

Report

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
Municipal Planner Report #2014-16

To: Mayor and Council
From: Faye Flatt, Municipal Planner
Date: 5 August 2014
Subject: **Minister's Delegation of Authority – Official Plan Amendments**

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has posted a Notice on the Environmental Registry of a proposed Regulation under the Planning Act exempting the Town of Fort Frances from approval for official plan amendments. What this means is that once the Regulation comes into effect, the Town will no longer be required to obtain the Minister's approval for official plan amendments (OPA) and will be the approval authority regardless of whether the amendment is initiated by a developer, a citizen or Council. The effective date is described generally as "on or after January 1, 2015.

The Ministry will remain the approval authority for official plan updates that are required every five years. Additional information is attached.

Respectfully submitted for information purposes only.



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<p>COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THIS REPORT: is not required.</p>



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Subject Link to Regulatory Registry Posting- Municipal
Empowerment

Hi Faye,

Hope all is well with you. This is in follow up to our discussion in early May and your more recent discussion with Ed Landry of this office regarding municipal empowerment, with Fort Frances being proposed to receive OPA exemption. I just wanted to provide a link to the notice that was posted on the Regulatory Registry on Monday July 21, 2014, which provides additional information on the proposed amending regulations:

<http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=16102&language=en>.

Should you have any questions, please be sure to contact me at 705-564-6817 or by email at bridget.schulte-hostedde@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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Regulations under the Planning Act Regarding Municipal Empowerment Phase II

Ministry: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Regulation Number(s): O. Reg. 525/97 (Exemption from Approval (Official Plan Amendments))
O. Reg. 353/02 (Approval Authority - Plans of Subdivision)
O. Reg. 354/02 (Consent Granting Authority)

Bill or Act: Planning Act

Summary of Proposal: The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to make three regulations under the Planning Act:



1) Exemption from Approval (Official Plan Amendments)

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) is proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 525/97 (Exemption from Approval (Official Plan Amendments)) under the Planning Act in order to exempt certain municipalities from the requirement to obtain the Minister's approval of official plan amendments.

The proposed amendment would identify the following 14 municipalities which have brought their official plans up-to-date with provincial policy within the last year as being exempt from the requirement to obtain the Minister's approval of their official plan amendments:

1. Township of Nairn and Hyman
2. Township of South Algonquin
3. Town of Bruce Mines
4. Town of Chapleau
5. Township of Chisholm
6. Township of Plummer Additional
7. Township of Chapple
8. Township of Emo
9. Township of La Vallee
10. Town of Rainy River
11. Township of Schreiber
12. Municipality of Temagami
13. Town of Fort Frances
14. Township of Dorion



It is proposed that the regulation would exempt from the Minister's approval official plan amendments of the identified municipalities commenced on or after January 1, 2015.

2) Approval Authority - Plans of Subdivision

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 353/02 (Approval Authority - Plans of Subdivision) under the Planning Act in order to make certain municipalities approval authorities under sections 51 and 51.1 of the Act. This would have the effect of giving the councils of these municipalities the power to approve subdivision and condominium applications within their geography.

The proposed amendment would provide this authority to 12 municipalities which have up-to-date official plans, namely:

1. Township of Nairn and Hyman
2. Township of South Algonquin
3. Town of Bruce Mines
4. Town of Chapleau
5. Township of Chisholm
6. Township of Plummer Additional
7. Township of Chapple

8. Township of Emo
9. Township of La Vallee
10. Town of Rainy River
11. Township of Schreiber
12. Township of Dorion

It is proposed that the identified municipalities would receive their new authority on January 1, 2015.

3) Consent Granting Authority

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 354/02 (Consent Granting Authority) under the Planning Act in order to provide certain municipalities with the authority to approve consent applications and with the authorities to approve certificates of validation and foreclosures and exercises of powers of sale under s. 50(18).

The proposed amendment would provide this authority to two municipalities which have up-to-date official plans, namely:

1. Township of Nairn and Hyman
2. Township of South Algonquin

It is proposed that the identified municipalities would receive their new authority on January 1, 2015.





Purpose of Regulations:

The Province is committed to a sound, efficient and effective planning system that enhances local autonomy and streamlines decision-making on planning applications.

Other Information:

This initiative reinforces MMAH's commitment to ensuring that decisions are made at the local level by municipalities that have up-to-date official plans consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).

Further Information:

-  Planning Act
-  O. Reg. 525/97 (Exemption from Approval (Official Plan Amendments))
-  O. Reg. 353/02 (Approval Authority – Plans of Subdivision)
-  O.Reg. 354/02 (Consent Granting Authority)

Proposal Number: 14-MAH006

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Comments Due Date: September 4, 2014

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