

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending February 15, 2019**

## **REPORTS**

1. None

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS**

1. Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017
2. Ontario Tourism Strategy

## **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
<p>Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017</p> <p>Proposed Modifications to O. Reg. 311/06 (Transitional Matters - Growth Plans) made under the Places to Grow Act, 2005</p> <p>Proposed Modifications to O. Reg. 525/97 (Exemption from Approval – Official Plan Amendments) made under the Planning</p> <p>Proposed Framework for Provincially Significant Employment Zones</p>	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	February 28, 2019	<p>The province is currently consulting on proposed amendment #1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2017) including modifications to regulations related to the Growth Plan and the introduction of provincially significant employment zones.</p> <p>The Ministry states that the proposed changes address implementation challenges with the Plan that were identified by the municipal and development sectors and other stakeholders. These changes are intended to provide greater flexibility and address barriers to building homes, creating jobs, attracting investments and putting in place the right infrastructure while protecting the environment. The proposed changes respect the ability of local governments to make decisions about how they grow.</p> <p>These changes would apply across six categories: Employment; Settlement Area Boundary Expansions; Small Rural Settlements; Natural Heritage and Agricultural Systems; Intensification and Density Targets; and Major Transit Station Areas.</p> <p>The timeline for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan remains July 1, 2022.</p> <p>The Province has also introduced a framework for provincially significant employment zones which includes the designation of lands within the south area of Guelph along HWY 6.</p>	Staff will prepare draft comments and seek Council input and endorsement of the comments at the February 25 council meeting. Following Council endorsement, the comments will be submitted to the Minister through the online Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO).	A coordinated response including Council feedback/comments on the proposed amendment will provide a holistic response on the effects of the plan on Guelph.	Policy Planning and Urban Design staff, Planning and Building Services	<p><a href="https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4504">https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4504</a></p> <p><a href="https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4505">https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4505</a></p> <p><a href="https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4506">https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4506</a></p> <p><a href="https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4507">https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4507</a></p>

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Ontario Tourism Strategy	Culture, Tourism and Sport	28/02/2019	<p>Visitor, student or tourism operator/stakeholder input in developing a new Ontario Tourism Strategy.</p> <p>Collected information will be used to inform the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• embrace a visitor-first approach</li> <li>• improve the business climate</li> <li>• improve sector alignment</li> <li>• provincial interests and role in tourism</li> <li>• support business and community development</li> </ul> <p>While Ontario has seen recent increases in tourism visits, there is an opportunity for Ontario to capture a larger share of international tourism growth.</p> <p>A new strategy will support a positive business environment that enables tourism businesses and operators to succeed while meeting consumer needs and expectations.</p>	Online survey	<p>The corporation delivers tourism services in Guelph with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing and promoting Guelph as a destination</li> <li>• Modelling the highest standard for visitor services</li> <li>• Fostering collaboration and information sharing among industry stakeholders</li> <li>• Supporting business development through partnerships and activations that focus on visitors</li> <li>• Measure and communicate economic impact</li> </ul> <p>As the destination development leader in Guelph with a focus on growing tourism, it is important for the corporation to provide feedback to the province as it develops a new tourism strategy.</p> <p>The feedback will potentially validate input from comparable municipalities and inform direction to better support tourism growth in the province.</p>	Stacey Dunnigan, Manager Culture and Tourism	<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-ontario-tourism-strategy#section-1">https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-ontario-tourism-strategy#section-1</a>