

Land Use Planning & Development Control (Planning 101): Key Take-Aways and Considerations for CAOs

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- Planning weighs public interests and works collaboratively to shape decisions about land, resources, and services to create healthy and sustainable communities.
- A community uses the planning exercise to identify: shared priorities (what the community wants to be), public interests (efficient services, environmental protection), and individual interests (what people want to be able to do on their property).
- The *Planning Act* is the primary piece of legislation governing land use regulation in Prince Edward Island. Section 2 of the *Act* contains a series of objectives of the *Act*, including efficient planning, development of public services, protecting the environment, resolving conflicts respecting land use, and providing opportunities for public participation.
- In many provinces, planning at the provincial level is focused on provincial interests or standards. In PEI, local planning jurisdiction is instead split between the Province and the municipalities, with the Province responsible for 90% of the landmass.
- Municipalities achieve the goal of weighing public interest and shaping decisions through two documents: the Official Plan and the Development Bylaw.
- Section 8 of the *Planning Act* contains the various ways the land use planning authority (which is delegated or shared by the Province) may be exercised.

Other areas covered in the Land Use Planning and Development Control session include Planning Processes, Implementation and Administration, and Standards and Legal Matters. Please see the PDF PowerPoint for a summary of these topics.