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MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

**Important Notice to all Elected Officials,
Chief Administrative Officers and Senior Election Officials**

**Day of Mourning on September 19, 2022 to Honour
Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

The federal government recently announced that September 19, 2022, the day of the Queen's Funeral, will be a day of mourning, and will be a holiday for federal government employees.

The Province of Manitoba is observing September 19 as a day of mourning, and non-essential provincial services and offices will be closed, with schools remaining open. However, September 19 is not a federal or provincial statutory closure, and there is no requirement to close municipal offices. Municipal councils are encouraged to make their own decisions about time off for municipal staff and observation of the Day of Mourning. Further information about protocols relating to the passing of her Majesty, including the display of flags, was included in Bulletin 2022-27.

Municipalities should note that September 19 falls within the nomination period for the upcoming general municipal election on October 26. Senior Election Officials must ensure that the legislative requirements of The Municipal Councils and School Board Elections Act related to nominations continues to be met. In particular, municipalities and their Senior Election Officials should ensure that nominations continue to be accepted on September 19th in the manner communicated to the public in the notice of nominations. Municipalities should also note that there is no authority in legislation for an extension of the nomination period.

If you have additional questions, please email mrmaas@gov.mb.ca, or call 204-945-2572.

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