

Memo

To: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
From: Planning, Development and Building Services, Legal and Finance
Departments, Town of Oakville
Date: November 19, 2022
Subject: ERO number 019-6167 - Proposed Revocation of the Parkway Belt West
Plan

Comments

The Town of Oakville is aligned with the province's goal of building 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. The town also supports the purpose and intent sustaining the province's land use planning framework exemplified in the *Planning Act* and the 2019 Growth Plan, including the:

- protection of ecological systems, including natural areas, features and functions
- conservation of features of significant architectural, cultural, historical, archaeological or scientific interest;
- integrated planning, adequate provision and efficient use of communication, transportation, sewage and water services, waste management systems and public service facilities;
- orderly development, protection and achievement of safe, healthy & complete communities;
- adequate provision of a full range and mix of housing, including affordable housing with the prioritization of intensification in strategic growth areas;
- protection of the financial and economic well-being of the province and its municipalities;
- promotion of development that is designed to be sustainable, to support public transit and to be oriented to pedestrians; and
- integration of climate change considerations into land use planning and growth management

Land use planning for growth and development that supports economic prosperity, protects the environment and helps communities achieve a high quality of life remains pivotal for the Town of Oakville and the Province of Ontario.

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Town staff agrees with the Proposed Revocation of the Parkway Belt West Plan to support the province's direction to streamline, reduce or eliminate financial, policy, administrative burdens and potentially to increase housing supply.

Town staff also agrees with future revocation of the Minister's Zoning Orders used to implement the Parkway Belt West Plan.

Town staff is seeking clarification from the province on the timing of these actions and whether a transition period will be provided. Transition will allow for local Official Plans and implementing zoning to be updated accordingly.