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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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SENT VIA ERO POSTING

RE: City of Hamilton Comments on ERO-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

Attached, please find City of Hamilton staff comments in response to the above noted ERO posting. Hamilton Planning Committee and City Council will be reviewing these comments at their June 16, 2026, and June 24, 2026, meetings.

Hamilton City Council may choose to amend or add to the enclosed comments which would be provided in a subsequent letter.

Should you have questions or comments, please contact myself or Steve Burke, Manager, Sustainable Communities Section, at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5863 or by email at Steve.Burke@hamilton.ca.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anita Fabac".

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Enclosed.

ERO-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

The following table provides the opportunity to comment on [ERO-026-0305](#):

ERO-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	
Description	Comments
To support the government's move towards building a digital Ontario, the government is seeking feedback on proposed changes to various regulations under the <i>Planning Act</i> that would: • remove the requirement for information and material to include an original or certified copy, and • allow required notices to be given electronically to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Proposed changes to remove the requirement for information and material to include an original or certified copy and allow required notices (i.e., notices of: public meeting, open house, application/complete application and adoption of a proposed official plan or plan amendment) to be given electronically to the Ministry of Municipal	Building on the City's submission on ERO 025-1099 – Consultation on Simplifying and Standardizing Official Plans, staff are generally supportive of efforts made by the Province that make it easier to submit documents digitally for review provided that security measures are in place that protect the integrity of documents. Staff encourage the Province to take this opportunity to improve transparency by making it easier for the public and municipalities to track the status of the Province's review and download all materials submitted by the municipality to the Province.

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Affairs and Housing would affect the following regulations: • O. Reg. 543/06: Official plans and plan amendments • O. Reg. 545/06: Zoning by-laws, holding by-laws and interim control by-laws • O. Reg. 544/06: Plans of subdivision • O. Reg. 197/96: Consent applications	