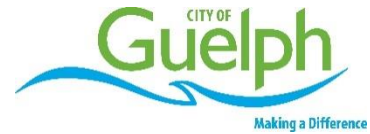


Provincial and Federal Consultation Alert



Bill 197, the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020

Ministry

Municipal Affairs and Housing

Consultation Deadline

N/A

Summary

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the Honourable Steve Clark has introduced omnibus legislation impacting the City of Guelph with regards to development charges, community benefit charges, electronic participation in council and committee meetings, proxy voting, the environmental assessment process, the planning process, marriage licenses, municipal court proceedings and the building code. Bill 197 is currently passing through the Ontario Legislature.

Proposed Form of Input

City staff will prepare a letter for Minister Clark on Bill 197. A written submission on the proposed legislation will also be prepared in the event that Bill 197 is sent to a legislative committee for public hearings.

Rationale

This omnibus bill proposes numerous changes to how municipal governments conduct business. A written submission will advance the City's interests while providing the province with advice from the municipal sector.

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Link to Ministry Website

<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-197>

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