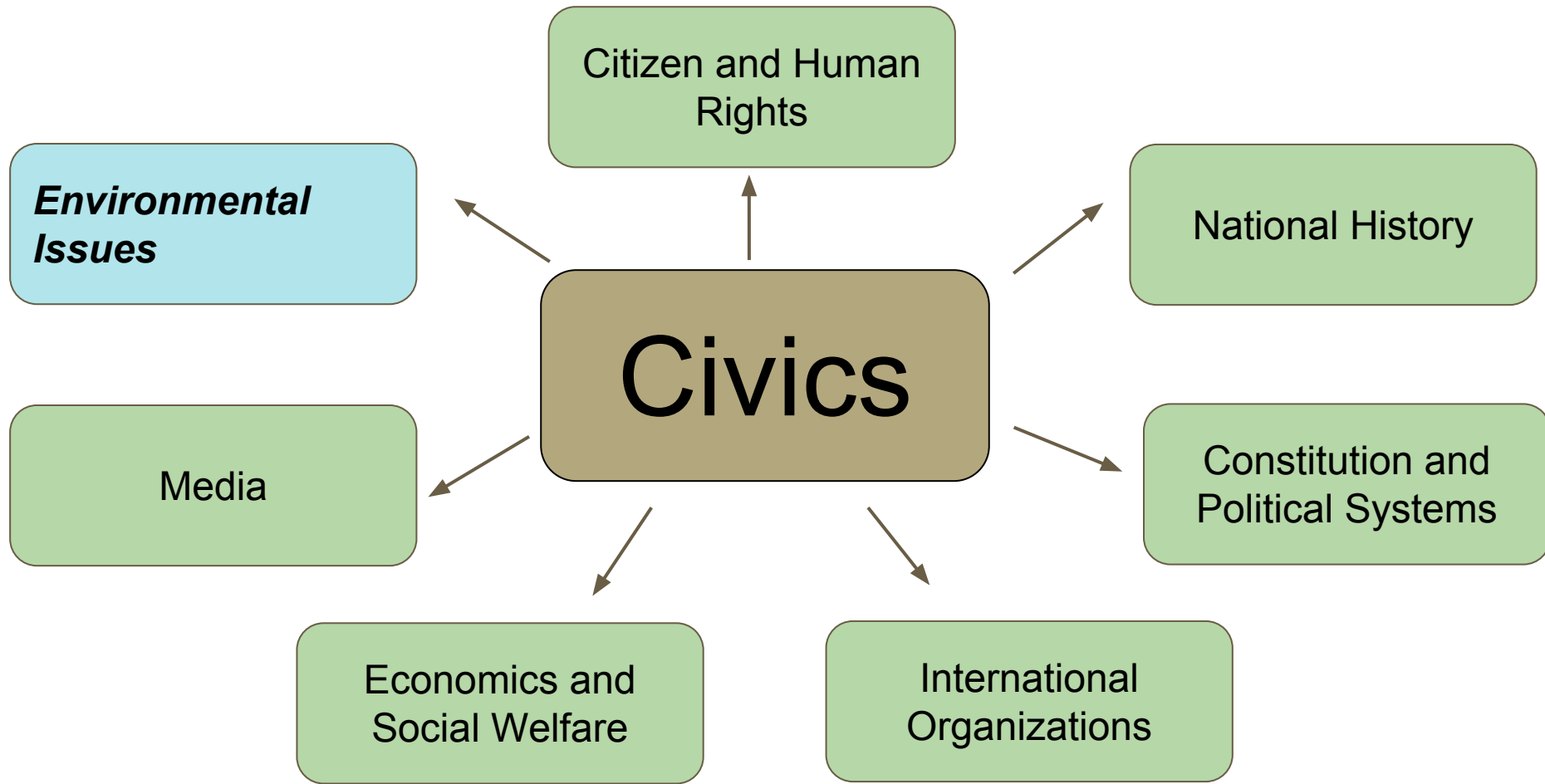

Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making in Ontario

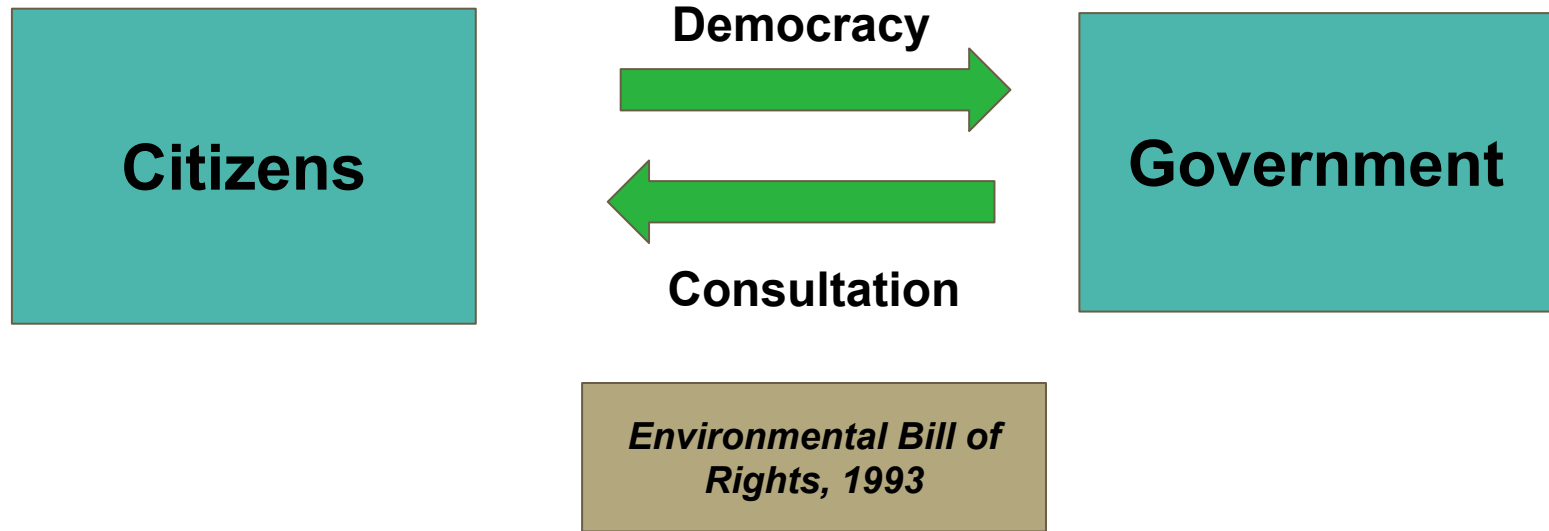
An introduction to the *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993*



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Public Involvement in Government Decision-Making



Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993

Environmental Commissioner of Ontario: Dr. Dianne Saxe

“The people of Ontario have a right to a healthful environment”

Part II: Public Participation in Government Decision-Making

Environmental law, policy, and decisions

Employee
Protection

Right to Sue

Application for
Investigation

**Citizen Rights
and the *EBR***

**Applications for
Review**

**Right to Third-
Party Appeals**

Right to Notice

**Right to
Comment**



Right to be Notified of Government Proposals

Policies

Acts

Regulations

Instruments

Environmental Registry

Additional Notice

Right to be Notified of Government Proposals

Policies

Programs, plans,
objectives, or
guidelines

E.g. Excess Soil
Management Policy

Acts

Laws passed by the
Government of
Ontario

E.g. *Endangered
Species Act, 2007*

Regulations

Additional rules
adopted under an
Act

E.g. Air Pollution -
Local Air Quality
Regulation

Instruments

Approvals
Permits
Licenses
Orders

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

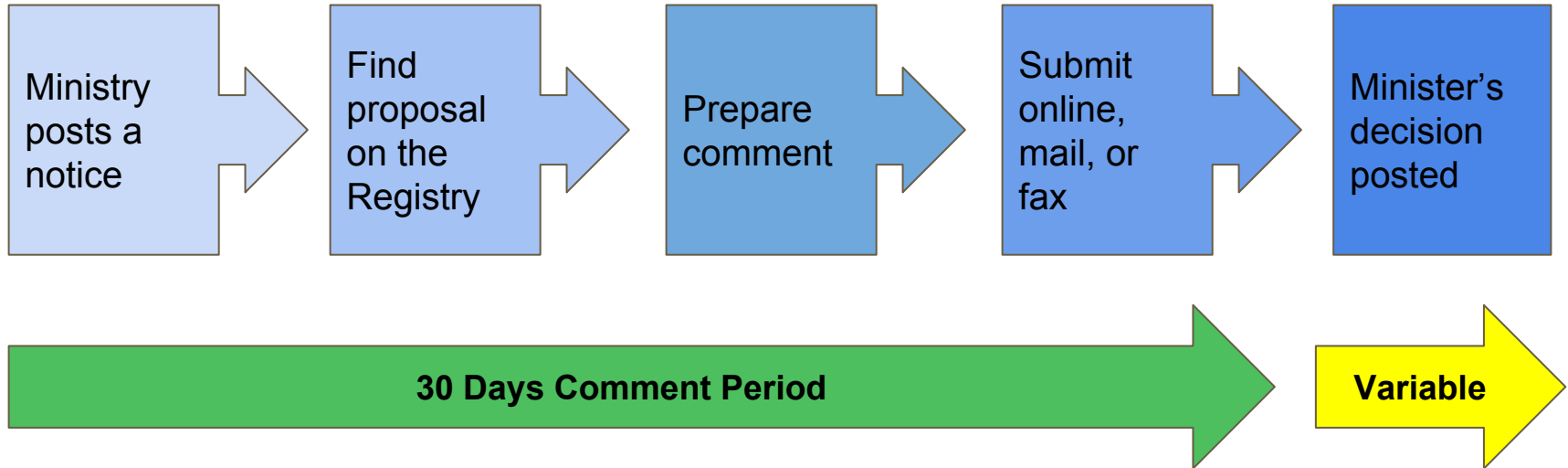
Ministry: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Date Proposal loaded to the Registry: 2016

Contact:

Additional Information:

Right to Comment: The Environmental Registry



www.ebr.gov.on.ca

Right to Comment: The Environmental Registry

Use the search box or select from popular options:

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

Application for Review

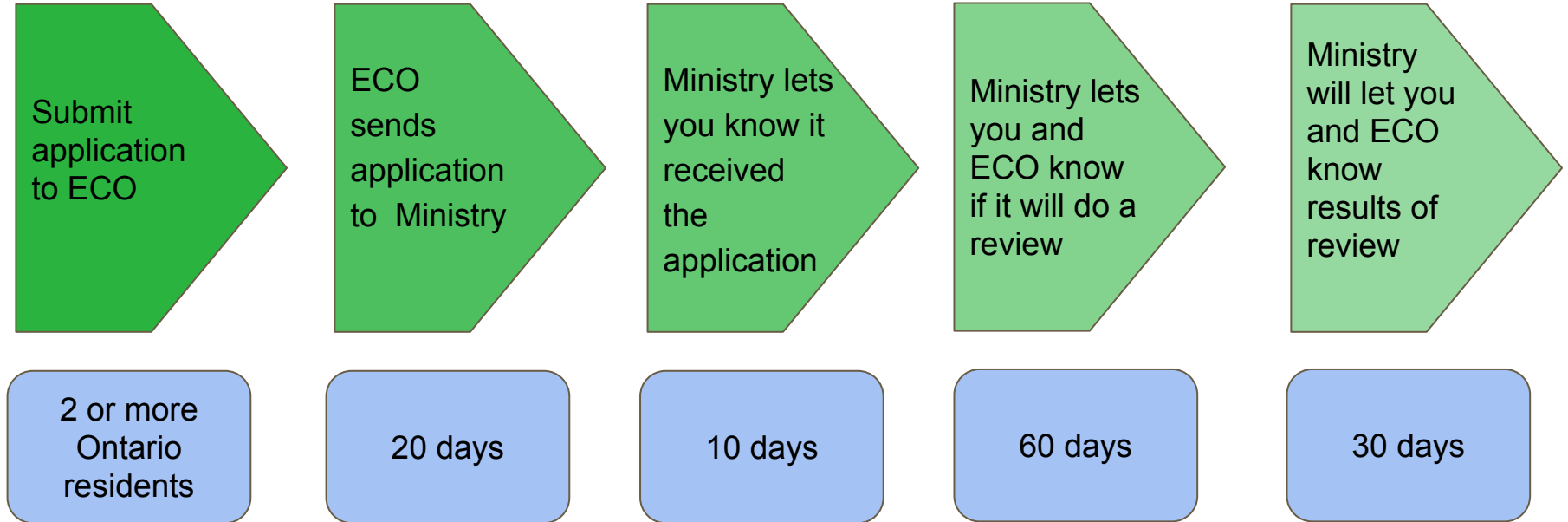
Review of current policies, laws, regulations or instruments

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

Asking for new policies, laws, or regulations

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

Application for Review



Right to Appeal (Challenge) a Government Decision

15 Days

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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