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Ontario Regulation 525/97

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CLOSED FOR COMMENTS

Proposed amendment to Ontario Regulation 525/97 (Exemption from

Approval (Official Plan Amendments))

Summary of the proposal

The government is seeking feedback on proposed changes to Ontario Regulation 525/97 under the Planning Act to remove the exemption from Ministerial approval with respect to the proposed amendment to the Town of Caledon Official Plan with File Number POPA 2026-006.

Ontario Regulation 525/97 (Exemption from Approval (Official Plan Amendments)) under the Planning Act streamlines municipal planning by exempting specific municipalities from needing Ministerial approval for most official plan amendments (OPAs).

The schedule to the Regulation sets out a list of municipalities to which the exemption applies, as well as specific dates for the exemption for each municipality. The effect is that amendments to the official plan of a municipality listed in the Schedule that were commenced on or after the corresponding date set out in the Schedule are exempt from approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing an amendment to Ontario Regulation 525/97 to remove the exemption for Ministerial approval from the Town of Caledon with respect to the proposed amendment to the Town of Caledon Official Plan with File Number POPA 2026-006 to ensure conformity with relevant provincial plans and policies. No other OPAs would be impacted by the proposed regulation amendment.

The government is seeking your feedback on the proposed change to Ontario Regulation 527/97.

Relevant dates

Posted Date: **Jun 9, 2026**

Comment Due Date: **Jun 16, 2026**

Analysis of the regulatory impact

No new administrative costs for regulated entities are anticipated.

Supporting documents

Type	File name	Action
	Aggregate Resources Act	View Url
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	Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan	View Url
	Niagara Escarpment Plan	View Url
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