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MEMORANDUM TO: Senior Business Officials
Superintendents of Planning

FROM: Grant Osborn
Director
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DATE: **October 28, 2013**

SUBJECT: **Consultations – Land Use Planning and Appeal and
Development Charges Systems Review**

I would like to bring to your attention concurrent consultations that are currently being conducted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) related to the land use planning and appeal system and the *Development Charges Act, 1997*. We are notifying school boards of these consultations as their outcomes could affect the planning and construction of schools. The registration deadline for the first public information session is November 4, 2013.

The MMAH is seeking public comment on making the land use planning and appeal system and the development charges system more effective to ensure they support local and provincial objectives while securing sustainable financing for new development. The goal is to ensure the systems are predictable, transparent, cost-effective, and responsive to the changing needs of communities.

MMAH has developed an e-consultation website:

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10355.aspx>. Six public information sessions are planned across Ontario between November 7, 2013 and December 9, 2013. The dates, locations, and agenda for these sessions are outlined on the website at:

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10357.aspx>.

In addition, consultation discussion guides are available for public review and comment on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Registry until January 10, 2014. Comments can be provided by accessing the EBR website through the following links:

- land use planning and appeal system EBR posting:

<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTlwNzY0&statusId=MTgwODAx&language=en>

- development charges system EBR posting:

<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTlwODA0&statusId=MTgwODQ5&language=en>

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Sincerely,

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cc: Lewis Morgulis, Chair of the Planning Committee, Ontario Association of School Business Officials (OASBO)
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