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Subject: Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) Webinar Invitation / Invitation au webinaire du Tribunal d'appel de l'aménagement local

Good morning,

As you may be aware, [Bill 139, Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017](#), makes a number of changes to the process of seeking and appealing land use planning approvals throughout Ontario. The Act received Royal Assent on December 12, 2017, and will come into effect on April 3, 2018.

As a result of Bill 139, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) is preparing to become the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) upon proclamation. We are working to develop new approaches to managing *Planning Act* appeals that are impacted by Bill 139, and are working to streamline case management and hearing room processes to align with the legislated timelines for hearing appeals.

In preparation for this transition, we are preparing draft Rules of Practice and Procedure for LPAT, which will be posted on our [website](#) on March 2, 2018 for your comments and feedback.

We would also like to invite you to join us for our webinar on these changes: "**Local Planning Appeal Tribunal: A Primer**".

There will be three sessions (please note that the same presentations will be made during each session):

	Webinar 1:		Webinar 2:		Webinar 3:
Date:	Wednesday, March 21, 2018	Date:	Wednesday, March 21, 2018	Date:	Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Time:	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Time:	6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Time:	9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Our topics will include:

- Key Elements of LPAT's Function in the Ontario Planning Process
- Rules Changes: LPAT and *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act*
- Filing an LPAT appeal – what's the same and what's new

The presentations will be available for download on our website before the webinars take place. A video of the webinar will also be posted on our website at a later date for those unable to join the live-stream.

There is no fee for this webinar; however, you **must** sign up ahead of time to join in. To sign up for the webinar and for full details, please visit our [Eventbrite page](#).

If you have any questions on the webinar, please feel free to contact our Citizen Liaison Office by email at ELTO.CLO@ontario.ca or by phone at [416-326-6792](tel:416-326-6792) / [1-866-448-2248](tel:1-866-448-2248).

Please share this invitation within your organization and with your broader network.

I thank you in advance for your continued support in this endeavour.

Sincerely,

Bruce Krushelnicki
Executive Chair
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Associate Chair, Ontario Municipal Board
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