

Key Messages

Reforming the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Process

- *The current MCEA process is in need of serious reform.*
- *Without a more comprehensive transparent decision making process, projects risk being delayed by a process that is too costly and takes too long.*
- *The Minister of Environment and Climate Change has agreed to take action on the Application for Review that was filed by the Ontario Municipal Engineers Association and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario.*
- *The federal government will begin to roll-out its Phase 2 infrastructure funding program in 2018. If Ontario's approval processes are too cumbersome, we risk missing out on receiving these funds for a wide range of strategic and necessary projects.*
- *Specifically, we would like to see the following changes:*
 1. *Expediting the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up Requests;*
 2. *Supporting changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes under the Planning Act; and*
 3. *Reducing the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.*