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Legislative Modifications Announced to Municipal Governance During COVID-19

Municipal Affairs releases updates rules for council meetings and time extensions during the COVID-19 pandemic

Municipal Affairs has released an [updated factsheet](#) with new rules for municipal council meetings and the extension of upcoming deadlines during the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes have been made through the newly enacted [Meeting Procedures \(COVID-19 Suppression\) Regulation](#).

Highlights of the new regulation include:

- Allowing for council meetings to be held entirely by electronic means
- Providing flexibility for conducting public hearings
- Extending various deadlines, and of particular note, **ICFs and IDPs are now due April 2021**

RMA welcomes these changes made by Municipal Affairs and appreciates their receptiveness to make changes necessary for municipalities to continue to function during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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