

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending January 5, 2018**

## **REPORTS**

1. None

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS**

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. None

## **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

1. None

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

1. None

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Proposed New Regulation to be made under the Electricity Act, 1998	Energy	January 12, 2018	<p>The purpose of the proposed regulation is to ensure the appropriate siting of renewable energy generation facilities in relation to residential areas and prime agricultural land.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p>The Province's 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) commits to enhance Ontario's net metering framework to give customers new ways to participate in clean, renewable electricity generation. In accordance with this commitment, the Ministry of Energy intends to expand net metering eligibility to include new ownership models and to ensure appropriate consumer protection provisions and siting restrictions are in place. The Ministry of Energy intends to propose regulatory changes to enable new ownership models, as well as other regulatory measures in support of an expanded and enhanced net metering framework, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable third-party ownership of net-metered generation facilities and virtual net metering demonstration projects</li> <li>• Adapt and enhance the existing energy consumer protection framework to support</li> </ul>	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline. A joint response will be prepared through EWaCC and Climate Change Office</p>	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach with energy planning.</p> <p>Restrictions on siting of renewable energy generation systems may impact the city's ability to meet targets for local renewable generation in the Community Energy Initiative</p>	Climate Change Office	<a href="http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0MDM0&amp;statusId=MjAzODk3&amp;language=en">http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0MDM0&amp;statusId=MjAzODk3&amp;language=en</a>

			<p>the introduction of third-party ownership arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure that prescribed types of renewable energy generation facilities are sited appropriately.</li></ul>				
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<p><b>Policy Proposal Notice</b></p> <p>Food and Organic Waste Framework</p>	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	January 15, 2018	<p>An EBR notice has been posted (013-1814) as a Policy Proposal Notice. The Ministry has developed a proposed Food and Organic Waste Framework as part of its commitments in the Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building a Circular Economy. The Framework consists of two complementary components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part A: Proposed Food and Organic Waste Action Plan which outlines strategic commitments to be taken by the province to address food and organic waste; and,</li> <li>Part B: Proposed Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016, which provides direction to the province, municipalities, producers, IC&amp;I sector, waste management sector, and others to further the provincial interest in waste reduction and resource recovery as it relates to food and organic waste.</li> </ul> <p>The proposed Framework strives towards the achievement of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce food and organic waste</li> <li>Recover resources from food waste and organic waste</li> <li>Support resource recovery infrastructure</li> <li>Promote beneficial uses of recovered resources</li> </ul> <p>The proposed Framework includes actions and policies which support Ontarians as they prevent food and organic waste, rescue surplus food, recover resources from food and organic waste, and find sustainable end-uses for products made from organic materials.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	<p>Staff response on the proposed Framework will be consistent with our comments given at our invited participation at Ministry Food Waste Consultation Sessions.</p> <p>The City of Guelph has a vested interest in diverting food and organic waste from landfill through the operation of our Organic Waste Processing Facility, thereby reducing our carbon footprint and increasing our diversion rate.</p> <p>Further, due to some of the proposals in the framework, there may be considerations related to City operations, capacity, promotion/education, etc.</p>	Solid Waste Resources, Environmental Services	<a href="https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTI0&amp;statusId=MjAzNzAz&amp;language=en">https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTI0&amp;statusId=MjAzNzAz&amp;language=en</a>

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Developing a Voluntary Carbon Offsets Program for Ontario	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change	January 15, 2018	<p>The province is looking for feedback regarding the development of a program that enables the creation of carbon offset credits in Ontario's voluntary carbon offsets program.</p> <p>Ontario's proposed voluntary carbon offsets program will create a clear set of rules and requirements for anyone who wants to facilitate the creation of carbon offsets projects and to sell the credits generated from these projects to others. Ontario's program for quality branded voluntary carbon offsets would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a mechanism for government , the private</li> </ul>	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline. A joint response will be prepared through EWaCC and Climate Change Office</p>	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach to energy planning.</p> <p>City energy-related projects will often result in lower carbon emissions, and may be eligible for the program. Further, the City already obtains credits for captured biogas at the Eastview decommissioned landfill site, and this program may impact the credit sale process.</p>	Climate Change Office	<a href="http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNzM0&amp;statusId=MjAzMzg0&amp;language=en">http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNzM0&amp;statusId=MjAzMzg0&amp;language=en</a>

			<p>sector and others to reduce both their carbon and ecological footprints;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitate participation by Indigenous, northern and agricultural communities and municipalities in the carbon market;</li><li>• Promote additional environmental co-benefits; and</li><li>• Drive innovation and support the transition to a low carbon economy.</li></ul>				
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Climate Change Adaptation	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	January 21, 2018	<p>The Province is seeking feedback regarding its climate change adaptation approach.</p> <p>Ontario has made progress on a number of climate change adaptation actions, and this proposal outlines the next set of actions to help ensure communities and their partner organizations, governments, private businesses and individual Ontarians have the information they need to build resilience in a changing climate</p>	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.</p> <p>A joint response will be prepared through EWaCC and Climate Change Office</p>	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach to climate change mitigation strategies and adaptation planning.</p> <p>Given that climate change is affecting Guelph, it is the City's desire to ensure provincial programming assists with our adaptation planning.</p>	Climate Change Office	<a href="http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNjA3&amp;statusId=MjAzMTcz&amp;language=en">http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNjA3&amp;statusId=MjAzMTcz&amp;language=en</a>

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Tire Regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA)	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)	January 22, 2018	<p>The MOECC is proposing a regulation under the RRCEA that would make tire producers environmentally accountable and financially responsible for recovering resources and reducing waste associated with tires that they supply into the Ontario market.</p> <p>The regulation would require producers to meet resource recovery standards and to establish an accessible and convenient tire collection network across Ontario to reduce the amount of tires lost to disposal, among other things.</p> <p>On December 1, 2017, the draft RRCEA tire regulation was posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Registry for a 52-day consultation period (Dec. 1, 2017 – Jan. 22, 2018). The proposed regulation outlines a number of requirements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting resource recovery and collection standards;</li> <li>• Providing a free and convenient used tire collection network in Ontario;</li> <li>• Educating consumers;</li> <li>• Registering with and reporting to the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority; and,</li> <li>• Other requirements, including record keeping and third-party audits.</li> </ul> <p>The proposed regulation also includes phased-in implementation dates for requirements to enable a seamless transition for the management of tires in Ontario.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the EBR Registry and provided to Council following the consultation deadline.	<p>The City of Guelph has a vested interest in diverting tires from landfill, fostering the continued growth and development of the circular economy, and providing Guelph residents with accessible and well-communicated diversion services.</p> <p>Managing our resources more effectively will benefit Guelph residents, our environment and economy and support our efforts to fight climate change.</p>	Environmental Services	For details about the draft RRCEA regulation for tires, visit the <a href="#">EBR Registry</a>



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Regulatory Proposal for Province-Wide Implementation of Green Button	Ministry of Energy	January 22, 2018	<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>The proposed regulation would mandate the implementation of Green Button data management by electricity and natural gas utilities as the common standard for energy data and protocol for the secure transfer of energy data, upon authorization by the customer, to third parties of the customer's choice.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach to climate change mitigation strategies.</p> <p>The ability for customers to access electricity and natural gas meter data (or allow their data to be accessed by third parties) will help customers to understand their energy usage, and to work on reducing it.</p>	Climate Change	<a href="https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTk1&amp;statusId=MjAzODI3&amp;language=en">https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTk1&amp;statusId=MjAzODI3&amp;language=en</a>

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Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring	Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA)	March 7, 2018	<p>The Province is seeking input on a study area for potential Greenbelt expansion to protect water resources in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).</p> <p>The study area is based on locations with high concentrations of important water features under pressure from current or forecasted urban development.</p> <p>The focus of this consultation is to seek input on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The province's approach to identifying moraines, coldwater streams and wetlands as important features for protecting water in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe</li> <li>• The process followed for mapping a study area based on the locations of these features</li> <li>• Other factors to be considered when mapping a proposed Greenbelt boundary, such as accommodating forecasted population and employment growth, and other provincial interests including agriculture, natural heritage, mineral aggregates and infrastructure, and any other local considerations.</li> </ul> <p>The province has identified seven features and areas within their study area.</p> <p>Guelph is identified within the Province's study area.</p> <p>Natural heritage features and water resource areas that support the City's drinking water supply are adjacent to the City and may also be considered</p>	<p>A report to Council is scheduled for February 26, 2018 in order to endorse the City's comments.</p> <p>Community consultation can take place directly with Province via submission of comments through the EBR and/or through attendance at a public session.</p>	<p>Public consultation process is being led by the Province.</p> <p>The council report will provide formal City comments from a corporate/ technical planning perspective.</p> <p>The Province is seeking public input from all stakeholders directly through the EBR posting and public consultations that will be held in late January – February of 2018.</p> <p><b>Council can encourage members of the public to participate by submitting comments to the Province directly.</b></p>	<p>Planning Policy and Urban Design</p> <p>With input from Engineering and Capital Infrastructure - Source Water Protection &amp; Services and Water Services</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNzcz&amp;statusId=MjAzNDU4&amp;language=en">http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNzcz&amp;statusId=MjAzNDU4&amp;language=en</a></p>

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			<p>through the review, along with the City's river corridors.</p> <p>There may also be implications effecting the City's long term growth management.</p>				