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MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

The Planning Act Handbook

Manitoba Municipal Relations has produced a new Planning Act Handbook to provide a general plain language overview and summary of The Planning Act which establishes the legal framework for planning in Manitoba excluding the City of Winnipeg whose planning framework is established under Part 6 of The City of Winnipeg Charter

The purpose of the Handbook is to help communities navigate land use planning processes and guide municipalities and planning districts in completing the minimum requirements for land use planning as required in The Planning Act. The Planning Act Handbook can be downloaded from the Department's website here:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/land_use_dev/pubs/the_planning_handbook.pdf

This release version of the Handbook contains all provisions of The Planning Act effective up to December 31, 2022. Manitoba Municipal Relations is committed to developing an updated version which would incorporate all remaining legislative amendments passed and proclaimed in Version #2 to be released later this year.

The Handbook is intended to be a living document, with regular updates to ensure it reflects up-to-date legislation and addresses pertinent land use planning issues. Municipalities and planning districts are welcome to provide suggestions for improvements to the Community Planning Branch (contact information below).

A French translation is currently in development, and will be posted on the website when complete.

The Planning Act Handbook is intended to complement, not replace, other planning guides produced by the Province of Manitoba. However, many of these additional resources are linked within the Handbook for ease of access.

If you have questions regarding The Planning Act or accessing and using The Planning Act Handbook, please contact your Community Planning Branch office:

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