



### Staff Report

**Report Title: New Ontario Land Tribunal**

**Prepared By: Emily Dance, Clerk**

**Department: Clerks**

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Land Tribunal - General**

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**Attachments: July 6, 2021 Ontario Land Tribunal Correspondence**

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**Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report No. CLK-2021-07-82 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk.

**Background:**

On June 1, 2021 the provincial government passed the [\*Accelerating Access to Justice Act, 2021\*](#). Through this Act the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), Environmental Review Tribunal, Board of Negotiation, Conservation Review Board and the Mining and Lands Tribunal were merged into a new single tribunal called the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

Before the OLT, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) and the former Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) was an independent adjudicative tribunal that conducted hearings and made decisions on land use planning issues and other matters. In 2017, the OMB was continued as the LPAT and now LPAT amalgamated into the OLT.

**Discussion:**

The Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)'s planning jurisdiction is similar to LPAT and includes hearing appeals in on land use planning matters identified in statutes such as the Planning Act, Aggregate Resources Act, Heritage Act, Municipal Act, Development Charges Act and Expropriations Act.

These include appeals of official plans, zoning by-laws, subdivision plans, consents and minor variances, development charges, etc.

The Township does not currently have any appeals before the OLT. Upon review of the documentation the processes, submissions requirement and filling fees remain

the same with the exception that the appeals do not need to be submitted in paper format.

**Financial Impacts:**

There are no financial impacts related to this report.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Emily Dance, Clerk

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer