

# Intergovernmental Consultation



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## Consultation Alert – ERO 025-0391 – Proposed Special Economic Zones Act

### Ministry/Department

Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

### Consultation Deadline

Saturday, May 17, 2025

### Summary

As part of Bill 5 – the *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*, the province is proposing the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025*. This legislation would grant wide-reaching authority to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade to designate Special Economic Zones, and at the minister’s discretion, exempt designated projects and proponents within these zones from any provincial legislation and regulations, as well as from municipal by-laws and processes.

### Proposed Form of Input

Staff may prepare a letter for submission through the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

### Rationale

The City has an interest in providing comments on legislation which may affect the applicability of municipal by-laws and processes on projects within Guelph.

### Lead

Strategic Initiatives and Intergovernmental Services

### Link to Ministry Website

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-0391>

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