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- 3. Public Disclosure Statement Tips minute 14:11 to minute 17:11
- 4. MRS Declaration Resolution and Audit Requirements minute 17:12 to minute 29:47
- 5. Mock Exercise Completion of a Declaration minute 29:48 to minute 42:55
- 6. Outstanding Eligibility Requirements (notification to ministry when outstanding requirements have been met) minute 42:56 to minute 45:32
- 7. Online Resources minute 45:33 to minute 46:11
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A Guide to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant Declaration of Eligibility

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Overview

- Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS)
 Eligibility Requirements
- MRS Declaration of Eligibility
- MRS Declaration Audits and Audit Findings
- Outstanding Eligibility Requirement Process

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The MRS Eligibility Requirements

In order for municipalities to receive their annual MRS grant, each municipality must meet the following six eligibility requirements:

- Submission of the Audited Annual Financial Statement to the ministry:
- Submission of the Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks to the ministry (if applicable);
- 3. In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remitting Education Property Taxes;
- 4. Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw;
- 5. Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; and
- 6. All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements.

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Legislative Requirements

- MRS Eligibility Requirements The Municipal Grants Regulations, section 26.1
- Eligibility Requirements are legislative requirements contained in:
 - ➤ The Cities Act (CA);
 - ➤ The Municipalities Act (MA); and
 - ➤ The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010 (NMA).

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Audited Financial Statements S. 157 and 369 - The Cities Act S. 186 and 404 - The Municipalities Act S. 208 and 441 - The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010 *July 1 of year following financial year *Municipality may pass an extension of time bylaw - not to exceed 90 days past the above due date Audited Financial Statements (AFS) must be submitted to the ministry by the due date via email to financialstatements@gov.sk.ca · Submit the extension of time bylaw, if applicable. If you are new to the municipality and unsure if the AFS was submitted, email the above address to confirm. · Failure to submit the AFS can also impact other grant funding Saskatchewan /

Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks

Waterworks means works that are used to supply, collect, treat, store or distribute water intended or used for a human consumptive use or a hygienic use, whether or not any other use is or has been made of that water.

Municipal Waterworks means waterworks that are:

- Owned by a municipality, directly or through a controlled corporation; AND
- Operated by a municipality, directly or through a controlled corporation, or by another person on behalf of a municipality.

Municipal waterworks that are not subject to the public reporting requirements are:

- Those regulated pursuant to The Health Hazard Regulations; or
- Those used to supply water for a hygienic use but not for human consumptive

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Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks

Municipality Type	Legislation	Due Date
Cities	S. 22.2 and 22.6(3) - The Cities Regulations	
Urban and Rural	S. 51 and 55(3) - The Municipalities Regulations	September 1 of each year, for the year
Northern	S. 41 and 45(3) - The Northern Municipalities Regulations	'

- Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks must be submitted to the ministry annually by September 1.
- Prior to September 1, municipalities will receive an email with a link to complete and submit their municipal waterworks information.
- If you are new to the municipality and unsure if the Waterworks reporting has been submitted, email waterworks@gov.sk.ca to confirm.
- Further information on Municipal Waterworks reporting requirements can be found on saskatchewan.ca.

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Education Property Tax Cities Annual Returns Due January 31 for year prior Monthly returns and remittances due 10th of ear month for the month prior Urban/Rural S. 10 and 15 - The Education Property Tax Act To meet this eligibility requirement, a municipality must be 'in good standing' with Education Property Tax (EPT). 'In Good Standing' is defined as: EPT returns are filed up to the current date and any EPT collections have been paid in full or a satisfactory payment arrangement, if available, has been agreed upon with the Ministry of Finance. Municipalities will remit EPT collections to the Ministry of Finance and/or a separate school division depending on how the EPT mill rates have been set in their municipality. Consider all EPT arrangements when answering this eligibility requirement question. Saskatchewan / saskatchewan.ca

EPT Account Status

- EPT account status checked through the Saskatchewan Electronic Tax Service (SETS).
- Review the EPT Statement of Account to determine if there are any outstanding balances or unfiled returns.
- Refer to the publication 'EPT Statement of Account Fact Sheet' on saskatchewan.ca for assistance with review.
- SETS contact information email: sasktaxinfo@gov.sk.ca or call 1-800-667-6102.

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Council Procedures Bylaw

Municipality Type	Legislation	Effective Date of Legislation
Cities	S. 55.1 - The Cities Act	
Urban and Rural	S. 81.1 - The Municipalities Act	Legislation effective since 2016
Northern	S. 100.1 - The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010	

- In 2016 legislation came into effect requiring municipalities to adopt a bylaw establishing procedures for conducting business at council meetings, referred to as the Council Procedures Bylaw.
- A certified copy of the bylaw should be filed in the municipality's bylaw register. Administration and Council members should have a copy of it and be very familiar with its contents.
- In the MRS declaration, you will be asked to confirm that this bylaw has been adopted
- A sample Council Procedures Bylaw is available on saskatchewan.ca

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Employee Code of Conduct

Municipality Type	Legislation	Effective Date of Legislation
Cities	S. 85.1 - The Cities Act	
Urban and Rural	S. 111.1 - The Municipalities Act	Legislation effective since 2016
Northern	S. 127.1 - The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010	

- In 2016, legislation came into effect requiring municipalities to adopt an Employee Code of Conduct (ECC).
- The ECC:
 - Sets out the conduct expected of the municipality's employees, including conflict of interest rules;
 - > Can be adopted either by bylaw or through a council resolution; and
 - Is to be made available to the public.
- The ECC is not to be confused with the Code of Ethics for council members.
- A <u>sample ECC</u> can be found on saskatchewan.ca.

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Public Disclosure Statements

Municipality Type	Legislation	Due Date
Cities	S. 116 - The Cities Act	
Urban and Rural	S. 142 - The Municipalities Act	Within 30 days of being elected; and Annual declaration by November 30 each year.
North	S. 160 - The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010	

- Each council member, within 30 days of being elected, must complete and file a Public Disclosure Statement with the administrator.
- The date signed <u>must not be before</u> the council member is elected.
- Public Disclosure Statement Annual Declaration must be completed by November 30 of each year.

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Failure to File Public Disclosure Statements

- Failing to comply with public disclosure requirements in the legislated timeframe is a reason for a council member to be disqualified.
- Enforcement of disqualification includes:
 - Council member must resign immediately; and
 - If no resignation:
 - Council may pass a resolution declaring the seat vacant; or
 - Council or a voter may apply to a judge for determination.
- A member who is disqualified is not eligible to run for council of any municipality for 12 years.

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Public Disclosure Statement Tips

Suggestions for Public Disclosure Statement and Annual Declarations:

- Be clear on and inform council of requirements, deadlines and consequences;
- Provide annual declaration form to council well before the November 30 deadline;
- Keep written record of your advice and reminders to council;
- Provide a copy of the signed form back to the council member so they have proof it was filed; and
- Keep completed Public Disclosure Statement forms in an easily accessible location for public inspection.

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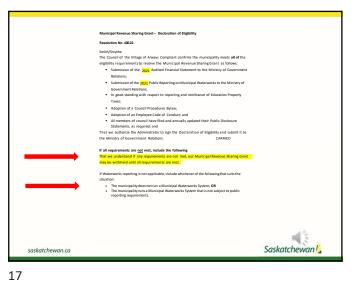
MRS Declaration Council Resolution

- Council resolution confirming eligibility requirements met.
- Resolution demonstrates transparency and good government.
- Add resolution as agenda item to the November, December or January meeting agenda.

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MRS Declaration Important Dates MRS declaration link and password provided by email on or before November 15. Deadline for completing and submitting MRS declaration is January 31.

Submit by deadline regardless if all eligibility requirements are met.

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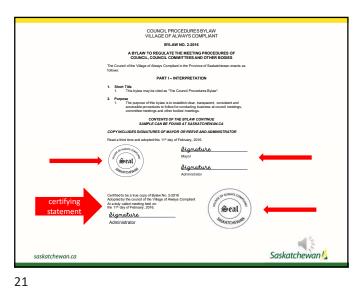
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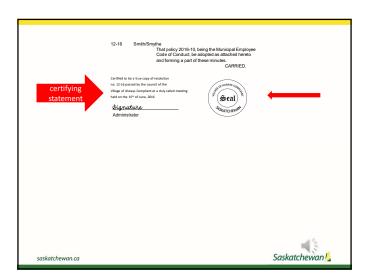
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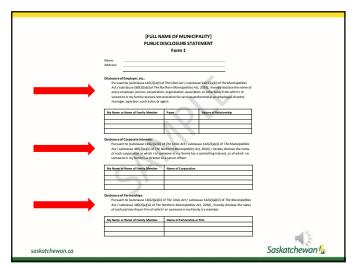
- The ministry conducts random audits of municipalities to confirm answers provided in their MRS declaration.
- Selected municipalities will be requested to provide the following
 - Certified copy of the Council Procedures Bylaw;
 - Either a certified copy of council's resolution or bylaw adopting the Employee Code of Conduct;
 - Each council member's Public Disclosure Statement and Annual Declaration; and
 - A certified copy of the council resolution confirming the municipality's answers in the MRS declaration.
- The ministry internally confirms the remaining eligibility requirements.
- MRS grants will be withheld if audit requirements are not met.

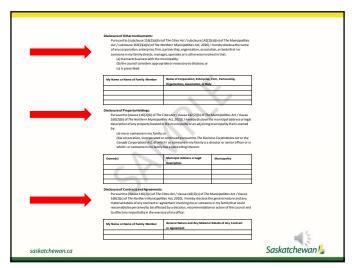
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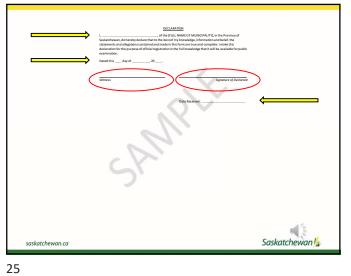
What is a Certified Copy? A certified copy is a copy of the resolution or signed bylaw that is then signed and sealed by the administrator, or designate, to be a true copy of the original $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$ bylaw or resolution. Sample of certified true copy wording: Certified to be a true copy of "resolution No X or Bylaw No X" passed by the council of the "municipality name" at a duly called meeting held on "date". Municipality Administrator (or designate) Saskatchewan saskatchewan ca

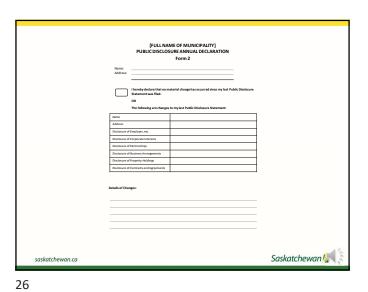


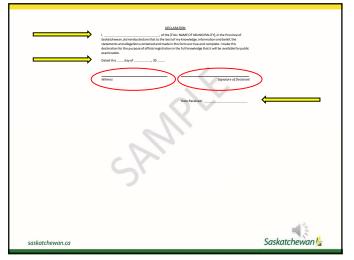


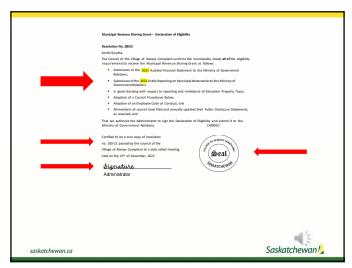


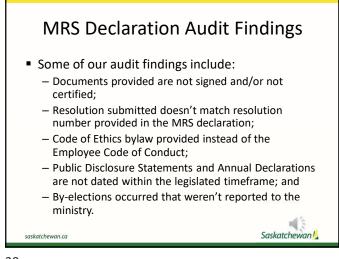




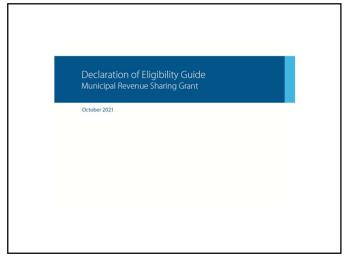


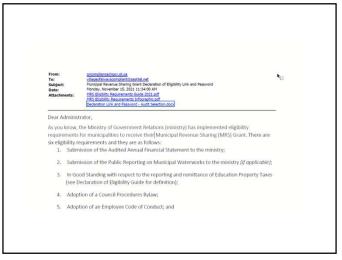




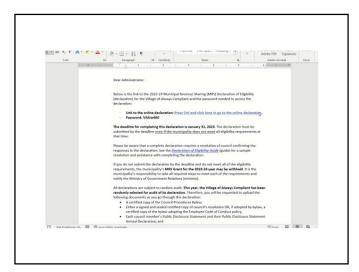




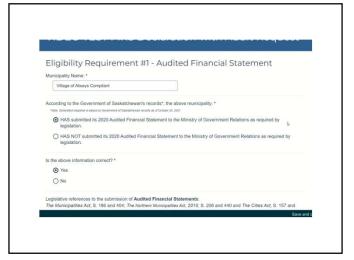


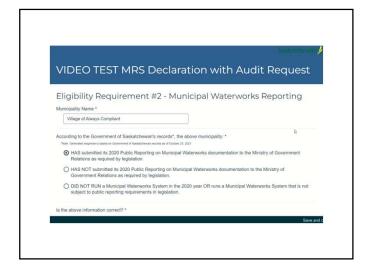


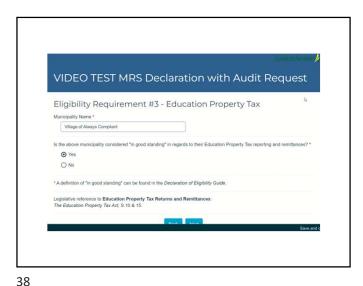


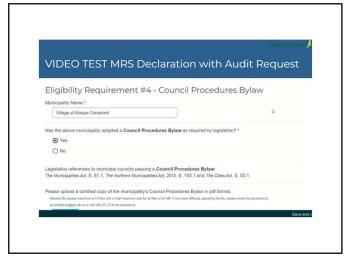


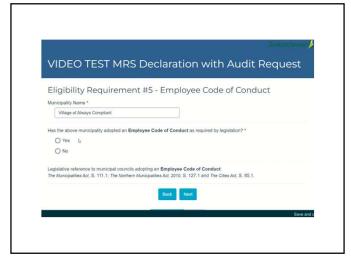




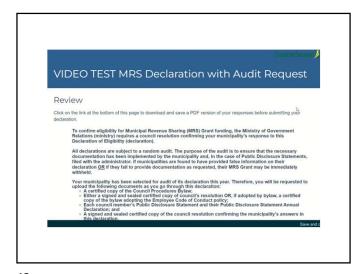


















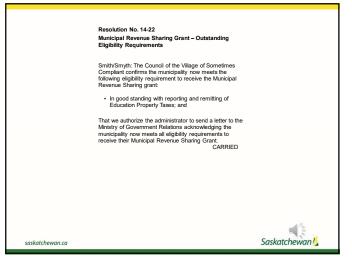
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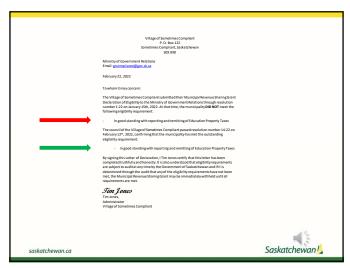
- If the municipality did not meet all the eligibility requirements when the MRS declaration was submitted, it is the responsibility of the municipality to notify the ministry when the outstanding eligibility requirement(s) are met.
- Council confirms outstanding eligibility requirements are met by resolution.
- Sample resolution and template Letter of Declaration to notify the ministry are provided in the <u>Declaration of Eligibility Guide</u>.
- Notify ministry via email to grcompliance@gov.sk.ca.

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