#### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734 HELD on MONDAY, June 13, 2016, 12:30 P.M. District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

MEMBERS PRESENT	Trustees Crockett, McEvoy, Proulx, Radford, Shaw, and Tremblay					
ADMINISTRATION PRES	<b>SENT</b> D. Keohane, superintendent, S. McGuinness, assistant superintendent, D. Quick, assistant superintendent, D. Schlag, secretary-treasurer					
CALL TO ORDER	<b>Trustee Radford</b> called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.					
IN CAMERA						
237/16	<b>Trustee McEvoy</b> : <b>THAT</b> the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 12:31 p.m.					
OUT OF CAMERA	CARRIED (6/6)					
238/16	<b>Trustee McEvoy: THAT</b> the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:25 p.m.					
	CARRIED (6/6)					
	The Board recessed until 3:30 p.m.					
OPENING PRAYER	Trustee Tremblay offered the Opening Prayer.					
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	<b>Trustee Radford</b> acknowledged the Board is meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.					
APPROVAL OF AGENDA						
239/16	<b>Trustee Shaw: THAT</b> the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented and amended with the addition of 13.2 Municipal Government Act Update.					
	CARRIED (6/6)					
PRESENTATION DELEG	ATION Mr. Kevin George, Lead Engagement Partner with Meyers, Norris, and Penny LLP presented the process they will take for the upcoming audit of the financial records for the year ending, August 2016.					
APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES						

240/16 **Trustee McEvoy: THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on May 30, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED (6/6)

241/16	<b>Trustee Prouls: THAT</b> the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Capital Committee meeting of May 31, 2016 as circulated.
	CARRIED (6/6)
242/16	Trustee Proulx: THAT the Board of Trustees approve the summary of the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board held on June 1, 2016 as circulated. CARRIED (6/6)
APPROVAL OF REPORT	<b>TS FROM ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING</b> There were no reports.
GOOD NEWS	Trustee Radford shared the Good News Report.
	<b>Trustee Crockett</b> commended St. Gabriel High School for a wonderful grad ceremony, and <b>Trustee Tremblay</b> shared accolades regarding the graduation ceremony for Morinville Community High School students.
	<b>Communications Manager, C. Bruineman</b> updated the Board on the recognition received for the 150th Anniversary celebrations from the IABC (International Association of Business Communicators), with an award in the Special Events Category.
	<b>Trustee Shaw</b> commended <b>Emily Vilscak, St. Albert Catholic</b> <b>High</b> student for being a recipient of a Cappie Award for her performance in Under Milk Wood.
QUESTIONS FROM THE	E PUBLIC
	There were no questions from the public.
CONSENT ITEMS	Authorization of Locally Developed Courses Assistant Superintendent Quick presented a comprehensive list of Locally Approved Courses for the 2016/2017 School Year.
243/16	Trustee McEvoy moved all 17 Locally Developed Courses for approval as follows:
	<b>THAT</b> the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course <b>Fit For Life 7</b> from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.
	<b>THAT</b> the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course <b>Leadership 7-8-9</b> from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.
	<b>THAT</b> the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course <b>Learning Strategies 7-8-9</b> from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

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**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course **Marketing 8** from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course **Math Advantage 9** from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the developed locally-developed course **Sports Recreation 8** from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' junior high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Avid Readers** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Elk Island Public Schools Regional Division No. 14 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Biology 35 IB** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2019 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Extended Essay 35IB** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from St. Albert Public School District No. 5565 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Film Studies 15-25-35** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2017 from Calgary School District No. 19 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Forensics Science Studies 35** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35** for 3 or 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Calgary School District No. 19 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Religions of the World 35** for 3 or 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Technical Theatre** for 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2018 from Calgary School District No. 19 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Theory of Knowledge 35IB** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Calgary School District No. 19 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Works in Translation 35IB** for 3 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

**THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the use of the acquired locally-developed course **Workplace Essential Skills 25-35** for 3 or 5 credits beginning September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2020 from Edmonton Public School District No. 7 and any learning resources detailed in the course outlines for use in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' high schools.

#### CARRIED (6/6)

#### **Review of Board Policy 18 – Naming of Schools**

**Trustee Crockett: THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 18 – Naming of Schools with no changes.

#### CARRIED (6/6)

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

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#### Policy 20 – Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Superintendent, D. Keohane** presented the context, timing and criteria for selection of award recipients. The award was established through the work of a sub-committee of the Board to celebrate staff who demonstrate witness to Jesus Christ and others in need in a selfless manner. Laura Bird, a teacher in St. Albert during the 1960's and 1970's, was chosen as a namesake for this award as she was passionate about prioritizing service to students with diverse needs. Her family is honored and grant their permission to have this award created in her name.

245/16	<b>Trustee Shaw: THAT</b> the Board of Trustees review as presented and make recommendations for Draft Policy 20 – Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award.
	CARRIED (6/6)
	Municipal Government Act (MGA) Update
	<b>Trustee Crockett</b> provided an update on the Government's MGA legislation, based on her attendance at a meeting earlier in the day and, considerations and implications for School Boards. Trustee Crockett inquired about the Boards interest and preferred approach for responding.
246/16	<b>Trustee Proulx: THAT</b> the Board of Trustees send a letter to Minister Larivee addressing school board related concerns identified at the Board table regarding the recent MGA Review on June 13, 2016. <b>CARRIED (6/6)</b>
NEW BUSINESS	<b>New School Consultation Process Proposed Guidelines</b> <b>Communications Manager Bruineman</b> presented draft proposed guidelines for the planned New School Consultation Process. Trustees discussed the guidelines and will offer further amendments through an online document, bringing the updated version to the June 27 <sup>th</sup> meeting for final review.
INFORMATION ITEMS	<b>Report from the Chair</b> Trustee Radford highlighted the joint meeting held with St. Albert Public and Sturgeon School Division and the mutual benefits of gathering.
MEETING EXTENSION	
247/16	<b>Trustee Crockett: THAT</b> the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 6:00 p.m.
	CARRIED (6/6)
	<b>Report from the Chair</b> <b>Trustee Radford</b> shared the Correspondence with the Board, including a letter from St. Albert Public offering to host the next joint meeting between Sturgeon School Division, St. Albert Public, and GSACRD.
248/16	<b>Trustee Proulx: THAT</b> the Board of Trustees continue meeting with Sturgeon School Division and St. Albert Public on an annual basis and arrange to host a future joint meeting. <b>CARRIED (6/6)</b>
	<b>Report from the Superintendent</b> <b>Superintendent Keohane</b> updated the Board on the highlights from the Accountability Pillar Results which reflects the updating of measures on satisfaction and high school completion success. The report will be updated in the fall with the Diplomas and Provincial Achievement Tests Results.
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**Superintendent Keohane** presented the results from the recent Gallup Poll highlighting that employee engagement across the District has reached its highest level in the last eight years. It was demonstrated that high levels of employee engagement impacts student success in school. Engagement levels are also a predictor of professional success.

Assistant Superintendent Quick provided an update on Faith Initiatives across the District highlighting the outstanding progress on many of the Charitable works school were involved in including: raising funds for the building of Pope Francis School and supporting both the Fort McMurray Fire Relief efforts and the annual Sign of Hope Campaign.

#### MEETING EXTENSION

249/16	Trustee McEvoy:	THAT the Board	of Trustees	extend the
	meeting until 7:00 p.m	1.		

CARRIED (6/6)

250/16	<b>Trustee McEvoy</b> :	THAT th	he	Board	of	Trustees	receive
	the superintendent's rep	port as inf	forn	nation.			

CARRIED (6/6)

#### **BOARD COMMITMENTS**

251/16 **Trustee Crockett: THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.

CARRIED (6/6)

#### **CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA**

**Carryl Bennett-Brown** inquired as to whether or not schools would be receiving their individual results from the Gallup Poll. Superintendent confirmed that schools would be sharing their results with staff.

#### **TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**Trustee Radford** requested further information on 3 locally developed courses. The link was provided to all seventeen (17) courses via email for Trustees to review.

**CLOSING PRAYER Trustee Tremblay** offered the closing prayer.

#### IN CAMERA

252/16	Trustee Shaw:	THAT the Board of Trustees move In
	Camera at 6:25 p.m.	CARRIED (6/6)
OUT OF CAMERA		

# 253/16 **Trustee Shaw: THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

#### ADJOURNMENT

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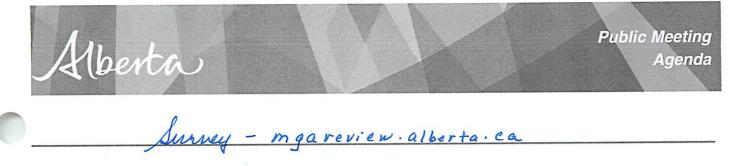
**Trustee Crockett: THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair





### Summer Tour - Public Meeting Hosted by Alberta Municipal Affairs

Impact and Implications of the Revised Municipal Government Act 2.5 hour Session

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

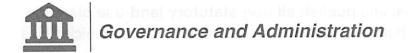
2. Presentation on the Proposed Legislation

3. Moderated Question and Answer

#### 4. Open House Session

• Discussion on the impacts and implications of the revised legislation

5. Closing



What are the positives and negatives of:

- 1. making it easier for municipalities to create a **municipally controlled for-profit** corporation?
- 2. allowing the **Alberta Ombudsman** to respond to complaints about municipalities?
- 3. allowing the Minister of Municipal Affairs to order a **municipal inspection** if she receives sufficient petition?
- 4. **limiting** municipal elected officials' participation on **assessment review boards**?
- 5. requiring municipalities to offer **training** to elected officials after elections and byelections?

Planning and Development

What are the positives and negatives of:

- 1. establishing **growth management boards** for the Calgary and Edmonton regions?
- 2. establishing **intermunicipal collaboration frameworks** for all municipalities outside of the Calgary and Edmonton regions?
- 3. allowing **inclusionary housing** as an option within a municipality's land-use bylaw to build affordable housing in new developments?
- 4. expanding the scope of **offsite levies** to include community recreation facilities, fire halls, police stations and libraries?
- 5. identifying **Environmental Reserve** lands earlier in the planning and development process?
- 6. creating a new type of reserve, **Conservation Reserve**, to protect and conserve environmentally significant features?
- 7. giving the **Minister authority** to create land-use policies for municipal planning matters that are not included in a regional plan under the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*?
- 8. requiring all municipalities, large and small, to have a **Municipal Development Plan**?

- 9. requiring municipalities to list and **publish all non-statutory land-use planning documents**, and describe how they relate to each other and to the municipalities statutory plans?
- 10. allowing a subdivision or development authority an additional **20 days** to determine if a subdivision or development permit application contains the information needed to make a decision?
- 11. giving cities and specialized municipalities the ability to **set their own timelines** for determining if a subdivision or development permit application is complete, and when a development permit application decision must be made?
- 12. granting municipalities the power to give **multi-year tax exemptions**, deferrals or reductions as a means of encouraging **brownfield** cleanup and redevelopment?



Assessment and Taxation

What are the positives and negatives of:

- 1. establishing a maximum **5:1 ratio** between non-residential and residential property tax rates?
- 2. allowing the non-residential property class to be **split into multiple subclasses** with different tax rates?
- 3. **centralizing the assessment** of designated industrial property within the Government of Alberta's Ministry of Municipal Affairs?
- 4. exempting urban farm buildings from assessment and property tax?
- 5. using **scraping as an identifier** for when land can no longer be assessed and taxed as farmland?
- 6. allowing assessors to request information to fulfill their duties and obligations?
- 7. allowing property owners to request **information** in the assessor's possession at the time of the request sufficient to determine how their property was assessed?
- 8. allowing **Assessment Review Boards** to go in-camera and seal evidence to protect confidentiality when appropriate.
- 9. allowing **Composite Assessment Review Boards** to hear business tax and business improvement area levy complaints?
- 10. allowing an assessor to make **corrections to an assessment** that is under complaint before the assessment review board makes a decision?
- 11. allowing assessment review board decisions to be appealed to the courts by **judicial review** only?

## MGA Policy Issues Overview

	Policy Issue	Current	Proposed
		GOVERNANCE	
1	<b>Provincial-Municipal Relationship</b> ( <b>Preamble</b> ): Should the province legislate municipal and provincial roles and responsibilities?	The partnership between the Province and municipalities is implied but not explicitly mentioned in the <i>MGA</i> or other legislation. Roles and responsibilities are not legislated.	A preamble will be incorporated into the <i>MGA</i> to describe the partnership relationship between the province and municipalities.
2	<b>Provincial Oversight of Municipalities:</b> Should the existing mechanisms for oversight of municipalities be maintained, or should some other legislated mechanism be introduced?	Enforcement is at the local level, through the courts, or in certain circumstances, by the Minister.	Expand the mandate of the Alberta Ombudsman to include oversight of municipalities and to respond to complaints about municipalities.
3	Municipally Controlled Corporations: What role, if any, should Municipal Affairs have in the establishment and operation of municipally controlled corporations?	Municipalities require the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs to establish a municipally controlled for-profit corporation.	Allow municipalities to establish municipally controlled for-profit corporations without specific permission, but legislate requirements regarding the allowable scope of those corporations and the transparency of their formation and operation.
4	<b>Elected Official Training:</b> Should the <i>Municipal Government Act (MGA)</i> establish minimum standards for council orientation and training of municipal elected officials?	The <i>MGA</i> does not require council or administration orientation and training.	Require all municipalities to offer elected officials orientation training following each municipal election, including by-elections.
5	Strengthening Impartiality of Appeal Boards: What requirements, if any, should the province place on municipal appeal board members through legislation to reduce bias or perception of bias?	Municipal councillors and public members sit on municipal appeal boards. Councillors may not form the majority of a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The Chair of the Municipal Government	Prohibit municipal councillors from forming the majority of any municipal appeal board or individual hearing panel. Specify that the Chair of the MGB will be appointed by Cabinet and report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

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	through regulation to reduce station	Board (MGB) is the Deputy Minister or a designate.	Contract and report to the Minister of
6	Municipal Sustainability: Are amendments required with respect to municipal viability review process?	The Municipal Sustainability Strategy focuses on providing capacity building support to municipalities, and on a more proactive and inclusive Viability Review process to assist municipalities in assessing and making choices about their long- term future sustainability.	No Legislative Change
		PLANNING	
7	<b>Growth Management Boards:</b> To what degree should the Province determine how municipalities collaborate with one another?	The Capital Region Board is the only mandatory growth management board under the MGA. The Calgary Regional Partnership is a voluntary organization that has prepared and adopted the Calgary Metropolitan Plan on a voluntary basis, but the plan only applies to participating municipalities.	Require Growth Management Boards for the Edmonton and Calgary regions, with an expanded mandate to address land use planning, and the planning, delivery and funding of regional services.
8	<b>Intermunicipal Collaboration:</b> To what degree should the Province determine how municipalities collaborate with one another?	Cooperation between neighbouring municipalities is voluntary, with substantial variation across the province.	Implement mandatory intermunicipal mechanisms for land use planning, and for the planning, delivery and funding of regional services.
9	Affordable Housing (Inclusionary Zoning): How can Municipal Affairs support improvement in the affordable housing supply in Alberta?	The legislation is silent on affordable housing initiatives and provides municipalities with limited powers to require affordable housing.	Enable inclusionary zoning as an optional matter within municipal land use bylaws.
10	Strategic Planning for All Municipalities (Municipal Development Plans): Should all municipalities be required to adopt an MDP as a statutory plan?	Municipal Development Plans are mandatory for municipalities with a population threshold of 3,500 or greater.	Require all municipalities, regardless of population size, to create a Municipal Development Plan.

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11	Incenting Brownfield Development (Tax Tools): Should the MGA allow municipalities to grant special tax considerations to brownfield properties for multiple years to encourage their redevelopment?	Municipalities confirm annually any cancelation, deferral or reduction to the municipal taxes of a property through the annual passing of their property tax bylaw.	Allow a municipal council to provide conditional property tax cancellations, deferrals, or reductions for multiple years to identify and promote redevelopment of brownfield properties.
12	<b>Conservation (Environmental</b> <b>Reserve):</b> How should Environmental Reserve be defined? When should Environmental Reserve land be determined? Should the purpose of Environmental Reserve be expanded?	The MGA identifies lands to consider for Environmental Reserve to prevent pollution and/or provide public access to water. In practice, Environmental Reserve is typically used for land that is not suitable for development.	Provide clarity in the definitions and purposes of Environmental Reserve land, and enable flexibility to determine Environmental Reserve earlier in the planning process. Create a new type of reserve, Conservation Reserve, to protect environmentally significant lands, subject to compensation for the landowner.
13	Non-Statutory Planning Documents: Should the relationship of non- statutory land use plans be open and transparent to the public?	The <i>MGA</i> has no requirement that municipalities publish or identify how their non-statutory plans relate to one another.	Increase transparency around planning documentation by requiring municipalities who adopt or utilize any non-statutory planning documents to list and publish all non- statutory planning documents and describe how those documents relate to each other and to other statutory plans.
14	Decision Making Timelines for Development Permits: What should be the timelines for the review, decision, and approval of subdivision and development permit applications in the MGA?	The <i>MGA</i> specifies the timelines for issuing decisions and lodging appeals for subdivision and development applications.	Maintain existing decision timelines for most municipalities but allow municipalities additional time to determine whether an application is complete. Allow cities and larger specialized municipalities to set their own timelines by bylaw.
15	Land Use Policies: Should the Province continue to have land use policies that apply province-wide?	Any MGA land use policies currently in effect will cease to apply, and any land use policies created in the future under the MGA will not apply, in any region that adopts an Alberta Land Stewardship Act (ALSA)	Continue to phase out current <i>MGA</i> land- use policies as new ALSA regional plans come into force. Authorize the Minister to establish new land use policies for municipal planning matters that are not included in an ALSA regional plan.

	Policy Issue	Current	Proposed
		regional plan.	
		FUNDING	
16	Economic Competitiveness (Linking Residential and Non-Residential Tax Rates): Should a maximum ratio between residential and non- residential property tax rates be legislated?	Municipalities are free to set non- residential and residential tax rates independent of one another.	Establish a maximum ratio of 5:1 between non-residential and residential municipal property tax rates. Municipalities with ratios beyond 5:1 will be grandfathered, but will only be allowed to increase any tax rates above the ratio if they increase their tax rates below the ratio by the same percentage.
17	Economic Competitiveness (Splitting the non-residential property classes): Should municipalities be permitted to establish and set different property tax rates for sub-classes of non- residential property?	Municipalities do not have the authority to split the improved non- residential property assessment class into sub-classes in order to levy different tax rates against different types of improved non- residential property.	Allow the non-residential property class to be split into subclasses and taxed at different rates as defined in regulation. These tax rates will be subject to the maximum ratio limitations on all tax rates.
18	Streamlined Industrial Assessment (Centralization): Should all industrial property be centrally assessed?	The application of definitions and valuation methodologies are varied due to the complex nature of regulated industrial properties. Assessment of these properties is currently separated between municipalities and the province.	Centralize all industrial property assessment within Municipal Affairs. Recover costs associated with centralized assessment from industrial property owners. Assign jurisdiction for appeals related to industrial property to the MGB.
19	Fairness for Urban Farms (Assessment of Farm Buildings): How should farm buildings be assessed?	In rural municipalities, farm buildings are fully exempt from assessment, while in urban municipalities they are assessed at 50 per cent of their market value for agricultural use.	Exempt all farm buildings, in both rural and urban municipalities, from assessment.
20	Funding New Developments (Offsite Levies): What municipal purposes and	Offsite levies can be used for sanitary sewer, storm sewer, roads, and	Expand the scope of off- site levies to include land and buildings for community

	Policy Issue	Current	Proposed
	infrastructure should offsite levies be collected and used for? How should offsite levies be calculated?	water infrastructure in new developments.	recreation facilities, fire halls, police stations and libraries where at least 30 per cent of the benefit of the facility accrues to the new development. Where this threshold is met, developers would contribute according to the proportional benefit.
21	Linear Assessment and Taxation: Should there be changes to the collection of municipal property tax revenue from linear properties?	Tax revenues from linear assessment flow to the municipality in which the property is located.	No change.
22	Assessment of Farmland Intended for Development: How should farm land intended for development be assessed and taxed?	Farm land is assessed and taxed annually at its agricultural use value until the year in which it is converted to a non-farm use.	Farm land will be assessed at market value once the land is no longer used for farming operations. The definition of farming operations will be updated through regulation to include the triggers that indicate when land is no longer farmed.
23	Access to Assessment Information for Assessors and Property Owners: What information sharing should be required of assessors and property owners, and how might shared information be used by the recipient?	The MGA outlines requirements for sharing of assessment information, but stakeholders have indicated that the MGA provisions are not sufficiently clear in some cases.	Clarify the information requirements for both assessors and property owners without increasing scope, by enhancing regulation- making authority and providing detailed direction in a best practices guide.
24	Assessment Complaints: How should complaint timelines, awarding of costs, assessment complaint corrections, agent authorization and judicial	Local Assessment Review Boards hear business tax and business improvement area levy complaints. The assessor may not make corrections to an assessment under	Composite Assessment Review Boards hear business tax and business improvement area levy complaints. The assessor may make corrections to an assessment that is under complaint without

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1	appeal be treated?	complaint. An assessed person must seek leave to appeal, and then an appeal must proceed before the case can be judicially reviewed.	assessment review board ratification or withdrawal of the complaint. ARB decisions may be appealed at Court of Queen's Bench by judicial review only.
25	Municipal Taxation Powers: Should municipalities be granted authority to levy new and broader types of taxes?	Municipal taxation powers are: property tax, business tax, special tax, well drilling equipment tax, business revitalization zone tax, local improvement tax, as well as fees and levies. The sharing of provincial revenues with municipalities is non-legislated, and is administered through the grants model.	No change.
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