



Council Information Package

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June 30, 2026

Dear Head of Council,

I am writing to provide an update that the government has amended a regulation under the *Planning Act* to support a new framework for developer-identified parkland dedication.

Specifically, amendments to the regulation prescribes requirements to support:

- The identification of land
- Notice to owners
- Record to the Ontario Land Tribunal, and
- Land suitability criteria

The changes affect the following regulation:

- O. Reg. 509/20: Community Benefits Charges and Parkland

The amending regulation supports the government's plan to support increased housing supply, job creation, and economic activity in Ontario.

Please see the links below to the amending regulation: [O. Reg. 207/26: Community Benefits Charges and Parkland](#)

Updates will also be noted on the ERO posting: [Proposed Changes to Support Standardizing of Parkland Requirements Under the Planning Act](#)

These changes were filed on June 26, 2026, and will come into force on July 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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July 3, 2026

**RE: Notice of Decision on the Proposals to Revoke the Parkway Belt West Plan and
Associated MZOs**

To the Head of Council,

Further to the recent consultations ([ERO 026-0229](#) and [ERO 026-0230](#)), I am writing to inform you that the government has made a decision to revoke the Parkway Belt West Plan, Parkway Belt West Planning Area, and the five associated Minister Zoning Orders, effective July 1, 2026. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing reviewed submissions from multiple sectors and members of the public. We also sought input from and met with Indigenous communities.

The Parkway Belt West Plan, created in 1978, was the first provincial land use plan in Ontario, created with the goals of reserving land for a multi-purpose utility corridor, an urban separator and a linked open space system across the Greater Toronto Area. The Plan, Planning Area and MZOs were successful in protecting transportation and utility corridors for the province's growth. However, it has been determined that modern land use planning policies, like the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, other provincial plans, and municipal official plans which have been brought into conformity with the PBWP, provide the protections that the Parkway Belt West Plan set out to establish, in a way that meets more current provincial needs.

Additionally, initiatives from our partner ministries provide added protections for transportation and utility uses. The Ministry of Natural Resources ([ERO 026-0260](#)) has decided to amend Regulation 826 under the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* to expand the Area of Development Control where it overlaps with the Parkway Belt West Plan within the City of Burlington. The Ministry of Energy and Mines ([ERO 026-0347](#)) has launched a study to preserve a corridor of land within and adjacent to the Parkway Belt West Planning Area for future transmission infrastructure.

As part of the decision to revoke the MZOs associated with the PBWP, site-specific land use permissions previously approved by the Minister as amendments to four of the five MZOs (in Markham, Etobicoke, Oakville, Halton Hills, Milton, Mississauga and Burlington) will continue to exist within the municipality's own zoning by-law. This will ensure that previous land use permissions, approved through past MZO amendments, are maintained and become part of the municipality's own zoning by-law post-revocation.

For more information, please see the decision notices have been posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario:

- [2026 Proposal to revoke the Parkway Belt West Plan, 1978](#)
- [2026 Proposal to Revoke the five MZOs associated with the PBWP](#)

Sincerely,

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David McLean
Assistant Deputy Minister
Housing Policy and Planning Division

REVOCATION OF PARKWAY BELT WEST PLANNING AREA

**For lands located in the Parkway Belt West Planning Area
Ordered under subsection 2(1) of the Ontario Planning and Development Act,
1994**

In accordance with subsection 2(1) of the *Ontario Planning and Development Act, 1994*, I hereby order that:

- (1) The Parkway Belt West Planning Area, originally established under Ontario Regulation 472/73 and continued under subsection 22(5) of the *Ontario Planning and Development Act, 1994*, is revoked.
- (2) This order comes into force on July 1, 2026.

Signed at Toronto this 29th day of June, 2026.



Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



July 7, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Re: Intimate Partner Violence

I am writing to inform you that at a meeting held on June 23, 2026, Council of the County of Simcoe adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas more than 4 in 10 Canadian women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 experience it almost daily; and

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police have determined that in 2024 there was an 18% increase in intimate partner violence victims compared to the previous year; and

Whereas Simcoe County Violence Against Women Agencies received 12,870 crisis calls in 2025.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the County of Simcoe declares intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and

That the County of Simcoe request support from its lower-tier municipalities to declare, if they have not already done so; and

That the County of Simcoe requests the Province of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, the local County of Simcoe MPPs, and the Premier of Ontario."

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, I can be reached by email at clerks@simcoe.ca or by phone at 705-726-9300 ext. 1202.

Sincerely,

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County of Simcoe

CC Premier of Ontario
All municipalities in Ontario
All County of Simcoe Members of Provincial Parliament