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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

Statutory Review of Planning Legislation March 2025 Update

Manitoba is required by law to undertake a comprehensive review of recent amendments to The Planning Act and The City of Winnipeg Charter (formerly Bill 37 and Bill 34).

Status Update

The review process, conducted by consultant Braid Solutions Inc. began in early 2024 and is now complete. The consultant carried out an independent assessment of the legislative amendments using a phased approach, which included extensive stakeholder engagement.

- Phase 1 finalized the project design and research methods with input from the department and stakeholders.
- Phase 2 involved extensive consultation with over 250 individuals, representing over 95 municipalities, development stakeholders, and the public. This included direct engagement with the City of Winnipeg, The Municipal Board, and provincial departments. Engagement efforts included:
 - Structured interviews with stakeholders
 - Quantitative analysis of municipal planning application performance data
 - Review of The Municipal Board's appeal functions and data
 - Public engagement via EngageMB (surveys for the public, municipal official, and developers)
 - Formal submissions from key stakeholder organizations
- Phase 3 focused on analysis of key findings and developing recommendations for government. The consultant's final report provides an overview of the consultation process, methodology, key findings, and recommendations.

What comes next?

The Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations has received the final report and recommendations. The report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by October 2025. The department is reviewing the consultant's recommendations and preparing an action plan for implementation.

How will we receive further updates?

Once the report is tabled in the Legislative Assembly, supporting material will be published on the department's website.

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