



# LONDON DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Planning Consultation

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Dear Ministry Staff,

The London Development Institute (LDI) is a member-based organization representing most land developers in the London area. LDI has been the leading voice on development issues in our City for more than 40 years. Our goal, working with our partners in local government and the community, is to build a better London.

LDI wants to thank the Provincial Government for their commitment in supporting more housing supply in Ontario. Your efforts will provide housing availability and affordability for all.

LDI is supportive of the proposed changes to the Planning Act and other provincial acts referred to in Bill 97 removes barriers to the creation of 1.5 million new homes in Ontario over the next ten years.

We support the changes including amendments affecting residual rental conversions, employment area land designations, site plans control exceptions, interim control by-law appeals, Minister zoning orders and a larger role for the Provincial Land Development Facilitator.

**We are also supportive of the fee refund provisions including the role of the Minister to exempt a municipality from this requirement. We would like to also suggest that the ability of the applicant to waive the fee claw-back to ensure an application that is close to completion but will not meet the provincially mandated timelines is not penalized. Planning applications may be facing a refusal in the approval process based on timing of the application and not on its planning merits which will slow development down.**

LDI looks forward to the consultation process regarding the development of any regulations to implement the improvements to the Planning Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Wallace', is written over a light blue background.

Mike Wallace  
Executive Director