



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jana Nethercott, Clerk
Date: 2021-10-14
Subject: Supporting People and Business Act

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jana Nethercott, Clerk re: Supporting People and Business Act, for information purposes.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of the recently introduced *Supporting People and Business Act*, introduced by the Province on October 7th as part of Ontario's Fall Red Tape Reduction Package.

Background:

On October 7th Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction announced Ontario's Fall Red Reduction Package which introduced the *Supporting People and Business Act*.

This Bill contains several proposed changes to existing legislation and several regulatory proposals of interest to municipalities, including allowing municipalities to enter into special conditional long term loan agreements with Canada Infrastructure Bank, moving towards a new system for transfer payment recipients who receive funding through agreements to provide services and goods to the public, implementing digital productivity tools, providing free police records checks for volunteers, making it easier for restaurants and bars to extend patios.

Some of the new regulatory changes that are of interest to West Elgin:

New Regulation making authority under the Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019.

Consultation Time: Oct 7, 2021-Nov 21, 2021

The proposed amendments would allow liquor licenced establishments to extend their outdoor licensed premises, with approval from the municipality instead of the AGCO as it is now.

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Supporting Volunteers Under Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015 and consequential amendments to regulations under the Municipal Act

Consultation Time: Oct 7, 2021-Nov 21, 2021

The proposed amendments would remove municipal and local board powers to charge fees for services for volunteer record checks and reduce barriers for volunteers when obtaining certain types of police checks.

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Proposed additional Delegation of Planning Decisions

Consultation Time: Oct 7, 2021-Nov 21, 2021

The proposed amendments would make changes to the Planning Act to expand the matters that Council may delegate, including planning decisions that deal with minor amendments to the zoning by-law, to streamline the planning process. This authority could include delegating decisions for temporary use by-laws, lifting of holding conditions, it would be up to each municipality as to determine the extend of this power and if this would streamline their processes. The proposed delegation of authority would not alter any notice of public meeting requirements or limit the right to appeal. It would also not change any requirements under the Act for land use planning decisions to be consistent with Provincial Policy Statements and to conform with the Official Plan.

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Proposed Amendments to Cannabis Licence Act, 2018

Consultation Time: Oct 7, 2021-Nov 21, 2021

The proposed amendments would enable authorized cannabis retailers to provide curbside pick up and delivery services on a permanent basis.

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Proposed Amendments to R.R.O 1990, Reg 565: Public Pools

Consultation Time: Oct 7, 2021-Nov 21, 2021

The proposed amendments would make an attendant optional at certain public wading pools with water depths of 15 cm or less with prior notification to public health unit and the provision of signage and a safety plan. Along with the adjustment of water chemistry levels in line with current scientific evidence.

Currently our wadding is pool is deeper than 15 cm but if the proposed amendment is approved, staff can look into the water level adjustments to see if we can alter the depths to allow the wading pool to open without an attendant.

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Financial Implications:

N/A

Policies/Legislation:

See above.