

## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>Sturgeon County <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i> Regulations Submission (Round 1)</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	That Council approve the recommended <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i> Regulations submission, and authorize the Mayor to submit it to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on behalf of Sturgeon County Council.
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	That Council approve the submission package as presented, and authorize the Mayor to send it to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on behalf of Council.
<b>Previous Council Direction</b>	<p>January 24, 2017 – Motion 040/17 That Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the letter as presented on behalf of Council to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the “Continuing the Conversation” discussion paper.</p> <p>June 28, 2016 – Motion 235/16 That Council authorize the Mayor to submit the letter and position package, as presented, to the AAMD&amp;C, Alberta’s Industrial Heartland Association, and all Mayors and Reeves of Alberta Municipal Districts and Counties on behalf of Council regarding the Modernized Municipal Government Act.</p> <p>June 28, 2016 – Motion 236/16 That Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the letter as presented, on behalf of Council, to the Honourable Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i>.</p>
<b>Report</b>	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over the last three (3) years, the Government of Alberta has undertaken a complete review of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, Alberta’s enabling legislation for municipalities.</li> <li>Sturgeon County Council has been actively engaged throughout the review process and has submitted formal and informal feedback on Bill 20 in 2015 and Bill 21 in 2016.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On December 6, 2016, the Government passed Bill 21, the <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i>. However, there are a number of existing Regulations that require updating and new Regulations that need to be established in order to fully implement the changes of both Bill 20 and Bill 21.</li> <li>On January 31, 2017, the first set of draft Regulations were released for public comment, and the Government requested any and all feedback to be provided by March 31, 2017.</li> <li>The intention is to have the <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i> and all associated Regulations in place by the fall of 2017.</li> <li>Of the Regulations released to-date, Sturgeon County Administration has no major concerns and is recommending that Council either support or provide 'no comment' on each Regulation.</li> <li>This review is consistent with the briefing information provided by the AAMDC on February 10, 2017.</li> </ul> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2017 Sturgeon County Council Advocacy Plan</li> <li><i>Municipal Government Act</i>, RSA 2000 c. M-26</li> </ul>
<b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p><b>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership</b> – Advocating for Sturgeon County's interests to be present within the <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i> is consistent with providing effective leadership and management.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	Council authorize the Mayor to send the submission on behalf of Council, as amended.
<b>Follow up Action</b>	1. Administration will work with the Mayor to submit the correspondence prior to March 31, 2017 (Intergovernmental Affairs, January 2017)

<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Proposed MGA Regulation Submission (Attachment 1)</li><li>2. AAMDC MGA Regulation Briefing (Attachment 2)</li></ol>
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<div><p>Trevor Duley, Senior Advisor Intergovernmental Affairs</p></div> <div><p>Stephane Labonne, General Manager, Integrated Growth</p></div> <div><p>Peter Tarnawsky, County Commissioner – CAO</p></div>

## Strategic Alignment Checklist

**Vision:** Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

**Mission:** Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
<b>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership</b>			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Respect the Natural Environment</b>			
<i>We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure effective environmental risk management</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Identity &amp; Spirit</b>			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Planned Growth and Prosperity</b>			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities</b>			
<i>We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Operational Excellence</b>			
<i>We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streamlines operational processes and policies</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>