

Implementation Fact Sheet

Municipal Government Act (MGA) Reserve Land Amendments 2020

Relevant *MGA* sections

s. 668, s.674, s.675

Previous *MGA* requirements

Prior to the recent *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* amendments, under section 668, municipalities approving a subdivision with a proposed density of 30 units or more could take an additional five per cent of municipal reserve (MR), school reserve (SR) or municipal and school reserve (MSR) land in addition to the 10 per cent allowed under section 666 of the *MGA*. Furthermore, a public hearing was not required when re-designating municipal reserve to community services reserve (CSR).

What is changing?

By repealing section 668, the additional MR, SR, and MSR land provisions are no longer required, providing greater certainty for developers and simplifying the reserve process.

Amendments also streamline processes for changing the designation and disposal of MR, SR, MSR, conservation reserve (CR), and CSR lands, while adding a public hearing requirement for a change in a reserve designation to CSR. These amendments remove redundancies in processes while improving transparency.

What do municipalities need to know?

Municipalities can no longer require an additional 5 per cent reserve land above the 10 per cent MR, SR and MSR allowed under s.666.

- The disposal of MR, SR, MSR (s.647) and CR land (s 674.1) sections are combined into one single section, s.674. This does not change the intent of the provision.
- Municipalities are required to hold a public hearing prior to council voting to change a reserve designation to CSR. s.674(1b)
- The process for removing the designation for MR, SR and MSR (s.675) and CR (s.674.2) lands are combined into one section, s.675. This does not change the intent of the provision.

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 Implementation Act, 2020 \(No. 2\)](#)

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