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**Welcome to
The City of Hamilton
Planning Committee
Tuesday, July 7th, 2015**

PED15093

Bill 73 – Smart Growth for our Communities Act, 2015 – Draft
Amendments to the Planning Act

Presenter: Anita Fabac



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MMAH Consultation

- Improvements to the land use planning and appeal system
- Report PED14004 – January 2014
- Resulted in Bill 73



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Bill 73

- Proposed changes to the Planning Act
 - More effective citizen engagement
 - More stability for planning documents
 - Strengthen the protection of provincial interests



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Review of Bill 73

- City's best practice for land use planning
 - Extensive summary of community consultation in staff reports
 - Public consultation policies in our Official Plans
 - Planning Advisory Committee



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Bill 73 Highlights

- 90-day Extension
- Limiting Appeals
- Dispute Resolution
- Dismissal without a Hearing
- Information Considered by Council
- Planning Advisory Committee



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Additional Recommendations

- Alignment of Provincial reviews
- Review of OMB operations, practices and procedures
- Pre-consultation mandatory
- Develop tools for municipalities
- Extend notice to tenants and circulation to 500m
- Applicant led, neighbourhood public meetings
- Support a public health perspective



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Next Steps

- This report and its appendix will be forwarded to the Province as our final comments
- The Province will be setting up working groups to take a more considered look at some land use elements to propose solutions (ie minor variances)



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