



Committee Report

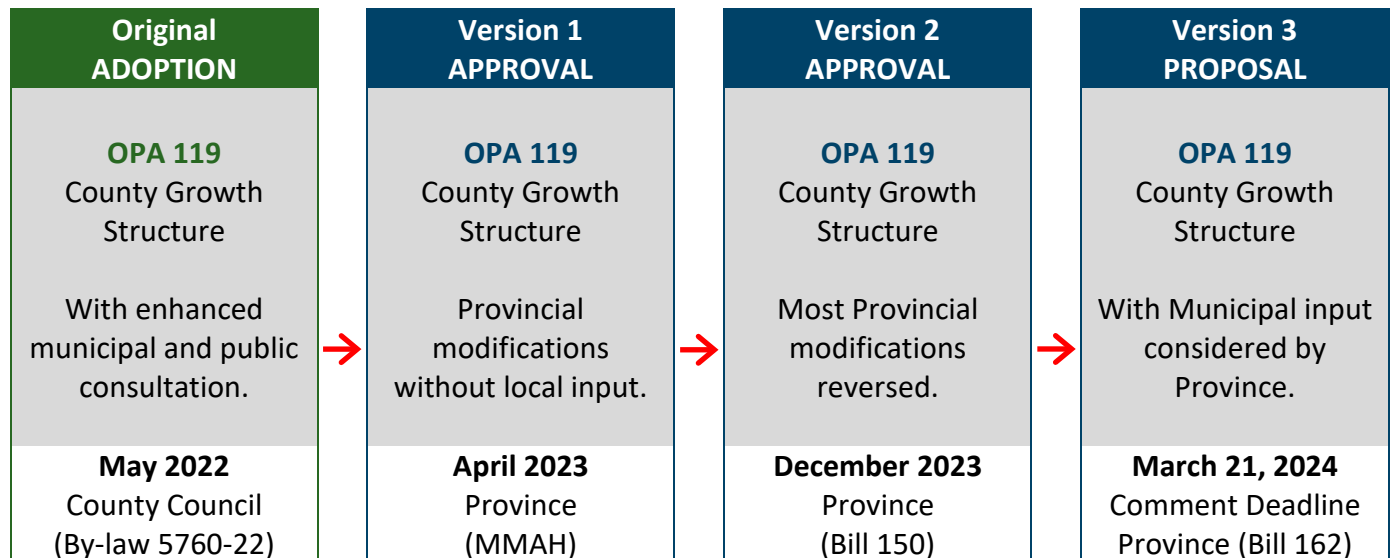


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To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024
Subject: Bill 162 – Get It Done Act, 2024

1.0 Background

On February 20, 2024, the Province introduced the Get It Done Act, 2024 (Bill 162) which includes proposed changes to the Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023. Schedule 3 of the legislation makes changes to twelve City, County and Regional official plans or amendments, including Official Plan Amendment 119 in Wellington. These changes represent the Province's third version of OPA 119 since it was adopted by County Council May 26, 2022.



2.0 Proposal

The proposed legislation is part of a process to wind back and then reconsider changes to OPA 119 made by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as part of its approval back in April 2023 (including over 1,000 acres of urban boundary expansions). The process may be summarized as follows:

- First, on November 2, 2023 the Minister sought municipal feedback by December 7, 2023 about which of the Provincial modifications to OPA 119 would be supported by municipalities.
- Later, on December 6, 2023 the Government reversed its modifications to OPA 119 through Bill 150, except for Indigenous consultation policies and Greenbelt-related matters.
- Now, through proposed Bill 162, the Ministry is bringing back those Provincially-initiated modifications to OPA 119 that are supported by municipalities and meet Provincial objectives.

3.0 Impact on OPA 119

The proposed changes to OPA 119 only relate to the original thirty-three Provincially-initiated modifications from April 2023 by:

1. Carrying forward modifications from the Bill 150 version of Official Plan Adjustments Act;
2. Including modifications with municipal support in the Bill 162 version of the Official Plan Adjustments Act; and
3. Excluding those modifications that were not supported municipally.

No new modifications have been proposed at this time.

Additional details about the modifications are provided below.

3.1 Modifications to be Carried Forward

Provincial modifications maintained through Bill 150 pertaining to Indigenous consultation and to the Greenbelt in Erin and Puslinch are proposed to be carried forward through Bill 162.

Comments

The attached resolution from Township Council requests the reinstatement of the historic Hamlet of Puslinch (Appendix A).

Staff supports this request as it is consistent with the original version of OPA 119 recommended by County staff and adopted by County Council. The historic Hamlet of Puslinch is a long-standing, small community in the Township with existing residential, institutional and commercial uses. The Hamlet designation would provide potential for modest re-development and intensification.

3.2 Modifications to be Included

The proposed Bill 162 legislation includes the following previous Provincial modifications:

Applicability	Location	Type of Modification	Ref. #
County-wide	County-wide	• Administrative changes to text	1 - 19
Centre Wellington	Fergus Golf Course	• Changes to existing policy area text and mapping	20, 29 d)
Centre Wellington	22 Park Road, Elora	• Employment area conversion	22 a), 28 g)
Minto	41 Park St. W, Clifford	• Urban boundary expansion	25, 28 l), 31
Puslinch	4631 Sideroad 20 N	• Addition to Regionally Significant Economic Development Study Area	27 b), 28 b), 32 b)

Comments

Staff supports inclusion of these modifications.

3.3 Modifications to be Excluded

The proposed Bill 162 legislation does not include the following previous Provincial modifications:

- urban boundary expansions in Fergus, Elora/Salem and Rockwood; and
- an employment conversion in Arthur.

Comments

This is consistent with previous County and Member Municipality feedback. Staff are supportive of these exclusions.

4.0 Next Steps

The Province has posted the proposal for comments through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO 019-8273), the Regulatory Registry (24-MMAH002) or by email to mmahofficialplans@ontario.ca until March 21, 2023.

Staff will continue to monitor the proposal as it moves through the legislative process and will report after the final legislation comes into effect.

The changes to the Official Plan Adjustments Act through Bill 162 are proposed to come into force retroactively on December 6, 2023.

5.0 Recommendations

That the Bill 162 – Get it Done Act report be received for information.

That this report be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on behalf of the County and to Member Municipalities for their consideration prior to the comment deadline for the ERO and Regulatory Registry postings.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Wilhelm, RPP, MCIP
Manager of Policy Planning

Attachment:

February 29, 2024 correspondence from the Township of Puslinch



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February 29, 2024

RE: 6.9 Letter from the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Get It Done Act, 2024 - Amending the Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 28, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-067:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.9 listed for FEBRUARY 28, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to provide the County of Wellington Planning report on this matter, to Council at the March 20, 2024 Council meeting and that staff include the Township's previous resolutions on this matter for Puslinch Council's consideration and in order to submit comments to the Province by the March 21, 2024 deadline; and

That Council direct staff to send correspondence to the County Planning Committee requesting the reinstatement of the Historic Hamlet of Puslinch as part of the County's submission to the Province related to the proposed *Get it Done Act*.

CARRIED



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

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Municipal Affairs
and Housing**

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234-2024-695

February 23, 2024

**Subject: Proposed Amendments to the Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023 –
Legislation to Reinstate Municipally Requested Modifications to Official
Plans (Bill 162)**

Dear Sir, Madam

Further to my letters in November 2023 regarding proposed legislation to reverse official plan decisions, I am writing to advise you that on February 20, 2024, the government introduced proposed changes to the legislatively approved official plans of some of the province's fastest-growing municipalities to address local needs while continuing to support the government's goal of building at least 1.5 million new homes by 2031.

The proposed Get it Done Act, 2024, introduced on February 20, 2024, includes amendments to the *Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023*.

Proposed amendments to the *Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023* would, if passed, update official plans in response to municipal feedback while protecting the Greenbelt, and safeguarding public health and safety.

The proposed amendments follow recent consultation with the affected municipalities, and where appropriate, respond to the feedback from these municipalities, which are the cities of Barrie, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Ottawa, Peterborough, Wellington County and the regions of Halton, Peel, Waterloo and York. Modifications maintained through Bill 150 impacting these municipalities and the Region of Niagara would continue to apply.

Request for Feedback

The ministry is currently seeking feedback on the proposed amendments to the *Official Plans Adjustments Act, 2023* as introduced through the proposed Get It Done Act, 2024. The proposed legislation is posted on the Environment Registry of Ontario and the Regulatory Registry for 30 days, until March 21, 2024.

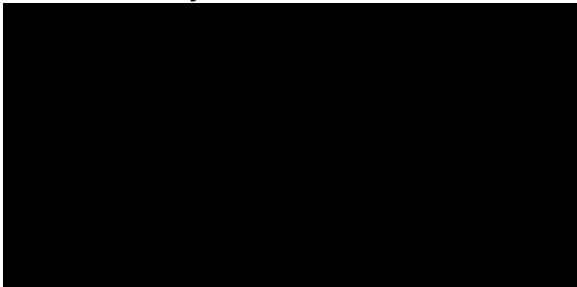
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More information on the legislative proposal can be found on the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Regulatory Registry at:

- [Environmental Registry of Ontario: Bill 1, Get it Done Act, 2024](#)
- [Regulatory Registry: Bill 1, Get it Done Act, 2024](#)

I look forward to receiving your feedback on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Get It Done Act, 2024 - Amending the Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023

ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number	019-8273
Notice type	Act
Posted by	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Notice stage	Proposal
Proposal posted	February 20, 2024
Comment period	February 20, 2024 - March 21, 2024 (30 days) Open
Last updated	February 20, 2024

This consultation closes at 11:59 p.m. on:

March 21, 2024

Proposal summary

The government is seeking feedback on proposed amendments to the Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023 to retroactively reinstate municipally requested modifications to official plans for the cities of Barrie, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Ottawa and Peterborough, Wellington County and the regions of Niagara, Peel, Halton, York and Waterloo.

Proposal details

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Public consultation opportunities

This proposal has been posted for a 30-day public review and comment period starting, February 20, 2024.

Supporting materials

Related files

Region of Waterloo - Map No. 349 (https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2024-02/Waterloo_ROPA6_Map_349.pdf)
pdf.(Portable.Document.Format.file) 1.59 MB

Regional Municipality of Halton - Map No. 350 (https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2024-02/Halton_ROPA49_Map_350.pdf)
pdf.(Portable.Document.Format.file) 1.14 MB

Related links

Bill 162, Get it Done Act, 2024 - Schedule 3
(<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/bill-162>)

Related ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) notices

[Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023 \(/notice/019-7885\)](#)

[City of Barrie - Approval of a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-5530\)](#)

[City of Peterborough - Approval of a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-4969\)](#)

[City of Belleville - Approval of a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-4953\)](#)

[Regional Municipality of Waterloo - Approval to amend a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-5952\)](#)

[City of Guelph - Approval to amend a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-5981\)](#)

[County of Wellington - Approval to amend a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-5635\)](#)

[City of Ottawa - Approval of a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-4968\)](#)

[The Regional Municipality of Niagara - Approval of a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-5717\)](#)

[Regional Municipality of Halton - Approval to amend a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-5684\)](#)

[Regional Municipality of York - Approval of a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-5865\)](#)

[Regional Municipality of Peel - Approval of a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-5535\)](#)

[City of Hamilton - Approval to amend a municipality's official plan \(/notice/019-5732\)](#)

View materials in person

Some supporting materials may not be available online. If this is the case, you can request to view the materials in person.

Get in touch with the office listed below to find out if materials are available.

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16th floor
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Toronto, ON
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 [1-800-668-0230](tel:1-800-668-0230)

Comment

Let us know what you think of our proposal.

Have questions? Get in touch with the contact person below. Please include the ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number for this notice in your email or letter to the contact.

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