

**From:** Annie Kwok  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 7:02 PM  
**To:** Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>  
**Cc:** Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham <KRea@markham.ca>  
**Subject:** Municipal Planning should reside with the Municipality

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Good afternoon,

I am a resident of Markham and support the abolishment of OLT (previously known as OMB and LPAT).

Local government should have the ability to plan communities, consult with all stakeholders, address concerns and objections through the Local planning process without Provincial interference. The OLT are unelected officials that are not accountable to the residents of Markham and any decisions made at this level may not consider community scale concerns.

The Province should not have the ability to overturn Council's decisions which are based on the City's Official Plan. The Official Plan is the overarching planning document for development in Markham and represents a transparent publicly consulted process that should be respected. I respectfully ask members of Council to support the motion.

Thank you,

Annie Kwok

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Subject: OMB

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I agree that the OMB should not be reinstated and that municipalities should be allowed to control their own planning without outside interference.

D.H. Payne  
Markham village

**From:** Valerie Burke

**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 4:50 PM

**To:** Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>; Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>; Gold, Laura <lgold@markham.ca>

**Subject:** Motion to Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal - DSC - February 7, 2022

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To the Members of Development Services Committee

Re: Item 11.1 Motion to Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

Please support the motion to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). I commend Councillors Rea and Irish for bringing this motion forward.

Local Councils are elected by residents to be the ultimate decision makers regarding land use planning in their communities, not the unelected members of the OLT. Official Plans are created with careful thought and extensive public participation to ensure that communities are well planned. When a planning application is appealed to the OLT local residents are seriously disadvantaged. They do not have the financial resources or expertise necessary to participate in such an onerous and intimidating process. Planning decisions need to respect Official Plans and the best interests of the community. The OLT must be dissolved.

Sincerely,

Valerie Burke