

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending August 19, 2016

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1. None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

1. Open Government
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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
Open Government Consultation	Treasury Board Secretariat	August 26, 2016	<p>Ontario was selected to be one of 15 participants in a new pilot program run by the Open Government Partnership, an international organization committed to making governments more open, accountable and responsive to citizens.</p> <p>The goal of the pilot program is to promote open government through increased transparency, accountability, public participation, technology and innovation.</p> <p>Through this pilot program, the province will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work in partnership with the public, non-governmental organizations (NGO's) and community groups to create new open government commitments that help Ontario improve openness • support Ontario's digital government initiative to re-invent government for the digital age and make life easier for people. <p>Ontario's commitments must be finalized by December 2016 and implemented by December 31, 2017.</p> <p>This consultation has four phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea generation • Voting • In-person workshops • Implementation <p>The province is currently in Phase 1 and are looking for ideas on how to improve government in four key areas:</p>	City staff will complete online survey for Phase 1 and monitor potential opportunities for participation in subsequent phases.	Staff participation is in keeping with the City's open government mandate.	Intergovernmental Relations, Policy and Open Government	https://www.ontario.ca/page/open-government-consultation http://www.opengovpartnership.org/

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• transparency – publishing government-held information and data and improving access to information• accountability – tools and processes that hold the government accountable for its decisions• public participation – giving the public more opportunities to weigh in on government decision-making in order to help solve problems and create more efficient programs.• technology and innovation – using innovative technology to improve transparency and accountability, increase public participation, and help deliver better programs and services				
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OMB Reform	Municipal Affairs	NA	<p>The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is reviewing the scope and effectiveness of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), an important part of the province's land use planning system.</p> <p>The government is developing a consultation paper that will be released in fall 2016 for further comment.</p> <p>In the meantime, the province is seeking views on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jurisdiction and powers: this could include what matters can be appealed and who may appeal them, the use of local appeal bodies and how much deference should be given to municipal decisions. • Meaningful citizen participation and local perspective: this could include who has access to hearings, how to ensure the ability of the public to participate, how to ensure that the process is affordable, unrepresented parties and the role of the citizen liaison office. • Clear/predictable decision making: this could include how to ensure fairness, adjudicator education and training and standardized decision format(s) • Hearing procedures and practices: this could include the formality of hearings, how expert evidence is heard and what evidence should be allowed at hearings. 	Staff level	At this time, the ministry is seeking feedback on the development of the consultation paper. Full consultation opportunities will be provided once the consultation paper is drafted and released to the public.	Planning	http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page14965.aspx

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative dispute resolution: this could include the use of mediation or other alternatives to traditional hearings or adversarial procedures as part of the appeal system.• Timely processes and decision making: this could include the timelines for scheduling hearings and the issuing of decisions.				

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Intercity Bus Modernization: Creating Opportunities and Connecting Ontario Communities	Ministry of Transportation	August 22, 2016	<p>The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is proposing a plan to reform the intercity bus regulatory regime. Via the EBR and in-person consultation sessions, MTO will be seeking feedback from communities, the intercity bus industry and members of the public</p> <p>Consultation on intercity passenger travel links with a broader government commitment to consult on a provincial approach to the sharing economy</p> <p>Guelph's many commuters, in and out of the city, will potentially benefit from improvements to this industry. The changes may facilitate non-auto transportation, which helps reach mode-share targets and emission reduction objectives in Guelph</p>	Staff submission to the EBR registry and potential GM email response to the Ministry	Interdepartmental staff level response will ensure a cross-department approach and positioning of response	Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services	http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/transit/intercity-bus.shtml

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Let's Talk Housing	Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development (Federal Consultation)	October 21	The Federal Government is developing a National Housing Strategy. Input is requested.	Staff to complete the survey	<p>The City's Affordable Housing Strategy will be returning to Council later in the fall. The City is reliant on the actions of senior levels of government to make impactful actions to address our community's affordable housing needs identified through the City's Affordable Housing Strategy work.</p> <p>City staff will be monitoring the progress of the National Housing Strategy as it progresses and will provide updates as applicable and appropriate.</p>	Planning	https://www.letstalkhousing.ca/

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Federal Government Infrastructure	Infrastructure Canada	September 16	The Government of Canada is seeking community input on its identified priorities of Communities, Green Infrastructure, Public Transit and Social Infrastructure.	Communications will promote community participation through its social network channels	Municipalities will have opportunities to respond formally as the Federal Government proceeds with their policy work. Citizen engagement is requested at this stage	Communications and IG	http://www.infraconsults.ca/