Summary of Key Changes in the *Planning Act* and PPS, 2024

Change	Implications
Updated definition of Area of Employment in the <i>Planning Act</i> and PPS, 2024.	Stand-alone commercial and institutional uses (includes office and retail) are no longer permitted in employment areas. Public service facilities also prohibited (e.g. fire stations, police stations, recreational facilities, shelters).
Grandfathering clause introduced to allow	Municipalities can introduce policies that
lawfully established commercial and institutional uses to continue.	grandfather lawfully established uses to recognize them as part of the Employment Area.
Removal of Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) Process.	Privately-initiated development applications for conversion can be submitted at any time.
	Removes the requirement that delineating and amending employment areas require Provincial approval.
New or updated policies on land use compatibility and conversion.	Recognizes potential impacts between sensitive land uses and industry/Airport.