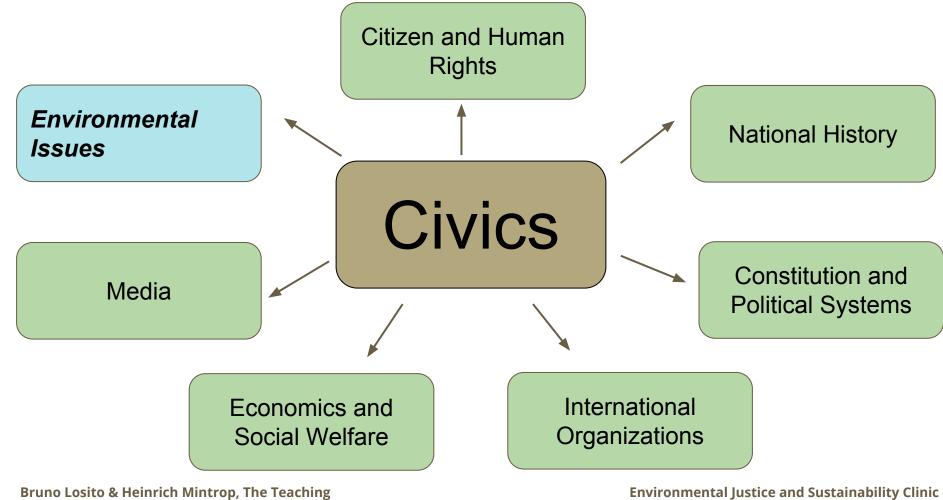
# Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making in Ontario

An introduction to the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993



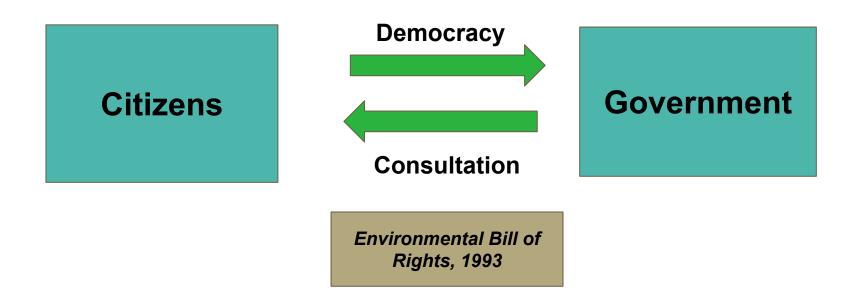






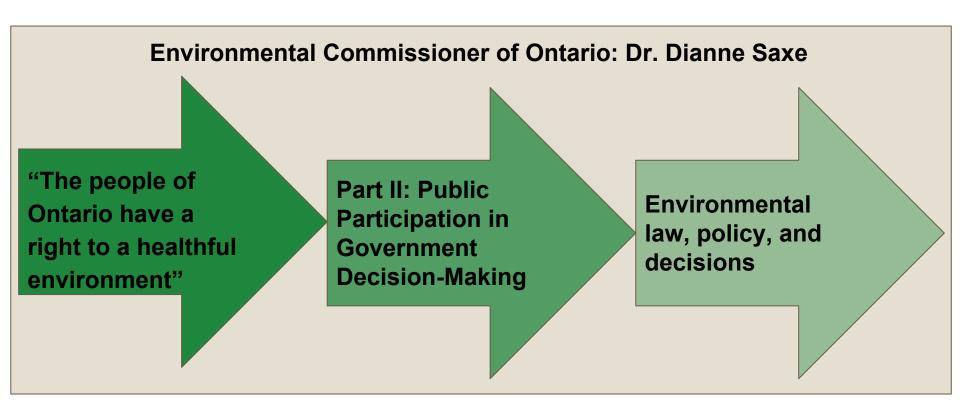
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## Public Involvement in Government Decision-Making



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## Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993



**Employee** Protection

Right to Sue

Citizen Rights and the EBR

Application for Investigation

Applications for Review

Right to Third-Party Appeals

**Right to Notice** 

Right to Comment

Education

Natural Resources and Forestry Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Transportation

Health and Long-Term Care Government and Consumer Services

Economic
Development,
Employment and
Infrastructure

Environment

and Climate

Change

Northern Development and Mines

Labour

Government of Ontario

Tourism, Culture and Sport Municipal Affairs and Housing

Aboriginal Affairs

Energy

#### Right to be Notified of Government Proposals

**Policies** 

Acts

Regulations

Instruments

**Environmental Registry** 

**Additional Notice** 

### Right to be Notified of Government Proposals

Policies Acts Regulations Instruments

Programs, plans, objectives, or guidelines Laws passed by the Government of Ontario

Additional rules adopted under an Act

Approvals Permits Licenses Orders

E.g. Excess Soil Management Policy E.g. *Endangered* Species Act, 2007 E.g. Air Pollution -Local Air Quality Regulation

E.g. Renewable energy approvals

#### Right to Know and Right to Comment

#### **Instrument Proposal Notice:**

**Title:** Approval to "Pav[e] Paradise and Put Up a Parking Lot"

#### **Description of Instrument:**

To "pav[e] paradise and put up a parking lot. With a pink hotel, a boutique, and a swinging hot spot"\*

**EBR Registry Number:** 1970

**Ministry:** Ministry of Municipal

Affairs and Housing

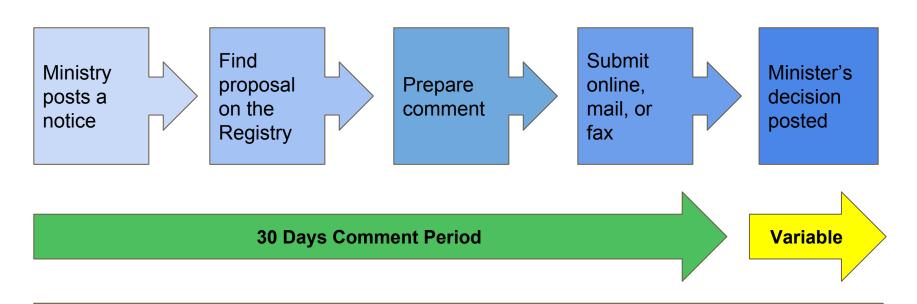
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Registry: 2016

**Contact:** 

**Additional Information:** 

#### Right to Comment: The Environmental Registry



www.ebr.gov.on.ca

#### Right to Comment: The Environmental Registry

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KEYWORD	MINISTRY	NOTICE TYPE	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Air Fish and Wildlife Drinking Water Forests Sewage Parks	Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  Environment and Climate Change  Energy	Policy Act Regulation Instrument	Toronto, Ontario

## Application for Review

Review of current policies, laws, regulations or instruments

Asking for new policies, laws, or regulations

E.g. Better protection of endangered species in Ontario (*Endangered Species Act, 2007*)

E.g. Cyclist protection (*Highway Traffic Act*)

## Application for Review

Submit application to ECO

ECO sends application to Ministry

Ministry lets you know it received the application

Ministry lets you and ECO know if it will do a review Ministry
will let you
and ECO
know
results of
review

2 or more Ontario residents

20 days

10 days

60 days

30 days

#### Right to Appeal (Challenge) a Government Decision



Minister's decision on certain instrument

Show interest in decision

Get permission to challenge decision

Challenge decision

License, permit, or other approvals

E.g. renewable energy approval

E.g. live nearby

By the Environmental Review Tribunal (usually)

Hearing at the Environmental Review Tribunal

## Questions?



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