



Committee Report

To: Councillor Steve Hammell, Chair and
Members of the Planning and Development Committee

From: Claire Dodds
Director of Planning and Development

Date: May 11, 2023

Re: Council Workshop Presentation

Staff Recommendation:

The Council Workshop Presentation report is for information.

Background:

The attached presentation will guide the May 11, 2023 County Council workshop.

A white paper prepared by the County's Official Plan consultants, WSP Canada, summarizing the changes included in Bill 97 and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement is attached.

Should it be of interest to Committee to review proposed changes in more detail, additional resources related to pending Provincial Changes are linked below:

- [Proposed Provincial Planning Statement \(2023\)](#)
- [Unofficial version showing tracked changes between 2020 provincial policy statement and proposed 2023 Provincial Planning Statement, prepared by Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt LLP](#)

Although not the focus of the workshop, Bill 97 is currently under consideration and makes some changes that relate the Policy / Planning Statements and the Planning Act. Bill 97 received second reading on April 26, 2023.

A link to the proposed Bill 97 is below:

- [Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 - Legislative Assembly of Ontario \(ola.org\)](#)

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Legislative and Policy change initiated by the province are anticipated to impact timing and policies of the Official Plan program.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

None.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

The Official Plan is a Council Priority 2023.

Approved for Submission:

Derrick Thomson
Chief Administrative Officer