



**Environmental Registry** beta (/)

# New Regulation under the Planning Act for open-for-business planning tool

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<b>Act</b>	Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990
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<b>Notice stage</b>	Proposal
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This consultation closes at

11:59 p.m. on:

**January 20, 2019**

## Proposal summary

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## Proposal details

### Description of Regulation

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A municipality's request to use an open-for-business planning by-law would need to be accompanied by information that would be prescribed in a proposed new regulation, such as a description of the subject lands, land use planning information, and open-for-business information, including details about the proposed employment opportunity.

The proposed regulation would also:

- require confirmation that the proposal is for a new major employment use;
- require evidence that the proposal would meet a minimum job creation threshold (e.g. (for example) 50 jobs for municipalities with a population of less than 250,000 people, or 100 jobs for municipalities with a population of more than 250,000 people);
- identify the uses of land, buildings or structures that may be authorized by the tool, such as manufacturing and research and development, but not residential, commercial or retail as the primary use;
- prescribe how notice is to be given to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing following the passing of an open-for-business by-law (similar to how the Minister is notified following the passing of a zoning by-law – e.g. (for example) email and personal service).

The purpose of the proposed regulation is to facilitate implementation of the proposed open-for-business planning by-law.

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## Supporting materials

### **Related links**

**Planning Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p13>)**

**Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018 (<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-66>)**

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### **Related ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) notices**

**Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018 (/notice/013-4293)**

**Proposed open-for-business planning tool (/notice/013-4125)**

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## View materials in person

Some supporting materials may not be available online. If this is the case, you can request to view the materials in person.

Get in touch with the office listed below to find out if materials are available.

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