



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025

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Report Number: BLD-2025-25

Department: Building and Planning

File Number: C11

Prepared By: Brett Pollock, Manager of Building and Planning/CBO

Attachments: Municipal Notification Letter, Technical Briefing Fighting Delays Building Faster Act, 2025

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BLD-2025-25 prepared by Brett Pollock Manager of Building and Planning/CBO;

AND FURTHER provide any direction to staff.

Background:

The [Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025](#) proposes to build on the government's ongoing work with municipal partners to cut red tape and accelerate housing and transportation infrastructure for the province's long-term stability, resiliency and prosperity. Further, details are included in the attached notification letter and technical briefing provided by the province.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

The table below summarizes the changes that may have an impact on the Township.

What	Comments Accepted Until	Summary
Proposed legislative and regulatory amendments to enable the Species Conservation Act, 2025. Environmental Registry of Ontario	November 10	Species Conservation Act will replace Endangered Species Act, move to registration-first approach.
Developing guidance on section 16 activities under the Species Conservation Act, 2025. Environmental Registry of Ontario	November 10	The government is proposing guidance materials to assist in assessing whether an activity is likely to have an impact to a protected species or species' habitat such that a registration or permit would be required.

Consultation on Proposed Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Criteria Environmental Registry of Ontario	November 16	Interested in criteria for how the province would establish zones, projects, and proponents that are required in order to exempt projects by proponents in SEZ areas from provincial or municipal laws.
Proposed Regulation under the Ontario Heritage Act – Archaeology Exemption Criteria Environmental Registry of Ontario	November 16	Proposed criteria for minister to consider requests for exemption from requirements for archaeological assessment
Amendments to the Planning Act RE: Training Centres Environmental Registry of Ontario	November 16	Posting on Bill 30 provisions which would exempt worker training centres funded through MLITSD’s Skills Development Fund (SDF) – Capital Stream from the Planning Act except as otherwise prescribed.
Accelerating and improving protections for Ontario’s drinking water sources Environmental Registry of Ontario	November 19	Proposed legislative changes to accelerate and modernize how we protect sources of drinking water. These updates would make it faster and easier to revise local source protection plans—especially when new wells or intakes are added - to support growing communities.
Regulatory changes for accelerating and improving protections for Ontario’s drinking water sources Environmental Registry of Ontario	December 4	Proposed regulatory changes to accelerate and modernize how we protect sources of drinking water. These updates would make it faster and easier to revise local source protection plans—especially when new wells or intakes are added - to support growing communities.
Policy proposal to regulate additional sewage systems under the Building Code to support construction of on-farm worker housing Environmental Registry of Ontario	December 7	Proposing changes to the sewage system regulatory framework to support the on-farm housing.

Financial Impacts:

The financial impacts, if any, are unknown at this time.

Strategic Area:

- Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle
- Prepare for Inclusive Growth
- Enhance Municipal Service Delivery
- Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Ensure municipal systems support future growth

Respectfully Submitted By:

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