

### **GEORGINA**

### **Legislative Services Department/Clerk's Division**

Please be advised that the Town of Georgina Council, at its meeting held on November 22, 2022, considered proposed Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and subsequent to discussion, the following motion was passed:

Moved By Councillor Neeson Seconded By Councillor Genge RESOLUTION NO. C-2022-0354

WHEREAS on November 10, 2022, York Region Council adopted a resolution as follows:

"York Region requests the Province of Ontario to halt Bill 23 and begin consultation with the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team to ensure municipalities can work in partnership with the Province of Ontario over the next few months to address the housing affordability concerns in our communities.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to appoint key stakeholders, such as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), to the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team.

The Regional Clerk circulate this report, including new Attachment 5, presented as Item G.1.1 on the revised agenda, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local municipalities, AMO, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and local MPPs."

AND WHEREAS Schedule 10 to Bill 23 Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022 proposes to expedite the expansion and extension of the York Durham Sewage System effectively replacing the Upper York Sewage Solution (UYSS) project;

AND WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina supports the halting of the Upper York Sewage Solutions project and the redirection of related drainage Area flows to the York Durham Sewage System;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina supports the November 10, 2022 resolution of York Region Council concerning Bill 23, with the exception that The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina supports Schedule 10 to Bill 23 Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022 which proposes to expedite the expansion and extension of the York Durham Sewage System effectively replacing the Upper York Sewage Solution (UYSS) project;

AND FURTHER THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina support the resolution of the Board of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority dated November 18, 2022 directing Staff to provide a submission to Environmental Registry of Ontario No. 019-6141 based on comments within Staff Report No. 40-22-BOD regarding Provincial Bill 23 - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and that Staff be directed to submit a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting that the Conservation Authorities Working Group be re-engaged;



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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Clark, Minister Smith and Minister Piccini:

Re: Corporation of the Town of Georgina Response – Proposed Bill 23, the More Homes Faster Act, 2022

On November 22, 2022, Georgina Council held a Special Council meeting to consider Bill 23 and related legislation under the Province of Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan and passed Resolution No. C-2022-0354, a copy of which is attached hereto.

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Georgina I want to firstly express that we understand and appreciate the severity of the housing crisis and the desire to take bold steps to create more housing that is affordable and attainable for all Ontarians. In this regard, we commend the Province for the comprehensive review and assessment undertaken by the York Region Wastewater Advisory Panel leading to Schedule 10 to Bill 23 Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022 to expedite the expansion and extension of the York Durham Sewage System effectively replacing the Upper York Sewage Solution project. Council views this as a strong and positive commitment to ensuring the health and viability of Lake Simcoe and its watershed, while at the same time advancing much needed housing within our neighboring municipalities in northern York Region.

However, Council at the same time is very concerned about many aspects of Bill 23, and particularly the potentially significant financial impact to local municipalities in terms of lost development charge revenue and parkland which is vital to support new growth. Clearly, growth will not be paying for growth, and it is unacceptable that our existing residents would have to pay more taxes to make up for this lost revenue. As a result, I respectfully submit that the ability

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of local and regional municipalities to provide the critical infrastructure and services required for new housing construction in a timely manner will be severely compromised, and thus meeting the housing targets will not be possible.

Council is also very concerned that proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and related legislation removes conservations authorities from an active role in supporting efforts to sustain the health of watersheds and in the case of Lake Simcoe, is counterproductive to efforts in the Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022 replacing the Upper York Sewage Solution Project with a servicing solution directed to the York Durham Sewage System.

In closing, Council concurs with York Region Council and many others that the legislative program under the umbrella of the Ontario Housing Supply Action Plan must be paused in order to have a more in-depth consultation with municipalities and other stakeholders. This will ensure that the proposed changes do not result in unintended consequences that will slow down the delivery of housing, but instead will be effective in giving municipalities the decision making authority, tools and financial resources needed to deliver new housing as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Margaret Quirk,

Mayor, Town of Georgina

Attachments - November 22, 2022- Town of Georgina Council Resolution

Region of York Report

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Interim Leader, Liberal Party of Ontario
Leader, Green Party of Ontario
Clerk, All Ontario Municipalities
Lake Simcoe Watershed MPPs
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

### The Regional Municipality of York

Regional Council November 10, 2022

Report of the Chief Administrative Officer

### Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act 2022

#### 1. Recommendation

- 1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing seeking an extension of the comment period to at least December 31, 2022, to allow for a more informed consultation period and constructive feedback.
- 2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities.

### 2. Summary

This report is to inform Council of Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, omnibus legislation that received first reading in the provincial legislature on October 25, 2022.

#### Key Points:

- Bill 23 proposes to amend nine Acts with varying levels of impact on the Region and introduces a new Act addressing "Upper York" servicing in York Region
- Amendments most impactful to the Region are to the Development Charges Act and the Planning Act. The new Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022, deals with Upper York servicing and is also the subject of a separate report. These most impactful elements of Bill 23 are summarized in Attachment 2 to this report
- Attachment 3 summarizes the details of other amendments proposed through Bill 23
- Preliminary review suggests that, at minimum, Bill 23 will significantly impact how the Region and our local municipalities coordinate growth management with infrastructure planning and while challenging the ability to pay for infrastructure. The deadline for comments through an Environmental Registry posting is November 24, 2022 for most of the proposed changes.

### 3. Background

### On October 25, 2022 the Province tabled Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act,* 2022

Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act is omnibus legislation that proposes changes to nine Acts and proposes a new Act, the Support Growth and Housing in York and Durham Region's Act, 2022 as outlined in Minister Clark's letter dated October 25, 2022 (Attachment 1). This Bill is the most substantial proposal to date under the Provincial initiative to increase housing supply in Ontario to build 1.5 million homes in the next 10 years. This target significantly exceeds the Growth Plan forecasts (as communicated to Council's Housing Affordability Task Force on September 22, 2022) and will most certainly require more predictability in Provincial approvals and funding than what has been in place for the last two decades.

A number of proposed changes are posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario and impact the Region and Regional areas of interest. Attachments 2 and 3 outline the changes proposed through amendments to the nine existing Acts; the *Support Growth and Housing in York and Durham Region's Act* is addressed through a separate report on this Council agenda.

The deadlines for comments range from November 24, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

### 4. Analysis

### Proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* reduce the share of infrastructure funded through development charges and place pressure on the Region's debt capacity, tax levy and/or water rates

Bill 23 proposes several changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* beginning with permitting a bylaw to have a maximum term of 10 years, up from the current 5. It also proposes to require phasing in a new bylaw's development charge rates over the first five years – with a suggestion that it will apply retroactively to bylaws passed after June 1, 2022.

The Bill also proposes to exempt or discount development charges on affordable housing, "attainable" housing, not-for-profit housing, inclusionary zoning units and rental units (details are summarized in Attachment 2). Affordable ownership has been defined as 80% of the average purchase price for ownership, while affordable rental has been defined as 80% of average market rent for rental units. A definition of "attainable" will be prescribed through regulation, though it would not include rental. Rental development, which is eligible for development charge discounts, is defined as a building or structure with four or more residential units all of which are intended for use as rented residential premises.

Other proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act* include:

 No longer being able to collect development charges for housing services, growth studies and land costs

- Capping of the interest rate on frozen and installment development charges payments at bank prime rate plus 1%
- Requirement that municipalities spend or allocate at least 60% of the monies in the water, wastewater and roads development charge reserves at the beginning of each year

Any development charge reduction, exemption, discount, or removal of services/costs that limits cost recovery may impact the ability of the Region to deliver vital, growth-related infrastructure or the gap may need to be funded from tax levy or user rates.

### The Bill proposes changes to the *Planning Act* which remove planning responsibilities from York Region

The More Homes Built Faster Act proposes changes to the Planning Act which remove planning responsibilities from York Region as well as Durham, Peel, Halton, Niagara and Waterloo Regions, and Simcoe County. These changes eliminate Council's approval authority for local planning matters, require local municipalities to implement the Regional Official Plan, and remove the Region's right to appeal land use planning decisions.

The Regional Official Plan, once approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, would become the responsibility of local municipalities in conjunction with their own Official Plans. The intent is that local municipal Official Plans incorporate Regional Official Plan policies within their jurisdiction. In the interim, *Planning Act* decisions would be made by local municipalities having regard for both documents with the Regional Official Plan prevailing in the event of conflict.

Other proposed changes to the Planning Act include:

- Up to three residential units per urban residential lot as-of-right
- Limiting the role of Conservation Authorities
- Removing all aspects of site plan control for residential development proposals up to 10 units
- Setting maximums for parkland dedication

### Coordination to address cross-boundary, public and Regional interests need to be considered

As noted by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and others (see Attachment 4), many of the proposed changes need to be better understood as they seem to transfer risk from private developers to the public. Regional and Provincial planning has been strengthened over the last 20 years, with changes to the Growth Plan as recently as 2019, recognizing the need for comprehensive planning of matters including but not limited to transportation, transit, water and wastewater services and a financially sustainable means to provide them. The current process of planning and prioritizing Regional infrastructure and service delivery will need to continue.

A move towards local-level decision-making needs to ensure that progress in coordinated, comprehensive planning is not lost and that the public and municipalities are protected from unintended consequences.

York Region and local municipalities already collaborate extensively to coordinate planning matters. Most routine planning matters have already been delegated to local municipalities. Other Regions still have subdivision approval, so in those jurisdictions, the changes are more impactful.

### Responses to Environmental Registry of Ontario postings will be provided to Council for consideration and additional comments

Environmental Registry postings regarding changes proposed through Bill 23 are being reviewed and assessed. Comments will be provided to the Province in response to these postings and their comment deadlines. In light of the incoming Council's first business meeting scheduled for December 8, 2022 the Province will be advised that any comments provided by staff to meet the imposed deadlines are preliminary with Council consideration and additional comments to follow.

### 5. Financial

Changes proposed through Bill 23 could have implications on how the Region funds growth-related infrastructure, potentially conflicting with the principle that growth pays for growth. Bill 23 proposes several exemptions and discounts to support affordable, non-profit, and rental housing. These incentives, which limit cost recovery, may need to be funded from the tax levy or user rates. The Region currently has in place a number of development charges deferral programs supporting the same desired outcomes, but do not need to be funded from the tax levy or user rates.

If passed, Bill 23 would also amend the Development Charges Act to prohibit municipalities from collecting development charges for housing services, growth studies and land costs. To maintain the current capital program, any growth-related capital costs not recovered through development charges may also need to be made up from tax levy and/or user rates.

### 6. Local Impact

The planning responsibilities of local municipalities will increase if the proposed changes pass. In addition to an increased approval authority role for applications previously approved by Council or delegated to Regional staff, local municipalities will also be taking on a greater role with respect to the Conservation Authority regulation for planning matters. This may, at least in the short term, have the unintended consequence of slowing planning approvals and increasing appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal. This risk is further compounded by deadlines and the potential application fee refund regime of Bill 109.

Water and wastewater servicing planned, financed, built and operated by the Region is required for homes to be built. Ongoing collaboration and coordination between local

municipalities and the Region to ensure alignment between growth management planning, infrastructure planning and financial planning will be required.

Finally, many of the changes not highlighted in this report have consequences on local municipalities including those related to parkland dedication, urban design, heritage conservation, and more.

#### 7. Conclusion

Bill 23 is sweeping omnibus legislation proposing numerous changes as outlined in Attachments 2 and 3. If approved as currently written, the Bill appears to overlook unintended consequences counter to the objective of increasing the housing supply. Specifically, changes proposed to the *Development Charges Act* complicate how growth-related infrastructure will be paid for. *Planning Act* changes risk uncoupling growth management planning from comprehensive and financially sustainable infrastructure and service planning.

Ongoing consultations, along with indications of the Provincial government's intentions for regulations that are expected to follow, will help form a better understanding. Staff will be responding as required to avoid missing the imposed deadlines but will also report back to Council relaying any resulting updates to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Responses will continue to be coordinated with our local and peer municipalities through AMO, AMCTO, MFOA and other municipal associations.

For more information on this report, please contact Paul Freeman, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71534 or Laura Mirabella at ext. 71600. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

Approved for Submission:

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**Chief Administrative Officer** 

November 1, 2022

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Attachments (4)

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October 25, 2022

Good afternoon,

On October 25, 2022, our government released More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023 that proposes bold and transformative action to get 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years.

Details about the range of measures in our plan can be found in the news release here.

The More Homes Built Faster Plan proposes policies and tools that reflect recommendations from the <u>Housing Affordability Task Force Report</u> and builds on <u>More Homes, More Choice</u> and the <u>More Homes for Everyone Plan</u>. Our plan also draws on many elements from AMO's 2022 A Blueprint for Action: An Integrated Approach to Address the Ontario Housing Crisis and ROMA's 2022 Task Force Report on Attainable Housing and Purpose-Built Rentals. These changes are providing a solid foundation to address Ontario's housing supply crisis over the long term and will be supplemented by continued action in the future.

Our government has also introduced the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and is seeking feedback on the changes proposed under the legislation and associated regulations. Additionally, various housing and land use policy reviews – including a housing-focused policy review of A Place to Grow and the Provincial Policy Statement, with a theme of supporting rural and northern housing – are being undertaken to identify and remove barriers to getting more homes built. These and other related consultations can be found through the <a href="Environmental Registry">Environmental Registry</a> of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry.

We encourage you share this information with senior staff in the municipality and to inform the newly elected head of council and council members. Our government is building a strong foundation for action that will continue to ensure Ontario is a prosperous and growing province – and the best place in the world to call home. We look forward to continued collaboration with our municipal partners to get more homes built faster.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark Minister

c. The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister Ryan Amato, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Division Municipal Chief Administrative Officers

### Summary of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 Changes to Development Charges Act and Planning Act

### **Development Charges Act, 1997**

Area ( <u>ERO# 019-6172</u> )	Summary of Changes
Duration of Development Charges (DC) by-law	Maximum by-law term is extended from 5 to 10 years.
Mandatory phase–in of new DC by-law rates	New DC by-law rates, resultant from a by-law update/amendment, phased in over first 5 years; no more than 80% in year 1 to 100% by years 5 and onwards. Applies retroactively to by-laws passed on, or after, June 1, 2022 and for subsequent by-laws.
New DC exemptions or partial exemptions/discounts	Affordable housing (full exemption)     Rental - rent is no greater than 80% of the average market rent*.  Tenant is at arm's length to landlord.
*Average market rent - the average market rent for the year in which the residential unit is occupied by a tenant, as identified in the bulletin entitled the "Affordable Residential Units for the Purposes of the Development Charges Act, 1997 Bulletin", as it is amended from time to time, that is published by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  **Average purchase price - the average purchase price for the year in which the residential unit is sold, as identified in the bulletin entitled the "Affordable Residential Units for the Purposes of the Development Charges Act, 1997 Bulletin", published by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Ownership - price of the residential unit is no greater than 80% of the average purchase price**; sold to a person who is dealing at arm's length. Requires agreements with the local municipality, which may be registered against the lands.  2. Attainable housing (full exemption)  Must meet the following criteria:  • Unit is not an affordable unit • Not intended for use as a rental • Developed as part of a prescribed development or class of developments • Sold to a person who is dealing at arm's length with the seller  Requires agreements with the local municipality, which may be registered against the lands.  3. Not for profit housing (full exemption)  Means a corporation to which the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 applies; a corporation without share capital to which the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act applies; a non-profit housing co-operative.  4. Inclusionary zoning units (full exemption)  Residential units that are affordable housing units required to be included in a development or redevelopment pursuant to a by-law passed under section 34 of the Planning Act to give effect to the

	policies described in subsection 16 (4) (Inclusionary zoning policies).
	5. Rental housing (discount/partial exemption)
=	Rental means development of a building or structure with four or more residential units all of which are intended for use as rented residential premises. Discounts are as follows:
	<ul> <li>3 bedrooms or more – 25% discount</li> <li>2 bedrooms – 20 % discount</li> <li>Any other – 15% discount</li> </ul>
Exemptions for second suites in existing and new buildings (including additional units in rental buildings, limited to the greater of 1 or 1% of existing units)	Moves from regulations to legislation with minor changes.
Removal of service - Housing	Municipalities are no longer able to collect development charges for Housing Services, as at Royal Assent.
Removal of DC-eligible costs – studies and land	Growth studies, including other studies, no longer eligible for subsequent by-laws.  Costs to acquire land or an interest in land, including a leasehold interest except in relation to such services as are prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph (underlined is new).
Interest rate changes on frozen DCs/installment payments	Capped at average Prime plus 1%.
Proposed Definition:  * Average prime rate, means the mean, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a percentage point, of the annual rates of interest announced by each of the Royal Bank of Canada, The Bank of Nova Scotia, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Montreal and The Toronto-Dominion Bank to be its prime or reference rate of interest in effect on that date for determining interest rates on Canadian dollar commercial loans by that bank in Canada.	
Historic average service level timeframe	Extended from 10 years to 15 years.

Allocation of monies in	Beginning in 2023 and in each calendar year thereafter, a
reserve fund	municipality shall spend or allocate at least 60% of the monies
	that are in a reserve fund for services at the beginning of the year.
	Applies to water, wastewater and roads. Additional services to
	which this change applies may be prescribed.

### Planning Act

Area (ERO# 019-6163)	Summary of Proposed Changes
Additional Residential Units	Allow up to three units per lot (i.e., up to three units in the primary building, or up to two in primary building and one in ancillary building or structure). These changes would apply to any parcel of urban residential land in settlement areas with full municipal water and sewage services.
	Prohibit municipalities from imposing development charges (regardless of unit size), parkland dedication or cash-in-lieu requirements, applying minimum unit sizes or requiring more than one parking space per unit with regard to new units built under this permission.
Planning Appeals	Limit third-party appeals. Appeals would only be maintained for key participants (e.g., applicants, province, public bodies, First Nations, and utility providers that participated in the process) except where appeals have already been restricted (e.g., Minister's decision on new official plan).
Upper-tier and Lower-tier Municipal Planning Responsibilities	Remove planning responsibilities in the County of Simcoe, and the Regional Municipalities of Halton, Peel, York, Durham, Niagara and Waterloo.
	Regulation-making authority to prescribe additional upper-tier municipalities as an "upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities" in the future if needed.
	Where upper-tier planning responsibilities are removed:
	<ul> <li>Existing upper-tier official plans would be deemed to form part of the applicable lower- tier municipality's official plan, until the lower-tier official plan has been updated</li> <li>Lower-tier official plans and amendments would be approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Minister's decision on new official plans and section 26 updates would not be appealable)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The upper-tier municipality would not be able to appeal land use planning decisions</li> </ul>

Area ( <u>ERO# 019-6163</u> )	Summary of Proposed Changes
	The approval authority for subdivisions and consents would be assigned to lower-tier municipalities, unless the Minister provides otherwise through regulation
	The proposed changes would also have the effect of removing the following upper-tier municipal roles and requirements for an "upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities":
	<ul> <li>Requirement to have planning advisory committees</li> <li>Ability to have land division committees</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ability to have a local appeal body</li> <li>Ability to assume any authority, responsibility, duty or function of a lower-tier municipality</li> </ul>
	Ability to use the protected major transit station area tool.
	As a result of the proposed changes, the following provisions would no longer be applicable in an "upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities":
	Allowing the Minister to delegate approval authority for official plans/amendments to/from upper-tier municipalities, and provisions for upper-tier municipalities to delegate to/from upper-tier municipal staff/committees or lower-tier municipalities
	Requiring lower-tier official plans to conform with upper-tier official plans
	Limits on appeals of official plans/amendments that are only relevant to upper-tier municipalities
	<ul> <li>Requiring lower-tier official plan policies for a community planning permit system (CPPS) to conform with the upper-tier municipality's CPPS policies.</li> </ul>
Role of Conservation Authorities	Streamlined processes to sever and dispose of land. Expedite the existing processes associated with the severance and conveyance of land, regardless of whether provincial grant money was provided under the Conservation Authorities Act, for the purposes of projects related to flood control, erosion control, bank stabilization shoreline management works or the preservation of environmentally sensitive lands.
	Limit conservation authority appeals, when acting as a public body, other than when acting as an applicant, of land use planning decisions under the Planning Act to matters related to natural hazards policies in provincial policy statements issued under the Planning Act.
Zoning Around Transit	Require municipalities to amend their zoning by-laws to conform with official plan policies that establish minimum densities and heights around transit Major Transit Station Areas (MTSA) and

Area (ERO# 019-6163)	Summary of Proposed Changes
	Protected MTSAs within one year of the official plan policies being approved by the Minister.
	Restriction on appeals of the implementing zoning by-law amendments regarding permitted heights and densities and permitted uses would expire after one year of the protected major transit station official plan policies coming into effect.
Community Benefit Charges (CBC)	The maximum CBC payable could not exceed the prescribed percentage of the value of the land (maximum CBC of 4% of land value) multiplied by a ratio of the floor area of the new building or structure that is proposed to be erected as part of the development or redevelopment to all buildings and structures on the site.
	Maximum CBC payable (4% of land value) for a development or redevelopment to be discounted based on the floor area of affordable housing units, attainable housing units and inclusionary zoning affordable housing units as a proportion of the floor area of the total development.
Site Plan Control	Remove all aspects of site plan control for residential development proposals up to 10 units, except for land lease communities. The proposed changes would also limit the scope of site plan control by removing the ability to regulate architectural details and limiting the ability to regulate aesthetic aspects of landscape design.
Parkland Dedication	Affordable and attainable housing units as well as affordable housing units required by inclusionary zoning exempt from parkland dedication requirements. The maximum 5% basic rate for residential development would be discounted based on number of these units relative to total units in the development. These units would also not be included for the purposes of determining the maximum alternative rate. Not-for-profit housing developments would also be exempt from parkland dedication requirements.
	A second, or second and third residential unit in a detached- house, semi-detached house or rowhouse would be exempt from parkland dedication requirements, as would one residential unit in an ancillary structure.
	Require parkland dedication rates to be determined at time of zoning/site plan application.
	The maximum alternative parkland dedication rate for land conveyed of 1 hectare for each 300 dwelling units would be

Area ( <u>ERO# 019-6163</u> )	Summary of Proposed Changes
	changed to 1 hectare for each 600 net residential units and for payments in lieu, the current rate of 1 hectare for each 500 dwelling units would be changed to 1 hectare for each 1000 net residential units.
- =	No more than 15% of the amount of land subject to the development proposal (or equivalent value) could be required for parks or other recreational purposes for sites greater than 5 hectares and no more than 10% for sites 5 hectares or less.
	Require municipalities to develop a 'parks plan' before passing a parkland dedication by-law instead of developing such a plan before adopting the official plan policies required to be able to use the alternative parkland requirement.
	Beginning in 2023, the proposed changes would require municipalities to allocate or spend at least 60% of their parkland dedication reserve balance at the start of each year.

### New Act: Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022

Area (ERO# 019-6192)	Summary of Proposed Changes
General	Mandate the planning, development and construction of two wastewater projects. Both exempt from the Environmental Assessment Act, however environmental impact reports must be prepared. The Act creates a mandatory consultation process for Indigenous communities.
York Region Sewage Works Project	Expand the existing York Durham Sewage System to accommodate growth to 2051. Revokes instruments for the Upper York Sewage Systems Solution and terminates that Environmental Assessment application.
Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Removal Project	One or more prescribed municipalities to develop, construct and operate a new treatment facility that will remove phosphorus from drainage water that flows from the Holland Marsh to Lake Simcoe.

### Summary of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 New Act and Changes to Other Acts

#### **Conservation Authorities Act**

Area (ERO# 019-2927	Summary of Proposed Changes
and <u>ERO# 019-6141</u> )	
Proposed Regulation	Repeal the 36 individual regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act, a single regulation is proposed for all 36 Authorities in the province.
Identify Lands for Housing	Require a land inventory to identify conservation authority-owned or controlled lands that could support housing development.  Disposition (sales, easements, leases) of conservation authority owned land will be streamlined to facilitate development of these lands.
Limitation on commenting	Prevents a review or commenting role for a wide array of legislation, which cannot be included under an agreement with a municipality.
Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator	Require conservation authorities to issue permits for projects subject to a Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator order and allow the Minister to review and amend any conditions attached to those permits to expedite zoning changes.
Minister's Zoning Order conditions	Gives authority to the Minister to prescribe conditions on a permit issued by a conservation authority where there is a Minister's Zoning Order, and to also prescribe limits on what conditions a conservation authority may include.
Permit Exemptions	Exempt development authorized under the Planning Act from requiring a permit under the Conservation Authorities Act in municipalities set out in regulation, where certain conditions are met as set out in regulation.
Permit Decisions	"Pollution" and "conservation of land" no longer considered in development permit decisions.
Appeal Timeframe	Change the timeframe in which a permit applicant can appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal if a CA does not issue a permit from 120 days to 90 days.
Review of development related proposals and applications	Scope conservation authorities' review and commenting role with respect to development applications and land use planning policies under prescribed Acts to matters within their core mandate (primarily flooding and erosion).
Fee freeze	Conservation Authority fees will be frozen at current levels.

### Municipal Act, 2001

Area	Summary of Proposed Changes
Residential Rental	Establishes authority for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and
Properties	Housing to make regulations imposing limits and conditions on
	the powers of a municipality to prohibit and regulate the
	demolition and conversion of residential rental properties.

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### **Ontario Land Tribunal Act**

Area (Proposal #22- MAG011)	Summary of Proposed Changes
Dismissal of Proceedings	The Tribunal may dismiss a proceeding without a hearing if the Tribunal is of the opinion that the party who brought the proceeding has contributed to undue delay of the proceeding or if that a party has failed to comply with an order of the Tribunal in the proceeding.
Costs	Gives the Tribunal the power to order an unsuccessful party to pay a successful party's costs, intended to encourage parties to reach an agreement without going through the Tribunal.
Regulation-Making Authority	Provides new authority for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations requiring the Tribunal to prioritize the resolution of specified classes of proceedings, such as cases that create the most housing, for example.
	The Minister will have power to make regulations setting service standards with respect to timing of hearings and decisions for specific case resolution activities.

### Ontario Heritage Act

Area (ERO# 019-6196)	Summary of Proposed Changes
Heritage property designation	Permits the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism to review, confirm and revise, the determination of a property.
	Implements higher standards to require a property to meet two or more criteria. Listed properties would need to meet one of the criteria. Municipalities to review existing registers and decide if properties should be designated. Limit non-designated properties from being on the register indefinitely. Certain properties may be exempt from heritage standards and guidelines if it advances provincial priorities of transit, housing, health and long-term care or other priorities.
	If a non-designated property listed is not designated within 2 years, it is removed from the list. The property cannot be included on the list for another 5 years.
Heritage Conservation Districts	Heritage Conservation District Plans can be amended or repealed, and a regulatory authority would prescribe this process. A statement must be provided explaining the cultural heritage value or interest and how the Heritage Conservation District meets two or more of the criteria.

### New Home Construction Licensing Act, 2017

Area (Proposal # 22- MGCS021)	Summary of Proposed Changes
Minister's powers	Minister's powers increased (use of funds, penalties, etc.) and may be exercised by order instead of by regulation.

Administrative Monetary Penalty (AMP) and regulation	Increase the maximum allowable amount for an Administrative Monetary Penalty (AMP) from \$25,000 to \$50,000
	Increase the maximum fines that a court may impose after a person or entity has previously been convicted of an offence - specifically, a maximum fine of \$100,000 for a subsequent conviction in the case of an individual, and a maximum fine of \$500,000 for a subsequent conviction in the case of a person or entity that is not an individual.
	Allow for AMPs to be imposed retroactively to contraventions that occurred on or after April 14, 2022;
	Enable the Home Construction Regulatory Authority (HCRA) to use the proceeds of AMPs and fines to provide funds to adversely impacted consumers and make a related regulation requiring the HCRA to establish, maintain and comply with a policy to this effect.

### Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012

Area (Proposal # 22- MGCS022)	Summary of Proposed Changes
Administrative	Minister authority to appoint Chair and Administrator, greater role in conflict resolution, and provide regulation making authority to
	Lieutenant Governor in Council.

### **Additional Proposed Changes**

Area	Summary of Proposed Changes
Municipal Housing Targets and Housing Pledge (ERO# 019- 6171)	Assignment of municipal housing targets to 29 selected lower- and single-tier municipalities over the next 10 years  Four municipalities in York Region have housing targets:  o City of Markham: 44,000 o City of Vaughan: 42,000 o City of Richmond Hill: 27,000 o Town of Newmarket: 12,000  Direct municipalities to create a 'housing pledge' to implement housing targets which outlines actions municipalities will take to meet targets, and a 'vehicle' for identifying policy proposals to increase housing and infrastructure needs. Pledges are due March 1, 2023 with reporting towards the target annually.
Review of A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement (ERO# 019-6177)	Proposal to integrate the PPS and A Place to Grow into a single new province-wide plan

Revocation of the Parkway Belt West Plan (ERO# 019-6167)	Proposal is to revoke the Parkway Belt West Plan created in 1978 to potentially increase housing supply
Proposed Building Code changes (Proposal # 22- MMAH016, Proposal # 22-MMAH019, ERO# 019-6211)	A number of changes are proposed including, but not limited to, better alignment with National Building Code, Fire Management, accessibility and providing greater clarity.
Rent-to-Own Arrangements ( <u>Proposal</u> <u># 22-MMAH018</u> )	Explore 'rent-to-own' home financing model in supporting housing attainability in the province. Potential to engage in a rent to own arrangement with two contracts:  Rental agreement Rent to own agreement The province is seeking feedback on the viability, barriers and
	issues for renters on the rent to own model, as well as the provincial role to facilitate these agreements.
Proposed Updates to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (ERO# 019-6160)	Proposed changes to content in the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (OWES) manuals including new guidance and moving approval to the professional opinion of wetland evaluators and local decision makers including municipalities. Removal of species at risk and wetland grouping criteria in determining a wetland's significance.
Conserving Ontario's Natural Heritage (ERO # 019-6161)	A discussion paper seeks feedback on how Ontario could offset development pressures on wetlands, woodlands, and other natural wildlife habitat.
	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is considering developing an offset policy that would require a net positive impact on these features and help reverse the decades-long trend of natural heritage loss in Ontario.
Inclusionary Zoning (ERO #019-6173)	Proposed changes to inclusionary zoning rules would standardize the following across the province:
	<ul> <li>Set a maximum affordability period of 25 years</li> <li>Limit the number of affordable units to 5% of the total number of units or 5% of the total gross floor area of the total residential units, not including common areas</li> <li>Set affordability at 80% of the average resale price of ownership units or 80% of the average market rent for rental units</li> </ul>

### Ontario's New Housing Supply Action Plan: Some Troubling Features



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TORONTO, Oct. 25, 2022 /CNW/ - The Government of Ontario today introduced the next phase of its Housing Supply Action Plan: the proposed *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*. The Plan includes a broad array of legislative and regulatory changes related to land use planning, property taxes, building code, heritage, conservation, and the infrastructure financing framework that supports growth.

"Municipalities will welcome some of the proposed changes, and will be very concerned about others, such as changes to the Development Charges Act," said AMO President Colin Best. "We will work with the government on the ideas that have the potential to make housing more affordable, and we will oppose changes that undermine good economic and environmental policy."

Proposed changes include discounting and, in some cases, eliminating development charges and related developer obligations. When communities grow, infrastructure and public services must be scaled up to meet new demands. The new legislation would shift some of those costs from developers to current property taxpayers.

The Ontario government has signaled it may offset some of the financial impacts for municipalities. However, shifting growth costs from developers to taxpayers represents a fundamental change from the principle that growth should pay for growth, and that current homeowners and renters should not be required to subsidize new development. There are no mechanisms to ensure that developers will pass on cost savings to consumers in need of more affordable housing options.

For years, municipalities have been sounding the alarm about housing affordability and homelessness. Municipal governments deliver many of the front-line services that respond to these complicated and difficult challenges. Municipalities are committed to doing what they can to make housing more affordable, and to support economic growth.

Ontario had 100,000 housing starts in 2021, the highest in 30 years. However, some municipalities have seen a sharp decline in permit applications in 2022, due to factors such as higher interest rates and labour shortages.

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# Summary of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 Changes to Development Charges Act and Planning Act

The new Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022 is the subject of a separate report.

There are a number of proposed legislative changes with no Regional implications and that not summarized below, including:

- Ontario Heritage Act (ERO# 019-6196)
- New Home Construction Licensing Act, 2017 (Proposal # 22-MGCS021)
- Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012 (Proposal # 22-MGCS022)
- Proposed Building Code changes (Proposal # 22-MMAH016, Proposal # 22-MMAH019, ERO# 019-6211)

## Development Charges Act, 1997

(ERO# 019-6172)	Summary of Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
Duration of Developme Charges (DC) by-law	Duration of Developme• Maximum by-law term is extended charges (DC) by-law from 5 to 10 years.	No immediate financial implications as current development charges bylaw has a prescribed expiry of June 16, 2027	While the change provides municipalities with the potential to have a bylaw for up to 10 years when taken together with proposed new phase-in rules, municipalities will need to assess whether they should update the bylaw prior to the 10-year expiration to maximize cost recovery

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Mandatory phase-in of new DC by-law rates	<ul> <li>New DC by-law rates, resultant from a by-law update/amendment, phased in over first 5 years; no more than 80% in year 1 to 100% by years 5 and onwards. Applies retroactively to by-laws passed on,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No immediate financial implications as York Region's 2022 DC Bylaw was passed on May 26, 2022</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Disincentivizes municipalities to update DC Bylaws earlier than the maximum 10-year term because of the phase-in provisions that prohibit full DC rate recovery in the first four years of a new bylaw</li> </ul>
	or after, June 1, 2022 and for subsequent by-laws.	*	<ul> <li>Subject to section 5(6)3 of the Act, any shortfall from phasing in of DC rates m may need to be made up from tax levy or user rates</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Any reduction in DC cost recovery could limit the Region's ability to deliver on its growth-related capital plan which could potentially slow housing construction</li> </ul>
New DC exemptions or partial exemptions/discounts	Affordable housing (full exemption)     Rental - rent is no greater than 80%	<ul> <li>Immediate financial implications are unknown and subject to future take-up</li> </ul>	The Region currently has a number of DC deferral programs that support affordable, rental
Proposed definitions: *Average market rent - the average market rent for the war in which the residential	of the average market rent*. I enant is at arm's length to landlord.  Ownership - price of the residential		and non-profit housing, which do not need to be funded from the tax levy or user rates
year in which the resultant unit is occupied by a tenant, as identified in the bulletin entitled the "Affordable Residential Units for the Purposes of the Development Charges Act, 1997 Bulletin",	unit is no greater than 80% of the average purchase price**; sold to a person who is dealing at arm's length. Requires agreements with		<ul> <li>Subject to section 5(6)3 of the Act, any shortfall from DC exemptions or discounts may need to be made up from tax levy or user rates</li> </ul>

as it is amended from time to time, that is published by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  **Average purchase price applicable to a residential unit is the average purchase price applicable to a residential unit is the average purchase price applicable to a residential unit is the average purchase price applicable to a residential unit is sold, as identified in the bulletin entitled the "Affordable Residential Units for the Purposes of the Development Charges Act, 1997 Bulletin", published by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  Requires agreements with the local municipality, which may be registered against the lands.	hich may be Inds.  (full criteria: dable unit se as a pment or process	<ul> <li>Any reduction in DC cost recovery could limit the Region's ability to deliver on its growth-related capital plan which could potentially slow housing construction</li> <li>80% of the average purchase price of a home in York Region</li> </ul>
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non-profit housing co-operative.	perative.	
4. Inclusionary zoning units (full exemption)	g units (full	

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Ξu	Residential units that are affordable housing units required to be included in a development or redevelopment pursuant to a by-law passed under section 34 of the Planning Act to give effect to the policies described in subsection 16 (4) (Inclusionary zoning policies).		
	<ul> <li>6. Rental housing (discount/partial exemption) Rental means development of a building or structure with four or more residential units all of which are intended for use as rented residential premises. Discounts are as follows: <ul> <li>3 bedrooms or more – 25% discount</li> <li>2 bedrooms – 20 % discount</li> <li>Any other – 15% discount</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Exemptions for second suites in existing and new buildings (including additional units in rental buildings, limited to the greater of 1 or 1% of existing units)	<ul> <li>Moves from regulations to legislation with minor changes.</li> </ul>	Immediate financial implications are unknown and subject to future take-up	<ul> <li>In 2021, the Region saw 139 registered second suites (which were exempt from DCs). Given the proposed changes, the number of secondary/additional suites could increase</li> <li>Subject to section 5(6)3 of the Act, any shortfall from DC exemptions may need to be</li> </ul>

(ERO# 019-6172)	Summary of Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
			made up from tax levy or user rates
	8		<ul> <li>Any reduction in DC cost recovery could limit the Region's ability to deliver on its growth.</li> </ul>
			related capital plan which could potentially slow housing construction
Removal of service - Housing	Municipalities are no longer able to collect development charges for Housing Services, as at Royal	<ul> <li>Immediate financial implications as Housing Services are deemed to be removed from the Region's</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Region's 2022 DC Background Study and Bylaw helps fund \$181 million in DC-</li> </ul>
	Assent.	DC Bylaw	eligible costs for the construction of over 2,700 new community housing units over the next 20
			years
			<ul> <li>To maintain the current capital program, any growth-related</li> </ul>
		ts.	capital costs not recovered through development charges
			may need to be made up from the tax levy and water &
Removal of DC-	Growth studies, including other	No immediate financial	Wastewater user rates     The Region's 2022 DC
eligible costs –	studies, no longer eligible for	implications as this change would	Background Study and Bylaw
studies and land	subsequent by-laws.	not take effect until the Region's	helps fund over \$200 million in arowth-related plans and studies
	Costs to acquire land or an	update	over the next 20 years
	interest in land, including a		<ul> <li>Additional clarification will be</li> </ul>
	relation to such services as are		needed from the Province to
	prescribed for the purposes of		Assessments and Infrastructure

(ERO# 019-6172)	Summary of Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
	this paragraph (underlined is new – services to be prescribed).		Master Plans remain eligible for DC recovery  Additional clarification will be needed from the Province to determine the services that will not be eligible for land cost recovery through development charges  Any costs associated with growth studies and the acquisition of land, that are not recovered through DCs, may need to be made up from tax levy or water and wastewater user rates
Interest rate changes on frozen DCs/installment payments	• Capped at a maximum, average Prime plus 1%  Proposed Definition:  * Average prime rate, means the mean, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a percentage point, of the annual rates of interest announced by each of the Royal Bank of Canada, The Bank of Commerce, the Royal Bank of Canada, The Toronto-Domin on Bank to be its prime or reference rate of interest in effect on that date for determining interest rates on Canadian dollar commercial loans by that bank in Canada.	<ul> <li>No immediate financial implications as the Region's current rate is 5%, which is below the prescribed maximum rate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Region will need to update its Interest Policy to reflect the change</li> </ul>
Historic average service level timeframe	• Extended from 10 years to 15 years	No immediate financial implications as this change would not take effect until the Region's next DC Bylaw update	<ul> <li>Increasing the timeframe for the historical service level used to calculate DCs, from 10 to 15 years, could potentially result in lower DC rates and delay DC collections</li> </ul>

(ERO# 019-6172)	Summary of Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
			<ul> <li>Could impact the following services: Public Health, Waste Diversion, Court Services, Public Works, Police Services, Ambulance Services and Long- Term Care</li> </ul>
Allocation of monies in reserve fund	Beginning in 2023 and in each calendar year thereafter, a municipality shall spend or allocate at least 60% of the monies that are in a reserve fund for services at the beginning of the year. Applies to water, wastewater and roads. Additional services to which this change applies may be prescribed.	<ul> <li>Immediate implications, with respect to reporting under section 43 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as this requirement takes effect as at Royal Assent and for 2023</li> <li>York Region currently complies with this requirement because of the amount of existing debt for services already prescribed in the Bill</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If by the end of 2023, and for every year thereafter, the Region does not spend or allocate 60% of the monies in the Water, Wastewater and Roads reserves, the Region could be in nonconformity with this new section</li> <li>Additional clarification is needed from the Province to determine what is meant by 'allocate' and the result of non-conformity</li> </ul>

### Planning Act

(ERO# 019-6163)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
Additional Residential Units	<ul> <li>Allow up to three units per lot (i.e., up to three units in the primary building and one in ancillary building or structure). These</li> <li>Potential positive increase in rental supply and affordable housing</li> <li>Potential to help increase</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Potential positive increase in rental supply and affordable housing</li> <li>Potential to help increase</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Require monitoring and reporting of units and prior confirmation of water and wastewater servicing capacity</li> </ul>
	changes would apply to any parcel of urban residential land in settlement	transit ridership	,

(ERO# 019-6163)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
	areas with full municipal water and sewage services		
	<ul> <li>Prohibit municipalities from imposing development charges (regardless of unit size), parkland dedication or cash-</li> </ul>		
	in-lieu requirements, applying minimum unit sizes or requiring more than one parking space per unit with regard to new units built under this permission		
Planning Appeals	<ul> <li>Limit third-party appeals. Appeals would only be maintained for key</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduced public appeal rights and participation in the</li> </ul>	Provide appeal mechanisms to address matters related to
	participants (e.g., applicants, province, public bodies, First Nations, and utility	planning process	natural systems, Regional roads, human services and
	providers that participated in the process) except where appeals have	<ul> <li>The Region is losing the right to seek party status on</li> </ul>	infrastructure delivery, including
	already been restricted (e.g., Minister's decision on new official plan).	appeals of local plans and amendments and other	where there is no Regional servicing infrastructure
	<ul> <li>The "upper-tier municipality without</li> </ul>	planning instruments	
	planning responsibilities" would not be	<ul> <li>Appeals made by a third-party</li> </ul>	
	able to appear land use pranning decisions	that the Region is currently involved in will be dismissed	
	<ul> <li>Region's rights to appeal have been</li> </ul>	unless the third party falls within the list of "specified	
	removed on local plans and amendments, zoning by-laws,	persons" or public bodies specified or the appeal has	
	subdivisions, consent and minor variance	been scheduled for a hearing	
		2022	

(ERO# 019-6163)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
Upper-tier and	<ul> <li>Remove planning responsibilities in the</li> </ul>	Planning for growth and	<ul> <li>Could result in unintended</li> </ul>
Lower-tier	County of Simcoe, and the Regional	servicing have been	inefficiencies and delays in the
Municipal Planning	Municipalities of Halton, Peel, York,	coordinated in manner to	planning review/ development
Responsibilities	Durham, Niagara and Waterloo.	maintain fiscal sustainability at	approval process and
		the Regional level. With the	subsequent delay of housing
	<ul> <li>Regulation-making authority to</li> </ul>	elimination of the upper-tier	construction
	prescribe additional upper-tier	planning responsibilities, it is	
	municipalities as an "upper-tier	unclear how growth	<ul> <li>Risk that Regional, cross-</li> </ul>
	municipality without planning	management and servicing	border, infrastructure, and
	responsibilities" in the future if needed	will be addressed in this new	comprehensive planning
		model. The current process of	matters including but not limited
	<ul> <li>Where upper-tier planning</li> </ul>	planning and prioritizing	to transportation, transit, water
	responsibilities are removed:	Regional infrastructure and	and wastewater services and
	<ul> <li>Existing upper-tier official plans</li> </ul>	service delivery will need to	financial sustainability may not
	would be deemed to form part of the	continue.	be addressed.
	applicable lower- tier municipality's		
	official plan, until the lower-tier		<ul> <li>A transition towards local-level</li> </ul>
	official plan has been updated		decision-making needs to
	<ul> <li>Lower-tier official plans and</li> </ul>		ensure that progress in
	amendments would be approved by		coordinated, comprehensive
	the Minister of Municipal Affairs and		planning and environmental
	Housing (Minister's decision on new		protection is maintained
	official plans and section 26 updates		
	would not be appealable)		<ul> <li>Planning and development of</li> </ul>
	The approval authority for		complete communities is
	subdivisions and consents would be		coordinated at the Regional
	assigned to lower-tier municipalities,		level to support health and
	unless the Minister provides		quality of life. Collaborations
	otherwise through regulation		between public health and
			planning will need to continue at
			the local municipal level to
			ensure plans and development

ions Preliminary Comments	applications have the appropriate review to support public health and a healthy built environment	Risk that comprehensive policies in the Regional Official Plan will be removed or amended through local official plans resulting in an inconsistent policy approach	• • •	ited approval • Approximately 80% of local le Province official plans amendments are
Regional Implications			The Region is no longer required to have the Planning Advisory Committee	Region's delegated approval authority from the Province removed for local official plans
Summary of Proposed Changes			<ul> <li>The proposed changes would also have the effect of removing the following upper-tier municipal roles and requirements for an "upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities":</li> <li>Requirement to have planning advisory committees</li> <li>Ability to have land division committees</li> <li>Ability to have a local appeal body</li> <li>Ability to assume any authority, responsibility, duty or function of a lower-tier municipality</li> <li>Ability to use the protected major transit station area tool</li> </ul>	As a result of the proposed changes, the following provisions would no longer be applicable in an "upper-tier
(ERO# 019-6163)			Removal of municipal Upper- tier roles	Removal of municipal Upper-tier provisions

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<ul> <li>Allowing the Minister to delegate approval authority for official plans/amendments to/from uppertier municipalities, and provisions for a support the municipalities.</li> </ul>
upper-tier municipalities to delegate to/from upper-tier municipalities or lower-tier municipalities.  Tork region s delegation authority removed for official plans to delegate authority removed for official plans to
conform with upper-tier official plans (Existing upper-tier official plans would be deemed to form part of the applicable lower-tier municipality's
official plan, until the lower-tier official plan has been updated) Limits on appeals of official plans/amendments that are only
relevant to upper-tier municipalities  Requiring lower-tier official plan policies for a community planning
permit system (CPPS) to conform with the upper-tier municipality's CPPS policies
Streamlined processes to sever and dispose of land. Expedite the existing authority land being sold for
severance and conveyance of land, greenspace available to the regardless of whether provincial grant public and climate mitigation

(ERO# 019-6163)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
	purposes of projects related to flood	increased impervious land	should be appropriate for such
	control, erosion control, bank	nse	purposes and have servicing,
	stabilization shoreline management		access to amenities and
	works or the preservation of	<ul> <li>COVID-19 confirmed that</li> </ul>	services, and be located outside
	environmentally sensitive lands	urban greenspace is essential	of hazard lands and
		in higher density communities,	environmental features
	<ul> <li>Limit conservation authority appeals,</li> </ul>	and existing greenspace was	
	when acting as a public body, other	inadequate in addressing	<ul> <li>Any new housing should have</li> </ul>
	than when acting as an applicant, of	demand Reduced	criteria including affordability
	land use planning decisions under the	greenspace will exacerbate	and density
	Planning Act to matters related to	inaccessibility.	
	natural hazards policies in provincial		<ul> <li>Conservation authority sale of</li> </ul>
	policy statements issued under the	<ul> <li>Sale of lands may result in</li> </ul>	lands to unlock housing will also
	Planning Act	development in areas outside	require servicing in areas not
		settlement areas not	contemplated. Meeting servicing
		contemplated within the land	needs will require a concerted
		use planning context or for	effort from multiple levels of
		servicing under the water and	government. Presently only
		transportation master plans.	wastewater conveyance has
		Increasing servicing needs in	been streamlined, this will need
		these areas is likely to add	to be extended to wastewater
		additional to already	treatment, drinking water, and
		constrained infrastructure	roads infrastructure.
		without the ability to add	
		additional capacity in the	
		near-term	
		Aviii likely reduce the region s ability to meet its forest	
		canopy and woodland cover	
		targets, along with reductions	
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(ERO# 019-6163)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
		increase greenspace per 100,000 residents	
Zoning Around Transit	Require municipalities to amend their zoning by-laws to conform with official plan policies that establish minimum densities and heights around transit Major Transit Station Areas (MTSA) and Protected MTSAs within one year of the official plan policies being approved by the Minister	Potential impact on ridership, best use of transit infrastructure if PMTSA densities can be appealed following 1 year of protection	MTSA boundaries and densities should be afforded full in perpetuity protection from appeal
	<ul> <li>Restriction on appeals of the implementing zoning by-law amendments regarding permitted heights and densities and permitted uses would expire after one year of the protected major transit station official plan policies coming into effect</li> </ul>		
Community Benefit	• The maximum CBC payable could not exceed the prescribed percentage of the value of the land (maximum CBC of 4% of land value) multiplied by a ratio of the floor area of the new building or structure that is proposed to be erected as part of the development or redevelopment to all buildings and structures on the site	Not applicable	Local municipality's responsibility to administer
	<ul> <li>Maximum CBC payable (4% of land value) for development or redevelopment to be discounted based on the floor area of affordable housing</li> </ul>		

(ERO# 019-6163)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
	units, attainable housing units and inclusionary zoning affordable housing units as a proportion of the floor area of the total development		
Site Plan Control	Remove all aspects of site plan control for residential development proposals up to 10 units, except for land lease communities	<ul> <li>Limiting scope of site plan control may have implications on the right-of-way, access control, tree planting, drainage, and high-quality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Potential for the loss of sustainability measures obtained through site plan approval</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The proposed changes would also limit the scope of site plan control by removing the ability to regulate architectural details and limiting the ability to regulate aesthetic aspects of landscape design</li> </ul>	urban design.	
Dedication	as well as affordable housing units required by inclusionary zoning exempt from parkland dedication requirements. The maximum 5% basic rate for residential development would be discounted based on number of these units relative to total units in the development. These units would also not be included for the purposes of determining the maximum alternative rate. Not-for-profit housing developments would also be exempt from parkland dedication requirements	dedication could result in reduced greenspaces and increased pressure on existing greenspaces, including Regional forests. Greenspaces play an important role in quality of life, recreation, and climate mitigation and adaptation, benefits that could be impacted by reduced greenspaces.	dedication may make it difficult for municipalities to provide enough greenspace to meet resident demands  Recommend ensuring parkland dedication prioritizes accessible and equitable allocation of green spaces for all types of housing units, including affordable and attainable housing units, and in higher density communities.
	<ul> <li>A second, or second and third residential unit in a detached-house,</li> </ul>	urban greenspace is essential in higher density communities,	

Preliminary Comments						
Regional Implications	and existing greenspace was inadequate in addressing demand. Reduced greenspace will exacerbate inaccessibility.	<ul> <li>May reduce development costs for Regional and non- profit community housing,</li> </ul>	consistent with Regional Council's resolution requesting local municipalities to exempt Housing York Inc. developments from local	parkland fees.		
Summary of Proposed Changes	semi-detached house or rowhouse would be exempt from parkland dedication requirements, as would one residential unit in an ancillary structure	<ul> <li>Require parkland dedication rates to be determined at time of zoning/site plan application</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The maximum alternative parkland dedication rate for land conveyed of 1 hectare for each 300 dwelling units would be changed to 1 hectare for each 600 net residential units and for</li> </ul>	payments in lieu, the current rate of 1 hectare for each 500 dwelling units would be changed to 1 hectare for each 1000 net residential units	<ul> <li>No more than 15% of the amount of land subject to the development proposal (or equivalent value) could be required for parks or other recreational purposes for sites greater than 5 hectares and no more than 10% for sites 5 hectares or less</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Require municipalities to develop a 'parks plan' before passing a parkland dedication by-law instead of developing such a plan before adopting the official</li> </ul>
(ERO# 019-6163)						

(ERO# 019-6163)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional I	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments	
	plan policies required to be able to use				
	the alternative parkland requirement				
	<ul> <li>Beginning in 2023, the proposed</li> </ul>				_
	changes would require municipalities to				
	allocate or spend at least 60% of their				
	parkland dedication reserve balance at				
	the start of each year				

## **Conservation Authorities Act**

(ERO# 019 <u>-</u> 2927 and ERO# 019-6141)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
Proposed Regulation	<ul> <li>Repeal the 36 individual regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act, a single regulation is proposed for all 36 Authorities in the province.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Minimal, additional powers will be provided for Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to support the implementation of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan</li> </ul>	
Identify Lands for Housing	Require a land inventory to identify conservation authority-owned or controlled lands that could support housing development. Disposition (sales, easements, leases) of conservation authority-owned land will be streamlined to facilitate development of these lands	Results in conservation authority land being sold for development, reducing greenspace available to the public and climate mitigation and adaptation implications including flooding due to increased impervious land use     COVID-19 confirmed that urban greenspace is essential in higher-density communities, and existing greenspace was	<ul> <li>Conservation authority-owned lands should remain in public ownership and remain greenspace</li> <li>Any land identified that could support housing development should be appropriate with servicing, access to amenities and services, and be located outside of hazard lands and environmental features</li> </ul>

(ERO# 019- 2927 and ERO# 019-6141)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
		inadequate in addressing demand. Reduced greenspace will exacerbate inaccessibility	<ul> <li>Any new housing should have criteria including affordability and density</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Will likely reduce the Region's ability to meet its forest canopy and woodland cover targets, along with reductions in the Region's Vision goal to increase greenspace per 100,000 residents</li> <li>Sale of lands may result in development in areas outside settlement areas not contemplated within the land use planning context or for servicing under the water and transportation master plans. Increasing servicing needs in these areas is likely to add additional to already constrained infrastructure without the ability to add additional capacity in the neartern</li> </ul>	Conservation authority sale of lands to unlock housing will also require servicing in areas not contemplated. Meeting servicing needs will require a concerted effort from multiple levels of government. Presently only wastewater conveyance has been streamlined, this will need to be extended to wastewater treatment, drinking waster, and roads infrastructure
Limitation on commenting and review of development	<ul> <li>Prevents a review or commenting role for a wide array of legislation, which cannot be included under an agreement with a municipality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prevents conservation         authorities from undertaking a         commenting role on behalf of         the Region for a wide array of         legislation, including the</li> </ul>	Conservation authorities     perform an important role in the     planning process on behalf of     municipalities, limiting their     ability to provide this support

(ERO# 019- 2927 and ERO# 019-6141)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
related proposals and applications		Endangered Species Act, Environmental Assessment Act, Environmental Protection Act, and Planning Act  Region relies on conservation authority expertise to execute municipal duties under the legislation listed, including reviewing these applications from a water resource sustainability perspective	impacts the ability of a municipality to execute its duties. This could result in the unintended delay of approvals and subsequent delay of housing construction
Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator	Require conservation authorities to issue permits for projects subject to a Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator order and allow the Minister to review and amend any conditions attached to those permits to expedite zoning changes	Given that conservation     authorities' permitting authority     is limited strictly to natural     hazards, this infers a     Community Infrastructure and     Housing Accelerator order     could occur in hazard lands     such as floodplains, resulting in risk and insurance implications,     and climate adaptation     implications	Conservation Authorities should not be compelled to approve permits for development within regulated areas unless appropriate to do so
Minister's Zoning Order conditions	Gives authority to the Minister to prescribe conditions on a permit issued by a conservation authority where there is a Minister's Zoning Order, and to also prescribe limits on what conditions a conservation authority may include	Given that conservation     authorities' permitting authority     is limited strictly to natural     hazards, this infers a     development could occur in     hazard lands such as     floodplains, resulting in risk and	Conservation Authorities should not be compelled to approve permits for development within regulated areas unless appropriate to do so

(ERO# 019- 2927 and ERO# 019-6141)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Preliminary Comments
		insurance implications, and climate adaptation implications	
Permit Exemptions	Exempt development authorized under the Planning Act from requiring a permit under the Conservation Authorities Act in municipalities set out in regulation, where certain conditions are met as set out in regulation	<ul> <li>Limiting conservation         authorities' permitting authority         strictly to natural hazards         reduces their ability to protect         Regional watersheds</li> </ul>	Conservation Authorities should not be compelled to approve permits for development within regulated areas unless appropriate to do so
Permit Decisions	<ul> <li>"Pollution" and "conservation of land" no longer considered in development permit decisions</li> </ul>	Changes to permitting limiting conservation authorities permitting powers to natural hazard lands reduces their ability to reject development that has pollution or land conservation impacts, presenting additional environmental and source water protection risks	Watershed and natural systems protection, including conservation of land is essential to ensuring healthy complete communities and quality of life to York Region residents by providing access to natural open spaces
Appeal Timeframe	<ul> <li>Change the timeframe in which a permit applicant can appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal if a CA does not issue a permit from 120 days to 90 days</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No Regional implications</li> </ul>	
Fee freeze	<ul> <li>Conservation Authority fees will be frozen at current levels</li> </ul>	No Regional implications	<ul> <li>Freezing fees may impact the ability to self-fund CA services putting additional pressure on municipal tax levy</li> </ul>

## Municipal Act, 2001

Area	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Initial Comments
Residential Rental Properties	Establishes authority for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to make regulations imposing limits and conditions on the powers of a municipality to prohibit and regulate the demolition and conversion of residential rental properties	This could reduce existing affordable housing stock in the Region due to demolition and conversion	Reducing affordable rental housing stock contradicts the Provincial objective of providing more affordable rental housing

## **Ontario Land Tribunal Act**

Area (Proposal #22-MAG011)	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Initial Comments
Dismissal of	<ul> <li>The Tribunal may dismiss a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There may be some</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>York Region supports these</li> </ul>
Proceedings	proceeding without a hearing if the	implications for appeals	efforts to streamline appeals
	Tribunal is of the opinion that the	which are transitioned,	
	party who brought the proceeding	where the Region is already	
	has contributed to undue delay of the	a party	
	proceeding or if a party has failed to		
	comply with an order of the Tribunal		
	in the proceeding		
Costs	<ul> <li>Gives the Tribunal the power to order</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There may be some</li> </ul>	
	an unsuccessful party to pay a	implications for appeals	
	successful party's costs, intended to	which are transitioned,	
	encourage parties to reach an	where the Region is already	
	agreement without going through the	a party	
	Tribunal		
Regulation-Making	<ul> <li>Provides new authority for the</li> </ul>	• None	
Authority	Lieutenant Governor in Council to		
	make regulations requiring the		
	Tribunal to prioritize the resolution of		

specified classes of proceedings, such as cases that create the most housing, for example	<ul> <li>The Minister will have power to make regulations setting service standards with respect to timing of hearings and decisions for specific case resolution activities</li> </ul>

## **Additional Proposed Changes**

Area	Summary of Proposed Changes	Regional Implications	Initial Comments
Municipal Housing	Assignment of municipal housing	Uncertainties regarding	Need to ensure alignment of
Louising Diodes	largets to 29 selected lower- and	population torecasts in the	targets with infrastructure
rousing Pleage	single-tier municipalities over the	Growth Plan and the	capacity and timing
(I/IQ-810 #ONI)	next 10 years	Regional Official Plan, and	
		achievability and	<ul> <li>Ensure targets for different</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Four municipalities in York Region</li> </ul>	enforceability of proposed	housing mix and types, and
	have housing targets:	targets	affordability
	<ul><li>City of Markham: 44,000</li></ul>		
	<ul><li>City of Vaughan: 42,000</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Without housing affordability,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ensure targets align with the</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>City of Richmond Hill: 27,000</li></ul>	mix and type requirements,	ability of the private market and
	Town of Newmarket: 12,000	housing may be unaffordable	the labour force to deliver
	<ul> <li>Direct municipalities to create a</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>The Region has started the</li> </ul>
	'housing pledge' to implement		Affordable Private Market
	housing targets which outlines		Housing Implementation Plan to
	actions municipalities will take to		look at mechanisms for local
	meet targets, and a 'vehicle' for		municipalities to use to
	identifying policy proposals to		implement housing pledges
	increase housing and infrastructure		

	There are uncertainties regarding the relationship between merging the PPS and Growth Plan and increasing housing supply  Integration of Growth Plan and PPS may reduce certainty making it more difficult to manage growth and deliver infrastructure  Eliminating or watering down the Growth Plan would set comprehensive planning backward	The Region supports the proposal to revoke the Parkway Belt West Plan  The Province should consider setting a legal framework for rent-to-own agreements which developers must follow when entering into agreements with households, to ensure consumer protections.  The Province should ensure alignment with any federal rent-to-own initiatives, as the Federal
	<ul> <li>Through the Municipal Comprehensive Review, the Region has integrated Growth Plan policies and targets into the Regional Official Plan to achieve conformity.</li> <li>The York Region Official Plan provides 30 years of housing supply with comprehensive planning that integrates financial, infrastructure, and land use planning, ensuring a consistent approach to growth management for all nine local municipalities</li> </ul>	No Regional implications     No immediate Regional implications as any rent-to-own agreement would be between the developer and the homebuyer     Unclear if the Province is assuming a local role (i.e. for Service Managers) in administering a rent-to-own program
needs. Pledges are due March 1, 2023 with reporting towards the target annually	<ul> <li>Province seeking feedback on proposal to integrate the PPS and A Place to Grow into a single new province-wide plan, streamlining and providing greater flexibility in core elements including</li> <li>Residential Land Supply</li> <li>Attainable Housing Supply and Mix</li> <li>Growth Management</li> <li>Agriculture and Natural Heritage</li> <li>Community Infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proposal to revoke the Parkway Belt West Plan to potentially increase housing supply</li> <li>Explore 'rent-to-own' home financing model in supporting housing attainability in the province. Potential to engage in a rent-to-own arrangement with two contracts:         <ul> <li>Rental agreement</li> <li>Rent to own agreement</li> </ul> </li> <li>The province is seeking feedback on the viability, barriers and issues for renters on the rent to own model, as</li> </ul>
	Review of A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement (ERO# 019-6177)	Revocation of the Parkway Belt West Plan (ERO# 019-6167) Rent-to-Own Arrangements (Proposal # 22-MMAH018)

	well as the provincial role to facilitate these agreements		government committed to supporting rent-to-own projects as part of the 2022 Budget.
			If the Province is assuming a role for municipalities (i.e. Service Managers) in the delivery of this
			program, administration funding must be provided and eligibility criteria should align with the priorities and needs within the
Proposed Updates to the Ontario	Proposed changes to content in the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System	When considered in the context of the broader	Any changes to the wetland evaluation system should
Wetland Evaluation System (ERO# 019-6160)	(OWES) manuals including new guidance and moving approval to the	changes proposed in Bill 23, changes to the evaluation	continue to place strong emphasis on maintaining
	evaluators and local decision makers	of development on wetlands	wettaild complexes and species at risk habitat and ensuring that
	including municipalities. Removal of species at risk and wetland grouping	and in floodplains. Such a change has the potential to	development is not permitted in areas where it would present a
	criteria in determining a wetland's significance	reduce natural functions and groundwater recharge, while	risk to homeowners
		also presenting greater flooding risks	
Conserving Ontario's Natural	<ul> <li>A discussion paper seeks feedback on how Ontario could offset</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This may result in natural heritage loss within the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Any offsetting should result in a net gain in natural heritage</li> </ul>
Heritage ( <u>ERO #</u> 019-6161)	development pressures on wetlands, woodlands, and other natural wildlife habitat	Region since there isn't a principle that requires the offsetting to hannen locally	features and functions within the local area
	The Ministry of Natural Resources		
	and Forestry is considering developing an offset policy that		

	would require a net positive impact on these features		
Inclusionary Zoning (ERO	Proposed changes to inclusionary zoning (IZ) rules would standardize	Under the current IZ     framework, local	<ul> <li>The Province is encouraged to continue to allow local flexibility</li> </ul>
# <u>019-6173</u> )	the following across the province:	municipalities have the ability	to ensure IZ policies address
	<ul> <li>Set a maximum affordability</li> </ul>	to set affordability periods,	local housing needs
	period of 25 years	unit set aside rates and	
	<ul> <li>Limit the number of affordable</li> </ul>	affordab e sales prices and	<ul> <li>Municipal incentives associated</li> </ul>
	units to 5% of the total number of	rents to address local housing	with providing IZ units should
	units or 5% of the total gross floor	needs	correspond to the financial value
	area of the total residential units,		of the IZ units being provided, in
	not including common areas	<ul> <li>The proposed changes would</li> </ul>	terms of depth and length of
	<ul> <li>Set affordability at 80% of the</li> </ul>	standardize IZ policies across	affordability, and the number of
	average resale price of ownership	municipalities that choose to	units secured
	units or 80% of the average	implement it, and limit the	
	market rent for rental units	ability of municipalities to	<ul> <li>Provincial regulations must</li> </ul>
		secure more units with longer	include transition rules to ensure
		affordability periods at deeper	tenants occupying the unit at the
		levels of affordability	end of the affordability period do
	žì:		not experience significant rent
			increases

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AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina opposes the proposed removal or re-designation of approximately 7,400 acres of protected lands from the Provincial Greenbelt Area and/or the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan for residential development as set out in ERO posting number 019-6217 and ERO posting number 019-6218;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina opposes the conversion of Conservation Authority lands, for housing purposes in the absence of a fuller understanding of the criteria that will be used to conduct the assessment and a Municipal Comprehensive Review that demonstrates the need for the conversion to meet population targets;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Caroline Mulroney, MPP, York-Simcoe, York Region MPP's, York Region municipalities, Lake Simcoe Watershed MPP's, the Honourable Peter Tabuns, Leader of the Opposition and interim leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, the Honourable John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Honourable Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.