

TO:	GENERAL COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	BILL 68, MODERNIZING ONTARIO'S MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION ACT, 2017
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#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That Staff Report LCS014-17 regarding Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act,* 2017, be received for information purposes.

#### PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

#### Report Overview

2. The purpose of this staff report is to provide a review of the significant changes made to the *Municipal Act, 2001, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and other legislation resulting from the omnibus bill, Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017.* 

#### Background

- 3. In 2015, as part of review process required every five years, the Provincial government announced a review of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990* and several other Acts. As part of the review, the Province identified three main themes: accountability and transparency, municipal financial sustainability and responsive and flexible municipal government.
- 4. Bill 68 was introduced for first reading on November 16, 2016. As part of the legislative process, there has been ongoing consultation and submissions have been provided by a number of associations including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), as well as individual municipalities. Bill 68 was amended a number of times throughout the process and on May 30, 2017, it received third reading and Royal Assent.



#### ANALYSIS

- 5. The changes resulting from Bill 68 are relatively numerous. The intent of this section of the staff report is to identify significant changes to the three main pieces of legislation impacting the City of Barrie as a single tier municipality: the *Municipal Act, 2001,* the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990,* and the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996.*
- 6. The significant changes to the legislation impacting the City of Barrie are identified in the paragraphs that follow, under the specific legislation:

#### Municipal Act, 2001

- Authority for Council to make by-laws respecting climate change;
- Authority to establish community councils;
- Amending the requirements for notice of claims;
- Permissive authority for by-laws respecting the protection or conservation of the environment related to structures;
- Continuation of previous legislation for by-laws passed before the changes related to advertising devices;
- Provisions related to long term energy planning in the municipality;
- Authority to make changes to appeal bodies for certain local land use planning matters;
- Requirements to establish codes of conduct for members of Council and local boards and to appoint an Integrity Commissioner or make arrangements for the responsibilities;
- A broader scope of responsibilities for the Integrity Commissioner, requirements to indemnify Integrity Commissioner and rules related to inquiries and reporting during regular elections;
- Changes to the definition of a meeting and authority to permit electronic participation at meetings that are open to the public, if provided for in a Procedural By-law (subject to the member not counting in determining quorum);
- A broader scope of what constitutes reasons for closed meetings and a requirement to pass a resolution regarding how Council intends to address a report from a closed meeting investigator;
- A provision that an office of a member of Council is not vacated due to absences related to pregnancy or the birth or adoption of a member's child;
- A requirement to adopt and maintain new policies related to the relationship between members of Council and the officers and employees of the municipality, the protection and enhancement of the tree canopy and natural vegetation and with respect to pregnancy and parental leaves of Council members;
- Changes to the administration of property taxes including permitting tax bills to be sent electronically, authorizing the Treasurer to refund all or part of a payment in lieu of taxes;



- Changes to reduce the time that property taxes have to be in arrears before a municipality can start a tax sale process as well as changes to the process;
- New provisions related to investment of money by municipalities;
- Permissive authority to impose administrative penalties for non-compliance with municipal by-laws;
- Permitting a by-law respecting a limitation period for an offence related to lobbyist registries and lobbyist activities; and
- New provisions related to land that is vested in or becomes property of the Crown that would allow it to become rateable property in certain circumstances.

#### Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990

- Establishing endorsed principles in relation to the duties of members of Council and local boards;
- With respect to suspension of remuneration, the ability of the member to attend meetings and influence decisions related to suspension of a member's remuneration;
- A requirement for a member to file a written statement after the member discloses a pecuniary interest and for a registry of conflicts to be kept and made available to the public; and
- Changes to the application to a Judge for alleged contraventions to the Act and an expansion of the range of consequences that may be imposed on a member by a Judge.

#### Municipal Elections Act, 1996

- Changes to the date of commencement for term of Council from December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>, effective for the 2022 to 2026 term of Council;
- Increases in the maximum contributions to a candidate or a registered third party from \$750 to \$1,200; and
- Rules concerning the maximum amount that candidates and his/her spouse are permitted to make to the candidate's own campaign.
- 7. Further details regarding the changes are identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report LCS014-17. Appendix "A" identifies the specific legislative reference, a general description of the change/new item and the department(s) that would review any implications of such change.
- 8. It is of note that a number of the new provisions are not yet in force and effect. Staff will be reporting back on the changes, as required, once further details and/or applicable dates are known.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

9. The changes to the *Municipal Act* through Bill 68 provide authority for municipalities to pass by-laws related to climate change as well as the protection or conservation of the environment as it relates to structures such as green roofs.



#### **ALTERNATIVES**

10. As this report is being presented for information purposes only, alternatives have not been presented.

#### **FINANCIAL**

11. There are no financial implications for the Corporation resulting from the recommendation to receive the staff report regarding the changes resulting from Bill 68. The changes to the legislation may require additional staff time or resources to address. Staff will identify the implications through a specific staff report or the budget process, depending on the magnitude of the financial implications.

#### LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

12. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report are not directly related to the goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.



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# Appendix "A"

#### Changes to Legislation Resulting from Bill 68 – Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017

Municipal Act		
Section of the Act	Description	City Department
10 (2), 11 (2) By-laws and climate change AMENDMENT	<ul> <li>Municipality may pass by-law relating to economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, including respecting climate change.</li> </ul>	Environmental Services / Corporate Facilities/Engineering/ Planning and Building Services
23.6 Community councils NEW	Municipality may establish one or more community councils for exercising powers/duties delegated by Council and can make recommendations to Council	Legislative and Court Services
44 (10) Maintenance of Highway/Bridge (liability and notice) AMENDMENT	Section amended to require notice to include date, time and location the injury complained of	Legal Services
97.1 (1) – (4) By-laws and protection / conservation of the environment NEW	<ul> <li>Permissive authority provided for by-laws respecting the protection and conservation of the environment that require building construction in accordance with the Building Code</li> <li>Permissive authority to require green roofs or alternative roof surfaces (definition included)</li> </ul>	Environmental Services / Corporate Facilities/Engineering/ Planning and Building Services
99 (1) By-law and advertising devices REPEALED / RE- ENACTED	Section continues to apply to by-laws passed before its re-enactment	Legislative and Court Services
99.1 By-law and prohibition / regulation of demolition of residential properties NEW	<ul> <li>If conditions are set as a requirement to obtain a permit and an agreement is entered into, it can be registered against title and enforced</li> </ul>	Planning and Building Services/Legal Services
108 (2), 108 (10) Small business counselling NEW / AMENDED	Section amended to allow municipalities to establish and maintain programs for small business counselling without approval by the Minister but rather as per regulations	Business, Development Note: not in force and effect yet



132.1 (1), 132.1 (2) Entrance onto land NEW	<ul> <li>Municipality may enter on adjoining land to municipally owned land to carry out maintenance, repairs and alterations to municipal land, but cannot enter a building</li> </ul>	Roads, Parks and Fleet/Corporate Facilities
142 (8) Cease of effect of by- law REPEALED	Repeal of section that made by-laws of no effect if regulation made under section 28 of <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i> (re: dumping of fill, alteration of grade)	Environmental Services
147 Long-term planning for energy use AMENDED	<ul> <li>Municipality may provide for or participate in long-term planning for energy use in the municipality (may include consideration of energy conservation, climate change and green energy)</li> </ul>	Environmental Services / Corporate Facilities/Engineering/ Planning and Building Services
151 (1), 151 (4) Penalties for non- compliance with systems of licenses REPEALED / AMENDED	• Repeal of section that allowed a municipality to require a person to pay an administrative penalty if that person has failed to comply with a system of licenses (Note: regulations surrounding administrative penalties for all by-laws now included in s. 434.1)	Legislative and Court Services
216 (3) (c.1); 216 (3.1) Planning Act appeal bodies REPEALED / AMENDED	• Municipality may not dissolve an appeal body established under section 8.1 of the <i>Planning Act</i> but may change the appeal body	Planning and Building Services/ Legislative and Court Services
222 (10) Ward Boundary By- law Conflicts REPEALED	<ul> <li>In the event of a conflict between a Ward Boundary By-law and any provision of any other act or regulation the by-law prevails (Minister may no longer prescribe criteria)</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services
223.2 (1) to (4) Council code of conduct AMENDED	<ul> <li>Municipalities shall establish codes of conduct for members of Council and local boards</li> <li>A member who contravenes the code cannot be required to pay an administrative penalty. The Minister may make regulations prescribing what must be included in a code of conduct</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet



223.3 (1) Integrity Commissioner scope AMENDED / NEW	<ul> <li>The scope of the Integrity Commissioner is widened to include:         <ul> <li>Application of sections 5, 5.1 and 5.2 of the <i>Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i> (s. 5, 5.1 and 5.2 outline the duty of members to declare conflicts of interest);</li> <li>Requests from members of Council or a local board for advice/obligations</li> <li>Provision of educational information to members of Council, local boards and the public about the municipality's code of conduct and the <i>Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
223.3. (1.1) and (1.2) Integrity Commissioner appointment NEW	<ul> <li>If a municipality has not appointed an Integrity Commissioner the municipality shall make arrangements for all of the responsibilities of an Integrity Commissioner to be provided by an Integrity Commissioner of another municipality</li> <li>If a municipality has appointed an Integrity Commissioner but has not assigned all of the functions established in s. 223.3 (1) then the municipality shall make arrangements for those functions to be provided by an Integrity Commissioner of another municipality</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
223.3 (2.1) to (2.3) Integrity Commissioner scope NEW	<ul> <li>Requests from members of Council or a local board for advice from an Integrity Commissioner must be made in writing</li> <li>Advice provided by an Integrity Commissioner to a member of Council or a local board must be in writing</li> <li>If an Integrity Commissioner provides education information to the public, the Commissioner may summarize advice provided but not disclose confidential information that could identify a person concerned</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
223.3 (6) to (7) Integrity Commissioner scope NEW	<ul> <li>A municipality shall indemnify and save harmless the Integrity Commissioner or persons acting under the instructions of the Commissioner for costs of defending a proceeding related to acts in good faith or an alleged neglect or default in the performance</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet



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222.4(6) to $(0)$		Logialative and Court
223.4 (6) to (9) Integrity Commissioner inquiries - regular election NEW	<ul> <li>If the Integrity Commissioner has not completed an inquiry before Nomination Day in a regular election, the Commissioner shall terminate the inquiry on Nomination Day</li> <li>Another inquiry shall not be commenced regarding the matter of a terminated inquiry, unless the original requestor or the member submits a written requests within six weeks after Voting Day</li> <li>Requests for an inquiry, reports of the Integrity Commissioner or consideration of whether to impose penalties by Council are addressed between Nomination Day and Voting Day</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
223.4.1 (1) to (6) Inquiry by Integrity Commissioner re: s. 5, 5.1 and 5.2 of the <i>Municipal Conflict of</i> <i>Interest Act</i> - application - timing - content of application NEW	<ul> <li>An elector or person demonstrably acting in the public interest may apply in writing to the Integrity Commissioner for an inquiry regarding a contravention of s. 5, 5.1 or 5.2 of the <i>Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i></li> <li>An application may only be made within six weeks after the applicant became aware of the alleged contravention (subject to exceptions related to the regular election period)</li> <li>The application shall set out the reasons for believing a contravention occurred and include a statutory declaration that the applicant did not become aware of the contravention not more than six weeks prior to application</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
223.4.1 (7) to (14) Inquiry by Integrity Commissioner re: s. 5, 5.1 and 5.2 - Inquiry - public meeting - powers on inquiry - information - timing NEW / AMENDED	<ul> <li>The Integrity Commissioner may conduct such inquiry and he or she considers necessary</li> <li>If the Integrity Commissioner decides to conduct an inquiry they may hold a public meeting to discuss the inquiry</li> <li>The Integrity Commissioner may elect to exercise powers under s. 33 and 34 of the <i>Public Inquiries Act</i> (standard powers for formal inquiries)</li> <li>Municipality/local board shall give the Commissioner information the Commissioner believes necessary for the inquiry (provide access to records)</li> <li>Similar termination provisions as for Code of Conduct inquiries during a regular election period</li> <li>The Integrity Commissioner shall complete the inquiry within 180 days after receiving a completed application</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet



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223.4.1 (15) to (18) Integrity Commissioner Application to Judge re: s. 5, 5.1 and 5.2 NEW	<ul> <li>Upon completion of an inquiry the Integrity Commissioner may apply to a judge under s. 8 of the <i>Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i> for a determination on whether s. 5, 5.1 or 5.2 of the act was contravened</li> <li>The Integrity Commissioner shall notify the applicant if an application to a judge is not made</li> <li>The Integrity Commissioner, deciding whether or not to apply to a Judge, shall publish written reasons for the decision</li> <li>The costs associated with applying to a Judge are to be paid by the municipality or local board</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
223.5 (2.1) to (2.3) Release of advice provided by the Integrity Commissioner NEW	<ul> <li>Advice provided by the Integrity Commissioner to a member may be released with the member's written consent</li> <li>If a member releases part of the advice provided by the Integrity Commissioner then the Integrity Commissioner may release part or all of the advice without obtaining the member's consent</li> <li>The Integrity Commissioner may release such information as in their opinion is necessary for the purposes of a public meeting, application to a Judge or providing written justification of decision whether or not to apply to a Judge</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
223.8 Integrity Commissioner referral to authorities AMENDED	<ul> <li>The Integrity Commissioner no longer refers to the authorities any violations of the <i>Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i> (these matters are to be investigated by the Integrity Commissioner)</li> <li>Provisions to refer a contravention of any other Act or the Criminal Code are still in place</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
238 (1) Definition of meeting AMENDED / NEW	<ul> <li>Definition of 'meeting' amended to include any regular, special or other meeting of Council, a local board or a committee of either where:         <ul> <li>A quorum is present, and</li> <li>Members discuss or deal with any matter that materially advances the business or decision making of the Council, local board or committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
238 (3.1) Electronic participation NEW	<ul> <li>Municipalities may authorize electronic participation at meetings that are open to the public as provided for in a Procedural By-law, provided that any such member is not counted in determining quorum</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet



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239 (2) Subject matter which permits closed meetings AMENDED / NEW	<ul> <li>Addition of the following four reasons for which a meeting may be closed to the public:         <ul> <li>Information provided in confidence by another level of government or Crown agency</li> <li>A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence which, if released, could significantly prejudice the competitive position of a person or organization</li> <li>A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value</li> <li>A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried, or to be carried, on by the municipality or local board</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
239.2 (12) Resolutions regarding closed meeting investigation AMENDED	<ul> <li>If a closed meeting investigation report is received, the municipality or local board shall pass a resolution stating how it intends to address the report</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
242 Absence of Mayor / head at Council meetings AMENDED	• Any individual appointed to act in place of the Mayor / head at Council meetings has all of the powers and duties of the head only as they relate to the role of presiding at meetings	Legislative and Court Services
255 (3) and (4) Retention periods for municipal records AMENDED	The requirement that the municipal auditor approve retention periods for municipal records is removed	Legislative and Court Services
259 Exception for member absence at Council AMENDED	• Office of a member is not declared vacant in the case of Council members who are absent for 20 consecutive weeks or less if the absence is a result of pregnancy, the birth of the members child or the adoption of a child by the member	Legislative and Court Services



270 (1) Adoption of policies AMENDED	<ul> <li>Section amended to add the following required municipal policies:         <ul> <li>the relationship between members of Council and the employees of the municipality</li> <li>Manner in which the tree canopy and natural vegetation will be protected and enhanced</li> <li>Pregnancy leaves and parental leaves for members of Council</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services/ Environmental Services / Engineering/ Planning and Building Services/ Roads, Parks and Fleet/ Environmental Services/ Human Resources Note: not in force and effect yet
271 Regulations re: integration of planning for municipal service delivery NEW	<ul> <li>Section added to authorize the Minister to make regulations relating to the integration of planning for municipal service delivery with planning for service delivery by other public bodies or persons</li> </ul>	Corporate Wide
279 (2) Insurance AMENDED	• Surplus funds and the reserve fund of a municipal reciprocal exchange may only be invested in accordance with section 418 and not the new 418.1 section (prudent investor) – see 418.1 below for more information	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
286 (1) (f) and (g) Treasurer's Responsibilities AMENDED / NEW	<ul> <li>Amends statutory responsibilities of the Treasurer to ensure that municipal investments are made in compliance with the regulations made under section 418 and the new section 418.1 (prudent investor)</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
290 (5) Surplus budgeting exception for 2009 REPEALED	<ul> <li>Section repealed as it related only to a one time budgeting measure permitted in 2009</li> </ul>	Finance
294.1 Administrative name change for the professional accounting association AMENDED	<ul> <li>Section amended to refer to the most up-to- date name of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada</li> </ul>	Finance
306 Change to definition of 'payment in lieu of taxes' AMENDED	Definition of 'payment in lieu of taxes' amended to refer to the correct section of the Assessment Act	Finance



318 (17) Application to payments in lieu of taxes	Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act	Finance
AMENDED		
341 (3) Refund for overpayment of taxes	<ul> <li>Permissive authority for a municipality to apply a tax refund to an outstanding tax liability for the same owner</li> </ul>	Finance
NEW		
343 (6.1) Electronic tax bill delivery	• Municipalities may send a tax bill electronically if the taxpayer has chosen to receive the tax bill electronically	Finance
NEW		
345 (9.1) Cancellation or refund of late payment charges	<ul> <li>Section repealed as it was redundant; information regarding the refund or cancellation of late payment charges found in 345 (1) to (10)</li> </ul>	Finance
REPEALED		
348 (1) Determination of tax status AMENDED	<ul> <li>Section amended to refer to the last day of February instead of February 28, when referring to the deadline by which the Treasurer must establish the position of every tax account</li> </ul>	Finance
349 (2.1) Taxes on escheated or forfeited land owned by the Crown AMENDED/ADDED	• Section amended to clarify that taxes levied on land that is owned by the Crown as the result of an escheat, forfeiture or death of an individual without any lawful heirs cannot be recovered as a debt to the municipality from the Crown	Finance
353 (4.2) Manner in which payment to be made	Manner of payment for liens collected by the municipality on behalf of the Crown	Finance
REPEALED		
353 (6) Manner in which payment to be made	Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act	Finance
REPEALED		



357 (3) and (14) Cancellation, reduction and refund of taxes AMENDED	<ul> <li>Sections amended to refer to the last day of February instead of February 28 when referring to deadlines relating to the cancellation, reduction and refund of taxes</li> </ul>	Finance
357.1 Cancellation, reduction and refund of payment in lieu of taxes NEW	<ul> <li>Permissive authority given to municipalities to refund, reduce or cancel a payment in lieu of taxes</li> </ul>	Finance
358 (1) to (3) Tax Overcharges NEW / AMENDED	<ul> <li>Section amended to:         <ul> <li>Make administrative changes</li> <li>Grant the Treasurer the ability to apply to cancel, reduce or refund all or part of taxes levied in error (typographical errors, error in assessment role, etc.)</li> <li>Clarify that applications for a refund, reduction or cancellation made under s. 33 or 34 of the Assessment Act (applications made when a property has been omitted from the tax roll or when the tax roll has been changed after an assessment has been provided) must be made on or before December 31 of the second year following the year in which the assessment was made</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Finance
358 (5) Overcharges AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Finance
360 Regulation of gross or manifest error AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Finance
361 (10.1) and 365.3 Change of property assessment and refunds AMENDED	• Sections amended to include reference to s. 32 (1.1) of the Assessment Act such that the standard rules for refunds apply when errors in the assessment role are corrected by the assessment corporation	Finance



371 (1) Definition of 'cancellation price' AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative changes to definition of cancellation price as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
371 (2) Change to definition of 'real property taxes' AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative change to refer to 'any Act' in place of 'any other Act'</li> </ul>	Finance
373 (1) and 92) Registration of tax arrears certificate AMENDED	<ul> <li>Tax arrears certificates may be registered by the treasurer on January 1 in the second year following that in which the property taxes become owing instead of the third year</li> <li>Administrative changes to identify that indicate a tax arrears certificate registered under the section</li> </ul>	Finance
373 (3) to (3.2) Forfeited land AMENDED	• Land that belongs to the Crown as the result of an escheat, forfeiture or a death of an individual who did not have any lawful heirs can be sold for tax arrears	Finance
373.1 (1) to (3) Expedited sale of forfeited corporate land NEW	• Tax arrears certificates made on land that is vested in the Crown because of an escheat or forfeiture resulting from the dissolution of a corporation shall indicate that the land will be sold by public sale if the cancellation price is not paid within 90 days	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
373.2 (1) Limits on registration of tax arrears certificates NEW	• No tax arrears certificate may be registered against land that was vested in the Crown by the death of an individual if a notice indicating that the Crown intends to use the land for crown purposes is registered (such an exemption does not exist for other lands vested to the Crown)	Finance
374 (1) Notice on registration of tax arrears certificates AMENDED	<ul> <li>Notice of registration of a tax arrears certificate against land vested in the crown as a result of the dissolution of a corporation must be given within 60 days or 30 days for lands vested with the Crown (instead of the 90 days required for most properties)</li> <li>Notice of tax arrears shall be sent to the Public Guardian and Trustee if the Public Guardian and Trustee has registered a notice or other document on title to the land</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet



375 (1) and (1.1) Cancellation of tax arrears certificate NEW	• Any person may have an expedited tax arrears certificate made on land vested in the Crown, as described in s. 373.1 (1) to (3), cancelled by paying the full cancellation price within the 90 day period and within 1 year for lands described in s. 373	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
375 (2) Tax arrears cancellation payments AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
375 (3.1) Lien exception for the Crown AMENDED	<ul> <li>If the cancellation price of a tax arrears certificate is paid by a person entitled to receive notice (other than the owner or owner's spouse) then that person has a lien on the land concerned for the amount paid except when that land is vested in the Crown because of an escheat, forfeiture, dissolution of a corporation or death of an individual with no lawful heirs</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
376 (1) Accounting for tax arrears cancellation price AMENDED	• To delete the expiry date referred to in section 379 (1) from this section.	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
378 (1) and (1.1) Tax arrears extension agreements AMENDED	<ul> <li>The Treasurer may enter into an agreement to extend the one year or 90 day period following the issuance of the tax arrears certificate, extending the period of time in which the cancellation price can be paid, with any person the Treasurer is satisfied has an interest in the land</li> <li>No such extension agreement shall be entered into unless the person seeking the agreement with a municipality has obtained the consent of the Minister responsible for the administration of the <i>Forfeited Corporate Property Act</i> for the expedited sale of land under s. 373.1</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
378 (4) Calculation of time of extension agreements AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet



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379 (1) and (2) Public sale after tax arrears certificate is registered AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
379 (2) (b) and (2.0.1) Advertisement of public sale NEW / AMENDED	<ul> <li>Advertisements for public sale now must be made in accordance with regulations from the Minister and do not refer specifically to advertisement in the Ontario Gazette and local newspaper</li> <li>The same advertisement for public sale requirements are in place for the expedited sale of land under s. 373.1</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
379 (7) Effects of conveyance AMENDED	<ul> <li>Section now applies also to land vested in the Crown as the result of the death of an individual with no lawful heirs</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
380 (1) (b) Application of proceeds from tax sale AMENDED	<ul> <li>Section amended such that the order by which the proceeds of a tax sale are distributed are consistent with one another as follows:         <ul> <li>Firstly applied to the cancellation price;</li> <li>Secondly to all persons, other than the owner of the land immediately before the registration of the tax deed, having an interest in the land according to their priority at law; and</li> <li>Thirdly, the owner of the land immediately before the registration of the tax deed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
380 (1.1) Application of proceeds from tax sale AMENDED	<ul> <li>Section now applies also to land vested in the Crown as the result of the death of an individual with no lawful heirs</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
380 (2) Payment into court following a tax sale AMENDED	• The Treasurer shall pay all of the proceeds of the tax sale, minus the cancellation price, to the Superior Court of Justice, including a statement outlining the facts under which the payment into court is made as well as the names and addresses of the persons to whom the statement will be sent under subsection (3)	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
380 (3), (3.1) and (3.2) Notice of payment into court AMENDED	<ul> <li>Section amended to clarify all persons to whom the Treasurer shall send a copy of the statement relating to a payment into court as the result of a tax sale</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet



380 (4) – (10) Payment out of court REPEALED / RE- ENACTED	<ul> <li>Section amended to replace the one year time restriction with a ten year time restriction for an individual to apply to the Superior Court of Justice for payment out of court relating to the proceeds of a tax sale</li> <li>Section amended such that individuals cannot apply for a payment out of court relating to a tax sale until 90 days after the payment into court</li> <li>Section amended such that the proceeds of a tax sale, minus the cancellation price and if left unclaimed, is forfeited to the Crown and not to the municipality</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
380.1 (2) and (3) No successful purchaser relating to a tax sale AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
384 (1) Mining rights following tax sale	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
386.1 (1) Treasurer immunity from civil actions	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
387 (2) Scope of ministerial regulations NEW	<ul> <li>Section amended to add advertising clauses relating to the tax sales to the scope of the Minister's authority to make regulations</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
388.2 Transition, certificate registered before this section comes into force	<ul> <li>Administrative changes to address registration of tax arrears certificate before the day the section comes into force</li> </ul>	Finance
NEW 398 (2) Amount owing or added to tax roll AMENDED	• Section amended to broaden the scope of that which can be added to the tax roll for a particular property to include the supply of a service or thing instead of just a public utility	Finance



410 (2)	Reference to non-application of Sinking Fund	Finance
Sinking fund committee NEW	Committee if the new prudent investor section applies to a municipality	Note: not in force and effect yet
418 (1.1) Investment NEW	Reference to non-application of section 418 if the new prudent investor section (s. 418.1) applies to a municipality	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
418.1 (1) – (18) Prudent investment NEW	<ul> <li>Permits municipalities and local boards to have prudent investor status for money not immediately required. The municipality must exercise the care, skill, diligence and judgment of a prudent investor.</li> <li>Municipalities must consider certain criteria in planning investments including: general economic conditions; possible effects of inflation or deflation; the role of each investment within the municipality's investment portfolios; the expected total return from income and appreciation of capital; and need for liquidity, regularity of income and preservation or appreciation of capital.</li> <li>Investments must be diversified so far as it is appropriate to general economic and investment market conditions.</li> </ul>	Finance Note: not in force and effect yet
420 (1) (c) Agreements for the investment of money	Administrative changes to correct the name of another Act referenced.	Finance
AMENDED		
420 (1.1) and 421 (1.1) Agreements for the investment of money	<ul> <li>Reference to non-application of section 420 and 421 if the new prudent investor section (s. 418.1) applies to a municipality</li> </ul>	Finance
NEW		



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434.1 (1) System of Administrative penalties for non-compliance with by- laws NEW	<ul> <li>Section added to permit the creation of a system of administrative penalties for non-compliance with by-laws, where the purpose is to encourage compliance, in accordance with the following:         <ul> <li>The purpose of a system of administrative penalties is to encourage compliance with by-laws</li> <li>The amount of the penalty shall not be punitive in nature</li> <li>The amount of the penalty shall not be punitive in nature</li> <li>The amount shall not exceed the amount reasonably required to promote compliance</li> </ul> </li> <li>Section added such that the Minister may make regulations relating to this section as they see fit, including:         <ul> <li>Granting municipalities powers with respect to requiring payments of administrative penalties</li> <li>Imposing conditions and limitations on municipal powers respecting administrative penalties</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services/ Legal Services
434.2 Debt NEW	<ul> <li>An administrative penalty constitutes a debt to the municipality and the debt may be added to the property tax bill</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services/ Legal Services / Finance
434.3 (1) Limitation period for administrative penalties re: lobbyist registrar	<ul> <li>Section added to permit a municipality to limit the period within which an administrative penalty may be applied in relation to non-compliance with a Lobbyist Registrar to two years</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services
436 (3) Splitting of samples taken during an inspection AMENDED	<ul> <li>When a sample is taken during an inspection, as permitted under s. 436 (2) (d), that sample must be divided into two parts with one part delivered to the person from whom the sample was taken except where splitting the sample is technically infeasible</li> </ul>	Corporate wide
447 (6) Forfeiture of bond relating to non-compliance of a licensing by-law AMENDED	<ul> <li>If a bond has been posted to suspend a closing order relating to non-compliance with a licensing by-law and the bond terms are breached, a Judge, upon application, may order the proceeds be paid to the municipality (where they were previously to be paid to the Crown)</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services/Legal Services/Finance



447 (9) Licensing by-law deemed passed by Council AMENDED	Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act	Legislative and Court Services/Legal Services
447.6 (3.1), (4.1) and 9 Records as evidence NEW	<ul> <li>Subsections added such that a copy of any prescribed record or statement made under the <i>Municipal Act</i>, or under a by- law made under the <i>Municipal Act</i>, and purporting to be certified by a prescribed person may be filed and used in court instead of the original without proof unless the court otherwise directs</li> <li>The Minister may make regulations prescribing anything referred to above as prescribed</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services/Legal Services
453 (1) Regulations, transitional matters relating to this act AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services/Legal Services
474.11 (1) – 5 Land deemed to be rateable NEW	• Amendments introduce a provision that a tax arrears certificate cannot be registered if the Province has registered a notice indicating that the Crown intends to use the property for Crown purposes or an order canceling encumbrances on the land is issued. The amendments refer to provisions in the <i>Forfeited Corporate Property Act, 2015</i> .	Finance



Municipal Conflict of Interest Act		
Section of the Act	Description	Department
1.1 Endorsed principles NEW	<ul> <li>The following principles are added in relation to the duties of members of Council and local boards:         <ul> <li>the importance of integrity, independence and accountability in decision making</li> <li>the importance of certainty in reconciling public duties and the pecuniary interest of members</li> <li>an expectation that members perform their duties with integrity and impartiality in a manner that will bear the closest scrutiny</li> <li>an understanding that there is benefit to municipalities when members have broad knowledge and are active in their communities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4 Exceptions to pecuniary conflicts AMENDED	Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
5 (2.1) Exception; consideration of penalty NEW	<ul> <li>If the matter under consideration is to consider whether to suspend the remuneration paid to a member under s. 223.4 (5) or (6) of the <i>Municipal Act</i> the member may         <ul> <li>take part in discussions and attempt to influence voting but may not vote</li> <li>may attend closed meetings relating to the matter</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet



5.1, 5.2 Record of disclosure NEW	<ul> <li>At a meeting, or as soon as possible afterwards, any member who discloses a pecuniary interest shall file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk or the secretary of the committee or local board</li> <li>Where a member has a pecuniary conflict, either direct or indirect, in any matter being considered by an employee of the municipality or local board or anyone delegated with that authority, the member shall not use their office to influence any decision or recommendation</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
	<ul> <li>An exception to the above rules is made for a member to influence voting with regard to the suspension of remuneration</li> </ul>	
6.1 Registry of conflicts NEW	<ul> <li>Every municipality and local board shall establish and maintain a registry to keep each statement filed at or following a meeting and each declaration made at a meeting</li> <li>This registry shall be made available for public inspection</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
7 (3) Power of judge to declare that s. 5 does not apply AMENDED	Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet



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8 (1) to (7)	An elector, an Integrity Commissioner	Legislative and Court
Application to a judge	of a municipality or a person	Services
re: alleged	demonstrably acting in the public	
contravention of the	interest may apply to a judge if they	Note: not in force and
act	believe that a member or former	effect yet
	member has contravened the act	
REPEALED / RE-	<ul> <li>An application to a judge may only be</li> </ul>	
ENACTED	made within six weeks of the applicant	
	becoming aware of the alleged	
	contravention	
	An exception to the six week period exists	
	when all of the following conditions are met:	
	<ul> <li>The applicant applied to an</li> </ul>	
	Integrity Commissioner regarding	
	an inquiry about the alleged	
	contravention within six weeks of	
	becoming aware	
	<ul> <li>The Integrity Commissioner</li> <li>conducted on inquiry and did not</li> </ul>	
	conducted an inquiry and did not make an application to a judge,	
	did not conduct the inquiry within	
	the prescribed timeline or	
	terminated the inquiry	
	<ul> <li>The application includes a copy</li> </ul>	
	of the statutory declaration	
	submitted with the original inquiry	
	to the Integrity Commissioner	
	<ul> <li>The application is made</li> </ul>	
	within six weeks after the	
	earlier of the following:	
	<ul> <li>The day after the</li> </ul>	
	Integrity	
	Commissioner	
	advised they would	
	not make an	
	application to a judge; The last day on which	
	the Integrity	
	Commissioner is required	
	to complete the inquiry;	
	and	
	<ul> <li>The day the inquiry was</li> </ul>	
	terminated	
	• An application may be made more than	
	six weeks after the applicant became	
	aware of the alleged contravention if the	
	applicant is an Integrity Commissioner	
	<ul> <li>No application shall be brought</li> </ul>	
	forward six years after the alleged	
	contravention	
	<ul> <li>The notice of application shall state</li> </ul>	
	the grounds for the contravention	



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9 (1) and (2) Action where a contravention is alleged to have occurred NEW / AMENDED	<ul> <li>If a judge determines that a member contravened the act they may do any or all of the following:         <ul> <li>Reprimand the member or former member</li> <li>Suspend the members remuneration for 90 days</li> <li>Declare the members seat vacant</li> <li>Disqualify the member from being a member for up to seven years</li> <li>Order the member to make restitution to the party suffering loss or to the municipality or local board</li> </ul> </li> <li>The judge may consider whether or not the member:         <ul> <li>Took reasonable measures to prevent contravention</li> <li>Disclosed the interest and facts to an Integrity Commissioner in a request for advice and acted in accordance to advice received from an Integrity Commissioner</li> <li>Committed the contravention through inadvertence or error of judgement made in good faith</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
11 (1) Appeal to a divisional court AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
12 (1) to (3), 13 Proceedings not invalidated but voidable AMENDED / NEW	<ul> <li>If a member is found to have contravened the act, the matter which the contravention affected is not automatically invalidated but may be declared void by the municipality or local board by the second anniversary of the decision if it does not adversely affect the rights that a person who acted in good faith acquired</li> <li>A proceeding that relates to a member or former member's alleged conflict of interest does not affect the municipality's or local board's power to reprimand a member or suspend a member's remuneration under subsection 223.4(5) of the <i>Municipal Act</i></li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet



14 (1), 14 (3) Insurance for members found not to have contravened the act AMENDED	<ul> <li>Administrative changes as a result of repealed, amended and / or new sections of this or another act</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
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Municipal Elections Act		
Section of the Act	Description	Department
6 Commencement of term of office AMENDED	Changes the date of the commencement of the term of office form December 1 to November 15 in a regular election year starting in 2022	Legislative and Court Services
33.0.2 (1) Calculation date of maximum campaign expenses NEW	• The Clerk shall calculate the maximum campaign contribution permitted by a candidate and his / her spouse to their own campaign and issue a certificate indicating the maximum amount as of the filing date	Legislative and Court Services
88.9.1 (1) to (3) Maximum contributions to a candidates own campaign NEW	<ul> <li>A candidate or their spouse cannot make contributions to their own campaign in excess of:         <ul> <li>For office of Mayor: \$7,500 plus 20 cents for each elector, not to exceed \$25,000</li> <li>For office of a member of Council: \$5,000 plus 20 cents for each elector, not to exceed \$25,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>Number of electors is the greater of the number of electors on the voters list on Sept. 15 of the previous election or on Sept. 15 of the current election</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services



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88.9.1 (4) to (7) Certificate of Maximum Amounts & no certificate required if maximum is \$25K and transition for 2018 election NEW	<ul> <li>The Clerk shall calculate and provide the maximum amounts permitted for a candidate or spouse to contribute to their own campaign on or before September 25, in a regular election year</li> <li>If the maximum amount is \$25,000 the Clerk is not required to provide a certificate</li> <li>The Clerks calculation is final</li> <li>For the 2018 election the calculation shall be the greater of the number of electors on the list as of Nomination Day in 2014 and those on the list as of September 15 of 2018</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services
88.9.1, 94.2 Non-application of section 88.34 AMENDED	<ul> <li>No prosecution for an offence under this act shall be commenced after November 15 of the fourth year following an election (previously it was December 1)</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
88.13, 88.26 Maximum contributions to registered third parties AMENDED	<ul> <li>To increase maximum campaign contributions from \$750 to \$1,200</li> </ul>	Legislative and Court Services Note: not in force and effect yet
88.24, 88.28 Extension of the election campaign period AMENDED	• If a request to extend the campaign period is received, the campaign period may be extended to the end of the six month period following 45 days after an election or by- election if this is the earliest date of all the options noted under section 88.24(1) 4 & 5	Legislative and Court Services