

LAND USE COUNCIL

“advocating social, economic and environmental balance in government legislation affecting land”

August 6, 2009

The Honorable Dalton McGuinty, Premier
Province of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A1

Dear Premier: by Registered Mail

Receipt of your July 14 comments regarding our June 3 request for land use policy information as directed to your office on June 3 are acknowledged with thanks.

We note the first three in our series of queries regarding real property were routed to the Honorable Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Please be advised we received an explanatory letter from Mr. Watson on July 31 to which we will respond, with copy to your office, in due course. Thank you.

As previously explained, the Land Use Council is a non-partisan consortium seeking wider publication of consequences relating to government land use policies and, to that end, the Council has prepared a list of twelve written queries. Three of these will be filed at regular intervals with your office in the expectation they will be forwarded to the appropriate agency for detailed response.

The next questions in the series are listed below and raise additional issues that need definition and discussion:

- 1. What is the total Ontario acreage of private land presently under any form of provincial designation?***
- 2. Do provincial regulations for storage and distribution of animal waste also apply to human septage?***
- 3. Are current provincial land use statutes subject to retroactive revision to accommodate new legislation?***

These and similar concerns shape Land Use Council dialogue with provincial agencies. We trust your office will continue to acknowledge receipt of same and route them to the appropriate authority for detailed response. To enhance public awareness of land use issues, this message may be forwarded to members of the Ontario legislature and selected media contacts.

Yours truly

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