



All upper-tier municipalities and single-tier municipalities located in southern Ontario required to establish Planning Advisory Committees (PACs). All PACs (whether required / discretionary) must have at least one resident member

Intended Outcomes

- Help facilitate greater collaboration and exchange of ideas between council / public
- Increase use of PACs and ensure citizen representation
- Ensure that land use advice provided to councils includes citizen perspectives

Previously

- Municipalities **could** create PACs (PACs authorized under *Planning Act* since 1983)

Implementation Considerations

- PACs are intended as advisory committees (i.e., they are not decision-making committees of council)
- Municipalities continue to have flexibility / discretion to determine how PACs would be most effective within their communities:
 - councils determine which planning matters PACs can review/provide input
 - municipalities can potentially utilize existing advisory committees to meet requirement for PAC (e.g., heritage committees, etc.)
 - PAC recommendations are not binding
- Lower-tiers, single-tiers in territorial districts (northern Ontario), or Township of Pelee, **may** establish PACs