

Land and Property Rights Tribunal - Fact Sheet

Legislative Amalgamation of the Land Compensation Board (LCB), Municipal Government Board (MGB), New Home Buyer Protection Board (NHBPB) and Surface Rights Board (SRB)

Background

The LCB, MGB, NHBPB, and SRB are independent, quasi-judicial tribunals that make decisions about land planning, property assessment and compensation disputes involving land expropriations and surface leases.

These boards were administratively amalgamated in 2017 as part of a government-wide review of all Agencies, Boards and Commissions. This involved having a common Chair to oversee all four boards, sharing administrative staff and a common location. These changes generated annual cost savings of approximately \$500,000.

What is changing?

The LCB, MGB, NHBPB and SRB will be amalgamated into the **Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT)** pursuant to the *Land and Property Rights Tribunal Act*. This legislation was introduced under *Bill 48, the Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020*. Bill 48 received royal assent on December 09, 2020.

This will consolidate the jurisdiction and administration of these boards into one entity, the LPRT.

When will the amalgamation take effect?

The LPRT will come into existence on **June 02, 2021**, replacing the LCB, MGB, NHBPB, and SRB.

Why are these boards being amalgamated?

The LPRT is being created as part of the next phase of the administrative amalgamation to further streamline services, improve efficiency and reduce costs.

Key Highlights

Board members of the LCB, MGB, NHBPB and SRB will become members of the LPRT.

The LPRT will have common rules of procedure and Mandate and Roles to simplify and streamline processes for parties.

Having a larger pool of members to assign to proceedings improves the flexibility to respond to shifting workloads and the tribunal's ability to retain the best and most experienced members.

This change will not affect rights of parties or existing applications or appeals so anyone who has already submitted materials won't have to take any additional steps.

Contact information for the LPRT has not changed. The LPRT will retain email addresses and phone numbers of the LCB, MGB, NHBPB, and SRB until further notice.

Questions?

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