

# Municipal Services Offices Provincial Update

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# Presentation Outline

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# Local Government



# Municipal Election Reminders

- Changes to council composition
  - By-laws need to be passed prior to **December 31, 2021**.
- Establishing or altering ward boundaries
  - By-laws need to be passed by **December 31, 2021**.
  - May wish to consider possible appeals and any appeal period delaying the effective date of the by-law.
- Election budget
  - Consider allowances in the 2022 budget.
- Service providers for alternative voting and vote counting equipment
  - May wish to consider thinking early about ensuring that your agreements with private service providers are in place.
- Delegation of authority
  - May wish to consider the need for appropriate delegation of authority to be in place if council becomes subject to restricted acts provisions.

# ***Municipal Elections Act Changes Reminder***

- Electronic filing of nomination and registration paperwork
  - Clerks may choose to permit municipal election candidates (council and school trustee) and third-party advertisers to file nomination and registration paperwork electronically.
- Ending a third-party advertisers' campaign
  - Third-party advertisers can end their campaign by filing a written withdrawal with the clerk at any time prior to the end of registration period for third-party advertisers.
  - The *Municipal Elections Act* stipulates that a third-party advertiser's campaign is automatically ended if they file a nomination to run for office.
- Timeline Changes

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Candidates to file/withdraw nominations	<b>August 19, 2022</b>
Councils to pass by-laws for alternative voting and vote counting equipment	<b>May 1, 2022</b>
Clerks to establish procedures for alternative voting and use of vote counting equipment	<b>June 1, 2022</b>

# Finance



# COVID-19 Operational Funding

To date, municipalities have received three rounds of COVID-19 operational funding allocations:

- **Safe Restart Agreement (SRA)**
  - Two phases totalling more than \$1.2 billion.
- **2021 Provincial COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities (CRFM)**
  - Two equal payments in 2021.
- Municipalities are required to report back on the use of this funding using a template on Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON)



# Municipal Modernization Program

- The Municipal Modernization Program (MMP) is part of Ontario's commitment to help small and rural municipalities become more efficient and modernize service delivery.
- **Intake 3:** More than \$50 million was announced at the AMO 2021 conference to fund projects that support digital modernization, service integration, streamline development approvals and shared services/alternative delivery models.
- Eligible projects could include:
  - Service delivery reviews
  - Software modernization
  - Operational and performance reviews
  - Shared service assessments
  - Strategic/master plan creation

# Audit and Accountability Fund

- The province launched the Audit and Accountability Fund (AAF) for municipalities to undertake third party reviews with the goal of finding service delivery efficiencies.
- **Intake 3:** \$7 million was announced at the AMO 2021 conference to fund projects that support digital modernization, service integration and streamlined development approvals.
- Eligible projects could include:
  - Service delivery reviews
  - Modernization reviews
  - Digital transformation studies
  - Streamlined development approval process reviews
  - Services integration reviews

# Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

- The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) is the province's main general assistance grant for municipalities.
- The program primarily supports northern and rural municipalities across the province. Its objectives are to:
  - Recognize the challenges of northern and rural municipalities, while targeting funding to those with more challenging fiscal circumstances;
  - Support areas with limited property assessment; and
  - Assist municipalities that are adjusting to year-over-year funding changes.

# Asset Management Regulation Requirements

## Strategic Asset Management Policy (By July 1, 2019)

Requires municipalities to outline commitments to best practices and continuous improvement.

## Asset Management Plan: Phase 2 (By July 1, 2022)

For core assets (water, wastewater and stormwater assets, roads, bridges and culverts):

- Inventory of assets
- Current levels of service measured by standard metrics
- Costs to maintain levels of service

## Asset Management Plan: Phase 3 (By July 1, 2024)

Builds on the Phase 2 plan to include all municipal assets, including current levels of service and costs.

## Asset Management Plan: Phase 4 (By July 1, 2025)

Builds on Phase 3 where plans shift to:

- Proposed levels of service
- Lifecycle management and financial strategy for all assets

# Financial Information Return New Website

- The website is located at: <https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/fir/fir/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Financial Information Return website. The header includes the Ontario logo and the text "Financial Information Return" with a "Français" link. The navigation menu contains "FIR Home", "Municipal Reporting", "Reports", "Open Data", "News", and "Contact Us". The main content area is split into two sections: "FIR 2020 Template" with a "Download Template" button and a link to "View templates for other years"; and "FIR Reports by Municipality" with a "View 2020 Reports" button and a link to "View reports for other years". The background of the main content area features a keyboard and a hand pointing at a tablet displaying charts.

# Housing



# Social Services Relief Fund

To date, municipalities have received four rounds of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) allocations:

- **SSRF Phase 4:** \$307.4 million was announced at the AMO 2021 conference.
  - This investment includes \$21 million in residual funding under the previously announced COCHI.
- Phase 4 includes both eligible operating and/or capital expenses.
  - All eligible operating expenses under the existing SSRF Phase 3 and eligible capital expenses under the existing Phase 2 will be maintained under Phase 4.
- All eligible operating expenses must be spent by **March 31, 2022**.
- Service Managers should consider how enhanced supports and services offered through the SSRF will be phased out or continued through other funding sources.

# By-Name List and Enumeration

## By-Name List

- In March 2021, MMAH communicated to service managers and sector organizations the requirement to begin developing a By-Name List in April 2021 and have an operational list across the entire Service Manager area by January 1, 2022.

## Enumeration

- Due to gaps and limitations in the 2018 enumeration data, MMAH paused the requirement for service managers to conduct local homeless enumeration for 2020 to review the province's enumeration requirements. To provide greater consistency in the data collected, MMAH requires service managers to enumerate in 2021 by December 15th using a Point-in-Time (PIT) Count method.



# Municipal Tools for Affordable Housing

## ***Planning Act***

- Additional Residential Units
- Official Plans and Zoning By-laws
- Garden Suites
- Community Improvement Plans
- Inclusionary Zoning
- Demolition Control Areas
- Subdivision Control
- Reduction in Parkland / Cash-in-Lieu
- Waiving/reduction of application fees
- Reduction / Exemption from Parking Requirements
- Community Benefits Charges
- Development / Community Planning Permit System

## ***Municipal Act***

- Municipal Services Corporations
- Grants
- Municipal Capital Facilities Agreements
- New Multi-Residential Property Class
- Prohibiting the demolition and conversion of residential rental properties

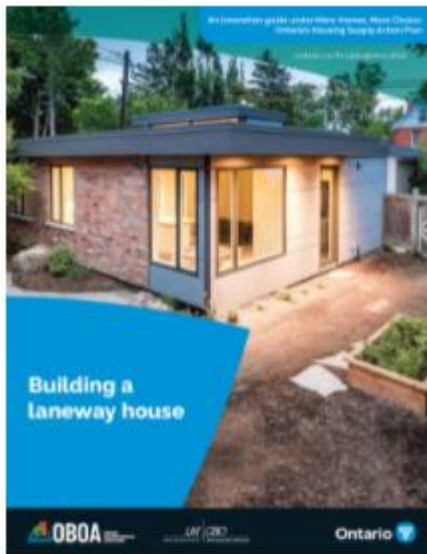
## ***Development Charges Act***

- Full or partial exemptions to DCs for (common) types of development
- Early or late payment of DCs

# Housing Innovation

## Housing Supply Action Plan

- The province is supporting homeowners, property owners and landlords to navigate financing options, and complex design and building processes to increase housing supply and affordability.



# Other Updates

- In addition to the *Municipal Act* and the *Planning Act*, there are numerous pieces of legislation that deal with municipal activities within Ontario.
- For information on current provincial funding programs and to find out if your municipality is eligible, please access Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON).
  - <https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/gr/tpcr>

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