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Via Email

Subject: LPAT Settlement Hearing Requests

The Province enacted O. Reg. 73/20 following its emergency declaration made pursuant to section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. O. Reg. 73/20 suspends any order of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (Tribunal) to establish any step in a proceeding retroactive to March 16, 2020. This includes the suspension of any procedural order of the Tribunal, and any other order, such as an administrative order to set a hearing date. Following the enactment of O. Reg. 73/20 the Tribunal suspended all hearing events until June 30, 2020.

O. Reg. 73/20 authorizes the Tribunal to exercise its discretion to lift the suspension of a Tribunal order. The Associate Chair of the Tribunal has determined that she will consider, on a case by case basis, the exercise of her discretion to lift the suspension and schedule a hearing event by teleconference or written submission to allow a settlement of the proceeding to be presented to the Tribunal. A party to the proceeding may make a request for a settlement hearing by filling out the attached form "Settlement Request Form" and emailing it to the [assigned Tribunal case coordinator](#).

The request may be considered in the following circumstances:

- the party who wishes to present a settlement for a specific case provides all relevant information that demonstrates that there is no prejudice to any other party for the Tribunal to proceed by teleconference or written submission;
- the party explains how the principle of "social distancing" is strictly adhered to throughout all steps necessitated in the presentation of the settlement to the Tribunal by either means; and
- if applicable, the party provides suggestions for technological support that may facilitate the presentation of the settlement to the Tribunal.

The Tribunal will respond to a request for a settlement hearing and issue any directions when appropriate, including, if necessary, directions for email notice. It is unlikely that a settlement hearing will be scheduled before a first hearing event.

The Tribunal is prepared to schedule a settlement hearing during the week of April 6, 2020 and thereafter.

Stakeholders are also advised that the Tribunal will consider lifting the suspension of O. Reg. 73/20 to enable the Tribunal to conduct other hearing events in writing or by teleconference in the near future. For all important Tribunal updates, please visit our [website](#).

Sincerely;



Evelyn Dawes
Deputy Registrar, LPAT

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