

Sturgeon County Submission on Round One *Modernized Municipal Government Act* Regulations Review

Topic	Proposed Change	Sturgeon County's Position	Explanation
Governance and Administration Regulations			
Municipal Corporate Planning Regulation – New	<p>The <i>MMGA</i> added a requirement to adopt a written 3-year financial plan and 5-year capital plan, that must be updated annually.</p> <p>The Regulation proposes to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a minimum standard for the content of plans; Establish that municipalities must prepare the plans in the beginning of the second year the <i>MMGA</i> is proclaimed (Budget 2019). 	Support—in principle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend addition of 'Financial' to the title; Add definitions for surplus, deficit, and accumulated surplus; Clarify if Reserves can be used as a funding source; Clarify if municipality is able to build a budget on a deficit basis; and, Define Accumulated Surplus (does it include equity in TCA?)
Public Participation Policy Regulation – New	<p>The <i>MMGA</i> added a new requirement to establish a municipal public participation policy.</p> <p>The Regulation proposes to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a standard for the content of said policies; Set out requirements/circumstances for how stakeholders will be engaged; Ensure that a municipality has a policy in place within 270 days of proclamation. 	Support	<p>Sturgeon County Council has been proactive in this regard, with the adoption of a Public Engagement Policy in 2016.</p> <p>The Government may wish to amend the mandatory review to once ever four (4) years.</p>
Municipal Gas Systems Core Market Regulation – Updated	The Regulation was developed in 1995 to allow customer choice for non-industrial gas consumers	No comment	Applies to City of Medicine Hat

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	and applies to municipally-owned gas utilities. Municipalities may opt-out of the regulation by bylaw. The expiry date has been removed in this regulation.		
MuniSERP Investment Regulation - Updated	The regulation provides municipalities, through the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation, with additional investment flexibility for funds allocated to the MuniSERP retirement plan. The expiry date has been removed in this regulation.	No comment	So long as the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC) is supportive of the proposed revision, Sturgeon County has no issue or comment.
<i>Planning and Development Regulations</i>			
Aeronautics Act Agreements Regulation – No Change	The regulation allows the federal government to delegate its authority for land-use planning in the vicinity of the Medicine Hat Regional Airport in order to ensure the planned development around the airport is consistent with the safe and economical operation of the airport.	No comment	This regulation does not apply to Sturgeon County.
Crown Land Area Designation Regulation - Updated	The regulation exempts a designated area of Crown land in a municipal district or specialized municipality from Part 17 (Planning) of the MGA. The expiry date has been removed in this regulation.	Support	This will still allow the regulation to be reviewed periodically or upon stakeholder requests.

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Calgary Airport Vicinity Protection Area Regulation – Updated	<p>This regulation controls, regulates or prohibits uses or development on lands within the vicinity of the Calgary Airport. The changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifying secondary suites are allowable in existing structures that predate the regulation; • Specify that when a municipality requests an amendment from the Minister, a written Council Resolution is required; and, • Removal of expiry date. 	No comment	This regulation does not apply to Sturgeon County.
Edmonton International Airport Vicinity Protection Area Regulation – Updated	<p>The regulation controls, regulates or prohibits uses or development on lands within the vicinity of EIA. The changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update/align definitions with Calgary Airport Regulation; • Clarify the Protection Area does not include the Airport Lands; • Clarify when a municipality applies to the Minister for an amendment, the application must include a resolution of Council; and, • Removal of expiry date. 	No comment	This regulation does not apply to Sturgeon County.
Planning Exemption Regulation – Updated	This regulation identifies lands from within municipal boundaries that are exempt from	No comment	This regulation does not apply to Sturgeon County.

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	<p>Part 17 – Planning provisions of the MGA, as well as site-specific case by case exemptions for unique circumstances and/or developments that do not conform to a municipality's LUB. The changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of the exemption for the LUB for Calgary, including Schedule 6, which is no longer required; and • Extend the expiry date from June 30, 2020 to October 31, 2021. 		
<i>Assessment and Taxation Regulations</i>			
Qualified of Assessor Regulation - Updated	<p>The regulation establishes qualification criteria for individuals to hold the position of designated assessors. The changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifying the assessor is responsible for the annual return declaration and cannot delegate that duty; and, • Removal of the expiry date. 	Support	Ensures qualified municipal assessors are in place.