

## TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM

**Committee:** Committee of the Whole – Community Development

**Date:** April 15, 2024

**Department:** Community Development

**Topic:** Proposed Changes to Regulations under the Planning Act and Proposed New

Provincial Planning Policy Instrument

Background: On April 10, 2024, the province announced several proposed changes to

the Planning Act and the Provincial Policy Statement.

## Proposed Planning Act Changes

The province has announced proposed changes to the Planning Act through the proposed Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024. The commenting period on the proposed changes is from April 10, 2024 to May 10, 2024.

You can read highlights, status updates and the view Bill 185 online: https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/bill-185

## Related Notices on the ERO include:

- Proposed Planning Act and Municipal Act changes: <a href="https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8369">https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8369</a>
- Housing initiatives: <a href="https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8365">https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8365</a>
- Removing barriers for additional residential units: <a href="https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8366">https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8366</a>
- Newspaper notice requirements: <a href="https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8370">https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8370</a>

## Proposed New Provincial Planning Policy Instrument

From April 6 to August 4, 2023, the province undertook a public consultation on a proposed Provincial Planning Statement, seeking input on the creation of a streamlined province-wide land use planning policy framework.

The public consultation process helped inform an updated proposed Provincial Planning Statement with new and updated policies, which is now available to view and comment. The commenting period on the proposal is from April 10, 2024 to May 10, 2024.

These policies are grouped under 5 pillars:

- 1. Generate an appropriate housing supply
- 2. Make land available for development
- 3. Provide infrastructure to support development
- 4. Balance housing with resources
- 5. Implementation

You can view the proposal details through the ERO: <a href="https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8462">https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8462</a>

You can view a copy of the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 online: <a href="https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2024-04/Proposed%20Provincial%20Planning%20Statement,%20April%2010,%202024%20-%20EN%20(2).pdf">https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2024-04/Proposed%20Provincial%20Planning%20Statement,%20April%2010,%202024%20-%20EN%20(2).pdf</a>

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