



October 4, 2024

The Honourable Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
College Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Calandra,

**RE: ERO 019-9065 – Consideration of the transition of land use planning matters to facilitate the introduction of a new policy statement issued under the Planning Act**

The City of Ottawa is pleased to submit its response to the Province's request for feedback on specific planning matters that should be addressed through a transition regulation for the new Provincial Planning Statement ("PPS 2024"). A table of recommendations is attached as **Appendix A**.

We look forward to working with the Province on a transition for the PPS 2024 that will help to streamline existing planning applications and initiatives. Should you require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Derrick Moodie".

Derrick Moodie  
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Planning, Development and Building Services Department  
City of Ottawa

cc.

Planning, Development and Building Services Departmental Leadership Team

Enclosures

**Appendix A: City of Ottawa Recommended Transition Provisions for the PPS 2024**

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Item	Brief Summary of the Planning Matter/Type of Matter	Status of the Planning Matter	Specific Matters that Should be Addressed	Rationale	Details (such as: name of municipality, relevant address, identifying other planning authorities affected)
1	<p>Clarification of timing for certain policies.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That consistent with the <i>Planning Act</i> requirement for the revision of official plans every five years (or every ten years after a new official plan), a transition provision should clarify that the new policies, including policy 2.1.1, occur at the time of the ordinary official plan review cycle.</p>	Upcoming	Ministry of Finance population projections are updated annually and the 2024 PPS provides no transition policies for municipalities not subject to Schedule 3. Provide clarity on when growth projection updates need to occur.	The City of Ottawa's New Official Plan was approved by the MMAH on November 4, 2022. The growth projections were based on the Ministry of Finance population projection and were not modified by the Minister. Per subsection 26(1.1), the City is not required to review its Official Plan for conformity with provincial plans until 2032. However, the City may choose to initiate a growth update sooner to align with a standard 5-year review. This approach is consistent with ERO# 019-6813, Proposed Implementation of the Provincial Planning Statement and the timing for official plan updates.	Municipalities not listed on Schedule 3.
2.	<p>All planning matters that are to be informed by provincial guidance where none exist or are significantly out of date.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That a transition provision clarify that policies informed provincial guidelines do not apply until the applicable provincial guidelines are available.</p>	Ongoing	N/A	Policy 2.1.1 of the PPS 2024 newly directs municipalities to use Ontario Population Projections published by the Ministry of Finance.	All Ontario municipalities are impacted.

3	<p>Transition period to update official plans for the consideration of settlement boundary expansions through private applications.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That a transition period of four months, being February 20, 2025, be provided for receiving settlement area expansion applications. The purpose of this transition is to provide municipalities time to update official plans that do not currently contemplate settlement area expansion applications beyond the no net-increase approach from the 2020 PPS.</p>	Ongoing	N/A	<p>The PPS 2024 contemplates private applications for settlement area boundary expansions in Section 2.3.2. Taken with Bill 185's amendment to subsection 22(3.1) – Consultation of the <i>Planning Act</i>, municipalities are not able to provide other suitable considerations for settlement area expansions that are unique to their locations and contexts beyond the universal considerations in the PPS 2024 policy 2.3.2.1. There may also be further details at the local context to best implement criteria in policy 2.3.2.1 but would otherwise be absent in an official plan. A transition period that provides municipalities the opportunity to amend their official plans in anticipation of private applications for settlement area boundary expansions would ensure a streamlined approach to such applications that best consider local contexts.</p>	All Ontario municipalities are impacted.
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