

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Development Services

Planning Services

Information Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Ryan Jacques, MCIP, RPP
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Date: May 27, 2024

Subject: Ontario Regulation 73/23: Municipal Planning Data Reporting

This report is for the information of Council.

Background

As part of the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022, the Planning Act was amended to give the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) the authority to require municipalities and planning boards to report information on planning matters.

The Ontario government implemented the Municipal Planning Data Reporting Regulation – Ontario Regulation 73/23¹ on April 6, 2023. This regulation requires 29 municipalities in Ontario that initially received housing targets to report information on planning matters to the Ministry on a quarterly and annual basis.

The regulation provides MMAH with data that can be used to measure progress towards various provincial Housing Supply Action Plan commitments. This data will also provides MMAH with information needed to support informed, evidence-based decisions around housing and planning policy.

MMAH is proposing to expand the list of municipalities to include 21 additional municipalities with provincially-assigned housing targets – including Chatham-Kent. Additionally, the current regulation is proposed to be amended to improve accuracy of the data being collected, and to require information on proposed and approved housing units.

Under the current regulation, municipalities report application data on a quarterly basis for the following planning applications:

- official plan amendment applications

¹ [O. Reg. 73/23: MUNICIPAL PLANNING DATA REPORTING \(ontario.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/23073)

- zoning by-law amendments
- plans of condominium
- plans of subdivision
- site plan applications
- land severances (consents)
- minor variances
- community infrastructure and housing accelerator orders
- minister's zoning orders

Other planning information reported on an annual basis includes:

- Areas identified as a Strategic Growth Area with a minimum target
- Employment areas
- Employment area conversions
- Major transit station area boundaries
- Settlement area boundaries

Municipalities would be required to publish a summary of key statistics to their municipal webpage and update the summary each quarter beginning October 1, 2024.

Comments

Currently, Chatham-Kent does not report information on planning matters to MMAH. Chatham-Kent Planning Services is preparing to begin reporting the required data to MMAH starting on October 1, 2024.

In this regard, Planning Services in collaboration with the Information Technology & Transformation (ITT) division is pursuing a technology project in 2025 to implement a more efficient business process for this task. Planning Services intends to leverage Chatham-Kent's Esri ArcGIS Enterprise environment to support data collection and reporting, as well as publishing key statistics to the municipal website.

Esri Canada has been the Municipality's GIS software vendor beginning with the initial implementation of GIS in 2000. An Enterprise Licence Agreement (ELA) for Esri's GIS software is currently in place. The data model and reporting tools are including in the existing ELA.

It is intended that planning related statistics will be stored in a database that is integrated with MMAH reporting tools, municipal mapping software, and the municipal website. This project will allow staff resources to be used more efficiently, increase transparency on planning matters, and ensure compliance with the regulation.

Council Term Priorities

This report supports the following Council Term Priorities:

			
Deliver Excellent Service	Promote Safety & Well-Being	Grow Our Community	Ensure Environmental Sustainability
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Consultation

The Finance, Budget, Information Technology & Transformation Department was consulted regarding the content of this report regarding comments on the 2025 Information Technology & Transformation project intake process.

Communication

Communication is proposed to be through the inclusion of this report on the Council agenda and related communications.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ)

This report does not have implications related to diversity, equity, inclusion or justice.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

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Attachment: none