

Project Plan: Land Matters Project

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to review Prince Edward Island’s policy and legislative framework for land and propose changes where necessary to reflect present-day and future priorities. The process will be guided by inclusive and purposeful public engagement exercises and a strong foundation of evidence.

Rationale: This project is being initiated in response to recent public discussions, the findings of past land reports, and current government mandates to review and update the Lands Protection Act and Planning Act. A range of factors that matter to Islanders have been identified. For example: Indigenous perspectives; land use, protection, planning, ownership limits and transparency; agriculture, coastal, forested, and environmentally sensitive land; special planning areas; and non-resident ownership are some but not all of the factors the project will explore. These identified factors provide the project with a foundation to begin discussions.

Process: This project will utilize existing knowledge and input from Islanders and will move through purposeful engagement exercises to arrive at actionable and evidence-informed policy, legislative, and regulatory change. Notwithstanding the process below, Government may make policy and/or legislative amendments to address immediate needs or concerns.

Phase 1 Issue Identification (Summer 2020)	<p>1.1 Land Matters website is launched to collect feedback from the public</p> <p>1.2 Land Matters Project Advisory Committee is established through Engage PEI (purpose is to provide a community-based forum for presentations from the public and stakeholder groups) – August, 2020</p>
Phase 2 Policy/Legislation Formulation	<p>2.1 Public and stakeholder groups provide presentations to the Advisory Committee</p> <p>2.2 “What We’ve Heard” report from website feedback is issued (feedback will be grouped into themes and aligned with potential changes to legislation, regulation, and/or policy)</p> <p>2.3 “What We’ve Heard” report from Committee is issued (feedback will be grouped into themes and aligned with potential changes to legislation, regulation, and/or policy)</p>
Phase 3 Policy/Legislation Adoption	<p>3.1 Broader community-based engagement is completed (focusing on findings from Phase 1 and 2)</p> <p>3.2 Policy development work plan, followed by legislative work plan is developed (based on the “What We’ve Heard” reports)</p> <p>3.3 Additional engagement is completed to refine work plan (e.g., public consultations changes, etc.)</p>
Phase 4 Policy/Legislation Implementation	<p>4.1 Cabinet Committee on Policies and Priorities is presented the work plan developed in Phase 3</p> <p>4.2 Additional engagement is completed if necessary to refine proposed policy and legislative changes</p> <p>4.3 Legislative amendments drafted and introduced in the Legislative Assembly</p> <p>4.4 Operational plans to support Departments with implementation are developed (depending on outcomes of previous activities)</p> <p>4.5 An evaluation and monitoring plan is developed (depending on outcomes of previous activities)</p>
Phase 5 Policy/Legislation Evaluation	<p>5.1 Implementation of the evaluation and monitoring plan (depending on outcomes of previous activities)</p>

