

Municipal Government Act Implementation Status Report - September 2020

Enabling Provisions

| Policy Area | Status | Target Implementation Date | Status Update | Implementation Requirements | Legislative Effective Date |
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| Off-site Levies (Community) | Delayed | Q1 2022 | There has been a pause on engagement due to COVID, and therefore work with industry stakeholders has been on hold since March. Work will recommence in October 2020, and an update on stakeholder engagement will be provided to the Executive Committee in December 2020. Intermunicipal and transportation highway connector levies are not being contemplated at this time. | Project is projected to be completed in Q2 2021 with implementation beginning in Q1 2022 | |
| Off-site Levies (Intermunicipal) | Delayed | N/A | | October 2, 2017 | |
| Off-site Levies - transportation/ highway connectors | Delayed | N/A | | May 1, 2018 | |
| Brownfields (Multi-Year Tax Exemption) | On Schedule | 2020 | Administration is working towards completing the Draft Revised Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Program ('the Program') and funding agreements to incorporate Multi Year Tax Exemptions and expects to bring an update report to Council in 2021. Multi Year Tax Exemptions for the Program is the focus for the Council report however opportunities for Commercial, Industrial and City owned properties will also be referenced. | An update report is targeted for Council in Q1 of 2021, with potential program implementation in Fall of 2021 subject to Council funding approval. | January 1, 2018 |
| Decision Making Timelines | On Schedule | 2020 | All cities and other municipalities with a population of 15,000 or more are able, within a land use bylaw, to set their own timelines for when an application must be complete, and when an application decision must be made. | Future uses will require a proposal to Council for a text amendment to the Zoning Bylaw. | October 26, 2017 |

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| | | | Administration have reviewed timelines and set new targets for 2020. Administration is currently working on implementation and the required amendments to the Zoning Bylaw. | | |
| Joint Use and Planning Agreements | On Schedule | 2022 | The Joint Use Agreement Steering Committee did a comparison to the legislation and confirmed that the City and School Boards meet the newest legislative requirements. However a list of issues has been discussed, and work is underway on developing a project charter for the review, with any updates expected to be finalized by Q1 2022. | Existing agreements require updates. | This provision was previously provided under the City Charters agreement but has been moved to be included under the MGA. The provision is limited to establishing the discussion process and does not prescribe the outcomes. |
| Petitions | Initiate Planning | 2020 | Administration has prepared a report, which will come forward in 2021, providing info on options to change the requirements for petitions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - options to decrease the required percentage of eligible signatures - accepting online petitions - extending the time period for collecting signatures - allowing petitioners to recall their signatures, and - a high-level scan of how other large Canadian municipalities handle petitions. | Further Council direction required after consideration of the 2021 report. | |
| Splitting Non-Residential Property Tax Rates Subclass | Initiate Planning | | Details of some subclass options will be discussed as part of an Executive Committee Report on October 16, 2020. | Administration recommends performing additional analysis in 2021 if Council chooses to pursue subclasses. | January 1, 2018 |