

**Present:** Mayor Mitchell  
Councillor Drumm  
Councillor Emm (arrived at 6:00 p.m.)  
Councillor Gleed  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Yamada (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)

**Also Present:** M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works  
W. Mar, Commissioner of Legal and By-law Services/Town Solicitor  
K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer  
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development  
C. Siopis, Manager of Corporate Communications  
C. Harris, Town Clerk  
S. Dave, Legislative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** None noted

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1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

1.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Presentations

2.1 W. Mar, Commissioner of Legal and By-law Services/Town Solicitor  
Re: Bill 139 – Ontario Municipal Board Reform

W. Mar, Commissioner of Legal and By-law Services/Town Solicitor provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Bill 139 - Ontario Municipal Board Reform. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Details of the changes to the Tribunal process;
- Timelines for the regulations to come into effect;
- Highlights of the changes to the Planning Act, and details of the legislation contained within the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act (LPAT);

- The Local Planning Appeal Support Centre Act and how that could be utilized by various stakeholders;
- Impact on Council decision making;
- Developers' perspectives on the new Tribunal; and
- Third party participation under LPAT.

A detailed question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff regarding:

- Details of the process changes with respect to adhering to provincial, regional or municipal growth plans;
- Timelines for the new changes to come into effect;
- How concerns raised by municipalities during the consultation phase have been addressed in the Act;
- The role of the public when participating at Tribunal hearings as opposed to the Ontario Municipal Board;
- Clarification regarding the process around how the Tribunal could overturn decisions of the municipality;
- Interacting with the public and developers on matters before the Tribunal;
- Details regarding the cohesion with the Province's climate change policies;
- Timelines for appeal hearings;
- Impact on the municipality in terms of funding, or an increase/decrease in personnel required to manage the new rules;
- Financial pressures related with condensed timelines or legal fees;
- Communicating with the public to inform them of the new changes;
- Tactics for mediation that the municipalities can use in order to reach compromises with developers; and
- The potential for fewer appeals under the new rules.

### 3. Adjournment

#### 3.1 Motion to Adjourn

Moved By Councillor Leahy  
Seconded By Councillor Mulcahy

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

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Don Mitchell, Mayor