



## Municipal Law

DLA Piper's Municipal Law Practice Group applies our firm's experience to the entire range of legal needs of our public and private-sector clients.

Our services include:

- Advising on the interpretation of local government statutes, and procedures relating to council meetings and public hearings
- Assisting with drafting statutes, municipal bylaws and amendments
- Acting for local governments with respect to the defence of bylaws challenged in the courts, with general litigation and with other administrative and regulatory hearings
- Advising private sector clients in their dealings with local governments
- Advising and acting for private sector clients involved in judicial review proceedings that challenge the legality of municipal decisions and bylaws
- Assisting local governments with negotiating and structuring their agreements, including real estate development agreements and public-private partnerships
- Providing advice and conducting hearings with respect to land use planning and development matters
- Advising on a full range of matters affecting municipalities and clients dealing with municipalities including labour and employment issues, taxation, insurance, environmental regulation, freedom of information, corporate governance, licensing, inter-governmental relations, and intellectual property issues

### RELATED SERVICES

- Environment
- Real Estate

## Emerging Issues

In Ontario, recent legislative initiatives of the provincial government have altered the landscape of land use planning and municipal law substantially. The Province of Ontario has restricted the ability of landowners to develop their lands as they had in the past in particular through legislation such as the *Strong Communities Act*, *Greenbelt Act*, and *Places to Grow Act and the Clean Water Act*; and policies such as *the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan*, *the Greenbelt Plan* and *the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. The roles of municipalities and of the Ontario Municipal Board have also changed recently as a result of the amendments made to the Planning Act by Bill 51.

We stay connected to these and all municipal issues and developments and transfer our knowledge to our clients so that they can make informed decisions.

## NEWS

**Bretton Woods Law Canada to join DLA Piper (Canada) LLP's Montréal office**

1 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce it has reached an agreement with the Montréal office of Bretton Woods Law Canada. Effective May 1, 2019, Bretton Woods Canada's team of four lawyers and an articling student will join DLA Piper Canada's Montréal office.

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### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019**

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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### **DLA Piper hosts leading business and diplomacy conference**

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper's London office has hosted the Annual Conference of the International Diplomatic and Business Exchange (IBDE).

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### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018**

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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### **DLA Piper advises Timor-Leste on historic maritime treaty**

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has been advising the Government of Timor-Leste, for more than four years, on its historic maritime treaty with the Australian Government, signed today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the successful outcome of a compulsory conciliation process.

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## **In Canada**

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- Recognized by The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory since 2007 as "Repeatedly Recommended" for Land Use Planning Work - Toronto.