

Municipal Government Act Update

December 13, 2016

MGA Amendments - Overview

- Bill 20 – Municipal Government Amendment Act
 - First round of amendments – passed March 2015
- Bill 21 – Modernized Municipal Government Act
 - Second round of amendments – Third Reading passed December 6, 2016
- Third round of amendments
 - Consultation currently underway – discussion paper and online questionnaire
 - Until January 31, 2017

How are municipalities empowered to govern?

- Collaboration with indigenous communities
- Enforcement of ministerial orders
- Parental leave for municipal Councillors
- Environmental stewardship
- Notification of amalgamations and annexations

How do municipalities work together and plan for growth?

- Municipal collaboration with school boards
- Off-site levies
- Conservation reserve

How are municipalities funded?

- Compliance with the linked tax rate ratio
- Taxation of intensive agricultural operations
- Access to assessment information
- Assessment notices
- Clarity regarding tax exemptions
- Corrections to assessments under complaint

General Technical Amendments

- Governance
- Planning and development
- Assessment and taxation

Next Steps

- Encourage Councillors, stakeholders and citizens to complete survey
- MGA affects every aspect of a municipality

Questions?