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Town of Caledon Celebrates World Town Planning Day, Highlights Improvements Making Planning Process Easier and Clearer

Town of Caledon will celebrate World Town Planning Day (WTPD), an international day celebrating the accomplishments of planners and their contributions to their communities, on Thursday November 8, 2018. Planners in more than 30 countries participate in WTPD activities annually.

The theme for this year's WTPD is *Past, Present and Future of Caledon*. This week, staff from across the organization will have the opportunity to learn more about the importance of planning in our community and emphasize five key focus areas: Planning, Development, Heritage, Policy, and Sustainability

"World Town Planning Day is a great time to highlight the important role that planning plays in building strong communities," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "As a Town, we are always looking to make improvements to our planning processes to create efficiencies, and make things easier and clearer for our residents and businesses.

There have been a number of planning improvements in 2018 alone.

Storm Water Engineering Projects

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has recently approved the Town of Caledon participating in a new Transfer of Review Program. This program allows municipalities to conduct administrative and technical reviews, on behalf of the MECP, for environmental compliance approval applications for storm water engineering projects.

"This initiative will help the Town streamline processes and approvals for engineering reviews as part of development approvals," said Peggy Tollett, General Manager, Community Services. "This is very important as it will lead to significant efficiencies and reduced approval timelines, which will improve the Town's ability to plan for growing infrastructure needs."

The program recognizes that the Town assumes ownership of the infrastructure and is highly involved in the development process to ensure that all works meet the Town standards, and are designed and



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constructed accordingly. Administrative and technical reviews conducted by staff are crucial as the Town continues to grow with multiple planning and development applications.

Staff have already completed some of the necessary training required, including a Noise Training Course.

Transparency in Planning Public Notices

The Town will soon unveil and begin using planning public notices, public meeting signage, newspaper ads that are short, more concise and easy to understand. This is to communicate necessary information to our residents, which can be quite technical, in a transparent and coherent manner. Stay tuned!

Zoning By-Law Updates

Earlier in 2018, the Local Planning Appeal Board (LPAT) 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 in Caledon. Removing these zoning barriers allows development to move more quickly and reduces the cost of doing business.

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