



MEMBER BULLETIN

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Open Consultations to Review the Ontario Municipal Board

Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Mauro and Attorney General Yasir Naqvi announced the province is opening public consultations on the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). The ministry will hold public consultations this fall with the goal of introducing new legislation in the Spring of 2017.

The “guiding principles” of the review are to reduce the number of instances when the OMB is required by strengthening the powers of municipal governments to approve development decisions. The ministers stressed that this is not a “weakening” of the OMB, because its appeal function will always be available.

In order to make sure decisions move more quickly through the OMB process, the province hopes to increase the number of OMB adjudicators and to ensure existing adjudicators are properly trained. The ministers want the land-use planning process to be “clear and predictable” and less a source of public “rancor and anxiety.”

For more information on the public consultation and to review the consultation documents, please visit the following [link](#).