



# Council & Development Application Procedure Changes

November 2021

# Background

- ▶ Bill 26 will amend the Community Charter & Local Government Act
- ▶ Four main areas:
  - ▶ Council code of conduct
  - ▶ Public notices
  - ▶ Public hearing
  - ▶ Development variance permits

# Council Code of Conduct

- ▶ Requirement to publicly consider developing a code of conduct or revising an existing one
- ▶ Comes into effect: by Regulation in 2022
- ▶ Implementation: will apply to newly elected Council following 2022 election

# Public Notices

- ▶ Two options:
  - ▶ Default newspaper requirements (status quo)
  - ▶ Bylaw establishing at least 2 alternative ways to publish notices
- ▶ Comes into effect: by Regulation in 2022
- ▶ Implementation: bylaw amendments

# Public Hearings

- ▶ Zoning bylaws that are consistent with the OCP will not require a public hearing by default
  - ▶ Council can send individual applications to public hearing
- ▶ Public notice before first reading of a bylaw not going to public hearing
- ▶ Comes into effect: when Bill 26 receives Royal Assent
- ▶ Implementation: bylaw and policy amendments

# Public Hearings – Interim Implementation

- ▶ Follow criteria established in Council Policy No. 307
- ▶ Staff will recommend no public hearing for bylaws that:
  - ▶ Are consistent with the OCP
  - ▶ Have a supporting recommendation from staff
  - ▶ Are not expected to generate significant public input



# Development Variance Permits

- ▶ Option to delegate DVP approvals to staff
  - ▶ Variance must be minor
  - ▶ Vary specific development regulations, parking, signs, or landscaping requirements
- ▶ Establish criteria and guidelines by bylaw
- ▶ Applicant can request Council reconsideration of staff decision
- ▶ Comes into effect: when Bill 26 receives Royal Assent
- ▶ Implementation: bylaw and policy amendments

# Summary

Change	Come into Effect	City Implementation (Based on Council Direction)
Code of conduct	By regulation, expected in early 2022	Following 2022 election
Public notice	By regulation, expected in early 2022	New bylaw
Public hearings	Date of Royal Assent	Criteria in Council Policy No. 307 (interim) Bylaw and policy amendments (long-term)
DVPs	Date of Royal Assent	Bylaw and policy amendments



# Next Steps

- ▶ Bill 26 to receive Royal Assent
  - ▶ Council consider implementation options for public hearings & DVPs
  - ▶ Bylaw & policy amendments
- ▶ Regulations for Council code of conduct & public notices
  - ▶ Council consider implementation options for public notices
  - ▶ Bylaw amendments



*Questions?*

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