

Attachment 1

Topic	Description
Business Revitalization Zones	Business revitalization zones are renamed to “business improvement areas” throughout the Act. No substantive changes other than the change of name.
Meetings	<p>The Minister may define “meeting” for the purposes of the Act and a deeming provision is added to state that if the public is excluded from any portion of a proceeding defined as a meeting, the meeting is closed to the public. In order to be validly closed to the public, the subject matter discussed must meet the requirements of FOIP or future regulations. Any potential impacts of this section will not be known until the definition of “meeting” is provided.</p> <p>In addition, new provisions are added requiring persons outside of a meeting room closed to the public to be notified when the meeting is re-opened and permitted a reasonable period of time to re-enter the meeting room before business is resumed.</p> <p>If a meeting is closed to the public, the minutes of the meeting must list the names of all persons that were permitted to remain in the closed meeting and the reasons they were permitted to attend.</p>
Control of Corporations	The Minister is provided with additional authority to make regulations prescribing that certain portions of any Act or regulation do not apply or are modified for a controlled corporation, or impose additional requirements on controlled corporations. The amendments do not ultimately remove the requirement for Ministerial approval of controlled corporations, but also do not hinder this requirement from being removed or modified by a future regulation.
Amalgamation	The procedures for amalgamation of municipalities have been modified, with the most substantive change being the creation of a process for jointly initiated amalgamations.
Chief Administrative Officer (City Manager)	The section prescribing the major administrative duties of the City Manager was redrafted and certain duties were moved to other locations in the Act. No substantive changes were made to the content of the duties.
Public Hearings	If Council is required to hold a public hearing regarding any matter, the hearing itself must be advertised in addition to any matters to be discussed at the hearing. Administration anticipates accommodating this requirement within the required advertising of the matters to be

	discussed at the public hearing.
Financial	<p>Several financial sections have been revised to align with generally accepted accounting standards, including the ability to pass an "annual budget" that is consistent with the municipalities financial statements and qualifies as both a capital and operating budget for the purposes of fulfilling the requirement to pass both before passing a tax bylaw. Municipalities must also create multi-year financial and capital plans that must be updated annually. This generally aligns with the City's current financial practices.</p> <p>In addition, the <i>Municipal Finance Clarification Regulation</i> is repealed, as well as the <i>Local Improvement (Road) Tax Bylaw Regulation</i>. The local improvement provisions have been moved into the Act.</p>
Service of Documents	An enabling power is added to allow the City to, by bylaw, provide requirements that would allow for documents to be served on the City electronically.
Sending of Documents	The City may send documents electronically if the recipient has consented to receiving documents electronically and has provided an electronic address for that purpose. Documents sent pursuant to this authority will be deemed to be received after seven days.
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)	Council must appoint a clerk of the SDAB, and the Minister is provided with a new power to prescribe the mandatory qualifications and training requirements for SDAB members. The City currently has an appointed clerk of the SDAB and will ensure that future SDAB appointment recommendations align with the mandatory qualifications once this section is proclaimed and the regulations are released.
Growth Management Boards (e.g. Capital Region Board)	Growth management boards must conduct their meetings in public unless the matter to be discussed aligns with an exception to disclosure under FOIP or future regulations permitting the meeting to be closed. Growth management boards must also submit an annual report within 120 days of the end of every financial year.
Hierarchy of Statutory Plans	A new hierarchy is created for statutory plans, with intermunicipal plans having the highest priority. In this new hierarchy, the City's municipal development plan will take priority over all other statutory plans because the City does not have any intermunicipal plans. In the context of an intermunicipal dispute, the Municipal Government Board must disregard this new hierarchy.
Intermunicipal Disputes	The procedures for intermunicipal disputes have been clarified to require an affected municipality to, prior to initiating an appeal,

	attempt to use mediation to resolve the dispute. The procedures have also been modified to allow appeals to be filed prior to the conclusion of mediation, which contributes to more meaningful mediation discussions. Administration does not anticipate any direct impacts on the City as a result of these changes.
<i>Aeronautics Act (Canada) Agreements</i>	A statutory provision is added confirming that municipalities may enter into agreements pursuant to the federal <i>Aeronautics Act</i> . This change will not impact the City.
