

M O T I O N**Committee Date: April 17, 2018****MOVED BY COUNCILLOR COLLINS.....****SECONED BY COUNCILLOR****Significant Municipal Planning Initiatives Before the Ontario Municipal Board (now the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal)**

WHEREAS the Province has introduced a new legislative process for appeals of land use planning matters;

WHEREAS the transition regulations for the new process are such that a number of “legacy” Planning Act matters will still be heard under the former Ontario Municipal Board process;

WHEREAS these “legacy” matters include appeals of significant municipal planning initiatives, such as Hamilton’s Commercial and Mixed Use Zoning By-law as well as other municipally-initiated Planning Act applications;

WHEREAS the hearing of these appeals will be delayed as a result of the new appeal process, thereby delaying when these important municipal planning initiatives can come into force and effect;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton urge the Province and the Environment and Lands Tribunals Ontario to prioritize municipally-initiated matters for expedited hearings where these matters remain subject to the old Ontario Municipal Board process;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton urge the Province to provide the necessary resources to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal to ensure that these municipally-initiated matters are dealt with as quickly as possible.

