

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending July 22, 2016

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1. None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. None

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. None

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1. None

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert

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MTO Province-wide Cycling Network Identification - Request for Input	Ministry of Transportation	July 29, 2016	<p>One of the key commitments under #CycleON: Action Plan 1.0 is to identify a network of cycling routes that links select communities and major destinations throughout Ontario. The Ministry is inviting participation in an online questionnaire and interactive mapping tool to identify:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Existing and planned cycling facilities throughout the province; 2. Proposed route options for a provincial scale cycling network and potential secondary linkages; 3. Considerations for signage and way-finding; 4. Major recreational, cycling and tourism attractions; and, 5. Barriers for the implementation of cycling facilities. 	Staff will complete the survey on behalf of the City	The survey builds on an inventory of major cycling routes completed by the Ministry in 2011 and will help the consultant team develop a proposed concept for a province-wide network.	Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services	http://mtocyclingnetworkstudy.com/user/reset/282/1467244527/ZLECh18XUEt6YZPAaAze6wtgnpwE3-8kp0M61B36GUM

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OMB Reform	Municipal Affairs	NA	<p>The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is reviewing the scope and effectiveness of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), an important part of the province's land use planning system.</p> <p>The government is developing a consultation paper that will be released in fall 2016 for further comment.</p> <p>In the meantime, the province is seeking views on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jurisdiction and powers: this could include what matters can be appealed and who may appeal them, the use of local appeal bodies and how much deference should be given to municipal decisions. • Meaningful citizen participation and local perspective: this could include who has access to hearings, how to ensure the ability of the public to participate, how to ensure that the process is affordable, unrepresented parties and the role of the citizen liaison office. • Clear/predictable decision making: this could include how to ensure fairness, adjudicator education and training and standardized decision format(s) • Hearing procedures and practices: this could include the formality of hearings, how expert evidence is heard and what evidence should be allowed at hearings. 	Staff level	At this time, the ministry is seeking feedback on the development of the consultation paper. Full consultation opportunities will be provided once the consultation paper is drafted and released to the public.	Planning	http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page14965.aspx

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative dispute resolution: this could include the use of mediation or other alternatives to traditional hearings or adversarial procedures as part of the appeal system.• Timely processes and decision making: this could include the timelines for scheduling hearings and the issuing of decisions.				

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Inclusionary Zoning	Municipal Affairs and Housing	August 16, 2016	<p>As part of the update to the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy, and to help address Ontario’s growing “affordability gap”, the province is taking steps to make affordable housing a part of the land use planning process.</p> <p>On May 18, 2016 Ontario introduced legislation that would, if passed, allow municipalities to require private sector developers to include affordable housing units in their development proposals through inclusionary zoning. For example, if a municipality chose to use this tool, new housing proposals would need to include a certain number of affordable units in order to be approved.</p> <p>If passed, the proposed legislation for inclusionary zoning would help to achieve a number of outcomes:</p> <p>Serve more people: Inclusionary zoning would create affordable housing that serves the needs of low- to moderate-income families and individuals.</p> <p>Increase the supply of affordable units.</p> <p>Meet local needs: Inclusionary zoning would help municipalities meet affordable housing objectives and targets set out in their housing and homelessness plans and official plans.</p>	Staff response	A staff level response will be provided as the consultation is technical in nature, requiring specific technical comments (as opposed to policy feedback). Additionally, the use of inclusionary zoning to address affordable housing issues is being discussed in context of the Affordable Housing Strategy that is coming to Council in July.	Planning + Intergovernmental	http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page13790.aspx

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Green Button Policy Workshop	Ministry of Energy	Toronto - July 26	<p>The province's Climate Change Action Plan released on June 8, 2016 committed to expand the Green Button program province-wide and include electricity, natural gas and water to help more households and businesses manage and conserve their energy and water use</p> <p>The Green Button program is about appropriate access to smart meter data—and the ability to share that data with innovative applications, products, services, and solutions. It can therefore help Ontario households and businesses conserve energy and better manage their electricity bills</p> <p>Green Button can support Ontario's Conservation First policy and Climate Change objectives by making information and tools available to help consumers manage their energy and water consumption as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p>During the province-wide workshops, the Ministry will present its draft Green Button policy proposal and provide participants with an opportunity to provide feedback</p>	Staff participation	The anticipated outcomes of the Green Button program are consistent with the goals of the City's Community Energy Initiative (CEI). Staff participation in an upcoming consultation session, and garnering a further understanding of the status and ongoing development of the Green Button program will be important through the CEI Update process (currently underway)	IDE	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/green-button-policy-workshops-toronto-tickets-26287487583

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Intercity Bus Modernization: Creating Opportunities and Connecting Ontario Communities	Ministry of Transportation	August 22, 2016	<p>The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is proposing a plan to reform the intercity bus regulatory regime. Via the EBR and in-person consultation sessions, MTO will be seeking feedback from communities, the intercity bus industry and members of the public</p> <p>Consultation on intercity passenger travel links with a broader government commitment to consult on a provincial approach to the sharing economy</p> <p>Guelph's many commuters, in and out of the city, will potentially benefit from improvements to this industry. The changes may facilitate non-auto transportation, which helps reach mode-share targets and emission reduction objectives in Guelph</p>	Staff submission to the EBR registry and potential GM email response to the Ministry	Interdepartmental staff level response will ensure a cross-department approach and positioning of response	Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services	http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/transit/intercity-bus.shtml

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Let's Talk Housing	Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development (Federal Consultation)	October 21	The Federal Government is developing a National Housing Strategy. Input is requested.	Staff to complete the survey	<p>The City's Affordable Housing Strategy will be returning to Council later in the fall. The City is reliant on the actions of senior levels of government to make impactful actions to address our community's affordable housing needs identified through the City's Affordable Housing Strategy work.</p> <p>City staff will be monitoring the progress of the National Housing Strategy as it progresses and will provide updates as applicable and appropriate.</p>	Planning	https://www.letstalkhousing.ca/

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Federal Government Infrastructure	Infrastructure Canada	September 16	The Government of Canada is seeking community input on its identified priorities of Communities, Green Infrastructure, Public Transit and Social Infrastructure.	Communications will promote community participation through its social network channels	Municipalities will have opportunities to respond formally as the Federal Government proceeds with their policy work. Citizen engagement is requested at this stage	Communications and IG	http://www.infraconsults.ca/