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**Bill 139 – *Building Better Communities and
Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017***

(LS16027(a)/PED16237(a))

Planning Committee

July 11, 2017



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Background

- October 2016, Province published a “*Review of the Ontario Municipal Board – Public Consultation Document*”. City Comments were provided to Province - December 19, 2016
- City has provided comments on three occasions as part of other *Planning Act* Reform Initiatives (PED14004, PED15093 and PED16152) on OMB Reform
- On May 30, 2017, Bill 139, *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017* received First Reading



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Overview of Bill 139

- Contains three components:
 - OMB Reform
 - Planning changes
 - Conservation Authority changes



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Bill 139 Structure

- Schedule 1: *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017*
- Schedule 2: *Local Planning Appeal Support Centre Act, 2017*
- Schedule 3: changes to *Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, and Ontario Planning and Development Act, 1994*
- Schedule 4: changes to *Conservation Authorities Act*
- Schedule 5: consequential/technical changes to other Acts



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OMB Reform

- Bill is a fundamental change to planning appeals process
- Ontario Municipal Board becomes the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal
 - New explicit procedures in proposed Act
- Creation of Local Planning Appeal Support Centre



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OMB Reform

- New limits on what can be appealed
- New test for OP and zoning matters
 - Whether consistent with provincial policies and conform with provincial plans
- Tribunal to send back to Council if test failed



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Planning changes

- Decision timeframes
- Deemed policy statements
- Climate change
- Higher order transit
- Secondary planning
- Previous comments on *Planning Act* changes



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Bill status & next steps

- Bill has only received First Reading
- Bill may continue through House in Fall
- EBR Submissions on Schedule 3 due August 14, 2017
- Support Bill before Standing Committee and provide technical comments



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Questions

- Thank you