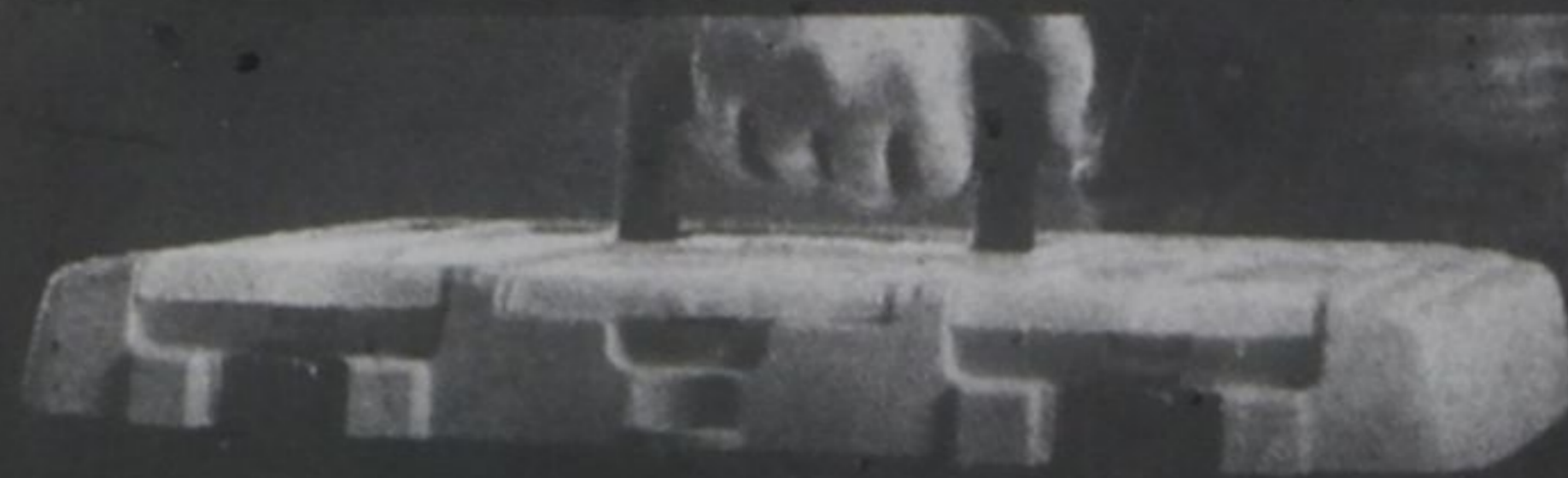


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5 things about the OMB

The Ontario Municipal Board is done. This is its replacement.



TRIBUNAL - The OMB will be replaced by the new Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, which is a branch of a greater provincial body called the Environmental and Land Tribunals of Ontario. They oversee environmental claims, mining and land disputes, as well as claims involving conservation authorities.



LPAT - All LPAT decisions are determined by the project's alignment with the province's planning and growth policies. If the LPAT finds that a council's decision was not in alignment with the province, they have 90 days to reconsider their decision.



TIMELINES - There are strict timelines for decisions to be made. Based on the types of decisions and appeals being made, there is a range of timelines that the tribunal needs to make a decision, ranging from six months to a year.



EDEN OAK - The Eden Oak OMB case will not be affected by the transition. All cases filed with the board before April 3 will be processed under the old board structure.



CLARIFICATION - Municipalities are awaiting clarification from the province on some of the nitty-gritty details, like whether or not the province's planning and growth policies are detailed enough to give clear direction on some appeals.

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