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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to
All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION TAX CHANGES

Recent amendments to *The Municipal Act* enable councils to directly impose an accommodation tax on the use of short-term accommodations within the municipality. This moves the authority for municipalities to enact an accommodation tax by-law from *The Municipal Taxation and Funding Act,* which required approval from Manitoba for accommodation tax by-laws to come into force.

Division 5.1 Short-Term Accommodation Tax under *The Municipal Act* enhances municipal autonomy by enabling councils to determine which types of premises may be included in a short-term accommodation tax by-law, the applicable tax rate or amount, and the method of calculating the tax. A public hearing will be required before adopting or amending any such by-law. Approval from Manitoba for accommodation tax by-laws is no longer required.

Short Term Accommodation Tax by-laws are now completely within municipal authority. These by-laws may help in addressing tax fairness in the accommodations industry by broadening the tax's applicability to other accommodation types beyond only hotels and motels.

A brief Q&A on these changes is attached. Should you require any additional information, please email mrmaas@gov.mb.ca, or phone 204-945-2572 to speak to a Municipal Services Officer.

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