



Office of the Chief Planner
Corporate Services Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

From: Paul Freeman
Chief Planner

Date: September 15, 2022

Re: Province Suspends 120-day Timeline to Make a Decision on Official Plan

The York Region Official Plan was submitted to the Province for approval following Council adoption in June

Following the June 30, 2022, Council adoption of the 2022 York Region Official Plan, it was submitted to the Province on July 18, 2022, for approval, along with all required supporting information. The entire package was comprised of over 5000 pages.

Bill 109 introduced the ability for the Minister to suspend the 120-day review and approval period prescribed by the *Planning Act*

The *Planning Act* prescribes review and approval timelines for Official Plans and other planning matters. For a new or updated Regional Official Plan, the review and approval period is 120 days. Bill 109, passed in June 2022, modified the *Planning Act* to allow the minister to suspend this time period.

Minister Clark has advised he is using his authority to suspend the time period to make a decision on the York Region Official Plan

A letter from Minister Clark, dated September 12, 2022 (Attachment 1) advises the Region that he is using authority provided to him under the *Planning Act* to suspend the 120-day timeline for a decision on the York Region Official Plan. Many municipalities across the Greater Golden Horseshoe have received the same notification from the Minister.

Staff will continue to work with Provincial staff on timely review and approval of the Regional Official Plan and update Council as appropriate.



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