

## Municipal, Planning and Property Tax

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### Province Announces Coordinated Review of Ontario's Land Use Plans

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced today a coordinated review of four provincial land use plans: (i) The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, (ii) The Greenbelt Plan, (iii) The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and (iv) The Niagara Escarpment Plan. Together these plans govern close to two million acres of land across the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

The province has appointed an Expert Advisory Panel, chaired by David Crombie, former federal cabinet minister and former mayor of Toronto, to assist with the review. The other Panel members include:

**Keith Currie**, Vice President,  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture

**Rae Horst**, former CAO,  
Credit Valley Conservation Authority

**John MacKenzie**, Commissioner of Planning,  
City of Vaughan

**Debbie Zimmerman**, CEO,  
Grape Growers of Ontario

**Leith Moore**, Senior Vice President,  
Urban Fieldgate Homes.

Members of the public are invited to share their views by attending “town hall meetings” and submitting comments through the Environmental Registry. The Expert Advisory Panel is to deliver a report to the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Natural Resources and Forestry by the end of 2015. The Province anticipates the review will be completed by early 2016.

The review is to be guided by a Provincially produced document entitled “Our Region/Our Community/Our Home” which is available on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing web page.

These Plans determine where development can and cannot occur. Very little opportunity exists to amend these Plans outside this review process so participation by landowners is critical. For more information, contact any member of our Municipal and Planning Law Group.