

## Provincial Policy Statement, 2024

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## Report Summary

This report provides information regarding the new Provincial Policy Statement, 2024, as well as an update on Phase 2 of the Official Plan Review schedule.

## Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Climate Action Plans

This report relates to operational matters.

## Financial Implications

There are no financial implications related with this report.

## Background

### Provincial Planning Statement, 2024

The Province released the final version of the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) on August 20, 2024 (See Reference 1). The new 2024 PPS has an effective date of October 20, 2024, meaning that all municipal decisions, as well as comments, submissions or advice affecting a planning matter, will be required to be consistent with the 2024 PPS from that date on.

The Province had released a first draft Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) in April of 2023. Planning Staff presented a review of proposed changes to the PPS to Planning Committee on May 29, 2023 (See Reference 2). The Province released a new draft PPS in April 2024, and staff again provided comment on that draft.

The new PPS is similar to the version released in April 2024 (See Reference 3).

### Next Steps – Phase 2 Review of the Official Plan

The City began its Phase 2 Review of the Official Plan (OP Update) in 2019 and a draft was submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) in February 2022. The City received a response from the Province in July, 2023 (i.e., subsequent to the release of the 2023 draft Provincial Planning Statement) indicating no concern, and encouraging the City of Greater Sudbury to adopt its OP Update.

Staff is preparing a new draft OP Update that considers and incorporates the 2024 PPS where appropriate. This draft will be presented to Planning Committee in Q1, 2025, where staff will be seeking direction to proceed with open houses and a public hearing prior to the anticipated adoption of the OP update in the Fall. As required by the Planning Act, the OP update will then be sent to the Province for its review and approval.

A likely timeline for the remaining milestones of the OP Update is as follows:

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Incorporate 2024 PPS into OP Update	Q4, 2024
Present new draft OP Update to Planning Committee	Q1, 2025
Statutory Open Houses and Public Hearing	End of Q2, 2025
Council adoption of OP Update and forwarding of record to Province for approval	Q3, 2025
Provincial Decision on OP Update	Potentially within 6 months from the adoption of the OP Update
In-effect date	The day after the last date of appeal – potentially within the first half of 2026

## Resources Cited

1. “Provincial Planning Statement, 2024”  
<https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-08/mmah-provincial-planning-statement-en-2024-08-19.pdf>
2. “Draft Provincial Planning Statement 2023”, report presented at the Planning Committee Meeting of May 29, 2023  
<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=49734>
3. “Bill 185 – Cutting Red Tape to Building More Homes Act, and New Proposed Provincial Policy Statement, 2024”, report presented at the Planning Committee Meeting of May 27, 2024  
<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=53500>