

# Implementation Fact Sheet

## *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*

### Decision Making Timelines Amendments 2020

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#### Relevant *MGA* sections

s.640.2 (1), s.640.2(2), s.642(4), s.694(1), s.694(1)(a.1)

#### Previous *MGA* requirements

Prior to recent amendments, the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* allowed municipalities with a population of 15,000 or more to set, by bylaw, their own subdivision and development permit application and decision timelines.

#### What is changing?

- The changes to the *MGA* repeal s.640.1, Alternative Time Periods for Application, which had allowed municipalities with populations of 15,000 or more to set alternate timelines for subdivision and development permit applications and decisions.
- A provision was added enabling the Minister to create alternate timelines for a municipality. s.694(1)(a.1)

#### What do municipalities need to know?

- Under these changes, municipalities who have put alternate timelines in place by bylaw have 6 months from the legislation coming into force to comply with the legislated timelines. s.640.2(1)
- The legislated timelines remain unchanged.
- Legislated timelines for subdivision and development permit approvals are:
  - 20 days to determine application completeness; s.653.1(1), s.683.1(1);
  - 60 days to make a decision on a complete subdivision application; Subdivision and Development Regulation s.6(b); and
  - 40 days to make a decision on a complete development permit application. s.684(1)

- The *MGA* still allows municipalities to extend legislated timelines through mutual agreement with the applicant. s.653.1(3), s.684(2)

#### When does this change take effect?

The amendments came into force December 9, 2020.

#### What resources are available to assist?

To learn more, visit:

[Bill 48, the Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 \(No. 2\)](#)

#### Questions:

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