

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending August 9, 2019

REPORTS

1. None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

1. Proposed changes to Provincial laws on Joint and Several Liability
2. Proposed Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) Changes
3. Proposed changes to O.Reg. 82/98 under the Development Charges Act related to Schedule 3 of Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019
4. Proposed new regulation pertaining to the community benefits authority under the Planning Act

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City of Guelph Response to Intergovernmental Consultation RE: Proposed Regulations under the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017
2. City of Guelph Response to Intergovernmental Consultation RE: Bill 108 – The More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019
3. Township of Nairn and Hyman RE: Support Resolution – Opposition of Bill 115
4. Niagara Region RE: Resolution Respecting Proposed Provincial Restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies

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 changes to Provincial laws on Joint and Several Liability	Ministry of the Attorney General	September 27, 2019	The Ministry of the Attorney General is seeking input from municipalities on joint and several liability, insurance costs, and the 'liability chill' affecting the delivery of everyday public services.	Written comments submitted to the Ministry of the Attorney General	Changes could see lower insurance costs and reduced liability exposure for Ontario municipalities	Legal, Realty, and Court Services	https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
ERO#019-0279 Proposed Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) Changes	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	October 21, 2019	<p>The Province is proposing changes to the PPS to support Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan and recent changes to the land use planning system including Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.</p> <p>Proposed changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Increasing Housing Supply and Mix including increasing the planning horizon from 20 to 25 years, increasing housing land supply from 10 to 12 years, and adding flexibility to the settlement area boundary expansion process. 2) Protecting the Environment and Public Safety including enhancing direction to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate, and enhancing stormwater management policies. 3) Reducing Barriers and Costs including requiring municipalities to fast-track development applications for certain proposals (e.g. housing), and refocusing energy policies to support a broad range of energy types and opportunities. 4) Supporting Rural, Northern and Indigenous Communities including enhanced municipal engagement with Indigenous communities on land use planning. 5) Supporting Certainty and Economic Growth including encouraging municipalities to assess locally-identified 	Written comments submitted through ERO. Council will be requested to endorse a proposed response at the October 16 Planning Meeting prior to submitting comments through the ERO.	The PPS is the consolidated statement of the provincial government's policies on land use planning that guides municipal decision making. Under the Planning Act municipal decisions on land use planning matters "shall be consistent with" the PPS. An endorsed Council response ensures that Council members are informed of the proposed changes and have an opportunity to contribute to the City's response.	Planning and Building Services	https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0279

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Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
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ERO#19-0184 Proposed changes to O.Reg. 82/98 under the Development Charges Act related to Schedule 3 of Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	August 21, 2019	A proposal to make changes to O. Reg. 82/98, under the <i>Development Charge Act, 1997</i> related to Schedule 3 of the <i>More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019</i> .	Written comments submitted through ERO.	This regulation has significant financial and operational implications to the City related to development charge revenues.	Corporate Finance	https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0184

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
ERO#19-0183 Proposed new regulation pertaining to the community benefits authority under the Planning Act	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	August 21, 2019	A proposal to make a new regulation under the <i>Planning Act</i> to prescribe matters related to the community benefits authority and make a consequential amendment to an existing regulation under the Act.	Written comments submitted through ERO.	This regulation has significant financial and operational implications to the City and the way we do business.	Corporate Finance	https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0183

August 5, 2019

**Re: ORR Proposal Number 19-MAG007
O.Reg. 102/18**

Proposed Regulations under the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017

The City of Guelph provides the following comments on the “Proposed Regulations under the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017” which are related to changes introduced under the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*.

1. Transition

The City of Guelph offers the following comments on the proposed regulations

The amended Act applies to a major land use planning appeal that was commenced and continued under the former Ontario Municipal Board Act, except for the requirement to hold a case management conference.

No comment.

The amended Act also applies to a major land use planning appeal that was commenced under the former Ontario Municipal Board Act and continued under the existing Act, except where a hearing on the merits of the appeal has been scheduled before the amendments come into force. If a hearing on the merits of the appeal has been scheduled before that day, the existing Act will continue to apply to the appeal.

The amended Act applies to a major land use planning appeal that was commenced under the existing Act, except where a hearing on the merits of the appeal has been scheduled before the amendments come into force. If a hearing on the merits of the appeal has been scheduled before that day, the existing Act will continue to apply to the appeal.

The proposed regulation should be amended to state that the existing Act will apply to major land use planning appeals commenced or continued under the existing Act prior to May 2, 2019 where the enhanced municipal record, appeal record, and responding appeal record have been filed with the Tribunal. For major land use planning appeals commenced after May 2, 2019 the existing Act should apply only where a hearing on the merits has been scheduled.

It is the City of Guelph’s submission that the existing Act should continue to apply to a major land use planning appeal that was commenced under the existing Act prior to the introduction of Bill 108 (*i.e.* May 2, 2019) provided the required

materials (the enhanced municipal record, appeal record, and responding appeal record) have been filed with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal in accordance with its rules and legislated requirements.

Any such appeal would have been made under the expectation that the existing Act would apply to it, and parties (including municipalities) will have expended significant resources preparing submissions. Even where mandatory case management conferences have been held in these appeals under the existing rules, hearings may not have been scheduled due to uncertainty related to the conduct of hearings under the existing rules that was only recently resolved through a stated case by the LPAT to the Divisional Court. These submissions, and the expended resources they represent, would effectively be lost if these appeals were required to recommence under the amended Act. This would not represent the most efficient use of resources (including the time of the municipality and the Tribunal itself) or expeditious resolution of appeals (parties would have to effectively recommence the appeals and make new submissions that address the amended Planning Act, etc.).

In the City of Guelph's submission, a regulation based on a clear assessment of the total costs and benefits, including those to business, the public and government administration, and designed to minimize any potential impacts (per Ontario's Regulatory Policy, July 2014), should not require that significant resources spent by parties in an appeal to file required materials be lost.

The amended Act applies to a major land use planning appeal commenced on or after the day the amendments to the Act come into force.

No Comment

2. Revocation of the "Planning Act Appeals" Regulation

The City of Guelph has no comment on the revocation of the existing "Planning Act Appeals" regulation, which is consistent with the amendments made through the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019.

August 6, 2019

The City of Guelph submitted the following comments online to Ontario's Environmental Registry on August 6, 2019 related to Schedule 12 of Bill 108 – The More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019:

Transition Regulations

In regards to expanding the grounds of appeal of a decision on an official plan/amendment or zoning by-law/amendment and allowing the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal to make any land use planning decision the municipality or approval authority could have made would apply to appeals of decisions that have not yet been scheduled for a hearing by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal regarding the merits of the matter before the Tribunal.

Additional clarification is requested regarding appeals that have been processed and a Case Management Conference (CMC) held but no hearing scheduled yet. It would be more appropriate in this case for the appeal to remain in the previous LPAT process and tests given that these tests are the basis of the appeal and of the sworn evidence already brought forward by all parties prior to the CMC. Furthermore the CMC has already determined issues, witnesses and timing.

We have no further comments on the other transition regulations and note the required changes regarding the removal of appeal rights and related notice requirements, and that the reduction for decision timelines for major planning applications (official plan amendments, zoning by-law amendments and plans of subdivision) are in effect for complete applications submitted on or after June 6, 2019

Community planning permit system

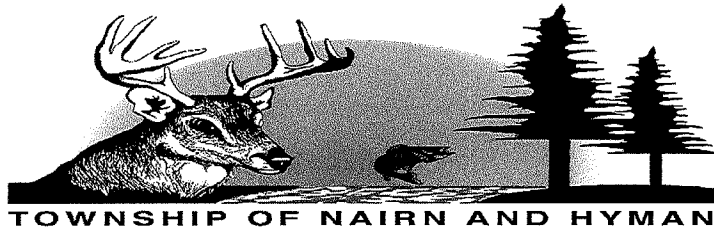
We have no comments on this proposed change to remove the ability to appeal the implementing by-law for Community planning permit systems.

Additional Residential Unit Requirements and Standards

The City of Guelph generally supports Bill 108 changes to the Planning Act regarding second residential units in low density residential forms. The proposed regulations clarifying parking requirements and occupancy are also supported and will facilitate the provision of these types of additional units.

Housekeeping regulatory changes

The City of Guelph has no comment on the proposed administrative changes to regulations in the Planning Act as shown, regarding updated notice requirements and inclusionary zoning authorization that reflect the changes made by Bill 108.



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July 31, 2019

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Queen's Park
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Dear Honourable Premier:

Re: Opposition to Bill 115

Please be advised our Council adopted the following resolution at their meeting of July 8, 2019:

SUPPORT RESOLUTION – OPPOSITION OF BILL 115

RESOLUTION #2019-11-173

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Katherine Bourrier

RESOLVED: that Council agrees to support the resolution of the Township of Armour regarding opposition to Bill 115.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is considering approving Bill 115, which would allow beer and wine sale in corner stores;

AND WHEREAS corner stores will not verify age and be as safe as the present system in place;

AND WHEREAS alcohol retail outlet density has a negative effect on public health and public health costs;

AND WHEREAS there is no clear evidence that Ontarians are asking for beer and wine at every corner;

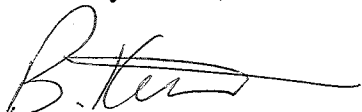
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Armour opposes Bill 115 and calls upon the Government of Ontario not to enact this legislation.

FURTHERMORE, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound – Muskoka and Andrea Horwath, MPP, Leader of the New Democratic Party.

AND FURTHERMORE, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration

CARRIED

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Ketchabaw', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk - Treasurer

BK/mb

cc: The Honourable Christine Elliot, Deputy Premier
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Andrea Horwath
The Honourable Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
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June 12, 2019

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The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
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Re: Support Resolution

At its meeting held on June 11th, 2019, the Township of Armour passed Resolution #7 opposing Bill 115 and calls upon the Government of Ontario not to enact this legislation.

A copy of Council's Resolution #7 dated June 11th, 2019 is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Louise Heintzman
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure
Cc: Honourable Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Andrea Horwath, MPP, Leader of the New Democratic Party, AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date: June 11, 2019

Motion # 7

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	Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Seconded by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Carried / Defeated

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:

Recorded vote requested by:

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod
Brandt, Jerry
MacPhail, Bob
Ward, Rod
Whitwell, Wendy

For	Opposed
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July 19, 2019

Council Session, July 18, 2019
Public Health and Social Services Committee Session, July 9, 2019
PHD-C 06-2019, July 9, 2019

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Resolution Respecting Proposed Provincial Restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies
PHD-C 06-2019

Regional Council, at its meeting held on July 18, 2019, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has announced restructuring local public health agencies from 35 public health units to 10 new Regional Public Health Entities, governed by autonomous boards of health;

WHEREAS the Province expects to reduce provincial spending on local public health by \$200 million by 2021-22 from a current provincial budget for local public health of approximately \$750 million;

WHEREAS the Province is adjusting the cost-sharing formula with municipalities for local public health;

WHEREAS municipalities such as Niagara, Hamilton, and most others have been contributing more than their 25% share under Provincial policy for many years in order to ensure community needs are met based on the Ontario Public Health Standards, as set out by the provincial government;

WHEREAS the announcements do not contain sufficient detail to be able to fully understand the costs and implications of the proposed restructuring;

WHEREAS the scale of the proposed changes to the governance, organization and funding of local public health is unprecedented in Ontario;

WHEREAS the role of municipal councils is not clear in the proposed restructuring;

WHEREAS local public health agencies that are part of local government such as Niagara already achieve significant administrative efficiencies through the economies of scale from being part of much larger organizations than the future Public Health Entities;

WHEREAS local public health benefits from significant collaboration with social service, planning, recreation, and transportation services all of which address the social determinants of health and determine half of health outcomes;

WHEREAS separating public health agencies that are part of local government may have unintended negative consequences such as reducing municipal leadership on public health issues, reducing transparency and public scrutiny, as well as reducing effectiveness in collaboration on the social determinants of health;

WHEREAS the announcements appear to have a significant likelihood to impact on the delivery of local public health services;

WHEREAS Niagara Regional Council confirms its support of its public health staff in all the work that they do;

WHEREAS lessons from the past show that when the public health system is weakened, serious consequences occur;

WHEREAS expert reports, such as those following Walkerton's drinking water contamination and the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) have highlighted the need for a strong and independent public health sector to protect the health and safety of the public;

WHEREAS local public health has a unique mandate that focuses on upstream approaches to prevent injuries and illness before they occur, as well as health protection measures that contribute to the safety of our food, water, and environment, and protect us from infectious diseases;

WHEREAS the evidence shows that the success of prevention is largely invisible, but the social and economic returns on these investments are immense with every dollar invested in public health programming saving on average eight dollars in avoided health and social care costs;

WHEREAS to achieve health and reduce "hallway medicine" both a strong health care and a strong public health system are needed;

WHEREAS the independence of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health as the doctor for the community are essential parts of a strong and transparent public health system;

WHEREAS local perspectives add value to provincial priority-setting and decision making;

WHEREAS significant advances in public health have been led through local action, such as the development of tobacco control bylaws; and

WHEREAS the Province has indicated a willingness to consult with boards of health and municipalities on the phased implementation of the proposed changes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Regional Council **THANKS** the Premier and the Minister of Health for responding to feedback by municipalities to delay funding changes to public health and other municipally operated health and social services;
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to write a letter to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request that any restructuring or modernization of local Public Health ensure adherence to the following principles:
 - i. That its unique mandate to keep people and our communities healthy, prevent disease and reduce health inequities be maintained;
 - ii. That its focus on the core functions of public health, including population health assessment and surveillance, promotion of health and wellness, disease prevention, health protection, and emergency management and response be continued;
 - iii. That sufficient funding and human resources to fulfill its unique mandate are ensured;
 - iv. That the focus for public health services be maintained at the community level to best serve residents and lead strategic community partnerships with municipalities, school boards, health care organizations, community agencies and residents;
 - v. That there be senior and medical leadership at the local public health level to provide advice on public health issues to municipal councils and to participate in strategic community partnerships;
 - vi. That local public health services be responsive and tailored to the health needs and priorities of each local community, including those of vulnerable groups or those with specific needs such as the indigenous community;
 - vii. That representation of municipalities on any board of health be proportionate to both their population and to the size of the financial contribution of that municipality to the regional Public Health Entity; and
 - viii. That any transition be carried out with attention to good change management, and while ensuring ongoing service delivery;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to work with MARCO/LUMCO and AMO to describe the benefits of Public Health remaining fully integrated with other Niagara Region functions;
4. That the Medical Officer of Health **BE DIRECTED** to continue to report to the Board of Health in a timely manner as any new developments occur;

5. That at a minimum, the Chair of the Board of Health or co-Chair (Public Health) of the Public Health & Social Services Committee **PARTICIPATE** in Ministry consultations with boards of health on public health restructuring, and through the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa); and
6. That this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all municipalities, all Boards of Health, AMO, MARCO/LUMCO, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

A copy of PHD-C 06-2019 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk
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CLK-C 177-2019
Distribution List

Minister of Health
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
MARCO/LUMCO
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa)

In accordance with the notice and submission deadline requirements of Sections 18.1 (b) and 11.3, respectively, of Niagara Region's Procedural By-law, the Regional Clerk received from Councillor Ip a motion to be brought forward for consideration at the June 20, 2019 Council meeting respecting Response to Proposed Provincial Restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies.

Response to the Proposed Provincial Restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has announced restructuring local public health agencies from 35 public health units to 10 new Regional Public Health Entities, governed by autonomous boards of health;

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