



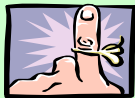
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Amendments to municipal legislation receive Royal Assent

Amendments to *The Assessment Management Agency Act*, *The Cities Act*, *The Municipalities Act* and *The Local Government Election Act* were given Royal Assent in the spring 2006 session of the Legislature. Following is a brief summary of changes made to these key pieces of legislation for municipalities.

The Assessment Management Agency Act

Amendments to *The Assessment Management Agency Act* provide appropriate legislative authority for the transition to a market value property assessment system in 2009, and make changes to strengthen, clarify and improve the roll confirmation and quality assurance processes.

The Cities Act

Amendments to *The Cities Act* implement provisions developed through the work of the “parking ticket” review committee, address assessment issues raised by the assessment valuation service providers, and correct minor wording inconsistencies in the legislation.

The Municipalities Act

Amendments to *The Municipalities Act* address minor policy issues that were identified by the department and stakeholders. Like *The Cities*

Act, amendments update and address issues related to the enforcement of parking tickets and fines and incorporate changes required to implement the 2009 revaluation.

Amendments to these Acts were initially introduced during the fall 2005 session of the Legislature, but due to time constraints, debate on each Bill was held over. The Bills were debated further and dealt with during the spring 2006 session.

The Local Government Election Act

Amendments to *The Local Government Election Act* (LGEA) clarify procedures for RM elections, such as the filling of a vacancy on a rural municipal council and the number of times a voter may cast a vote in a rural municipal election. They also provide greater consistency between the election provisions for urban municipalities/school boards and those for RMs. For example, changes are made to provisions concerning the prescribed declaration of a candidate’s agent, objections regarding the entitlement of a person to vote and the authority for urban municipalities to conduct joint elections.

Amendments of a “housekeeping” nature were also necessary as a result of the incorporation of the rural election

procedures from *The Rural Municipality Act, 1989* into the LGEA.

Amendments to the LGEA were introduced in the spring 2006 session of the Legislature. They were developed in consultation with municipal stakeholders and with Saskatchewan Learning.

Community Share 2006 - bringing new capital assets to Municipalities

The Community Share 2006 program is investing 32 million dollars in our municipalities in recognition of their contribution to the province's growing prosperity.

Municipalities can choose the capital cost that they wish to put this funding toward. To mid May, 51 communities have identified a total of 57 projects using the Community Share 2006 funding.

The projects include the purchase of equipment like graders, tractors and lawn mowers; construction of, or repairs to, municipal buildings; new office equipment; replacing sewer lines or pumps and ultra violet lights for water treatment plants or road work.

Municipalities that have yet to report their plans for Community Share 2006 can find the information on reporting on the department web site -

<http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/pdf/samplecommgrant.pdf>

Planning and Development Act Review update

In late May and early June 2006, the Planning and Development Act Review welcomed people from across the province to a series of sixteen Open House Consultations. If you were unable to attend these open houses but would like an opportunity to comment, you may download a copy of the report *Building a Sustainable Future* and submit the questionnaire on line at <http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/cpb/ongoingreview0506.shtml>. The deadline for comments is July 30, 2006. Your comments are appreciated and all information received through the consultation process will be taken into consideration in the preparation of legislative amendments.

Local Government Election Workshops

The Advisory Services Unit of Government Relations (GR) in cooperation with the Urban Municipal Administrators' Association (UMAAS) has scheduled a series of workshops regarding the upcoming local government general election.

The workshops are directed at administrators, returning officers, deputy returning officers and election officials in urban and northern municipalities.

To register, please complete the registration form indicating the location you will attend. A

registration fee of \$37.45 (\$35.00 plus GST) is required. Please include your cheque, payable to "UMAAS" with your registration form and mail it to the location you plan to attend. To ensure a place in the workshop, we suggest you register early.

Workshop Dates and Locations

September 5 – Melfort - Travelodge Hotel, 101 Spruce Haven Road

September 6 - North Battleford - Don Ross Centre Room 107 891 – 99th Street

September 7 – Yorkton - Best Western Parkland Inn, 100 Broadway Street East

September 12 - Swift Current - Days Inn, Highway No. 1 East

September 13 – Weyburn - Weyburn Inn, #5 Government Road

September 14 - Saskatoon - Travelodge, Vanguard Room, 106 Circle Drive West

Workshop Agenda

10:00 am – 10:30 am - Coffee and Registration

10:30 am – 12:00 noon - Local Government Election Workshop

12:00 noon - Lunch (*lunch will be provided & included in registration fee*).

12:30 – 2:00 pm – Local Government Election Workshop and Wrap Up