

## **Update on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022**

Date: November 16, 2022

To: City Council

From: City Manager and Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

Wards: All

### **SUMMARY**

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On October 25, 2022 the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, introduced Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 in the Ontario Legislature.

Bill 23 proposes extensive changes to the policy-led planning and development system under which municipalities in Ontario work. Details and preliminary analysis of the implications of Bill 23 were shared with the Mayor and City Councillors on November 3, 2022 (see Attachment 1).

Bill 23 passed 2nd Reading on October 31, 2022 and was referred to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy (Standing Committee) for review. The Standing Committee has held two days of public hearings to date (November 8, 2022 in Markham and November 9, 2022 in Brampton), and is scheduled to hear two more on November 16 and 17, 2022 in Toronto.

The Chief Planner, along with supporting staff, is scheduled to depute to the Standing Committee at 1:00 pm on Thursday, November 17, 2022. A livestream of the public hearing will be made available on the Ontario Legislative Assembly website at this link: <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/video/committees-room-no-1>.

Staff are also preparing written comments for submission to the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee is scheduled to conduct a clause-by-clause review of Bill 23 on Monday, November 21, 2022, during which amendments to the bill may be proposed, considered and voted upon.

Staff will provide a supplementary report outlining City staff's submission to the Standing Committee and the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting regarding Bill 23 and the results from the Standing Committee's consideration of the bill in advance of the November 24, 2022 meeting of City Council.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Manager and Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning recommends that:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications arising from the adoption of the recommendations in this report. Financial impacts arising from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, will be addressed in a supplementary report to be submitted for the November 24, 2022 meeting of City Council, and in future budget reporting.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed and approved the financial impact statement.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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Not applicable.

## **COMMENTS**

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As Bill 23 was introduced the day after the October 24, 2022 Toronto municipal election, and the Standing Committee is scheduled to consider the bill before the first City Council meeting of the term, there has been no opportunity for Council debate to inform the City staff position being submitted to the Standing Committee.

A summary of City staff feedback on Bill 23 and the results of the Standing Committee's consideration of the bill will be provided in a supplementary report prior to the November 23rd, 2022 meeting of City Council.

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## ATTACHMENTS

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- **Attachment 1:** Interim City Manager's FYI Briefing Note to Mayor and Members of Council - Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022