

Re: Comment from the City of Kawartha Lakes in Response to ERO No. **019-8370**

May 10, 2024

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Provincial Land Use Plans Branch

13th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
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Dear Minister Calandra:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed changes to the Planning Act and Development Charges Act to modernize public notice requirements. The proposed change would allow public notices to be posted on the municipality's website rather than in a newspaper if there is no local print newspaper available.

The City of Kawartha Lakes recently lost its main print newspaper and welcomes this proposed option. However, as Kawartha Lakes has at least two print newspapers with very limited circulation, we suggest the proposed wording be amended. Instead of "where there is no local print newspaper available," we suggest using the current language and state "where there is no local print newspaper available *that in the opinion of the Clerk of the municipality or the secretary-treasurer of the planning board, is of sufficient circulation.*" This will address confusion about placing public notice in a print newspaper with limited circulation.



Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please reach out at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Jull". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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