

Request for Decision

Title	Sturgeon County <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i> Regulations Submission (Round 2)
Proposed Motion	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.
Administrative Recommendation	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.
Previous Council Direction	<p>March 28, 2017 – Motion 132/17 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.</p> <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&C, Alberta’s Industrial Heartland Association, and all Mayors and Reeves of Alberta Municipal Districts and Counties on behalf of Council regarding the <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i>.</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>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the last three (3) years, the Government of Alberta has undertaken a complete review of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> (MGA), Alberta’s enabling legislation for municipalities. To-date, Sturgeon County Council has been actively engaged throughout the review process, and has submitted formal and informal feedback in multiple regards:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bill 20: <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, 2015 ○ Bill 21: <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i>, 2016 ○ Bill 8: An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government, 2017 ○ MGA Regulations Round 1, March 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MGA Regulations are intended to support the implementation of the legislative changes passed in Bills 8, 20, and 21 over the last two and a half years. • Round 2 Regulations were presented for public feedback on July 24, 2017 and will remain open until September 22, 2017. No date(s) has been set for when the overall legislation and corresponding Regulations will be proclaimed. It is understood there will be at least one more round of Regulations that is released for public feedback (likely before 2018) which will include Regulations for Growth Management Boards, Annexation Principles, Voluntary Amalgamations, Inclusionary Housing, and more. • In analyzing the Round 2 Regulations, Administration recommends that Council support most of the Regulations, while seeking clarifications on specific sections to provide further clarity. • Specific draft Regulations that Council, through its deliberations, have taken a keen interest in include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) ○ Code of Conduct for Elected Officials ○ Council and Council Committee Meetings ○ Off-Site Levies ○ Community Aggregate Payment Levy ○ Matters Relating to Assessment Sub-Classes ○ Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation • Attachment 1 summarizes the Round 2 Regulations, and provides a recommended Council response, for Council's review and approval. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Sturgeon County Council Advocacy Plan • <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, RSA 2000, c. M-26
<p>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership – Advocating for Sturgeon County's interests to be present within the <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i> consistent with providing effective leadership and management.</p>

	<p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>As these Regulations are proclaimed, certain administrative processes may need to be revised to ensure legislative compliance. Administration intends to address these once the overall legislation is proclaimed.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
Alternatives Considered	Council authorize the Mayor to send the submission on behalf of Council, as amended.
Follow up Action	1. Administration will work with the Mayor to submit the correspondence prior to September 22, 2017 (Intergovernmental Affairs, September 2017).
Attachment(s)	1. Proposed MGA Regulation Submission (Attachment 1) 2. MGA Regulations Round 2 (Attachment 2)
Report Reviewed by:	<p></p> <p>Trevor Duley, Senior Advisor Intergovernmental Affairs</p> <p></p> <p>Stephane Labonne, General Manager, Integrated Growth Division</p> <p></p> <p>Peter Tarnawsky, County Commissioner-CAO</p>

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
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
<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"> Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considers fiscal stability and sustainability 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respect the Natural Environment			
<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"> Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure effective environmental risk management 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Identity & Spirit			
<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"> Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhances service provision through community partnerships 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
<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"> Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
<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"> Positive impact on residents' quality of life 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports and promotes volunteer efforts 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<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"> Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamlines operational processes and policies 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>