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Municipal Accountability

Elected Official Training

- Should a requirement for elected officials to take the training be in the Act? Or should it be up to each municipality to determine requirements and to set out in a code of conduct?
- Are any changes required to the scope of mandatory training?

Ombudsman

- What should be done to ensure that only issues of municipal fairness (not municipal decisions) are brought forward?
- What additional factors, if any, should be applied to help screen complaints?



Intermunicipal Collaboration and Planning

Collaboration Framework Agreements

- What scope of services and infrastructure should be **required** for cost-sharing under an ICF? What should be specifically **excluded**?
- How should ICFs treat municipalities that share services but do not share a municipal boundary?
- How should the governance model be structured (e.g., advisory committee, municipally controlled corporation, Regional Services Commission, etc.)?



Intermunicipal Collaboration and Planning

Collaboration Framework Agreements

- How should municipalities calculate shared cost or benefit (e.g., usage, assessment base, consumption rates, etc.)?
- How should operating, capital, and debt-servicing be treated?
- Can cooperation be addressed through individual bilateral ICFs? Or is a more regional approach required (i.e., ICFs for multiple municipalities)?
- How should arbitration be handled?



Intermunicipal Collaboration and Planning

Timeframe for IDP and MDP

- What are the practical considerations around how these multiple plans should be developed in alignment (particularly around timelines)?
- What is the best sequence for doing the ICF, IDP and MDP?

Growth Management Boards

- How should municipalities that are within the boundaries of a Growth Management Board treat their existing IDPs?
- Do you have any concerns about the requirements for growth management boards and have any examples to provide?



Planning Tools

Offsite Levies

- Will the 30% clause for new offsite levies work in your municipality?
 - What are some challenges with it?
- What changes would you suggest to make this clause effective in your municipality?
- How should the land area be defined?
- How should the benefit of the facility be defined?



Planning Tools

Reserves

- Will the conservation reserve be a tool that your municipality would likely use? Why/why not?
 - What would make the conservation reserves most useful in planning and developing your municipality?
- What other issues relating to reserves do you think needs to be changed?
 - How would these changes benefit your municipality?



Planning Tools

Inclusionary Zoning

- Is inclusionary zoning a power that you can use in your community?
- Should offsets be set at market value, or should developers contribute to the costs of the inclusionary zoning?
- What barriers do you see in using this new tool?
 - Are there ways to enhance this provision to make it more useful for your municipality?



Property Assessment and Taxation

Non-residential Sub-classes:

- Should municipalities be able to determine sub-classes of non-residential property, or should the province define?
- What sub-classes are required?

5 to 1 Maximum Ratio:

- What, if any, concerns do you have with the new 5:1 maximum ratio?
- Should there be any exemptions (e.g., brownfields)?



Property Assessment and Taxation

Appeals Process

- What is problematic about the appeal process and how should these issues be addressed?

Municipal Oversight on Centralized Assessment

- What kinds of municipal oversight are required and what processes should be put in place for transparent reporting of results?