



Ontario Professional Planners Institute

Legislative Corner

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Ontario Announces Proposed Changes to Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe



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This morning the [Ontario Government announced](#) proposed changes to the Greater Golden Horseshoe's Growth Plan. These changes aim to increase housing supply, attract investment and retain jobs. OPPI attended a stakeholder workshop and provided input to the province, and we will be reviewing the proposed changes to the Growth Plan in this announcement.

The provincial government is seeking feedback on these proposed legislative and regulatory changes. Members are encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposed changes and can click on the following links below to learn more about the proposed changes and provide their input:

- [Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017](#)
- [Draft amended Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017](#)
- [Ontario to Help Increase Housing Supply, Attract Investment and Protect Jobs in the Greater Golden Horseshoe \(news release\)](#)
- [Proposed Changes to Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan \(backgrounder\)](#)

Details of the proposed changes are available on the government's Environmental Registry website (link provided above) and the comment period closes on February 28, 2019.

Ontario Government Seeks Input on Housing Strategy



The Ontario Government is conducting consultations on increasing the housing supply in the province. OPPI was invited to one of several stakeholder meetings held to discuss this topic with the government.

Ontario's RPPs are the experts working in communities across the province that are addressing this issue, and it's important that the government hears your voice!

As part of the government's consultation, they are developing a Housing Supply Action Plan that aims to address barriers regarding new ownership and rental housing. Members are encouraged to visit the [Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing website](#) for more information. In addition, there is a survey to fill out that provides the opportunity to [share your feedback](#). The consultation closes on January 25, 2019.

Bill 66 Update



OPPI would like to thank members for taking the time over the holiday break to provide their feedback to our member survey on [Bill 66, *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act*](#). OPPI would also like to thank members who have expressed their interest in assisting OPPI with our response to the government on this issue.

While OPPI is preparing its submission to the government, members are encouraged to do the same and provide their professional opinion and lend their expertise and voice to this issue before January 20, 2019.

- [Proposed open-for-business planning tool](#)
- [New regulation under the Planning Act for open-for-business planning tool](#)

To those members who have already submitted their response, OPPI thanks you for doing so.

In the News...



On January 11, Ontario Infrastructure Minister, Monte McNaughton announced that 58 rural municipalities across Ontario would receive infrastructure planning assistance. To learn more about this announcement, [please visit the Government of Ontario's website](#).

On January 8, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Jeff Yurek, announced that 107 municipalities will receive assistance to expand or improve their public transit systems with Ontario's gas tax program. To learn more about this announcement, [please visit the Government of Ontario's website](#).

Ontario regulations open for review...



There are a number of changes to regulations and legislation happening in Ontario that are open for review and comment. OPPI recommends members [visit our Legislative Corner webpage](#) to review specific legislation and regulations open for review and comment, including:

- Proposed amendments to O. Reg. 274/18, Siting Restrictions for Renewable Energy Generation Facilities (January 18)
- Amendments to the Renewable Energy Approvals Regulations (Ontario Regulation 359/09) (January 18)
- Amending the Renewable Energy Approvals Regulation to help restore municipal authority (January 18)
- New regulation under the Planning Act to prescribe transitional provisions for the proposed Green Energy Repeal Act (Bill 34) (January 18)
- Repeal the Toxics Reduction Act, 2009 and all associated regulations by December 31, 2021 (January 20)
- Planning and reporting changes under the toxics reduction program and Ontario Regulation 455/09 (January 20)
- Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan (January 28)
- Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (February 28)

OPPI Seeks Volunteers for its Planning Issues Strategy Group

OPPI has a number of Standing Committees and Strategy Groups that guides and consults OPPI throughout the year. One of these Strategy Groups is the [Planning Issues Strategy Group](#).

OPPI is seeking interested members to join our Planning Issues Strategy Group in an advisory role that is focused on influencing the planning profession for the betterment of planning in Ontario.

Guiding the work of the Planning Issues Strategy Group is OPPI's new [Public Affairs framework](#). In addition, a new [Terms of Reference](#) has been drafted that outlines responsibilities for volunteer members, including working with staff to proactively identify key "mega issues" that impact and transcend borders and advance these issues with decision-makers and stakeholders, monitor current and emerging legislation and policy and advises staff on responding, and advise staff on issues that are best suited for knowledge sharing and discussion across the planning profession.

Members should ideally reflect geographical and professional practice diversity and ideally plan communities in small (under 50,000 residents), medium (between 50,000 and 200,000 residents) and large (over 200,000 residents) populations. If you are interested in joining OPPI's Planning Issues Strategy Group, please fill out our [Volunteer Application Form](#).

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