

Bill 43 – *The Municipalities Modernization and Red Tape Reduction Act*

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Agenda

- Consultation process
- Overview of key amendments in Bill 43
 - What does it mean for municipalities?
- Timelines and next steps
- Open opportunity for questions and comments

Legislation Governing Municipalities

Legislation	Governing
<i>The Municipalities Act</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural Municipalities<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Organized hamlets and hamlets• Towns• Villages• Resort Villages• Municipal Districts
<i>The Cities Act</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities
<i>The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northern towns, villages, hamlets and settlements• District

The Municipalities Modernization and Red Tape Reduction Act

Bill 43
passed this
spring session

Amending:

The Cities Act

The Municipalities Act

*The Northern
Municipalities Act, 2010*

Why Amend the Municipal Acts?

- Municipal Acts were last opened for general amendments in 2019-20
- Keeps legislative framework current and responsive
- Address issues and improvements identified by stakeholders

2024
spring

summer

*Provincial & local
elections*

fall

2025

winter

spring

fall

**Invite stakeholder
proposals**



**Public engagement
- Issue papers, surveys**

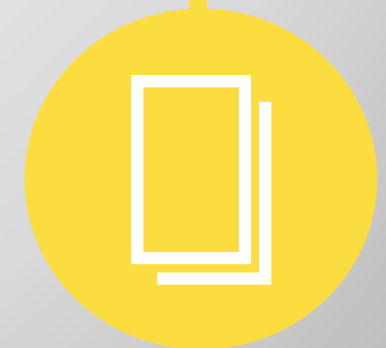


**Approvals and
final drafting**

**Ministry research
and analysis**



**Develop proposals
for decision-makers**



INTRODUCTION IN FALL SESSION

Amendments – Main Themes



Transparency and Public Access to Information

- Require documents to be published on website
 - Financial statements and meeting minutes by September 1, 2027
 - Bylaws by September 1, 2028
- For physical copies of documents:
 - Municipalities may only charge “actual costs”
 - Municipalities must establish timelines for fulfilling requests

Governance and Accountability

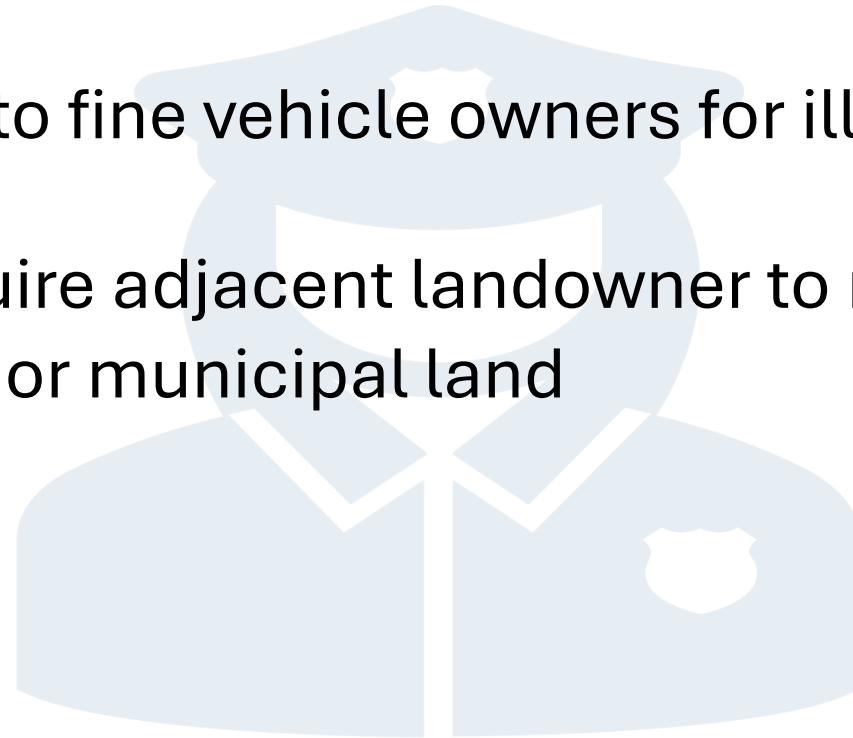
- Municipalities required to offer orientation training within 120 days of general election
- Oath of office: council members ineligible to participate and attend council meetings until signing oath
- Stronger provisions re: harassment of municipal employees

Governance and Accountability

- Administrator must report to council a summary of official examination
- Allow municipality to appoint non-voting, Indigenous advisor to council
- Councils must follow principles of procedural fairness when undertaking actions and making decisions

Taxation and Bylaw Enforcement

- Stronger provisions related to dangerous animals
- Allow municipalities to fine vehicle owners for illegal dumping
- Stronger tools to require adjacent landowner to remedy bylaw infractions on Crown or municipal land



Property Assessment Appeals

- Encourage more agreements to adjust assessment
- Correction to the assessment roll if an error is recognized
- Board of revision secretary:
 - More discretion to consolidate appeals
 - Remove discretion to file deficient appeals

Property Assessment Appeals – Items for Regulations

- Move deadlines for notice of appeals and filing materials to regulations
- Move details on dates and industry-specific reporting to regulations
- Establish regulation-making authority for:
 - Adding non-refundable processing fee
 - When an appellant may amend appeal grounds
 - Which appeals to proceed directly to the SMB (e.g. complex appeals)

Red Tape Reduction

- Remove requirements for:
 - A municipality to send registered letter for unpaid utility charges
 - Elected officials to file duplicate public disclosure statement
- Fixed challenges
 - Provide authority for public utility board to own land
 - Clarify notice provisions for municipalities in non-compliance

Timelines and Key Dates

Bill 43	
May 14, 2026 (Royal Assent)	Most amendments come into force
Now → rest of 2026	Work on regulation changes begins <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation with associations and other stakeholders
January 1, 2027	Certain assessment and taxation amendments
September 1, 2027	Online posting of financial statements and meeting minutes
September 1, 2028	Online posting of bylaws currently in force in the municipality
November 8, 2028	Training must be offered within 120 days of general election
TBD (amendments requiring regulations)	Come into force upon <u>proclamation</u> (to align with approval of regulations)

Questions?

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