




Schedule A

Conference, Workshop/Seminar & Training Policy #2

Council and Staff Education Evaluation Report  
Conference, Training, Seminars & Professional Development/Self-Study

Participant's Name: MARTIN SHIPSTON

Course/Workshop/Conference: <u>O.A.C.A</u>	Overall Evaluation: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/>
Association /Institution Provider: <u>O.A.C.A</u>	Name of Instructor:
Dates of Attended: (if online, indicate online) <u>JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> 2023</u>	
Purpose of Attending: <u>TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PLANNING</u>	
Please summarize the contents and the main points of the course: (Attach additional pages if necessary) <u>A LOT OF SESSIONS WERE BASED ON CHANGES BY BILL 23 AND ANY REPERCUSSIONS TO PLANNERS ETC.</u>	
Will you use this information in your role? If yes, explain how: <u>AS A MEMBER OF OUR C.O.F.A YES. THE CONFERENCE SHOWED ME THAT EACH CASE IS SPECIAL AND I SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE IN LOOKING AT FILES</u>	
Do you recommend that other Council Members/Staff attend this course? If so, who and why: <u>I THINK SO MAINLY BECAUSE OUR C.O.F.A IS MADE UP OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, SO ANY KNOWLEDGE IN A FIELD ONE IS NOT FLUENT IN IS GOOD</u>	
Should similar course material be presented in house? If yes, by whom? <u>HARD TO SAY BUT IF THERE IS ANY INFO FROM O.P.P. AS BOOKLETS ETC THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL</u>	
Signature: 	Date: <u>JUNE 10 2023</u>

## OACAA CONFERENCE NOTES

### DAY 1

#### ANALYSING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES OF BILL 23 (and other Planning Proposals)

- Bill 23 changes significant to municipalities were the Schedule 2 Conservation Act and Schedule 3 Development charges.
- Priority to develop housing over (almost) all policies, aided by Bill 3 Strong Mayors, Bill 39 Integration of Public Planning and Places to Grow Act to have Provincial Planning Statement. It was noted that in Section 3(s) wordage was important. Consistency or conformity. Speakers thought consistency should be in the forefront as it is malleable, considering no two files are alike.
- Proposed P.P.S will have the growth Plan into a policy statement, repeal the plan except about greenbelt concerns. This will have a de-designation in growth plan areas.
- Emphasis on building "complete communities" where schools have to be part of that complete community.
- Upper tier items can be downloaded to lower tier governments to figure out any of the new policies., even though it still could be overridden by Ministerial approvals.
- As far as Greenbelt 7500 acres will be taken away to build 50,000 homes. It was stated 17 new areas were added to greenbelt. Easier to grade and bulldoze already flat land is the way I read that info point. In this there is no policy to revert back to Greenbelt if not developed within the normal time frames.
- Hazard lands to be amended in regulations No longer a consideration of pollution control and conservation of land. It was stated that there will be control of unstable soil or bedrock.
- Changes to Parkland, non-profit housing and 2nd and 3rd living areas on residential lots.
- Parkland rate the conveyance changed to 1 hectare to 600 units or if cash-in-lieu 1 hectare to 1,000 units. My opinion still not enough, parkland or greenspace makes a community.

#### STRONG MAYORS ACT

This was a review of Bill 3 and Bill 39, Building Homes Act and Better Municipal Governance Act, respectively.

- Traditional roles stated that a Mayor should be a C.E.O. and preside over meetings, provide leadership, provide information and recommendations to Council, and to be at official functions. A lot of ceremonial and procedural duties and power. This distinguished the Head of Council from other councillors This was a tradition stemming from the Baldwin Act from the 1800's.
- It was stated Bill 3 in many ways is an old idea being brought back to life. New powers for Toronto and Ottawa mayors that could move to other larger centres. It was mentioned the mayor of Ottawa does not agree with the plan.
- New amendments include the power to direct employees, appoint the C.A.O.,organise structure of municipality,appoint local boards and committees,new veto powers and powers regarding budget, all in the name of housing.
- This exercising of power should be done in writing and all info and documents pertaining to why should be provided for transparency.
- The power to dissolve committees or appoint committee chairs only applies to Committees solely made up of members of Council.

As mentioned previously all this is done for the overarching policy of building homes. This is to support Provincial priorities of building 1,5 million homes and the infrastructure needed. This is where veto power can come into play as it applies to laws passed under the Municipal, Planning, and D.C. Charges Act However a council is supposed to have a veto through a 2/3 majority vote. There is a change in Bill39 which was stated as most controversial. Power to introduce and get by-laws passed with only 1/3 of council support, and if it falls in line with provincial priorities. These most controversial powers have not been tested as I previously mentioned the Mayor of Ottawa does not agree and Toronto just is going through an election with a Mayor resigning.

#### IMPLICATIONS FOR C of A's

- Fundamentally the new changes in the legislation do not introduce new powers,they change the balance of power and who wields the existing powers.
- This could have an impact of more permissive and development friendly situations to the developers lobbying power and influence.
- Implications could be increased budgets to Planning Departments because of increased staffing and resources available, especially to rural townships.

#### PLANNING IN PUBLIC INTEREST

This was a session put on by the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and dealt with their impression and perspective on Bill 23.

- With additional residential units on one existing lot minimum of three units, could be more. One question asked was in an older subdivision what about infrastructure. Most sewer lines would be fine but there was concern about water lines being too small for all new buildings or spaces. The OPPI supports this because it allows for "gentle " intensification.
- They have long supported high density around transit hubs.
- It was mentioned that planning authority could be taken away from 7 upper-tier governments in Southern Ontario. They had concerns about planning for regions.
- They spoke and answered questions on concerns about 3rd party appeals and the fact there is a definite lack of public input. Which to myself I found alarming as it does undermine the democratic process. It is called public planning for a reason.
- They were concerned about changes to the Conservation Act but the speaker did not comment much as there could be more on the way.

It was an interesting conference and I am glad that I attended. I have downloaded the following PDF's so if any council member wants the file to read I will gladly send them to you.

- AMO HOUSING PRESENTATION
- BILL 276 AND EFFECTS
- CHANGES TO CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT
- HOW TO ADDRESS PUBLIC CONCERNS
- ON FARM DIVERSIFIED USES
- OPPI WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2023 AND BEYOND
- OVERVIEW OF MPAC