



London Development Institute

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Planning Consultation – Provincial Planning Branch

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Dear Ministry Staff,

The London Development Institute (LDI) is a member-based organization representing land developers in the London area. LDI has been the leading voice on development issues in our city for more than 40 years. Our goal, working with our partners in local government and the community, is to build a better London.

LDI wants to thank the Provincial Government for their commitment to supporting housing supply in Ontario. Your efforts will provide housing availability and affordability for all.

Overall, LDI is very supportive of a province wide standardized Official Plan (OP) framework that every municipality must use and provide flexibility for a more permissive document in general.

Our membership has residential and commercial land developments in several southern Ontario municipalities which have drastically different OP requirements that make developing land a bureaucratic and costly nightmare.

To answer the proposed questions:

1. Official Plans and their format should be standardized in Ontario.
2. An OP needs to provide flexibility to be more permissive, reducing the need for Official Plan Amendment applications for virtually every project.
3. The land use designations proposed are reasonable. Continued consultation may be needed with the industry to ensure the interpretation of the designations will be consistent throughout Ontario.
4. Transitioning to a new framework should be done sooner than later. A two-to-three-year requirement should be plenty of time to transition.

An additional question we have is to the appealability of a new OP to the OLT. As LDI was the major appellant of the 2016 City of London OP would that right continue under a standardized OP framework?

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LDI members would be happy to provide any further input required as part of any further consultation regarding this proposal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mike Wallace'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mike Wallace
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