

Streamlining Development Approvals and Supporting Provincial Housing Targets

On April 27, 2023 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Regional staff continue to engage with the local municipalities, the Province and the development industry to advance opportunities to streamline and improve the development approval process.
2. The Province, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to:
 - a) Amend the *Planning Act* to:
 - a. account for resubmissions by proponents of development applications in the approval timelines for municipalities.
 - b. provide a mechanism to “stop the clock” when a municipality is waiting for an applicant to submit or resubmit information.
 - b) Commit to improve all Provincial Ministry response times in development review to ensure municipalities can meet the legislated timeframes set out in the *Planning Act*.
 - c) Consider establishing Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) as the aggregated source of building and occupancy permit data for Ontario.
3. Local municipalities be requested to confirm support for:
 - a) Local development tracking systems to support data exchange and sharing of planning application data with the Region to enable common real-time housing supply and monitoring for Regional servicing capacity allocation.
 - b) The Collaborative Application Preparation (CAP) process as a consistent standard for intaking development applications to ensure high-quality, complete submissions.
 - c) Participation in a Planning Innovation Team with the Region and other stakeholders to advance modernization of the planning process.
4. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the School Boards, Conservation Authorities, Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD), Area

Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and local municipalities for information and support of this initiative.