

PLANNING ACT REVIEW

After two years of being under consideration, a review of the Planning Act and other related legislation is now underway. The Association of Ontario Land Surveyors has been requested to provide input into this review and on November 26, Tom Lyons and Lorraine Settrington attended a preliminary meeting of related professions in Toronto.

In attendance at this meeting were representatives of the Ontario Assoc. of Architects, the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and the Association of Ontario Land Economists. Several of these preliminary meetings with various interest groups are being held prior to the Review which will get underway in the new year.

The purpose of the preliminary meeting was to discuss the scope of the review in general and to discuss how the review can define interest groups for regional discussions in February and June. These regional discussions are tentatively proposed to be held in some six centres across the Province and would be with municipal bodies and other public and private groups concerned with municipal planning.

The scope of the Review is wide. Although particularly interested in assessing the adequacy or shortcomings of the present legislation affecting local planning activities and the suitability of present practices at both municipal and provincial levels, there are no restrictions on the subject matter to be included.

During January a member of the Planning Committee will try to attend each Regional Group meeting in order to outline when meetings will take place in each area and possible submissions from the surveying profession.

Following is the information supplied by the Planning Act Review Committee.

The Planning Act Review

A review of **The Planning Act** and related legislation has been under consideration for several years. Since the time **The Planning Act** was originally passed in 1946, many far-reaching social, economic and environmental changes have taken place. These changes have indicated a need to re-

view not only the municipal planning **process**, defined under the Act, but also the **nature** of municipal planning: its goals and objectives; its achievements, and its consequences or effects.

In September 1975, the Minister of Housing established a formal Review of the municipal planning system. The focus of the Review is to look at what municipalities want to do, what they can do, cannot do and what they are required to do under current planning legislation.

It is anticipated that the Review will be completed in one year, at which time a Green Paper will be prepared and circulated for comment.

Objectives

The intent of The Planning Act Review is to find out how the municipal planning system operates, what its shortcomings are, and how it could be improved.

Approach:

The Review will be carried out in three phases:

1. an examination of current municipal planning throughout Ontario,
2. a study of ways to improve the system; and
3. preparation of Green Paper

During the first phase of the Review, the municipal planning system throughout Ontario will be examined to find out:

—how planning is conducted in a variety of municipal situations (regions, counties, local municipalities, recreational and rural areas, etc.)

—what the objectives of municipal planning are from both the municipal and provincial viewpoints;

—how well the planning instruments (legislation and practices) enable or restrict municipalities to achieve their objectives; and

—the nature of public involvement in planning.

The product of the first phase will be a definition of the problems and concerns of municipal planning in Ontario and a statement of major issues that should be addressed by the Review.

The second stage of the Review will involve an evaluation of alternative planning practices and procedures intended to improve deficiencies in the existing system. Practices in other parts of Canada and the U.S.

and other countries will be examined in this light. This phase will conclude with the preliminary findings and conclusions.

The final stage will be the preparation of a Green Paper, expected to be published in September 1976. The Green Paper will include:

- an outline of major issues in municipal planning;
- alternative goals and objectives for planning;
- machinery to achieve goals and objectives (allocation of municipal and provincial powers and responsibilities; content of municipal planning; community involvement in the planning process; adjudication of planning disputes);
- specifications for proposed legislative changes.

To obtain a picture of the municipal planning system, it is essential to understand the process from a variety of perspectives. Toward the conclusion of the first phase early in 1976, a series of meetings will be held throughout the Province to find out local concerns about municipal planning. Specific discussions will be held on a regional basis with various interest groups directly involved in the planning process: municipal bodies, community and public interest groups, the development industry, rural and agricultural interests, and the professions involved in the planning system.

This series of meetings would be followed by a second series in the late Spring, called to discuss the preliminary findings of the Review, before the Green Paper is prepared.

After the Review

After the Green Paper has been submitted to the Minister of Housing, it is anticipated that it would be circulated widely throughout the Province for public comment. Upon consideration of submissions concerning the "Green Paper" recommendations, the Ministry of Housing would then draft new legislation.

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South Central Golf News

Reported by Ted Lynch

Golf Tournament - October 3rd - at Summit Golf Club in Toronto.

26 South Central Golfers entered the tournament and enjoyed the excellent roast beef dinner, all of which was well organized by Brian Edwards.

Winners were:

Low gross:	
1st Doug Simmons	79
2nd Bill Fenton	86
3rd Dan Ostapiak	92
Low Net:	
1st Ken Hulme	71
2nd Bill Walker	72
3rd Walt Carbis	73
Longest Drive:	Doug Simmons
Closest to Pin:	Red Petzold
Most Honest Golfer:	

Berkeley Square

Set of Golf clubs as door prize: Wm Buck, Jr.

Sponsors for the tournament were:

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General Meeting - October 8th - at the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel in Toronto with 30 members present.

The theme of the meeting was the Total Disciplinary Principle report.

A panel consisting of H. Roeser, B. Wright, J. Barber and J. Bogart discussed the report and answered questions from the members.

At the conclusion of the very spirited and informative meeting, the South Central Regional Group passed a motion approving the report in principle.

Octoberfest - October 17 - at the German Canadian Club Harmonie in Toronto with an excellent German buffet and a genuine ump-pa-pa band.

Prizes were won by: Bev Galloway and his wife, talented polka and waltz partners;

Guenter Bellach and his wife in authentic German costume; Mike Maughan and his wife and some of the guests of other members.

The prizes were donated by the following surveying firms:

J. D. Barnes Limited
 McBain, Hulme, Millesse, Carmichael and Burton
 E. W. Petzold Limited
 Yates and Yates Limited

Our night was so good that A.C.-S.T.T.O. followed with their own Octoberfest on October 18, 1975, which we understand was a howling success.

Answer to Last Issues Puzzle

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PLANNING ACT REVIEW—cont'd.

Committee are as follows:

1. Examination of the nature of planning in Ontario:
 - a. goals and objectives of Municipal and Provincial planning;
 - b. role of government in planning; relationship of planning to provincial and municipal responsibilities;
 - c. results and products of planning; social, economic and environmental consequences;
 - d. alternative concepts of the nature of planning.
2. Examination of the planning system and planning process in Ontario: legislative framework, regulatory mechanisms, planning structure, planning procedures, and public involvement in planning.

Lorraine Setterington, the Chairman of the Planning Committee, who prepared this report, emphasizes that input from Association members about the Planning Act Review is particularly needed, and should be sent to the Planning Committee, at the AOLS offices.



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