



Ontario Municipal Board

Overview of Mandate and
Operations

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OMB Overview

- The OMB was created by statute in 1906.
- Through a variety of legislation, the OMB adjudicates a wide range of matters, such as: municipal ward boundaries, road closures, heritage conservation districts, municipal finance, and applications for aggregate licences.
- Today, the OMB's main areas of work are in the areas of land use planning, development charges, and compensation matters under the Expropriations Act.
- The OMB's Rules of Practice and Procedure are designed to create a fair adjudication process for simple and complex disputes.

Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario (ELTO)

- The OMB is a constituent board of the Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario (ELTO), the first cluster of tribunals created under the authority of the *Adjudicative Tribunals Accountability, Governance, and Appointments Act, 2009*.
- As part of its Mission Statement, ELTO strives for excellence and demonstrates the highest standards of public service in delivering modern, fair, accessible, effective and timely dispute resolution services.
- ELTO's Mission Statement is aligned with the purpose of the *Planning Act*, s. 1.1(d) "to provide for planning processes that are fair by making them open, accessible, timely and efficient".
- ELTO's Core values are: accessibility, fairness, transparency, timeliness and integrity, professionalism and independence.

Membership and Hearing Activity

- OMB members are appointed by Order in Council based on an open, merit-based competitive process. Currently the Board is comprised of:
 - 1 Executive Chair of ELTO, and Chair of the OMB
 - 1 Associate Chair
 - 7 Vice-Chairs
 - 13 Full-time Members
- OMB Members presided at 1,262 hearing events in 2011, a 1% increase over 2010.
- Hearings are held in communities across Ontario. Hearings are held in the municipality where the property that is the subject of the case is located.
- To enhance accessibility, the OMB also makes use of electronic (telephone and video-conference) and written proceedings where appropriate.

Workload Overview

Province Wide	2010/11		2011/12	
File Type	No. of Files*	Percentage of Total Files	No. of Files	Percentage of Total Files
Minor Variance	495	33%	581	38%
Consent	229	15%	305	20%
Zoning By-laws	197	13%	159	11%
Official Plans	172	12%	120	8%
Zoning Refusal or Inaction	160	11%	125	8%
Plans of Subdivision	98	7%	68	4%
Municipal And Miscellaneous	90	6%	115	8%
Development Charges	9	>1%	18	1%
Land Compensation	34	2%	31	2%
Municipal Finance	9	>1%	5	>1%
Joint Board	1	>1%	0	0%
TOTAL	1,494	100%	1,528	100%

*A "File" will include one or more appeals

In 2011/12 the GTA municipalities accounted for 46% of new cases. Outside of the GTA, Ottawa and Niagara were the next largest with 9% and 6% of intake respectively 5