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Hello everyone,

The Bruce County [Plan the Bruce](#) team is continuing to work on a new [Official Plan](#). It's been some time since our latest update and it's time to touch base with all of you.

The way we work as community planners is changing, as we adapt to provincially-driven changes to the Land Use Planning system:

- On April 6, 2023, the Ontario government proposed:
  - A new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) to replace the current Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan.
  - Changes to the Planning Act with the introduction of Bill 97, the *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023*.
- On October 25, 2022, the Ontario government introduced sweeping legislation with Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.

The Province indicated they intend to implement the new Provincial Planning Statement in fall of 2023.

**As the Bruce County Official Plan must conform to the Provincial Policy / Planning Statement, which is currently being amended, our work to update our Official Plan has been impacted.**

We are continuing to draft new policies and mapping where there are minimal changes; where there is more uncertainty, we're seeking to understand how potential changes may impact policy in the new Bruce County Official Plan.

### **An Update on the Growth Management Amendment**

In October 2022, [Bruce County Council adopted an Official Plan Amendment](#) that sets out a new growth strategy for our rapidly growing communities. The amendment was submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in January 2023 for approval. However, Bruce County Council was [recently notified that the province is suspending its deadline](#) for making a decision on the amendment.

### **Stay Tuned to Plan the Bruce!**

As engaged stakeholders with the project, thank you for your involvement to date. Further public consultation is being postponed until the new Provincial Planning Statement is implemented.

We are looking forward to more opportunities for your input, at the first opportunity following the release of the new Provincial Planning Statement. In the meantime, you can review project work-to-date at [planthebruce.ca](http://planthebruce.ca) and stay tuned for future updates on how you can be involved.

Please [reach out](#) if you have questions or wish to contribute ideas to the development of Bruce County's new Official Plan.

-The Plan the Bruce Team

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