

Bill 8 – An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government Released!

In a continuation of the review of the Municipal Government Act, the Government of Alberta has introduced **Bill 8: An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government**.

This legislation is largely built from the **Continuing the Conversation** consultation document distributed for public input in late 2016 and early 2017. Alberta Municipal Affairs has also released a **What We Heard** document based on this public input which is available [here](#).

The legislation addresses both new areas in the MGA and revises existing provisions. Some of these areas include:

- Collaboration with Indigenous communities
- Parental Leave
- Environmental Well-Being
- Notification of Amalgamation and Annexations
- Intermunicipal Offsite Levies
- Conservation Reserves\
- Compliance in the Link Tax Rate Ratio
- Tax Exemptions
- Corrections to Assessments Under Complaint

For more information on the changes, see the Bill 8 [here](#), or visit the Alberta Municipal Affairs MGA Review website [here](#). Bill 8 is expected to be passed in the spring legislative session.

The AAMDC is reviewing the legislation in full and will provide additional analysis in future versions of the Contact newsletter.

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