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Town of Caledon Removing Barriers to Economic Development

The Local Planning Appeal Board (LPAT) has approved the Town of Caledon's Zoning By-Law (No. 2016-100), to bring industrial-commercial zoning into alignment with the Town's Official Plan, making it easier for businesses to establish and grow in Caledon.

"By updating the Zoning By-Law, the Town is removing barriers to industrial and commercial businesses looking to locate and/or build here in Caledon," said Peggy Tollett, General Manager, Community Service. "This is very important in our growth areas like Mayfield West and Bolton."

In November 2016, the Town of Caledon identified a number of inconsistencies between the Town's Zoning By-Law and the Town's Official Plan, especially in designated industrial and commercial areas. These inconsistencies forced many businesses to have to rezone their property, adding significant time to the process and cost to the property or business owner.

To rectify this situation, Town Council approved a By-Law amendment to bring industrial-commercial zoning into alignment with the Official Plan. This amendment was appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) now known as LPAT. A decision has been reached which now approves the Town's By-Law amendment to be in conformity with the Official Plan.

"Planning for growth in Caledon is highlighted as a priority in Town Council's Work Plan," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "A typical rezoning application process can cost the applicant a considerable amount of time and money. Removing these zoning barriers allows development to move more quickly and reduces the cost of doing business."

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