

## **As An IVDAARA Member, Are You Aware?????**

(It is crucial that you learn as much as you can about how the changes may affect you!)

Ontario is reviewing four Provincial Plans including the Niagara Escarpment Plan. As part of the review, the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) has proposed changes to the plan. Changes include expanding the area of the NEC, changing land use designations, altering recreation areas and making changes to forest management policies.

### Proposed Additions

- 45,677 hectares of new land are being proposed in the plan
- 32,559 hectares of the new land is within Grey County
- Significant portions of the land are located in Georgian Bluffs (4,279 hectares)

Changes to land use could significantly impact how property owners can or cannot develop their land. Local municipalities have no decision making control for development in areas under the jurisdiction of the NEC.

Changes to land use designations may also impact property assessment. The total financial impact of the proposed changes has not been calculated.

Information about the Niagara Escarpment Commission and their proposed changes to the Niagara Escarpment Plan can be found at <http://www.escarpment.org/planreview/index.php> You can submit comments. The deadline is October 31, 2016.

At the same time, Grey County is conducting a Natural Environment Study with comments to be provided by October 1, 2016 <https://www.grey.ca/planning-development/green-in-grey>

**Time is of the essence. You should start investigating immediately how the proposed changes may affect you.**