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August 30, 2010

Dear Clerk,

Subject: Invitation to Provincial Policy Statement Five Year Review Regional Workshops

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in conjunction with other land use planning ministries, is undertaking a review of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 (PPS), as required under the *Planning Act*. The main goal of the review is to assess the need for revisions to the PPS.

The PPS is the integrated, consolidated statement of all ministries' policies concerning land use for Ontario and it provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. Municipal councils, planning boards and any other decision makers including the Ontario Municipal Board, must ensure their decisions that affect planning matters are consistent with the PPS.

The PPS provides direction on key issues such as: the efficient use and management of land and resources; long-term protection of the natural environment and water resources; the conservation of cultural heritage and archaeological resources; and the protection of public health and safety.

As part of the review of the PPS, I would like to invite you to attend a workshop. We are holding these workshops across the province to get input from municipalities, stakeholders and the public for the PPS review. Please see the attached schedule for details on workshop locations and dates as well as maps and directions for each workshop venue. An open-house and registration will take place between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and the workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m.

Please find attached a consultation pamphlet containing more detailed information and questions to consider in preparation for the workshop. You can access an electronic copy of the PPS at <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page1485.aspx>.

Please confirm your attendance by one of the following methods:

- faxing the attached form to (416) 585-6870
- emailing a copy to PPSreview@ontario.ca, or
- completing the online registration at <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page8190.aspx> by the appropriate deadline as listed on the attached schedule.

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Should you have any questions about these workshops please call (416) 585-6014 or 1-877-711-8208 or send your questions by email to PPSreview@ontario.ca.

If you have any special needs, please identify those requirements on the attached form.

If you are unable to attend a workshop, but would like to submit comments please send them to PPSreview@ontario.ca or to:

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Thank you for helping to shape planning policy in Ontario.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Petersen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ken Petersen
Director (A)
Provincial Planning Policy Branch

PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT, 2005 FIVE YEAR REVIEW
 REGIONAL WORKSHOPS
 LOCATIONS AND DATES

City	Date	RSVP by	Location
Hamilton	Wednesday, September 8, 2010	Friday, September 3, 2010	The Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Resurrection 821 Upper Wentworth St Hamilton, ON (nearest major intersection: Upper Wentworth St and Mohawk Rd East)
London	Thursday, September 9, 2010	Friday, September 3, 2010	South London Community Centre – Gymnasium 1119 Jalna Blvd. London, ON (nearest major intersection: Bradley Ave and Wellington Rd - located behind White Oaks Mall)
Ottawa	Monday, September 13, 2010	Thursday, September 9, 2010	Nepean Sportsplex – Halls C & D 1701 Woodroffe Ave Ottawa, ON (nearest major intersection: W Hunt Club Rd and Woodroffe Ave)
Toronto	Thursday, September 16, 2010	Monday, September 13, 2010	Enoch Turner Schoolhouse 106 Trinity Street, Toronto, ON (nearest major intersection: King St W and Parliament St)
Sudbury	Tuesday, September 21, 2010	Thursday, September 16, 2010	Holiday Inn 1696 Regent St Sudbury, ON (nearest major intersection: Regent St and Paris St)
Thunder Bay	Thursday, September 23, 2010	Friday, September 17, 2010	Oliver Road Community Centre – Main Floor 563 Oliver Rd

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PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT, 2005 FIVE YEAR REVIEW
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ATTENDANCE CONFIRMATION

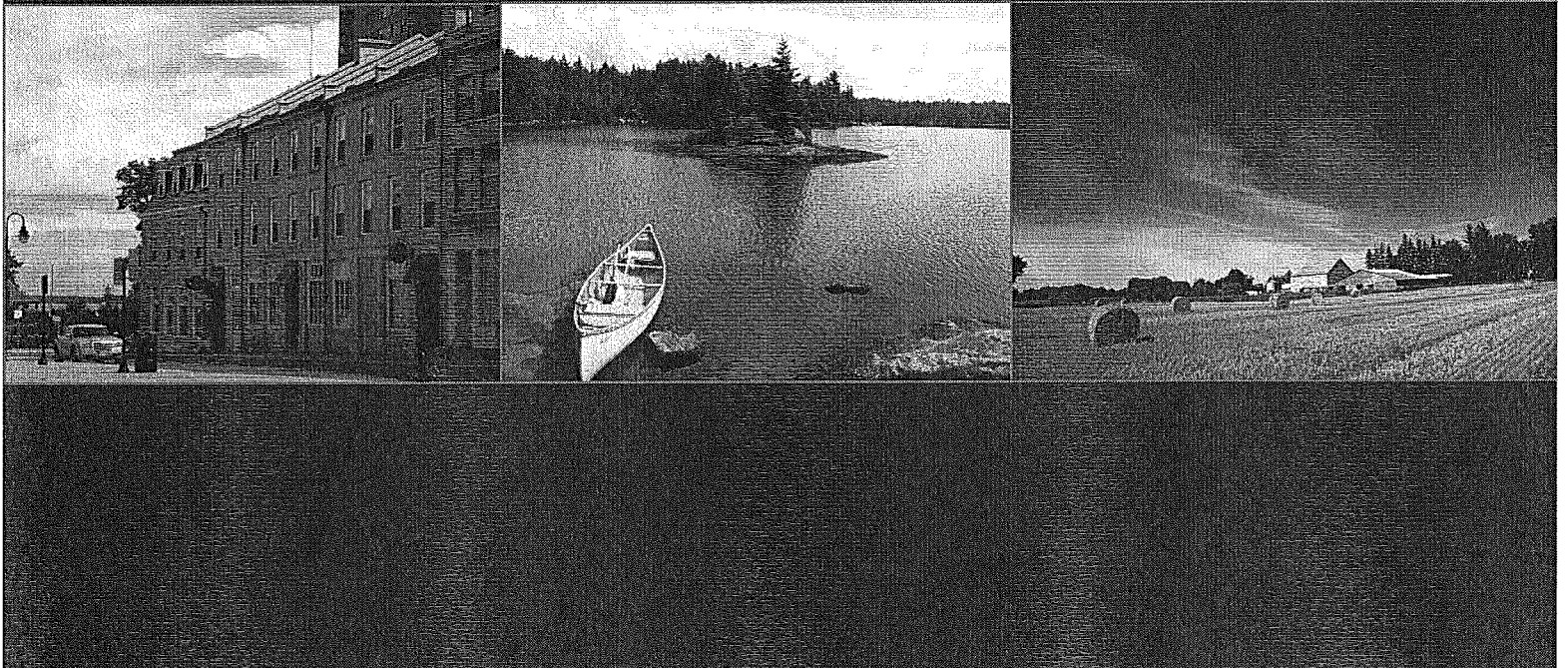
PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE TO THIS WORKSHOP BY COMPLETING AND FAXING THIS FORM TO 416-585-6870 or EMAILING A COPY TO PPSReview@ontario.ca or COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION ONLINE AT: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page8190.aspx>.

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Organization:	_____
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Due to space limitations, we respectfully request that each invited municipality limit their attendance to two (2) representatives.

Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 Five Year Review		
Please select one (1) workshop you wish to attend:		
Hamilton <input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Sep 8, 2010	London <input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Sep 9, 2010	Ottawa <input type="checkbox"/> Mon, Sep 13, 2010
Toronto <input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Sep 16, 2010	Sudbury <input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Sep 21, 2010	Thunder Bay <input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Sep 23, 2010
Cochrane <input type="checkbox"/> Mon, Sep 27, 2010	Kingston <input type="checkbox"/> Mon, Oct 4, 2010	Dryden <input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Oct 6, 2010
Confirmation Deadline: Please attached schedule for appropriate RSVP deadlines		

Provincial Policy Statement Review



We want to hear from you

The Province is conducting a review of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 (PPS). The PPS sets out the Ontario government's policy direction for land use planning and development. The PPS supports the provincial goal of strong, livable and healthy communities. We are asking for your input on how the PPS is working and whether any changes are needed to the PPS to protect provincial interests and to make sure that the PPS is adequately addressing emerging land use issues.

What is land use planning and how does it impact me?

Land use planning helps to shape how our communities look, feel and function. It helps to determine where homes and businesses should be built; where our parks, schools and community facilities should be located; and where roads, sewers and other essential services should be provided.

Land use planning helps establish a community's vision and identifies development goals. It also provides guidance on ways to balance important social, cultural, economic and environmental concerns.

Good land use planning helps to make sure that:

- communities grow efficiently and in a way that respects the environment
- economic competitiveness is promoted
- opportunities for intensification and new development are available to meet a community's housing needs
- adequate infrastructure and other municipal services are provided
- cultural heritage and natural resources are protected
- public health and safety is maintained.

What is the PPS and why is it important?

The PPS plays a key role in Ontario's land use planning system by providing policy direction on matters of provincial interest. It provides the foundation necessary to regulate the development and use of land.

The PPS applies province-wide and provides the policy basis upon which provincial plans such as the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan are built.

The Planning Act requires that decisions on land use planning matters made by municipalities, the Province, the Ontario Municipal Board and other decision-makers "shall be consistent with" the PPS. This includes, for example, when municipalities develop their official plans and zoning by-laws. This "shall be consistent with" standard ensures that the policies in the PPS are an essential part of making decisions on land use planning matters.

PPS policy sections

Building Strong Communities

The PPS provides policy direction to help build strong communities in Ontario through:

- the effective management and use of land to meet current and future needs
- the protection of employment areas and other policies to promote economic development and competitiveness
- the provision of a range of housing types (including affordable housing) and densities to meet the needs of current and future residents
- the availability of appropriate infrastructure, e.g., transportation systems, and sewer and water services, to accommodate projected needs
- the promotion of energy efficiency and minimizing negative impacts to air quality.

Wise Use and Management of Resources

The PPS protects Ontario's natural heritage (e.g., wetlands and woodlands), water, agricultural, mineral, petroleum, mineral aggregate, cultural heritage and archaeological resources. The protection of these important resources helps to ensure Ontario's long-term prosperity, environmental health and social well-being.

Protecting Public Health and Safety

The PPS protects people, property and community resources by directing development away from natural or human-made hazards (e.g., flood plains or contaminated lands).



Questions to consider

1. What policies of the current PPS are working effectively?
2. Are there policies that need clarification or refinement?
3. Are there policies that are no longer needed?
4. Are there new policy areas or issues that the Province needs to provide land use planning direction on?
5. Is additional support material needed to help implement the PPS?
6. Do you have any other comments about the PPS?

We want your feedback to help ensure that Ontario's communities are strong and healthy, investment ready and our resources are effectively protected.

1. To review the PPS, please go to: ontario.ca/pps. You can also contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (see contact information below) to request a copy.
2. Review the questions identified in this pamphlet.
3. Please give us your feedback by October 29, 2010. The deadline to submit comments has been extended from August 31, 2010 to October 29, 2010.

You can submit your written comments on the PPS to:

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You may submit your comments electronically by sending them to the following email address:

PPSreview@ontario.ca or you may visit the following website and fill out the electronic form:

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page7244.aspx>.

Should you have any questions about this initiative, please call: (416) 585-6014 or 1-877-711-8208.

This is just one opportunity for you to participate in the PPS review and help improve Ontario's land use planning system. Please check the ministry website for regular updates on other opportunities for you to participate: ontario.ca/mah.

If you are interested in learning more about Ontario's land use planning system, please visit:

ontario.ca/landuseplanning.