

Planning 101

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The Planning Profession and Legislative Framework

What Do Planners Do?

- Planners can work in a variety of places including the private sector, representing a wide array of clients (developers, corporations, individuals, etc.).
- Manage, analyze, research, find common ground and provide professional recommendations on a variety of land use planning matters in the public interest.
 - The public interest we represent includes future generations and a long term vision for the entire community as a whole, including those who may not currently be at the table.
 - The public interest is not based solely on short term interests, and encompass consideration of long-term goals such as affordable housing or environmental protection.

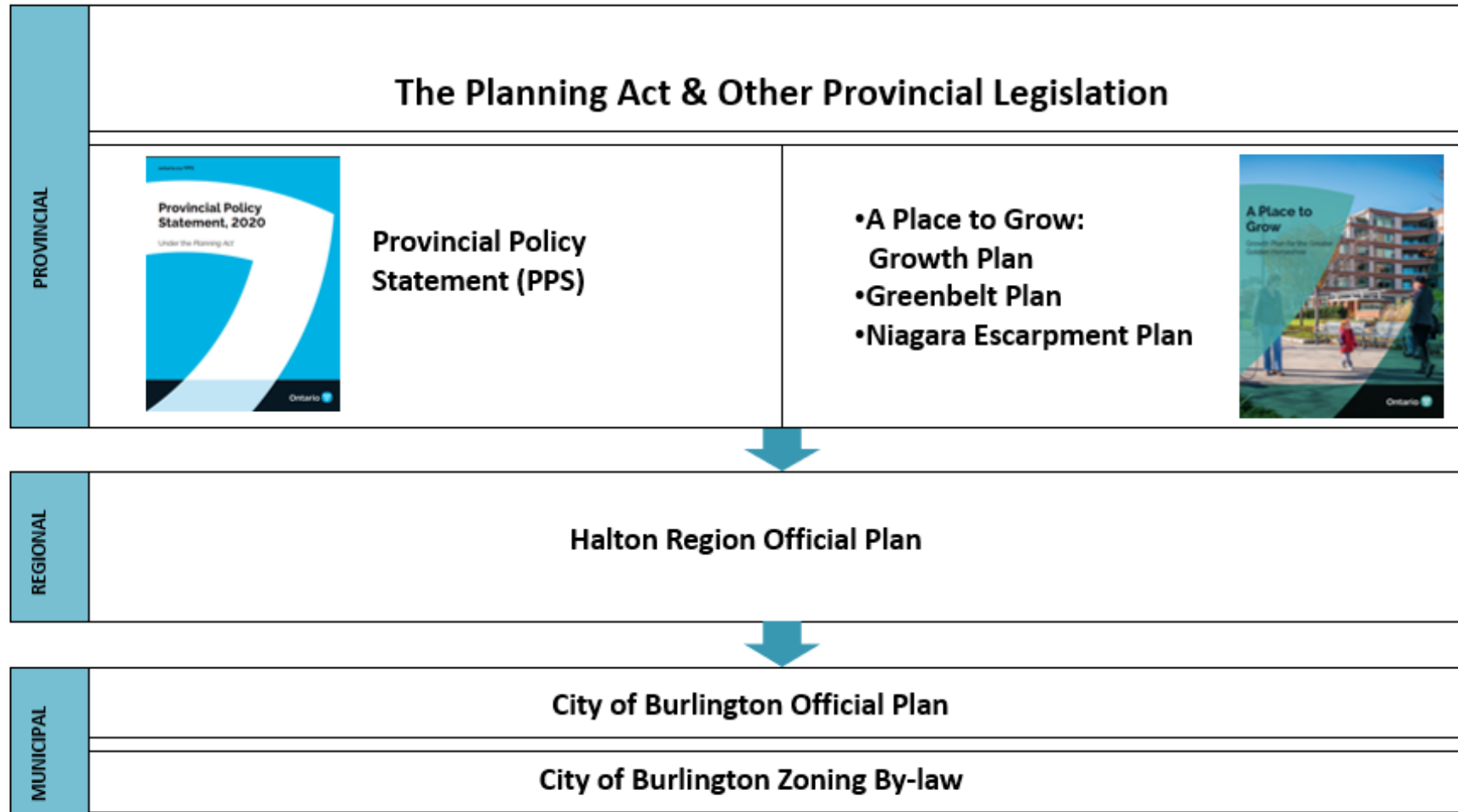
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- All Planners are bound by the professional standards of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and Ontario Professional Planning Institute (OPPI).
- Education and experience requirements must be achieved and examinations successfully completed.
- Code of Practice established by CIP and OPPI that must be followed:
 - Responsible to plan for the public interest – current and future;
 - Responsible to provide independent professional advice to Council; and
 - Responsible to continue to be committed to professional development and integrity.

Legislative Framework

- Municipalities are “creatures of the Province”.
- Municipalities only have powers granted to them by the Province in statute, regulation, policy and guidelines.
- Compliance with Provincial legislation and plans is mandatory.
- Legislative framework that Planning works within includes:
 - Planning Act
 - Municipal Act
 - Condominium Act
 - Ontario Heritage Act
 - Greenbelt Act & Places to Grow Act
 - And more...

Legislative Framework



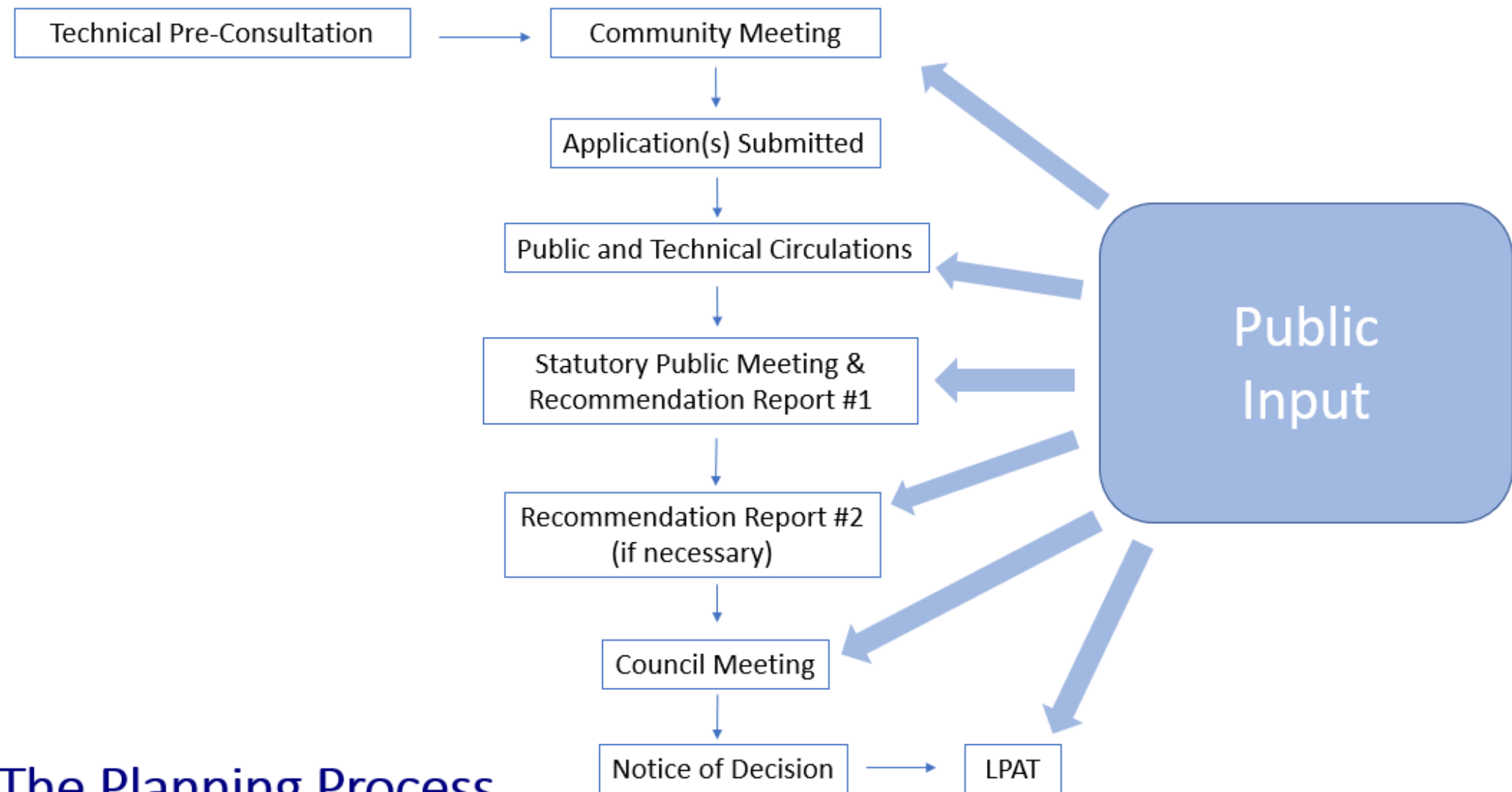
Why Do Plans Change?

- The Planning Act provides authority for applicants to submit applications for development proposals that do not meet the current Official Plan or the Zoning By-law.
- The City is required to process these applications. If Council does not make a decision on an application within the prescribed timeframe, the applicant would be able to appeal the applications.
- Official Plan and Zoning By-laws may only be amended if it is determined that the proposed changes comply with policies and development is compatible with the surrounding neighbourhoods .

The Planning Process

Official Plan Amendments

Zoning By-Law Amendments



Questions and Comments