

COMMISSION	COMMITTEE
<i>Local Government Act (Sec. 898)</i>	<i>Community Charter (Sec. 142)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Advisory Planning Commission (APC) established under the Local Government Act (LGA) was specifically designed to be used for Land Use, Community Planning and Zoning changes • Specifies resident consultation and the opportunity for them to make representations regarding APC composition, manner of appointing members and Terms of Reference • 2/3rds of Commission must be community residents • No "in-camera" meetings. Meetings are open to the public • No Council Member or staff can be a Commission member • Requires a Bylaw to be enacted guaranteeing Public Notification of Intent & input through a Bylaw Public Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Charter Committees are for a variety of topics so there are no specific conditions or protections included in the Community Charter • No general resident input guaranteed • No resident membership guaranteed • In-camera meetings (no public allowed) • Council Members & Staff are members & can vote on their own recommendations & act on their own advice • No guaranteed Public Notification & Input to mandate, composition etc

Community Plans, Land Use & Zoning Bylaws are particularly important to residents - Therefore special legislation was enacted to include public input (in this case under the Local Government Act (LGA Section 898). The LGA specifies that a number of strong community protections be included in the terms of reference and conditions of the "planning advisory guiding body". The LGA makes it clear that when a guiding body is established by a municipality - it must be a COMMISSION - formed by a bylaw to advise and guide Council on land use, and zoning issues.

It is obvious then that the LGA recognizes the major impacts community plans, land use and zoning have on any Community and that decisions relating to changing them must not be left to a Council's sole discretion - without significant existing resident collaboration.