Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Office of the Minister 777 Bay Street, 17th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3 Tel.: 416 585-7000 Ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement



Bureau du ministre 777, rue Bay, 17e étage Toronto ON M7A 2J3 Tél. : 416 585-7000

234-2024-695

February 23, 2024

## Subject: Proposed Amendments to the Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023 – Legislation to Reinstate Municipally Requested Modifications to Official Plans (Bill 162)

Dear Sir, Madam

Further to my letters in November 2023 regarding proposed legislation to reverse official plan decisions, I am writing to advise you that on February 20, 2024, the government introduced proposed changes to the legislatively approved official plans of some of the province's fastest-growing municipalities to address local needs while continuing to support the government's goal of building at least 1.5 million new homes by 2031.

The proposed Get it Done Act, 2024, introduced on February 20, 2024, includes amendments to the *Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023*.

Proposed amendments to the *Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023* would, if passed, update official plans in response to municipal feedback while protecting the Greenbelt, and safeguarding public health and safety.

The proposed amendments follow recent consultation with the affected municipalities, and where appropriate, respond to the feedback from these municipalities, which are the cities of Barrie, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Ottawa, Peterborough, Wellington County and the regions of Halton, Peel, Waterloo and York. Modifications maintained through Bill 150 impacting these municipalities and the Region of Niagara would continue to apply.

## **Request for Feedback**

The ministry is currently seeking feedback on the proposed amendments to the *Official Plans Adjustments Act, 2023* as introduced through the proposed Get It Done Act, 2024. The proposed legislation is posted on the Environment Registry of Ontario and the Regulatory Registry for 30 days, until March 21, 2024.

Comments can be sent through the Environmental Registry of Ontario or the Regulatory Registry postings or by email to <u>mmahofficialplans@ontario.ca</u>.

More information on the legislative proposal can be found on the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Regulatory Registry at:

- Environmental Registry of Ontario: Bill 1, Get it Done Act, 2024
- Regulatory Registry: Bill 1, Get it Done Act, 2024

I look forward to receiving your feedback on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Hon. Paul Calandra Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing