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To:  Members of Council

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Subject:  Public Consultation – Building Code Services Transformation

On September 24, 2019, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Province launched consultations on a proposal to create a new, financially self-sustaining, administrative authority to oversee the delivery of new and enhanced Building Code – related services to the Building Sector.

This initiative is the Province’s response to concerns for the need for better, modern, and timely support services and resources with a focused attention to streamlining customer service, providing modern tools and products for stakeholders, promoting a consistent approach to using the Building Code, and enhancing integrity in the system by upholding public safety.

Key areas of focus for the proposed administrative authority include:

• Development of tools to support municipal e-permitting;
• provisions for supporting municipalities in attracting and retaining experienced Building Officials;
• providing supports to small, rural and northern municipalities to help with the delivery of local Building Code services;
• establishing a compliance-based, enforcement framework to ensure that Building Code professionals are meeting their qualification and registration requirements and are operating appropriately;
• developing enhancements in municipal enforcement to promote public safety;
• promoting a consistent understanding and application of Building Code requirements; and
• improving the quality and quantity of building industry data and research.

Public information and engagement sessions were held in Belleville, Chatham-Kent, North Bay and Vaughan between October 4, 2019 and October 16, 2019. A copy of the Discussion Paper is attached for your reference. For further information, including a link to an online survey, please visit www.ontario.ca/buildingtransformation.

The consultation will close on November 25, 2019. Further updates will be provided as more information is made available.

Attachments

Discussion Paper - Transforming and Modernizing the Delivery of Ontario's Building Code Services