

**Bulletin #2021-38**

## **MUNICIPAL RELATIONS**

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING BRANCH**

**Important Notice to  
All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers**

### **Recent Changes to *The Planning Act* to Reduce Red Tape and Streamline Land-Use Planning**

Bill 55 - *The Reducing Red Tape and Improving Services Act 2021* came into effect on May 20, 2021. This Bill amends several Acts, including *The Planning Act*, to reduce or eliminate regulatory requirements and to streamline government processes.

Three main changes have been made to remove unnecessary barriers and enhance transparency and efficiency in land use planning and development, which are described below:

1. The validity of certificates of approval for subdivisions is extended from 12 months to 24 months and the need to request extension for additional year within 12 months has been removed.

Please note that any certificates of approval granted before this legislation came into force may be extended by the approving authority for an additional 12 months.

2. A notice of hearing may reference the civic address of a property, in addition to its legal description.
3. The time period of withholding a development permit is shortened from a maximum of a 125 days to a maximum of 90 days.

You can access Bill 55 – *The Reducing Red Tape and Improving Services Act 2021* on the Manitoba Legislative Assembly website at <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/42-3/b055e.php#Explanatory%20Note>.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact your regional Community Planning office, or call the Winnipeg Office at (204) 945-2150.