestion with 50% moderately supporting and 10% no support
- 7. The OMB should be an advisory body only. Elected representatives on municipal councils throughout Ontario must have the right to override an OMB decision by a 60% majority
 - 45% strongly supported this suggestion with 18% moderately supporting and 36% no support
- 8. The Planning Act should be amended so the OMB "**shall** have regard" rather than "**should** have regard" to municipal decisions.
 - 60% strongly supported this suggestion with 30% moderately supporting and 10% no support

9. The OMB should have a standard for hearings and record keeping that is similar to the judiciary so that the OMB can be held accountable for its actions.

82% strongly supported this suggestion with 18% moderately supporting and 0% no support

If the above changes were made to the OMB, what would your position be regarding the continuation or abolition of the OMB?

67% Continue with changes 33% Abolish with changes 0% Abolish if no changes made

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