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Topic/Legislation/ERO Posting	Proposed Changes	Staff Comments
<p>Public notices Planning Act regulations, Development Charges Act regulation (Environmental Registry of Ontario 019-8370)</p>	<p>Proposed amendments to regulations would enable municipalities to provide notice of new planning applications and community benefits charge by-laws under the Planning Act or give notice on the municipal website under the Development Charges Act if there is no local newspaper. The ministry is also working to identify best practices for public engagement, including how municipalities engage culturally diverse communities through non-English and French languages.</p>	<p>Recommendation: Staff support these changes to modernize the method in which a municipality provides notice on new planning applications and community benefits charge by-laws. In lieu of letter notices and/or postings in local newspapers, the Province and municipalities should continue to explore opportunities and options to make the notification process as equitable as possible as not all people have easy access to the internet.</p>