

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending April 6, 2018**

## **REPORTS**

1. None

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS**

1. Watershed Planning Guidance
2. Guidance to support implementation of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017: Application of the Intensification and Density Targets & The Municipal Comprehensive Review Process

## **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
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The draft Watershed Planning Guidance contains the following information to help municipalities and planning authorities to carry out watershed planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of watershed and subwatershed planning, including policy context, key principles, process and components of a watershed plan.</li> <li>• Direction on carrying out effective and meaningful engagement.</li> <li>• Indigenous interests and considerations in watershed planning.</li> </ul>	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 input is considered appropriate and will be consistent with the City's position regarding land use planning.</p> <p>If interested, Council and the community can submit comment's directly to the Environmental Registry</p>	Planning, Urban Design and Building	<a href="http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTI3&amp;statusId=MjAzNzEw&amp;language=en">http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTI3&amp;statusId=MjAzNzEw&amp;language=en</a>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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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Guidance to support implementation of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017: Application of the Intensification and Density Targets & The Municipal Comprehensive Review Process	Ministry of Municipal Affairs	May 7, 2018	<p>The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is seeking feedback on two draft technical guidance documents that help municipalities (1) plan for Growth Plan targets; and (2) bring their official plans into conformity with the Growth Plan.</p> <p><b>1) Draft Technical Guidance on the Application of the Intensification and Density Targets</b></p> <p>The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (the "Growth Plan") sets minimum standards for density and intensification in municipalities. Density is a measure of people and jobs per hectare, or simply jobs per hectare, depending on the type of target. Intensification is a measure of the percentage of residential development added each year to specified parts of existing urbanized areas.</p> <p>Municipalities are required to plan for five types of targets, where applicable. The targets are key to making more efficient use of land and infrastructure, and help inform infrastructure planning. The five types of targets are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intensification</li> <li>2. Designated Greenfield Area density</li> <li>3. Employment Area density</li> <li>4. Urban Growth Centre density</li> <li>5. Major Transit Station Area density</li> </ol> <p>Growth Plan targets are meant to slow the outward expansion of settlement areas (areas designated for development). The targets also protect important resources such as farmland, water systems, wetlands and woodlands. Planning for intensification and density targets will have significant impacts on</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	The province is seeking input for two technical land use planning processes that will assist in the implementation of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017. 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	<a href="#">ER # 013-2359</a>

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			<p>addressing climate change and achieving provincial emission reduction goals.</p> <p><b>2) Draft Technical Guidance on the Municipal Comprehensive Review Process</b></p> <p>The City of Guelph must bring its official plan into conformity with the Growth Plan by 2022. This guidance material will help guide municipalities on how to bring their official plans into conformity with the Growth Plan, 2017.</p> <p>This process is known as the municipal comprehensive review ("MCR") process. An MCR results in a new official plan or official plan amendment that comprehensively applies all the policies of the plan, and which is then submitted to the province for approval.</p> <p>During the MCR process, municipalities will carry out background research, public consultation, and policy formulation with supplementary input from the province at critical milestones.</p>				