

**Regional Planning and Major Developments:
Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Bill 37)**

- The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Bill 37) implements key planning recommendations from the June 2019 Treasury Board Secretariat Report, *Planning, Zoning and Permitting in Manitoba*.
- These changes adopt best practices and ensure greater transparency, consistency and accountability across the province.
- The overall goal is to establish a province-wide framework to support a co-ordinated approach to planning and development, reduce planning delays and enhance planning appeals.
- It addresses gaps in Manitoba's regulatory framework by mandating regional approaches to planning.

The following provisions of Bill 37 have not been proclaimed, pending consultation on regulations to support implementation:

Planning Regions

- The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act provides a mechanism for regional approaches to land use, infrastructure planning, shared servicing and economic development.
- It establishes a Capital Planning Region (legislated membership: 18 municipalities, including City of Winnipeg).
- The Capital Planning Region will be required to adopt a regional plan within 2 years and approved by the Minister.
- Once adopted, member municipalities will have 3 years to ensure local development plans are consistent with the regional plan.
- A new regulation will determine the structure, governance, operations and decision-making processes for the Capital Planning Region board.
- The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act also gives the Minister authority, by Regulation, to establish other planning regions in Manitoba.
- The Minister must consult with each municipal council when determining whether to establish a new planning region to ensure local support.
- A planning region may only acquire land for implementing its regional plan to limit its authority.
- Member municipalities must agree on their funding contributions to the planning region to support cooperation among members.
- Regional board must submit a copy of its budget to all member municipalities and the minister to support transparency.

Additional Measures to Simplify/Expedite Processes

- The Planning Amendment and Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act includes a number of provisions intended to streamline and reduce the administrative burden of planning, including:
 - Expediting development application processes by enabling municipalities to attach development agreements at development permit stage.