



MEMO

To Mayor Watson and Members of Council

From Director
Economic Development and Long
Range Planning
Planning Infrastructure and Economic
Development

Subject Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing comments on draft Official Plan Date: July 21, 2021

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

The purpose of this memo is to provide a copy of comments received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on the City of Ottawa's draft Official Plan.

As you will see in the attached table, a total of 33 comments were provided by MMAH on the first draft of the Official Plan which was released in November 2020. The small number of comments is reflective of the ongoing communication between City staff and the Ministry. Many of the policies have evolved since the November 2020 draft and have already been addressed flowing from ongoing consultation with the Ministry and other public agencies. Staff have met with the MMAH staff and are clarifying a few of the comments and working on minor wording changes which is a normal part of the process as we head towards the final version of the new Official Plan for Council adoption this fall. The majority of the comments have been addressed in the final draft version of the new Official Plan which is to be released in the coming weeks.

Staff originally intended to attach the table of Ministry comments and staff response detailing how the comments were addressed in the report scheduled to be considered by Joint Committee starting on September 13, 2021; however, due to a media request the comments are being circulated in advance of the fall report.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Director, Economic Development and Long Range Planning
Planning Infrastructure and Economic Development

Cc: Senior Leadership Team

Attachment 1: Ottawa Draft Official Plan - Cover Letter (July 14, 2021)
Attachment 2: Ottawa Draft Official Plan - MMAH Comments Table