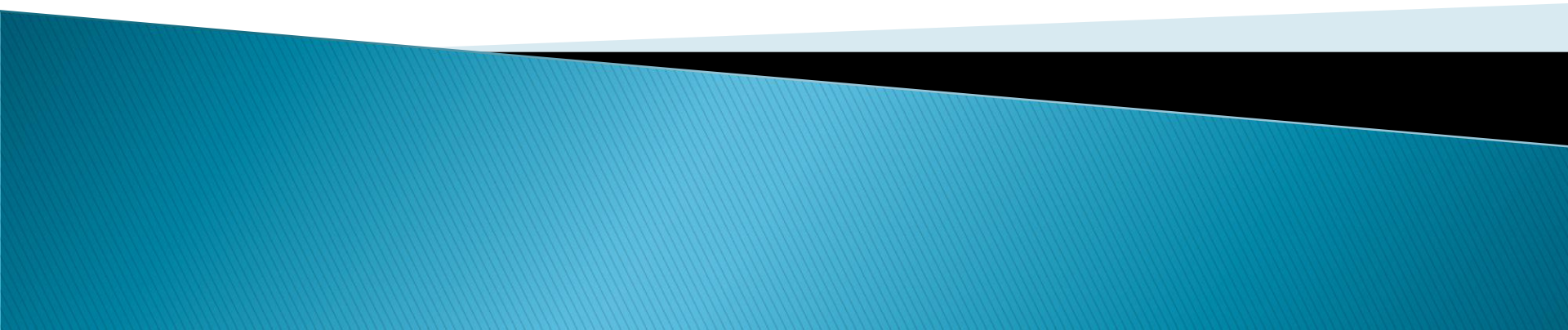


# Land Use Planning Issues

Committee Update



# Process

## Committee Established and Workplan Developed

- Committee struck by BOD and call for members out in eblast
- Members – Paul Speck (Chair), Louise Engel, Jamie Slingerland, Len Pennachetti, Nicolette Novak, Carolyn Hurst
- Initial briefing on issues from Region of Niagara Planning Leadership
- Committee accumulated and reviewed existing reports and consultations

## Develop principles for approaching planning issues

- Principles developed by Committee for Board Review and input
- Report to Town Hall for comment and input
- Goal of developing overall approach that can be applied to broader consultation processes or single issues across Ontario

## Scope and conduct research relevant to current and anticipated processes

- Develop scope of research needed to identify specific policy recommendations with a goal of developing an inventory of winery related policies across governments and across Ontario
- Apply to Greenbelt Foundation for funding to support

# Draft Principles for Comment

- ▶ Principles that should be applied broadly in our comments on land use/planning issues:
  1. Wine recognized as value-added agriculture & greater recognition of value added agriculture activities
    - Economics a prime consideration of agricultural sustainability
  2. Consistency of Rules across Ontario
    - All wineries operating under same framework, build on best practices not lowest common denominator
    - Harmonization of approach – agency to agency, municipality to municipality
  3. Risk Based Approach that recognizes scale and impact of small and medium sized businesses
    - Regulation appropriate to size
  4. Balance between economic activity and “good neighbour” considerations

Principles would guide the overarching approach of Wine Council commentary and requests for changes or improvements.