

## **Bulletin #2024-18**

### **MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS**

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

#### **Statutory Review of Planning Legislation June 2024 Update**

Manitoba is required by law to undertake a comprehensive review of recent amendments made to The Planning Act and The City of Winnipeg Charter (former Bill 37 and Bill 34), that includes public representations, by October 29, 2024.

Braid Solutions Inc. is conducting the independent assessment of the legislative amendments and facilitating stakeholder engagement. As part of the initial review phase and based on feedback from stakeholders to inform the design of the review, the department has accepted Braid's recommendations on the scope and framework of the consultation (Phase 2).

Please see the below update to Bulletin #2024-12.

##### **Status update from Phase 1**

Phase 1 of the Statutory Review of Planning Legislation has been completed by Braid Solutions Inc. Phase 1 was designed to accomplish two objectives:

- Engage stakeholders in shaping the scope and process of the review, and
- Assess the availability, quality and consistency of data that could be used to perform some quantitative assessment of the legislation.

This initial discovery phase was supported by a strong group of stakeholder voices representing the wide range of interests in the legislation from municipalities, planning districts, Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, The Municipal Board and the planning and development community.

Braid Solutions conducted over twenty sessions with stakeholders representing political leaders, local government and planning district administration, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Manitoba Municipal Administrators, Urban Development Institute, and several individuals with professional experience in the legal, planning and development professions. Meetings were structured to ensure representation and capture feedback from all parts of the province and from those with interests in various aspects of the legislation. Representative data was requested from the City of Winnipeg, The Municipal Board and four municipalities/planning districts.

The consultants and the department appreciate the support and feedback received from the participating organizations and individuals in Phase 1. The findings from Phase 1 have impacted the design of Phase 2 and the scope of questions for the review. Braid Solutions' technical report on Phase 1 is attached to this bulletin for your reference.

##### **What comes next?**

The consultants are finalizing engagement sessions with stakeholder organizations. Invitations for participants will be issued by the department. If you receive an invitation, a prompt response is kindly requested to ensure the review process can be undertaken in a timely manner. It is

appreciated that participants are flexible within the engagement timeframes that are taking place over the next few months.

On behalf of the consulting team, the department will issue the request for regulatory performance data to municipalities directly in July. Organizations will have a four-week period to provide the requested information. The consultants will provide a supportive document to accompany the request and will be available to answer questions.

Engagement sessions will be complimented with an opportunity for Manitobans to provide their input through the provincial EngageMB webpage in the coming weeks. The EngageMB project webpage will be available for a minimum 30 days.

The department will issue requests for formal submissions on behalf of the consultants and there will be further communication on this process.

**How will we receive further updates?**

The consultants will provide updates through the department at key milestones during the review process. These updates will be provided by email or through municipal bulletins.

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