

Key Changes between the Provincial Policy Statement 2014 and Provincial Policy Statement 2020

Policy Area	Policy Change
All	Strengthened the role of Indigenous communities by adding language throughout the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 2020 stressing the important role that Indigenous communities have in land use planning and development.
All	Greater emphasis on integration of land use planning, infrastructure, growth management, transit supportive development, and intensification.
All	Greater emphasis on preparing for the impacts of climate change
All	Greater emphasis on the need to provide an affordable and market-based range and mix of housing options.
Part III - How to read the Provincial Policy Statement	Greater clarity provided between the PPS and other provincial plans. Where policies of provincial plans address the same or related matters as the PPS, applying the more specific policies of the provincial plan satisfies the more general requirements of the PPS.
Settlement Areas	Policy added to allow for a settlement area boundary expansion to occur outside of a Municipal Comprehensive Review, subject to criteria.
Settlement Areas	Rural land uses expanded to include lot creation, subject to local context.
Land Use Compatibility	Additional criteria to mitigate impacts of major facilities on sensitive land uses.
Employment	Emphasis on economic investments facilitation through identification of strategic sites
Employment	Additional policy direction on planning for and protecting employment areas, including prohibiting residential uses and limiting other sensitive uses.
Employment	Policy added to permit employment area conversions outside of a Municipal Comprehensive Review, subject to criteria,
Employment	Addition of a policy that allows municipalities to identify employment areas as regionally significant. These areas cannot be converted outside of a municipal comprehensive review.
Housing	Additional policy permitting municipalities to choose to maintain a five-year, rather than a three-year supply of residential units through lands to facilitate intensification and land in draft approved and registered plans.
Housing	Increase in the requirement to maintain the ability to accommodate residential growth for a minimum of 15 years, rather than 10 years.
Sewage, Water and Stormwater	Further direction on servicing options where municipal sewage and water services are not available, including identifying communal servicing as the preferred approach.
Sewage, Water and Stormwater	Additional direction on assessment of long-term impacts of individual on-site sewage and water services on environmental health of the rural settlement areas
Sewage, Water and Stormwater	Additional direction and criteria on extension of partial servicing into rural areas.
Sewage, Water and Stormwater	Additional criteria for stormwater management including preparing for the impacts of a changing climate.
Agriculture	Policy encouraging municipalities to use an agricultural systems approach to enhance continuity of agricultural land. This includes additional definitions for "agricultural system" and "agri-food network".
Human-made hazards	Addition of a policy to support re-use of excess soil in planning and development approvals.
Implementation and Interpretation	Relocation of many interpretation policies to the Preamble.