

## **Things That Happened Today at Queen's Park**

### **Transition to Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT)**

Today the Ministry of Municipal Affairs posted the draft regulation under Bill 139, *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act*, which addresses implementation.

Of particular note is the transition of appeals from the OMB to the LPAT.

The proposed transition regulation would mean that:

- Appeals that are already before the Ontario Municipal Board as of the date of Royal Assent of Bill 139 would be subject to the existing rules and would be heard by the Ontario Municipal Board;
- Appeals made after the new rules come into force would be subject to the new rules and heard by the new Local Planning Appeal Tribunal;
- Appeals of matters between the date of Royal Assent and the date that the new rules are proclaimed into force:
  - would be heard by the Ontario Municipal Board if the planning matter began (e.g. the complete application was received) before the date of Royal Assent; and
  - would be heard by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if the planning matter began after the date of Royal Assent.

This is a 45-day consultation ending January 21, 2018. For more details see the [EBR](#).