



October 4, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
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**Re: Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 - Transition; Comments
Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting: No. 019-9065**

Our File No: PLN 1.1.5.5

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on transition of land use planning matters respecting the new Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS, 2024).

Clarington staff supports and is committed to working with our provincial, regional, conservation authority, and development industry partners to increase housing supply and affordability towards the goal to construct 1.5 million homes in Ontario by 2031.

Staff welcomes the direction of the new PPS, 2024 that provides flexibility to better account for local context in support of increasing housing supply. However, staff continues to be concerned about the elimination of the municipal comprehensive review process to assess applications for boundary expansions and employment area removals.

For your consideration, please find as Attachment 1 Clarington's draft Municipal Comments on transition of land use planning matters to facilitate the introduction of the new PPS, 2024. Please note these comments are subject to ratification by Council at its Planning and Development Committee meeting on October 21, 2024. We would be happy to provide additional details related to specific matters, as needed.

We look forward to continuing to work together towards creating affordable and sustainable communities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah Allin".

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Attachment 1 – Comments on Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, Transition

General Transition Matters

1. The Province is requested to provide transition for the following types of land use planning matters to be completed under PPS, 2020:
 - a) Matters currently before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT); and
 - b) Adopted Official Plan Amendments awaiting approval by the Region or Province.

Employment Areas

2. In addition to ongoing matters identified for transition above, staff recommends reiterating the Municipality's previous requests to provide additional time to address changes to the definition of and policies pertaining to Employment Areas.
3. Through transition provisions, the Province is requested to provide municipalities additional time to reconcile the impacts of the changes to Employment Areas, and assess community and employment land needs accordingly, prior to these changes coming into effect and placing vital employment areas at risk of removal.