




Hamilton

INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	September 20, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Update on Planning Committee Activity (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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At the Planning Committee meeting of September 18, 2018, I provided a verbal update related to the volume of activity that has occurred at Planning Committee over this term of Council and I was asked to share it with the rest of Council.

Over this term of Council, the Planning Committee has dealt with 537 reports. This includes 314 Planning Applications and 204 Public Meetings. Committee also approved updates to 14 of the 28 Schedules of the Business Licensing By-law, including those dealing with taxis, payday loans and pawn shops.

Over 8,300 residential units were constructed. Over 2.6 million square feet of non-residential development was constructed. Also, there was over \$4.1 billion in construction activity.

Over \$165 million in infrastructure works was completed associated with new subdivisions.

At the outset of this term of Council, the Open for Business initiative was identified as a priority and has been a focus for the Planning and Economic Development Department. Staff has been providing regular updates through the Open for Business Sub-Committee and the results over the past four years include:

- shaving about 200 days off the timeline for bringing applications for Zoning By-law Amendments to Committee;
- cutting 10 days off the amount of time it takes to do a Zoning Verification for a Zoning By-law Amendment and almost 20 days off the time it takes for a Zoning Verification for a Site Plan approval;

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- reducing the average timeline for bringing Plans of Subdivision to Planning Committee by approximately 400 days;
- reducing the average number of days to review a Building Permit from 14 days to 7.5 days; and,
- reducing the time for processing business licences from over 60 days to below 30 days.

Any questions pertaining to the above-noted can be directed to the author of this Information Update by e-mail or at Ext. 4339.

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