AGENDA

MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: LAND USE PLANNING SYSTEM
JUNE 19, 2012

Father Madden Hall
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3:00 – 3:10 pm   Minister's Welcome and Introductory Remarks

3:10 – 3:15 pm   ADM Co-facilitator's Introduction

3:15 – 3:50 pm   Context Setting Presentations

Land Use Planning and Appeal System including the Role of the Ontario Municipal Board (MMAH) (10 min)

Growth Plans and Interests (MOI) (10 min)

Ontario Municipal Board Operations (MAG) (10 min)

Questions (5 min)

3:50 – 4:35 pm   Minister-led General Roundtable Discussion on the Land Use Planning and Appeal System – Issues and Perspectives

4:35 – 4:50 pm   Break

4:50 – 4:55 pm   ADM Co-facilitator's Context Setting for Group Discussions

4:55 – 5:45 pm   Group Discussions and Problem Solving based on Issues

5:45 – 6:15 pm   Report Back of Proposed Solutions and Open discussion

6:15 – 6:30 pm   Wrap-up

Minister's Roundtable Meeting
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Purpose of Stakeholder Roundtable:

To provide a forum for the Minister to engage stakeholders in a discussion on the land use planning system, including appeals and the Ontario Municipal Board as the dispute resolution tribunal, and to obtain their views on any short and long term solutions to issues of concern.

Scope of Roundtable:

The discussion will focus on means of improving the land use planning system while recognizing that there is no new additional funding; and that the Ontario Municipal Board will continue to play a key role in the planning system by hearing land use planning appeals.

Meeting Objectives:

Use the roundtable forum to bring together key stakeholders and generate a discussion to:
- exchange up-to-date information among participants including existing tools (e.g., local appeal bodies, development permit system), data (e.g., Ontario Municipal Board case load), and other issues;
- generate an understanding of how the planning system, the Board and the entire appeal process is viewed by the various stakeholders (i.e., the identification of challenges);
- allow participants to represent their perspectives;
- allow participants to consider different stakeholder perspectives; and,
- allow participants to assist in identifying potential improvements to the system or the processes within it.

Key Elements of Meeting

Context Setting Presentations
- The roundtable will begin with presentations dealing with the land use planning system, the provincial growth plans, and the operations of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Minister-Led General Roundtable Discussion
- The Minister will lead a general roundtable discussion.
- Discussion to focus on the range of issues, perspectives and concerns with present system.
- Comments expressed are to be organized into general topic areas for Problem Solving Breakout Session.

Problem Solving Breakout Session

- Detailed discussion of issues identified in earlier roundtable discussion including possible solutions to issues identified.
- Participants are to join the table discussion of their interest. The 3 general topics are proposed to be: the Planning Act appeal process; the municipal planning and decision making process; and, the Ontario Municipal Board process. The general topic areas could be altered based on the issues identified in the earlier roundtable discussion.

Structure of Problem Solving Breakout Session
- Tables in the room will be assigned one of the various general topics for discussion.
- The problem solving breakout session is designed to be a self selection process where the attendees are encouraged to join the table assigned the general topic they have the most interest in.

Roles and Responsibilities of Participants
- Provincial staff will be assigned to assist at each table by facilitating the discussion using themes from the Minister-led roundtable discussion.
- Each table will chose:
  - 1 stakeholder participant to record the group's discussion points/solutions; and,
  - 1 stakeholder participant to report their findings during the report back portion of the discussion.
- Ideas can be categorized as those which may be implemented in the short term, and others which are not readily implemented can be assigned to a "parking lot" list.

Report Back on Proposed Solutions and Open Discussion
- Each table will report back to the wider groups on their ideas and recommendations.
- Following the report back from each group there will be an opportunity for participants to identify ideas and perspectives not already discussed or other general comments.