



Town of Penetanguishene
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October 19, 2019

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5
Attn: Hon. Steve Clark

Dear Sir:

**Re: Environmental Registry of Ontario - Comments on Provincial Policy
Statement Review**

The Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene has reviewed the proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement which were posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario as #019-0279 on July 22, 2019.

On October 13, 2019 a report by staff was presented to Council and the following comments were endorsed by Council for submission to the ERO posting:

- Request a definition be created and clarity offered on the intent of “market based needs” specifically as it relates to continuing to provide a mix and range of housing types. The market needs vary across the Province and particularly in Penetanguishene trend towards low density housing with is counter to the policy intent to provide for a mix and range.
- Noted that the development and integration of stormwater master plans with other servicing plans is a highly complex and costly exercise. It was suggested that the Province consider financial assistance for municipalities to support small municipalities in their preparation of these documents.
- Commend the Province in providing policies for the protection of locally significant wetlands but have concerns with the local capacity to manage and protect these natural heritage resources in the absence of an environmental stewardship agency.
- Request clarity and guidance be given with respect to priority applications and fast tracking of applications. Additionally, it is requested that the Province consider how it can support the fast tracking of applications given that Ministry approval in some form is typically required.
- Supportive of enhanced language for engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities; however, note that experiences locally have generally been accompanied by requests for financial compensation to assist with resource capacity. The Town recommends the Province consider funding support for Indigenous communities in order to ensure that appropriate resources are available to them for engagement and consultation with Municipalities.



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We trust the above is satisfactory, should you have any questions please contact Andrea Betty, Director of Planning and Community Development at 705-549-7453 ext. 215 or by email at abetty@penetanguishene.ca

Thank you.

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

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