

Region of Durham Submission for 026-0305

Summary and Comments on 026-0305 (Proposed Changes to Various Regulations Under the Planning Act to Facilitate the Electronic Submission of Information and Materials to Approval Authorities and Allow Notices to be Given Electronically to the Province)

ERO/RR Posting and Comment Period	Durham Region Staff Comments
026-0305 March 30, 2026 – May 14, 2026 (45 days) <u>Proposed Changes to Various Regulations Under the Planning Act to Facilitate the Electronic Submission of Information and Materials to Approval Authorities and Allow Notices to be Given Electronically to the Province</u>	The Region of Durham is an upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities. The following Regional staff comments are offered to the province based on practical, professional experience. Staff Comments: • Proposed ERO 026-0305 seeks to facilitate the electronic submission of materials to planning approval authorities by removing the requirement for information to include an original or certified copy, and allow required notices under the Planning Act to be given electronically to MMAH. These proposed changes are intended to help streamline and expedite the review of land use planning matters and are complementary to the broader government move towards building a digital Ontario. • In general, Regional staff support efforts to facilitate electronic submissions of information and material. • In addition, the province may wish to explore requirements for digital signatures to ensure that submitted information has been adequately reviewed and approved by the applicant and/or planning agency.