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MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

Third Party Inspectors and Farm Buildings

On January 15, 2021, the Manitoba government made regulatory changes to allow municipalities to engage third party building and fire inspectors as well as allow qualifying municipalities to inspect farm buildings.

The **Classes of Buildings Designation Regulation**, Manitoba regulation 48/2010 was repealed and replaced with the **Designated Buildings Regulation**, Manitoba regulation 4/2021. The changes within this regulation include the following:

- Qualified individuals who issue permits and conduct inspections on Part 3 buildings on behalf of a municipality are no longer required to be directly employed by a municipality or a planning district.
- Farm buildings regulated under the **Manitoba Building Code** are no longer designated solely to the Office of the Fire Commissioner. All current municipalities who are permitted to issue permits and conduct inspections on Part 3 buildings will now issue permits and conduct inspections for farm buildings as well.

The **Fire Safety Inspection Regulation**, Manitoba regulation 208/2014 was amended to allow local assistants to delegate their powers, duties and functions under **The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act**, for fire safety inspections, to an individual who is not an employee of the local authority if the individual has:

- a) Successfully completed a training program offered or recognized by the fire commissioner respecting fire safety inspections; or
- b) The equivalent training and experience necessary, as approved by the fire commissioner, to appropriately conduct fire inspection.

If you have any questions or concerns with regards to qualifying for third party Part 3 and farm building inspections, please contact the Inspection and Technical Services Division of Municipal Relations at **204-945-3373** or e-mail technicalServices@gov.mb.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns with regards to qualifying for third party fire inspections, please contact the Office of the Fire Commissioner at **204-945-3322** or e-mail firecomm@gov.mb.ca.