# INFORMATION ITEMS

### Week Ending February 16, 2018

#### **REPORTS**

1. None

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

- 1. Establishment of a Regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002
- 2. Regulatory Amendment to Ontario Regulation 344 (Disposable Containers for Milk)
- 3. Proposed Methodology for Land Needs Assessment for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- 4. Guideline on Community Emissions Reduction Planning
- 5. Proposed Places of Use Regulations under the Cannabis Act, 2017
- 6. Changes to the Smoke Free Ontario Act
- 7. Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring
- 8. #CycleON: Action Plan 2.0
- 9. Watershed Planning Guidance

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1. City of Kingston Resolution re: Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue
- 2. GTA West Transportation Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2

#### **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

1. Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2018

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

1. None

			Provin	cial/Federal Consultation Alert			
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Establishment of a regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (EBR 013-1840)	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)	February 20, 2018	The proposed regulation would apply to municipal residential drinking water systems when they are proposing new or expanded systems with water sources that are within a source protection area, delineated in accordance with the Clean Water Act. The proposal would require owners of municipal residential drinking water systems to pass municipal council resolutions in support of any necessary amendments to the applicable assessment report(s) and source protection plan(s) prior to submitting an application for a new or an amendment to their existing drinking water works permit.  The ministry is also proposing amendments to Ontario Regulation 287/07 "General" under the Clean Water Act which sets out the requirements for the preparation, approval and amendments of assessment reports and source protection plans (see separate posting EBR #013-1839 for details). These proposed amendments address implementation challenges and increase transparency related for minor plan amendments, including those related to properly decommissioned wells and intakes of municipal residential drinking water systems.	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.  Additionally, a Water Services representative will attend a public consultation event hosted by the MOECC.  City of Guelph's position: If passed, the proposed Regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act would require a council resolution from other affected municipalities within our Source Water Wellhead Protection Area (Guelph/Eramosa, Puslinch and/or Milton) to pass a council resolution on the feasibility of new source water for Guelph before the source is approved by the Ministry.  As the Environmental Assessment Process (EA) will scientifically assess the feasibility of a qualified source, a council resolution from a neighbouring municipality should not be required.  Adoption of this requirement could allow for political interference and impede progress regardless of the conclusions of the EA.  Water Services is recommending that a council resolution from an affected neighbouring	The EA Assessment Process is science based and will determine the feasibility of potential new drinking water sources for the City of Guelph. As such, adding the requirement to have a council resolution from a neighbouring municipality will not "add an additional level of assurance that drinking water is being protected at the source" that the Ministry indicates is the rationale for the proposed regulation. Furthermore, this proposal could have the unintended consequence of politicizing an already challenging science based process for new municipal water supply approval.	Water Services	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?no ticeld=MTMzOTUx&statusId=MjAzNz Uy&language=en

municipality be removed as a requirement to achieving Ministry approval to commission a new water source.  This position will be articulated in the response to the ER posting and expressed during the public consultation.	
UPDATE – JANUARY 19, 2018	
The Province has scheduled open houses. Details are as follows:  Barrie - Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Southshore Community Centre, 205 Lakeshore Drive  Guelph - Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Italian Canadian Club, 135 Ferguson Street  Orangeville - Thursday, February 8, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre, 6 Northmen Way.  Alliston - Thursday, February 15, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Alliston Memorial Arena, 49 Nelson Street West  Brantford - Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 6:00-8:30pm Branlyn Community Centre, 238 Brantwood Park Road  Kitchener - Thursday, February 22, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Branlyn Community Centre, 238 Brantwood Park Road  Kitchener - Thursday, February 22, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Tannery Event Centre, 151 Charles Street West	

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Regulatory	Ministry of the	February 24,	An EBR notice has been posted	Staff comments will be	Staff response on	Environmental	https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-
Amendment to	Environment	2018	(013-2059) proposing to amend	submitted on the online	the proposed	Services	External/displaynoticecontent.do?notic
Ontario	and Climate		Regulation 344 to provide two	Environmental Registry	regulatory		eld=MTM0MjEx&statusId=MjA0MTgw
Regulation	Change		options for milk producers to	(EBR) and provided to	amendment will		
344	(MOECC)		use containers that are	Council via the Information	be consistent with		
(Disposable			collected through:	Package following the	those provided in		
Containers for				consultation deadline.	the last year to		
Milk)			1. a deposit return program, or		the MOECC re:		
			2. the current Blue Box		EBR 012-5832		
			program or a recycling		Waste-Free		
			program that services over		Ontario Act and		
			90% of Ontario households.		EBR 012-5834		
					Strategy for a		
			Currently, the existing		Waste-Free		
			Regulation does not permit the		Ontario: Building		
			use of different packaging		the Circular		
			material (e.g., PET plastic or		Economy (Staff		
			HDPE plastic milk containers),		Information		
			with a capacity greater than 1		Report dated May		
			pint unless a deposit is charged		6, 2016).		
			under an agreement between				
			the dairy manufacturer and the		Guelph supports		
			Minister of the Environment and		the concept of		
			Climate Change.		allowing multiple		
					packaging options		
			This strategy is being proposed		to provide a		
			to create a level playing field for		diversity of		
			the milk industry to compete		recycling		
			with milk alternatives		opportunities.		
			(almond/soy beverage				
			containers) that are not subject		If interested,		
			to the Regulation.		Council and the		
					community can		
			The proposed strategy provides		submit comments		
			flexibility to milk producers		directly to the		
			without compromising		Environmental		
			environmental outcomes. The		Registry.		
			amendment is consistent with				
			Ontario's movement towards				
			full producer responsibility and				
			supports the government's				
			burden reduction initiative that				
			lowers the costs of doing				
			business in Ontario.				
			The proposed amendment				
			aligns with the Waste-Free				
			Ontario Strategy.				

			Provincial/	'Federal Consultation	on Alert		
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EBR Registry Number: 013- 2016  Proposed Methodology for Land Needs Assessment for the Greater Golden Horseshoe	Ministry of Municipal Affairs	February 28, 2018	To implement the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017, The City of Guelph will be required to use a standard provincially-developed process, known as a land needs assessment, to calculate the amount of land needed to meet the 2041 growth forecasts of Places to Grow. This process will help ensure municipalities are using land efficiently and in accordance with provincial forecasts and targets.  The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is seeking feedback on a draft approach that was released on December 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017. Once submissions and comments are received and considered, the province will establish a final land needs assessment methodology.  The final methodology will be used by municipalities to determine the amount of land needed to accommodate future growth. It will inform decisions about whether to expand the boundary of urban areas (settlement area boundary expansion), or whether sufficient or excess land are identified.  The results of that land needs assessment will then be used to inform the work of municipalities in applying the policies of the Growth Plan to update their own official plans. This is known as the municipal comprehensive review process.	A staff level written submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.  Staff comments will be provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	The province is seeking input into a technical land use planning process that will determine the land needs to accommodate the Growth Plan's forecast population and employment to the year 2041. A staff level response will provide the appropriate technical feedback to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.	Policy Planning and Urban Design staff, Planning, Urban Design and Building Services	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeld=MTM0MjQ4&statusId=MjA0MjI3&language=en

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Guideline on Community Emissions Reduction Planning	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change		The Ministry is seeking feedback on a draft Guideline, which will help municipalities to complete greenhouse gas inventories and develop community emissions reduction plans. This Guideline supports actions on climate change and Growth Plan policies.  The purpose of the Guideline is two-fold:  1. Provide implementation support to Growth Plan, 2017, policy 4.2.10 which requires municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to incorporate climate change policies in their municipal official plans and encourages them to complete greenhouse inventories, set targets, and develop emission reduction strategies; and,  2. Support municipalities in conducting community energy and emissions planning under the Municipal Action Plan Program (name and program details still being developed)	_	City staff want to ensure the Community Energy Initiative is in compliance with the guideline, along with the Official Plan and any other relevant policies and plans. Compliance may be an eligibility requirement for new funding programs disbursing the proceeds from the Cap and Trade system.	Climate Change Office – support from Planning	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM OMjUy&statusId=MjA0MjMy&language=en
			under the Five-Year Climate Change Action Plan.				

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Proposed places of use regulations under the Cannabis Act, 2017	Ministry of the Attorney General's Office	March 5, 2018	The Ministry of the Attorney General will be setting regulations regarding places of use for both recreational and medical marijuana.  Staff intend to respond back to the Ministry of Finance and the Attorney General's office with respect to the one approach being considered by the Ministry of the Attorney General's office specially the option to permit licensed and regulated cannabis consumption lounges and venues.	Staff will comment through the Ministry's on-line survey form on the Ontario's Regulatory Review site.  Staff will also provide an update on this item and a number of other items with respect to recreational marijuana through a Council Information Report.	Through business licensing the City currently regulates a number of businesses and establishments including restaurants and other establishments.	Operations Department	http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?posting Id=26449&language=en#
Changes to the Smoke Free Ontario Act	Ministry of Health and Long- Term Care	March 3, 2018	The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be updating the Smoke Free Act to regulate tobacco, vapour products and marijuana use.	Staff will provide comments to the Ministry by email.  Staff will also provide an update on this item and a number of other items with respect to recreational marijuana through a Council Information Report.	Bylaw staff are often called upon to assist with compliance with the Ontario Smoke Free Act.	Operations Department	http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=26469&language=en

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Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring	Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA)	March 7, 2018	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).  The study area is based on locations with high concentrations of important water features under pressure from current or forecasted urban development.  The focus of this consultation is to seek input on:  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  The process followed for mapping a study area based on the locations of these features  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.  The province has identified seven features and areas within their study area.  Guelph is identified within the Province's study area.  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	A report to Council is scheduled for February 26, 2018 in order to endorse the City's comments.  Community consultation can take place directly with Province via submission of comments through the EBR and/or through attendance at a public session.	Public consultation process is being led by the Province.  The council report will provide formal City comments from a corporate/ technical planning perspective.  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.  Council can encourage members of the public to participate by submitting comments to the Province directly.	Planning Policy and Urban Design  With input from Engineering and Capital Infrastructure - Source Water Protection & Services and Water Services	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeld=MTMzNzcz&statusId=MjAzNDU4&language=en

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

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#CycleON: Action Plan 2.0	Ministry of Transportation	March 07, 2018	The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport (MTCS) are developing the next multi-year action plan to advance the implementation of #CycleON: Ontario's Cycling Strategy  Action Plan 2.0 will be the second in a series of action plans, rolled out every five years to implement the Cycling Strategy and help make Ontario a more cycling- friendly province  The action items will focus on: 1) Healthy, Active Prosperous communities; 2) improved cycling infrastructure; 3) safer highways and streets; 4) promoting cycling awareness and behavioural shifts; and 5) increasing cycle tourism opportunities.	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	Staff can provide comments to the ministry that do not conflict with existing or previously approved council positioning, particularly related to the official plan and Guelph's strategies related to active transportation.	Transportation Services (Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services)	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MT MzOTQ4&statusId=MjAzNzQ5&language=en

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Watershed Planning Guidance EBR # 013-1817	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	April 7, 2018	The Province is seeking feedback on its draft Watershed Planning Guidance, which will help municipalities in implementing provincial direction related to watershed and sub-watershed planning.  Watershed Planning Guidance supports the implementation of policy amendments to the four provincial land use plans (Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Greenbelt Plan) which strengthen requirements for watershed planning. It also supports the Provincial Policy Statement which identifies the watershed and subwatershed as the ecologically meaningful scale for integrated and long-term planning.  The draft Watershed Planning Guidance contains the following information to help municipalities and planning authorities to carry out watershed planning:  Overview of watershed and subwatershed planning:  Overview of watershed and subwatershed planning.  Direction on carrying out effective and meaningful engagement.  Indigenous interests and considerations in watershed planning.	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	Staff input is considered appropriate and will be consistent with the City's position regarding land use planning.  If interested, Council and the community can submit comment's directly to the Environmental Registry	Planning, Urban Design and Building	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeld=MTMz OTI3&statusId=MjAzNzEw&language=en

	<ul> <li>How to prepare elements of a watershed and subwatershed plan</li> <li>How to use watershed and subwatershed planning to inform land use and infrastructure planning and decision-making.</li> </ul>		
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February 12, 2018

Via email

To all Municipalities in Ontario with populations greater than 40,000:

Dear Sirs/Madames:

RE: Kingston City Council Meeting, February 6, 2018 – Motion Regarding Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue

At the regular meeting of Kingston City Council held on February 6, 2018, Council approved the following resolution:

**Whereas** Kingston will be one of the first Ontario communities to have a legal Cannabis Sales outlet, as chosen by the Ontario Government; and

Whereas the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has forecast a substantial increase of cost to Policing, By-Law Enforcement, Public Health, and other Services, with these costs being largely borne by Municipal Taxpayers; and

Whereas the Government of Canada has promised 75% of Federal Revenues derived from the sale of Canadbis shall be shared with Provinces and Territories; and

Whereas the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington Public Health Board on January 24, 2018 passed unanimously the following Motion:

"That the KFL&A Board of Health urge the provincial government to dedicate a portion of the cannabis excise tax revenue from the federal government to local public health agencies in Ontario";

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the City of Kingston fully endorses the Board of Health Motion; and

**Be It Further Resolved That** the City of Kingston also seeks cannabis excise tax revenues to cover all additional costs of municipal policing and bylaw, and that upon passage this motion be shared with: Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; Charles Sousa, Provincial Minister of Finance; Mark Gerretsen, MP Kingston and

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the Islands; Sophie Kiwala, MPP Kingston and the Islands; Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa); and all Ontario Municipalities with a population greater than 40,000.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

John Bolognone Oit Clerk

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February 9, 2018

## GTA West Transportation Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2

In December 2015, the Ministry of Transportation suspended its work on the Environmental Assessment of the Greater Toronto Area West Highway Corridor (GTA West). An advisory panel was appointed to assist the ministry in reviewing the GTA West project. The panel was tasked with providing advice on the need for the GTA West corridor, in light of recent changes in government policy and transportation technology that could impact the demand for travel.

In February 2018, after reviewing the advice of the panel, the Minister of Transportation announced (<a href="https://news.ontario.ca/mto/en/2018/02/ontario-not-moving-forward-with-highway-for-gta-west-corridor.html">https://news.ontario.ca/mto/en/2018/02/ontario-not-moving-forward-with-highway-for-gta-west-corridor.html</a>) that the province will not proceed with an environmental assessment for a proposed highway in the GTA West corridor.

To ensure that we are still able to meet the needs of this growing region, the Ministry of Transportation and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), with support from the Ministry of Energy, have initiated a joint study to identify a smaller corridor that will be protected for future infrastructure needs, such as utilities, transit or other transportation options developed as part of the ministry's comprehensive Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan.

As part of the planning study, MTO and the IESO have identified a study area, which will be protected as the study moves forward over the next 9-12 months. This study is not conducted as an environmental assessment, and any infrastructure development in the area would require the completion of an applicable environmental assessment.

For more information on the Northwest GTA Corridor Identification Study, please contact the study team by email at NorthwestGTA.corridor@ontario.ca, or by phone at 1-877-663-7167.





9 février 2018

# Planification du corridor de transport Ouest de la région du Grand Toronto et etude d'évaluation environnementale, phase 2

En décembre 2015, le ministère des Transports a suspendu ses travaux sur l'évaluation environnementale visant le couloir ouest de la région du grand Toronto (ÉE visant le couloir ouest de la RGT). Un comité consultatif a été instauré pour aider le ministère à examiner le projet du couloir ouest de la RGT. Le comité a été chargé de fournir des conseils sur la nécessité de la mise en place du couloir ouest de la RGT, compte tenu des éventuelles répercussions sur la demande de déplacements des récents changements des politiques du gouvernement et des nouvelles technologies en matière de transport.

En février 2018, le ministre des Transports a annoncé (<a href="https://news.ontario.ca/mto/fr/2018/02/lontario-nira-pas-de-lavant-avec-une-autoroute-pour-le-couloir-ouest-de-la-rgt.html">https://news.ontario.ca/mto/fr/2018/02/lontario-nira-pas-de-lavant-avec-une-autoroute-pour-le-couloir-ouest-de-la-rgt.html</a>), après avoir examiné les conseils du comité, que la province ne procédera pas à une évaluation environnementale d'une route proposée dans le couloir ouest de la RGT.

Afin de veiller à ce que nous puissions encore répondre aux besoins de cette région en plein essor, le ministère des Transports et la Société indépendante d'exploitation du réseau d'électricité, avec le soutien du ministère de l'Énergie, ont lancé une étude conjointe afin de déterminer un petit couloir qui sera protégé pour des besoins futurs en matière d'infrastructure, comme les services publics, le transport en commun ou d'autres options de transport élaborées dans le cadre du plan complet du ministère, le Plan de transport pour la région élargie du Golden Horseshoe.

Dans le cadre de l'étude de planification, le MTO et la SIERE ont déterminé une zone à l'étude qui sera protégée pendant le déroulement de l'étude, soit les prochains 9 à 12 mois. Cette étude n'est pas une évaluation environnementale. Une évaluation environnementale applicable devra être effectuée pour tout projet d'aménagement d'infrastructure dans la zone.

Pour de plus amples détails au sujet de l'étude visant l'établissement du tracé du couloir dans la partie nord-ouest de la RGT, veuillez communiquer avec l'équipe d'étude par courriel à NorthwestGTA.corridor@ontario.ca ou par téléphone au 1 877 663-7167.