Executive Summary

Ontario's diverse provincial land use plans have been operating collectively to manage growth, encourage agriculture, and protect significant landscapes within the region for a little over a decade. Currently, these plans are being updated through the Coordinated Land Use Planning Review, creating an opportune moment to reflect on the plans' histories and accomplishments, as well as determine a direction for their shared futures. This research explores the Coordinated Land Use Planning Review through a case study of the approval of three wind energy projects on the Oak Ridges Moraine and their subsequent hearings at the Environmental Review Tribunal. It specifically focuses on the perceptions of First Nations and environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGOs).

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• Recommendation Five: Work towards decolonizing the ERT process to better include the evidence and knowledge of First Nations (.).

- Recommendation Six: Work to improve relationships between the Provincial Government and First Nations (.).
- Recommendation Seven: Use a decolonized approach to ensure First Nations are referred to correctly and consistently throughout the provincial plans and their associated legislation (.).

Limitations within this research must be acknowledged. The main limitations of this research include: (1) lack of access to documents submitted to the Coordinated Land Use Planning Review, (2) the small number of interviewees used to validate findings, (3) a lack of First Nation interviewees, (4) a lack of industry and government interviews, and (5) the time constraints involved in studying 'moving target' policy decisions that are happening in real-time. To read more about limitations see 10.1.

This report highlights possible avenues for future research on the topic of green energy approvals on the Oak Ridges Moraine, and the Coordinated Land Use Planning Review process. For instance, future researchers could examine whether First Nations have been involved within the Coordinated Review using a nation-to-nation approach. They

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