

# BILL

## No. 43

An Act to amend *The Cities Act*, *The Municipalities Act*  
and *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010* and to  
make Consequential Amendments to other Acts

(Assented to )

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of  
Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

### PART 1 Short Title

#### Short title

**1-1** This Act may be cited as *The Municipalities Modernization and Red Tape Reduction Act*.

### PART 2 *The Cities Act*

#### SS 2002, c C-11.1 amended

**2-1** *The Cities Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this Part.

#### Section 2 amended

**2-2** Clause 2(1)(l) is amended by adding “, except in Division 4.1 of Part XII,” after “means”.

#### Section 8 amended

**2-3** Clause 8(3)(b) is amended by striking out “developments,”.

#### Section 39 amended

**2-4(1)** Subsection 39(1) is repealed and the following substituted:

“(1) The minister may, by order, incorporate a municipality that is incorporated or continued pursuant to *The Municipalities Act* or *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010* as a city pursuant to this Act if:

- (a) the municipality meets the prescribed criteria; and
- (b) the council of the municipality requests the change in status”.

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 39(2):**

“(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting the criteria for a municipality to be incorporated as a city”.

#### Section 43.1 amended

**2-5(1)** Clause 43.1(12)(b) is amended by striking out “one year” and substituting “3 years”.

**(2)** Subsection 43.1(15) is amended by striking out “one year” and substituting “3 years”.

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**New section 56.2****2-6 The following section is added after section 56.1:****“Indigenous advisor**

**56.2(1)** A council may appoint a person to advise the council for a term and on conditions that the council may decide.

(2) A person appointed pursuant to subsection (1) may have the title:

- (a) Indigenous Elder;
- (b) Knowledge Keeper;
- (c) cultural advisor; or
- (d) any other title council considers appropriate.

(3) A person appointed pursuant to this section is not a member of council and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining quorum or deciding a vote of council”.

**Section 65 amended****2-7 The following clause is added after clause 65(f):**

“(f.1) to follow principles of procedural fairness when making decisions and taking actions”.

**Section 66.1 amended****2-8 The following subsection is added after subsection 66.1(6):**

“(6.1) A member of council who is found guilty of harassment as a result of an investigation pursuant to subsection 3-21.1(3) of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* has contravened the code of ethics and is subject to any process for dealing with contraventions as set out in the code of ethics bylaw”.

**Section 68 amended****2-9(1) The following subsection is added after subsection 68(1):**

“(1.1) Until a member of council has signed the oath or affirmation mentioned in subsection (1), that member:

- (a) is not eligible to participate in any council proceeding or meeting; and
- (b) shall be considered absent from any meeting of council”.

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 68(2):**

“(2.1) The commissioner or manager shall report to the council at each regularly scheduled meeting advising if a member of council has not taken the oath or affirmation mentioned in subsection (1)”.

**(3) Subsection 68(3) is repealed.****New section 68.1****2-10 The following section is added after section 68:****“Orientation training**

**68.1(1)** In accordance with the regulations, every city shall offer orientation training to council members within 120 days after each general election beginning with the 2028 general election.

(2) A council may, by resolution, extend the deadline mentioned in subsection (1) by a further 60 days.

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(3) The commissioner or manager shall record, in the minutes of the council meeting following the training, the names of the council members who completed the training.

(4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of this section respecting:

- (a) topics required to be covered in the training; and
- (b) any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this section”.

## Section 83 amended

**2-11 Section 83 is amended:**

- (a) **by renumbering it as subsection 83(1); and**
- (b) **by adding the following subsection after subsection (1):**

“(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting policies that apply to city offices that are named pursuant to subsection (1)”.

## Section 87.1 amended

**2-12 Subsection 87.1(2) is amended:**

- (a) **by repealing subclause (a)(iii); and**
- (b) **by adding the following clauses after clause (a):**

“(a.1) brought a complaint to the Ombudsman regarding a wrongdoing, whether or not the Ombudsman has the power to investigate pursuant to *The Ombudsman Act, 2012*;

“(a.2) brought a complaint to the Information and Privacy Commissioner regarding a wrongdoing, whether or not the Information and Privacy Commissioner has the power to investigate pursuant to *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*”.

## New section 91

**2-13 Section 91 is repealed and the following substituted:****“Documents available to the public**

**91(1)** Any person is entitled at any time during regular business hours to inspect and obtain copies of:

- (a) any bylaw currently in force in the city;
- (b) any resolution of the council;
- (c) any contract approved by the council;
- (d) any account paid by the city;
- (e) the public disclosure statements maintained by the commissioner or manager in accordance with section 116;
- (f) the securities register maintained in accordance with section 145;
- (g) the official oaths or affirmations taken by members of council pursuant to section 68;

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- (h) the city's financial statements prepared in accordance with section 155 and auditor's report prepared in accordance with subsection 160(1);
  - (i) the financial statements of any controlled corporation prepared in accordance with section 158 and an auditor's report prepared in accordance with subsection 160(1);
  - (j) the city's public accounts prepared in accordance with section 156;
  - (k) any report of any consultant engaged by or of any employee of the city, or of any committee or other body established by a council, after the report has been submitted to the council, except any opinion or report of a lawyer;
  - (l) the minutes of any committee or body established by council after they have been approved by the council;
  - (m) the minutes of the council after they have been approved by the council; and
  - (n) any other prescribed report or document.
- (2) Beginning on September 1, 2027, and in accordance with the prescribed deadlines, the city shall publish the documents mentioned in clauses (1)(h), (i), (j), (l) and (m) in a downloadable format on a website available to the public.
- (3) Beginning on September 1, 2028, and in accordance with the prescribed deadlines, the city shall publish the documents mentioned in clause (1)(a) in a downloadable format on a website available to the public.
- (4) The city shall:
- (a) not charge fees for accessing or downloading the documents mentioned in subsections (2) and (3); and
  - (b) keep copies of all documents mentioned in subsection (2) available on a website for at least 5 years after the end of the calendar year in which a document was posted.
- (5) If a city maintains and publishes, in accordance with subsection (3), a consolidated copy of any bylaw that has been amended, subsection (3) does not apply to any bylaw whose sole purpose is to amend a bylaw already in force in the city.
- (6) The city shall establish a policy respecting public access to the documents mentioned in subsection (1) that sets out:
- (a) the procedure for requesting inspection or copies of those documents in physical and electronic formats;
  - (b) maximum periods, not exceeding 30 days, for responding to and fulfilling requests for inspection or copies of those documents; and
  - (c) fees for providing printed copies of those documents.

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- (7) On receiving a request for copies of any document mentioned in subsection (1), the commissioner or manager shall, within the period established in clause (6)(b), provide the copies requested on payment of any fee that the council may set.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7), the fee set by the council must not exceed the actual costs incurred by the city in providing the copies.
- (9) For the purposes of subsection (8), actual costs may consist of:
- (a) wage costs;
  - (b) the cost of materials, including printer ink, paper and removable storage media; and
  - (c) any other costs directly and solely related to providing copies of requested documents.
- (10) Any document required to be published on a website available to the public pursuant to this section is considered to be published material within the meaning of clause 3(1)(a) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- (11) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:
- (a) prescribing any other reports or documents for the purposes of subsection (1);
  - (b) for the purposes of subsections (2) and (3), prescribing deadlines for a city to publish documents to a website;
  - (c) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

**Section 102 amended****2-14 The following subsection is added after subsection 102(2):**

“(2.1) If notice is given online, it must be posted on at least 1 website available to the public”.

**Section 116 amended****2-15 Subsection 116(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

- “(1) Subject to the regulations, every member of council shall, within 30 days after being elected:
- (a) file a public disclosure statement with the commissioner or manager in the form provided by the council if a material change has occurred since that member filed a public disclosure statement with the commissioner or manager as part of that member’s nomination pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*; or
  - (b) declare that no material change has occurred since that member filed a public disclosure statement with the commissioner or manager as part of that member’s nomination pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*”.

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## Section 155 amended

**2-16 Subsection 155(3) is amended:**

- (a) **by striking out “, or a summary of them,”; and**
- (b) **by striking out “in the manner the council considers appropriate”.**

## Section 156 amended

**2-17(1) Subsection 156(1) is amended by striking out “September 1” and substituting “the prescribed date”.****(2) Subsection 156(2) is amended:**

- (a) **by repealing clause (a) and substituting the following:**
  - “(a) incorporate the city’s financial statements prepared in accordance with section 155”; **and**
- (b) **by repealing clause (b) and substituting the following:**
  - “(b) show clearly and fully:
    - (i) the remuneration paid to each employee and member of council; and
    - (ii) any other remuneration, expenditures, grants and contributions of goods and services as set out in the regulations”.

**(3) Subsection 156(3) is amended:**

- (a) **by striking out “and” after clause (a);**
- (b) **by adding “and” after clause (b); and**
- (c) **by adding the following clause after clause (b):**
  - “(c) to be made available in a downloadable format on a website available to the public”.

**(4) Subsection 156(4) is repealed and the following substituted:**

- “(4) The minister may make regulations respecting:
  - (a) requirements for or limitations on public accounts; and
  - (b) the prescribed date for the purposes of subsection (1)”.

## Section 157 amended

**2-18 Subsection 157(1) is amended by striking out “, as well as its public accounts,”.**

## Section 171 amended

**2-19(1) Subsection 171(4.1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “on or before June 30 of each year, furnish” and substituting “by the prescribed date in each year, provide”.****(2) Subsection 171(4.2) is amended by striking out “subsection (4.1)” and substituting “subsections (4.1), (7), (8), (8.1), (8.2) and (9)”.****(3) Subsection 171(5) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4.1)” and substituting “subsection (1), (2), (3), (4.1), (7), (8), (8.1), (8.2) or (9)”.**

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- (4) **Subsection 171(7) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**
- (a) **by striking out** “On or before October 1” **and substituting** “On or before the prescribed date”; **and**
  - (b) **by striking out** “January 1 in the current year” **and substituting** “the prescribed date”.
- (5) **Subsection 171(8) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**
- (a) **by striking out** “On or before September 1” **and substituting** “On or before the prescribed date”; **and**
  - (b) **by striking out** “July 1 in the current year” **and substituting** “the prescribed date”.
- (6) **Subsection 171(8.1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**
- (a) **by striking out** “On or before September 1” **and substituting** “On or before the prescribed date”; **and**
  - (b) **by striking out** “July 1 in the current year” **and substituting** “the prescribed date”.
- (7) **The following subsection is added after subsection 171(8.1):**
- “(8.2) On or before the prescribed date in each year, every owner or operator of a mining operation shall provide the assessor with a certified statement showing the following information as of the prescribed date:
- (a) the owner’s or operator’s name and address;
  - (b) a list:
    - (i) of resource production equipment situated within the city that is subject to assessment; and
    - (ii) that includes the location of the equipment mentioned in subclause (i);
  - (c) any change in the resource production equipment situated within the city that has occurred since information was last provided to the assessor;
  - (d) the cost of any equipment included and not covered in the schedules of values prepared by the agency;
  - (e) the description and area in acres of land within the city owned or occupied by the mine;
  - (f) any change in the ownership or operation of the mine and any abandonment of operation of the mine situated within the city;
  - (g) the address to which assessment and tax notices are to be sent”.
- (8) **Subsection 171(9) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**
- (a) **by striking out** “On or before March 1” **and substituting** “On or before the prescribed date”; **and**
  - (b) **by striking out** “January 1 in the current year” **and substituting** “the prescribed date”.

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**(9) The following subsection is added after subsection 171(11):**

“(12) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) respecting information that must be submitted to the assessor; and
- (b) prescribing dates by which information must be submitted to the assessor”.

**Section 178 amended****2-20 Subsection 178(1) is amended by striking out “may” and substituting “shall”.****Section 185 amended****2-21(1) Clause 185(1)(c) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(c) the date by which an appeal is required to be made”.

**(2) Subsections 185(1.1) and (1.2) are repealed.****(3) The following subsection is added before subsection 185(2):**

“(1.3) An assessment notice must be accompanied by a written or printed notice of appeal in the form established in regulations made by the minister”.

**Section 192 amended****2-22 Subsection 192(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(1) Before the assessment roll is prepared pursuant to section 174, a council shall appoint a board of revision that is certified in accordance with the regulations”.

**Section 196 amended****2-23(1) The following subsection is added after subsection 196(4):**

“(4.1) In accordance with the regulations, a council may set a processing fee, in addition to the fees mentioned in subsection (1), that is not refundable in accordance with subsection (4)”.

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 196(6):**

“(7) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of subsection (4.1) respecting processing fees that are not refundable”.

**Section 197 amended****2-24(1) Subsection 197(1) is amended:**

- (a) by striking out “and” after clause (a);
- (b) by adding “and” after clause (b); and
- (c) by adding the following clause after clause (b):

“(c) has discussed or attempted to discuss the matter with the assessor or assessment appraiser”.

**(2) The following clause is added after clause 197(6)(a.1):**

“(a.11) include the agent authorization if the appellant has named an agent”.

**Section 197.1 amended****2-25(1) The following subsection is added after subsection 197.1(1):**

“(1.1) Subject to the regulations, the secretary of the board of revision may consolidate multiple appeals with respect to multiple properties so that all appellants and matters are heard in a single hearing”.

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**(2) The following clause is added after clause 197.1(3)(a):**

“(a.1) prescribing circumstances in which appeals mentioned in subsection (1.1) may be consolidated”.

**Section 199 amended**

**2-26(1) Subsection 199(2) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “at least 30 days before the hearing” and substituting “by the prescribed date”.**

**(2) Subsection 199(7) is amended by striking out “may” and substituting “shall”.**

**(3) The following subsection is added after subsection 199(7):**

“(8) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) prescribing the date for the purposes of subsection (2);
- (b) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

**Section 200 amended**

**2-27(1) Subsection 200(1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “at least 20 days before the date set for the hearing the appellant shall” and substituting “the appellant shall, by the prescribed date”.**

**(2) Subsection 200(2) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “at least 10 days before the date set for the hearing the party shall” and substituting “the party shall, by the prescribed date”.**

**(3) Subsection 200(2.1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “at least five days before the date set for the hearing the appellant shall” and substituting “the appellant shall, by the prescribed date”.**

**(4) Subsection 200(4) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “At least 10 days before the date set for the appeal hearing, the assessor shall” and substituting “The assessor shall, by the prescribed date,”.**

**(5) The following subsection is added after subsection 200(5):**

“(6) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) prescribing the date for the purposes of subsections (1), (2), (2.1) and (4);
- (b) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

**Section 201 amended****2-28 Subsection 201(1) is amended:**

**(a) in the portion preceding clause (a) by adding “or that party’s agents” after “party to an appeal”; and**

**(b) in clause (b) in the portion preceding subclause (i) by striking out “of the other party” and substituting “of the other party to the appeal or that party’s agents”.**

**Section 204 amended**

**2-29 Subsection 204(1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “during the appeal period but” and substituting “after the assessment roll is open but”.**

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**Section 208 amended**

**2-30(1) Subsection 208(1) is amended by striking out “at least two days before” and substituting “at least the prescribed number of days before”.**

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 208(4):**

- “(5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:
- (a) prescribing the number of days for the purposes of subsection (1);
  - (b) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

**New section 209**

**2-31 Section 209 is repealed and the following substituted:**

**“Amending notice of appeal**

**209(1)** In accordance with the regulations, an appellant may apply to the board of revision to amend the appellant’s notice of appeal so as to add a new ground on which it is alleged that error exists.

(2) On receipt of an application mentioned in subsection (1), a board of revision may, by order, grant leave to the appellant to amend the appellant’s notice of appeal.

(3) An order made pursuant to subsection (2) may be made subject to any terms and conditions that the board of revision considers appropriate.

(4) An order made pursuant to subsection (2) must be in writing.

(5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of subsection (1) respecting an appellant’s application to the board of revision”.

**Section 214 amended**

**2-32(1) Subsection 214(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(1) Notwithstanding section 198 but subject to the regulations, a person may appeal an assessment directly to the appeal board”.

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 214(2):**

“(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting appeals made directly to the appeal board”.

**Section 225 amended**

**2-33 The following subsection is added after subsection 225(2):**

“(3) If a party to the appeal is required to attend more than one hearing, whether before the board of revision or the appeal board in more than one municipality on the same day, that party may apply to the appeal board for an adjournment and the appeal board shall grant the application”.

**Section 325 amended**

**2-34 Subsection 325(1) is amended by striking out “327” and substituting “337.5”.**

**Sections 327 and 327.1 repealed**

**2-35 Sections 327 and 327.1 are repealed.**

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**Section 328 amended****2-36 Subsection 328(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(1) If a designated officer finds that a person is contravening this Act or a bylaw, the designated officer may, by written order:

- (a) require the owner or occupant of the land, building or structure to which the contravention relates to remedy the contravention; or
- (b) if the contravention was committed by the owner or occupant of land adjacent to Crown land or city land and the contravention affects the Crown land or city land, require the owner or occupant of the adjacent land to remedy the contravention”.

**Section 333 amended****2-37 Subsection 333(1) is amended:****(a) by repealing subclause (b)(ii) and substituting the following:**

“(ii) contacted the owner and tenant according to their contact information respecting the unpaid charges and the consequences of the unpaid charges at least 30 days before the amounts are to be added to the tax roll”; **and**

**(b) by repealing clause (c) and substituting the following:**

“(c) subject to subsection 330(3.1), unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the city in remedying a contravention of a bylaw or enactment if the contravention occurred:

- (i) on all or part of the parcel; or
- (ii) on any Crown land or city land and was committed by the owner or occupant of the adjacent land”.

**Section 335 amended****2-38 Subsections 335(2) and (3) are repealed and the following substituted:**

“(2) If a vehicle is used in the commission of an offence against a bylaw, the owner of the vehicle is liable for the offence, as well as any other person who may have actually committed the offence, unless the owner proves to the satisfaction of the court that, at the time of the offence, the vehicle:

- (a) in the case of a parking offence:
  - (i) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by the owner; and
  - (ii) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by an authorized person in charge of the vehicle; or
- (b) in the case of an offence not related to parking:
  - (i) was not being operated by the owner; and
  - (ii) was not being operated by an authorized person in charge of the vehicle.

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“(3) If, at the time of the commission of any offence against a bylaw, the vehicle was not being operated by the owner or by any authorized person in charge of the vehicle and in the case of a parking offence had not been parked or left by the owner or by an authorized person in charge of the vehicle, the unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle is liable for the offence, as well as any other person who may have actually committed the offence, unless the unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle proves to the satisfaction of the court that, at the time of the offence, the vehicle:

- (a) in the case of a parking offence:
  - (i) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle; and
  - (ii) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by any person in charge of the vehicle with the express or implied consent of that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle; or
- (b) in the case of an offence not related to parking:
  - (i) was not being operated by that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle; and
  - (ii) was not being operated by any person in charge of the vehicle with the express or implied consent of that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle”.

**New Division 4.1****2-39 The following Division is added after section 337:**

**“DIVISION 4.1  
Dangerous Animals**

**“Definitions for Division****337.1 In this Division:**

- (a) **‘designated officer’** means an officer designated under a bylaw passed pursuant to clause 8(1)(k);
- (b) **‘judge’** means a provincial court judge or a justice of the peace;
- (c) **‘owner’** includes:
  - (i) a person who keeps, possesses or harbours an animal; or
  - (ii) the person responsible for the custody of a minor if the minor is the owner of an animal;

but does not include:

- (iii) a veterinarian registered pursuant to *The Veterinarians Act, 1987* who is keeping or harbouring an animal for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of a disease of or an injury to the animal; or
- (iv) a municipality, the Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or a Humane Society, with respect to an animal shelter or impoundment facility operated by any of them;

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(d) **‘peace officer’** means a peace officer as defined by the *Criminal Code*;

(e) **‘provocation’** means an act done intentionally for the purpose of provoking an animal.

**“Declaration of dangerous animal**

**337.2(1)** On hearing a complaint that an animal in a city is dangerous, a judge, or a council if the council has adopted a bylaw pursuant to subsection 337.8(2), may declare the animal to be dangerous if the judge or the council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that:

(a) the animal, without provocation, in a vicious or menacing manner, chased or approached a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack;

(b) the animal has a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury or to otherwise threaten the safety of persons or domestic animals;

(c) the animal has, without provocation, bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked a person or domestic animal; or

(d) the animal is owned primarily or in part for the purpose of fighting or is trained for fighting.

(2) For the purposes of proceedings pursuant to this section and section 337.3, an animal is presumed not to have been provoked, in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

(3) No animal shall be declared dangerous because of an action described in clause (1)(a), (b) or (c) that occurred while the animal was:

(a) acting in the performance of police work; or

(b) working as a guard dog on commercial property while:

(i) securely enclosed on the property by a fence or other barrier sufficient to prevent the escape of the animal and the entry of young children; and

(ii) defending that property against a person who was committing an offence.

(4) If a judge makes an order pursuant to subsection (1), the owner of an animal complained of, if known, shall be served with notice of a hearing pursuant to subsection (1), but the judge may make an order pursuant to subsection (5) in the absence of the owner if the owner fails to appear.

(5) If an animal is declared to be dangerous pursuant to subsection (1):

(a) the judge or council shall make an order that includes one or more of the following requirements, as the judge or council considers appropriate:

(i) the owner shall keep the animal in an enclosure that complies with prescribed criteria;

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- (ii) if the owner removes the animal from the enclosure, the owner shall muzzle and leash it in accordance with prescribed criteria and keep it under the owner's direct control and supervision;
  - (iii) the owner shall obtain and keep in effect liability insurance in the prescribed amount to cover damage or injury caused by the animal;
  - (iv) the owner shall display a sign, in the prescribed form and manner, on his or her property warning of the presence of the animal and shall continue to display that sign in good condition so long as the animal is present on the property;
  - (v) the owner shall comply with the regulations and the *Health of Animals Act* (Canada) with respect to the detection and control of rabies;
  - (vi) if the animal is moved to any other municipality, the owner shall notify the designated officer in the other municipality;
  - (vii) if the animal is to be sold or given away, the owner shall:
    - (A) notify any prospective owner that the animal has been declared dangerous, before it is sold or given away; and
    - (B) notify the designated officer in the municipality of the contact information of any new owner of the animal;
  - (viii) the owner shall have the animal tattooed in the prescribed manner;
  - (ix) the owner shall have the animal spayed or neutered;
  - (x) the owner shall take any other measures to reduce the risk that the animal poses to public health or safety; or
- (b) the judge may order that the animal be destroyed or otherwise disposed of at the owner's expense and shall, in that case, give directions with respect to the destruction or other disposition.
- (6) Any order made pursuant to subsection (5) must be proportional to the risk that the animal poses to public health or safety.
- (7) An order issued pursuant to this section continues to apply if the animal is sold or given to a new owner or is moved to any other municipality governed by this Act, *The Municipalities Act* or *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010*.
- (8) An owner against whom an order has been made pursuant to subclause (5)(a)(iii) may apply to the judge who made the order for a waiver, and the judge may waive compliance with subclause (5)(a)(iii), on any terms and conditions that the judge considers reasonable, if the judge is satisfied that the owner is unable to comply with the requirements of that clause for a reason other than his or her financial circumstances.

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(9) An owner or complainant who feels aggrieved by an order made pursuant to subsection (5) or (8) may appeal the order:

- (a) to a provincial court judge by way of a new trial, if the order was made by a justice of the peace;
- (b) to the court, if the order was made by a provincial court judge, on the grounds that it:
  - (i) is erroneous in point of law;
  - (ii) is in excess of jurisdiction; or
  - (iii) constitutes a refusal or failure to exercise jurisdiction; or
- (c) to the city, if the order was made by the council, in accordance with the animal control bylaw mentioned in subsection 337.8(2).

(10) A person who appeals pursuant to clause (9)(a) or (b) shall, within 7 days after the date of the order being appealed from, file a notice of appeal with the judge or court being appealed to, and the provisions of Part XXVII of the *Criminal Code* apply, with any necessary modification.

(11) A person who feels aggrieved by a decision of a provincial court judge made with respect to an appeal pursuant to clause (9)(a) may appeal the decision to the court on any grounds set out in clause (9)(b), and subsection (10) applies to the appeal.

**“Offences and penalties re animals**

**337.3(1)** Any person who owns an animal for the purpose of fighting, or trains, torments, badgers, baits or otherwise uses an animal for the purpose of causing or encouraging the animal to make unprovoked attacks on persons or domestic animals is guilty of an offence.

(2) Any person who displays a prescribed sign warning of the presence of a dangerous animal and who is not acting on an order made pursuant to subsection 337.2(5) or has not received the permission of a council to display the sign is guilty of an offence.

(3) Any person who does not comply with any part of an order made against him or her pursuant to subsection 337.2(5) or (8) is guilty of an offence.

(4) Any person who owns an animal that, without provocation, attacks, assaults, wounds, bites, injures or kills a person or domestic animal is guilty of an offence.

(5) A person who is guilty of an offence pursuant to this section is liable on summary conviction to:

- (a) a fine of not more than \$10,000;
- (b) imprisonment for not more than six months;
- (c) an order pursuant to subsection 337.2(5); or
- (d) a penalty consisting of any combination of clauses (a) to (c).

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(6) A person may appeal an order or conviction pursuant to this section by filing a notice of appeal with the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan or the court, as the case may be, within 7 days after the date of the order or conviction, and the provisions of Part XXVII of the *Criminal Code* apply, with any necessary modification.

**“Destruction order**

**337.4(1)** Unless the owner otherwise agrees, every order for destruction of an animal shall state that it shall not be implemented for 8 days.

(2) If an appeal is taken against an order for the destruction of an animal, the application of the order is stayed pending the disposition of the appeal.

(3) If the judge on appeal overturns the order for destruction of the animal, the animal shall be released to the owner after the owner has paid the costs of impoundment of the animal pending the hearing.

**“Entry and search**

**337.5(1)** A peace officer or a designated officer who has reasonable grounds for believing that an animal is dangerous or has been ordered to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of and is in or on any premises other than a private dwelling may, with or without a warrant:

- (a) enter the premises;
- (b) search for the animal; and
- (c) either impound the animal or, if there is an order to destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal, deliver the animal to the person appointed in the order to destroy or otherwise dispose of it.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a peace officer or designated officer shall not enter any place that is a private dwelling without:

- (a) the consent of the owner or occupant of the private dwelling; or
- (b) a warrant issued pursuant to subsection (3) authorizing the entry.

(3) If it appears to a justice of the peace or provincial court judge that, based on evidence presented by a peace officer or designated officer under oath, there are reasonable grounds to believe that an animal that is dangerous or has been ordered to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of is in a private dwelling, the justice of the peace or provincial court judge may issue a warrant authorizing a peace officer or designated officer to enter the private dwelling specified in the warrant and search for the animal.

(4) On issuance of a warrant pursuant to subsection (3), the peace officer or designated officer may:

- (a) enter the private dwelling;
- (b) search for the animal; and
- (c) either impound the animal or, if there is an order to destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal, deliver the animal to the person appointed in the order to destroy or otherwise dispose of it.

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### **“Destruction of animal**

**337.6(1)** A peace officer or designated officer may destroy or seize and impound any animal that, in the opinion of the officer:

- (a) is injuring or viciously attacking a person or a domestic animal;
- (b) is wandering at large or in a pack and posing an imminent threat to the safety of persons in the city; or
- (c) is rabid or exhibiting symptoms of rabies.

(2) A peace officer or designated officer who, acting in good faith, destroys an animal pursuant to subsection (1) is not liable to the owner for the value of the animal.

(3) If an animal is seized and impounded in accordance with subsection (1), the city must immediately notify the owner of the animal, if known, and:

- (a) release the animal back to the owner as soon as is reasonably practicable, unless prevented by an order made pursuant to subsection 337.2(5); or
- (b) begin the necessary steps to:
  - (i) declare the animal dangerous pursuant to subsection 337.2(1); and
  - (ii) obtain or issue an order pursuant to subsection 337.2(5).

(4) If, after making reasonable efforts to locate the owner, the city is unable to locate an owner of an animal seized pursuant to this section, the peace officer or designated officer may destroy the animal.

### **“Action for damages**

**337.7** In an action brought to recover damages for injuries to persons or property caused by an animal, it is not necessary for the person injured to prove that the animal is, or that the owner knew that the animal was:

- (a) of a dangerous or mischievous nature; or
- (b) accustomed to doing acts causing injury.

### **“Bylaws concerning animal control**

**337.8(1)** Without limiting the generality of clause 8(1)(k), a council may pass a bylaw respecting all or any of the following matters:

- (a) persons who own or harbour animals;
- (b) the number or type of animals owned or harboured by any person;
- (c) animals being at large;
- (d) persons who permit animals to be at large;
- (e) the seizing, impounding, destruction or other disposition of animals found at large.

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(2) A council may, by resolution, declare that an animal is dangerous in accordance with subsection 337.2(1) and make any orders pursuant to clause 337.2(5)(a) if council has adopted an animal control bylaw that:

- (a) respecting a declaration pursuant to subsection 337.2(1):
  - (i) provides that notice must be given to the owner of the animal including reasons for the declaration; and
  - (ii) provides that an opportunity must be given for the owner to appeal the declaration;
- (b) respecting orders made pursuant to clause 337.2(5)(a):
  - (i) provides that the order must specify the time given to comply with the order and the manner in which compliance must be demonstrated;
  - (ii) provides that an opportunity must be given for the owner to provide relevant information or documents needed to appeal the order or request that the order be altered; and
  - (iii) provides that the order must describe the consequences of failure to comply with the order.

(3) A bylaw mentioned in subsection (2) may:

- (a) include a requirement that the owner must demonstrate compliance with an order made pursuant to clause 337.2(5)(a), failing which non-compliance is presumed;
- (b) provide that the city may seize the animal until the owner has demonstrated compliance;
- (c) provide that the city may recover its expenses of seizure, impoundment and other animal care expenses from the owner as a bylaw fine; or
- (d) provide that an order may be made pursuant to clause 337.2(5)(a) in the absence of the owner, if the owner fails to respond to the notice given by the city.

(4) A bylaw mentioned in subsection (2) may not authorize an order pursuant to clause 337.2(5)(b)".

## Section 339 amended

**2-40 Section 339 is amended:**

- (a) **by striking out "or" after clause (d);**
- (b) **by adding "or" after clause (e); and**
- (c) **by adding the following clause after clause (e):**
  - "(f) fail to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that the city's workers are not exposed to harassment as defined in clause 3-1(1)(l) of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* with respect to any matter or circumstance arising out of the workers' employment".

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## Section 356 amended

**2-41(1) Subsection 356(1) is amended:**

(a) by adding “or” after clause (g); and

(b) by adding the following clause after clause (g):

“(h) a review, decision, determination, recommendation or report of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board made pursuant to Part XIII or Part XIII.1”.

**(2) Subsection 356(1.2) is amended by striking out “during the conduct of” and substituting “during, or as a result of, the conducting of”.**

**(3) The following subsection is added after subsection 356(1.2):**

“(1.3) If an official examination has been completed with respect to a city or one or more council members, the commissioner or manager shall, at a council meeting, report to the council the nature and subject of the examination and any remedial actions recommended to be taken as a result of the examination”.

## PART 3

*The Municipalities Act*

## SS 2005, c M-36.1 amended

**3-1** *The Municipalities Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this Part.

## Section 2 amended

**3-2 Subsection 2(1) is amended:**

(a) by repealing clause (a); and

(b) in clause (l) by adding “, except in Division 5 of Part XII,” after “means”.

## Section 8 amended

**3-3 Clause 8(3)(b) is amended by striking out “developments,”.**

## Section 33 amended

**3-4 The following subsection is added after subsection 33(2):**

“(2.1) For the purposes of subsection (2) and subject to section 37, a bylaw must include the processes and effects of the dissolution of the public utility board”.

## New section 33.1

**3-5 The following section is added after section 33:**

**“Powers of public utility board re property**

**33.1** In addition to any powers granted to a public utility board pursuant to this Division, a public utility board may:

(a) acquire by purchase, lease, gift or any other means any real or personal property that the public utility board requires for the purposes of this Act; and

(b) dispose of by lease, sale or any other means any real or personal property that the public utility board no longer requires for the purposes of this Act”.

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Sections 48.1 and 48.2 repealed

**3-6 Sections 48.1 and 48.2 are repealed.**

New section 48.31

**3-7 The following section is added after section 48.3:**

**“Continuation of additional service areas**

**48.31** Any additional service area that was established pursuant to section 48.1 as that section existed before the coming into force of this section continues until:

- (a) the bylaw establishing that additional service area expires; or
- (b) the council dissolves that additional service area pursuant to section 48.3”.

Section 49.2 repealed

**3-8 Section 49.2 is repealed.**

New section 49.3

**3-9 The following section is added before section 50:**

**“Dissolution of special service area**

**49.3** Any special service area that was established pursuant to section 49.2 as that section existed before the coming into force of this section continues until the minister’s order establishing the special service area expires or is rescinded”.

New section 51

**3-10 Section 51 is repealed and the following substituted:**

**“Resort villages and villages**

**51(1)** Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the persons within a hamlet may apply to the minister, in accordance with the procedures set out in Division 2 for the incorporation of that hamlet as a resort village or village.

(2) A hamlet may be incorporated as a resort village or village only if it meets the prescribed criteria.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the regulations may establish minimums and other criteria for resort village incorporation that are different from those for village incorporation.

(4) A hamlet that is adjacent to a municipality other than a rural municipality may be incorporated as a resort village or village only if:

- (a) the adjacent municipality refuses to annex the area of the hamlet;
- (b) natural physical barriers separate the hamlet from the adjacent hamlet or municipality;
- (c) there is a lack of continuity in the development between the hamlet and the municipality; or
- (d) access is limited between the hamlet and the municipality”.

Section 51.1 amended

**3-11(1) Subclause 51.1(1)(a)(iii) is repealed and the following substituted:**

**“(iii) a rural municipality”.**

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**(2) Subsection 51.1(2) is amended by striking out “The councils” and substituting “Subject to subsections (2.1) and (2.2), the councils”.**

**(3) The following subsections are added after subsection 51.1(2):**

“(2.1) If the councils of at least one rural municipality and at least one urban municipality intend to apply to the minister pursuant to subsection (2), sections 56 and 57 apply, with any necessary modification.

“(2.2) An application mentioned in subsection (2) must be made at least one week after the day on which the public meeting mentioned in clause 56(2)(c) is held”.

**(4) Subsection 51.1(3.1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(3.1) Without limiting the matters that may be addressed in the agreement mentioned in subsection (3), the agreement may also address the application of bylaws, staffing and administration and any temporary transitional measures”.

## Section 52.1 amended

**3-12 The following subsection is added after subsection 52.1(1):**

“(1.1) If a municipality is notified of non-compliance pursuant to clause (1)(b) and a further act of non-compliance occurs after that notice is provided, the deadline for compliance as set out in the notice applies to all further acts of non-compliance that occur before that deadline”.

## Section 53 amended

**3-13(1) Clause 53(1)(c) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(c) providing for the inclusion of the municipality in any other municipality”.

**(2) Clause 53(3)(i) is repealed.**

## Section 60 amended

**3-14 Subsection 60(9) is amended by striking out “one year” and substituting “3 years”.**

## Section 62 amended

**3-15 Section 62 is amended:**

- (a) by adding “and” after clause (c);**
- (b) by striking out “and” after clause (d); and**
- (c) by repealing clause (e).**

## New section 82.2

**3-16 The following section is added after section 82.1:**

**“Indigenous advisor**

**82.2(1)** A council may appoint a person to advise the council for a term and on conditions that the council may decide.

**(2)** A person appointed pursuant to subsection (1) may have the title:

- (a)** Indigenous Elder;
- (b)** Knowledge Keeper;
- (c)** cultural advisor; or
- (d)** any other title council considers appropriate.

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(3) A person appointed pursuant to this section is not a member of council and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining quorum or deciding a vote of council”.

**Section 92 amended****3-17 The following clause is added after clause 92(f):**

“(f.1) to follow principles of procedural fairness when making decisions and taking actions”.

**Section 93.1 amended****3-18 The following subsection is added after subsection 93.1(6):**

“(6.1) A member of council who is found guilty of harassment as a result of an investigation pursuant to subsection 3-21.1(3) of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* has contravened the code of ethics and is subject to any process for dealing with contraventions as set out in the code of ethics bylaw”.

**Section 94 amended****3-19(1) The following subsection is added after subsection 94(1):**

“(1.1) Until a member of council has signed the oath or affirmation mentioned in subsection (1), that member:

- (a) is not eligible to participate in any council proceeding or meeting; and
- (b) shall be considered absent from any meeting of council”.

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 94(2):**

“(2.1) The administrator shall report to the council at each regularly scheduled meeting advising if a member of council has not taken the oath or affirmation mentioned in subsection (1)”.

**(3) Subsection 94(3) is repealed.****New section 94.1****3-20 The following section is added after section 94:****“Orientation training**

**94.1(1)** In accordance with the regulations, every municipality shall offer orientation training to council members within 120 days after each general election beginning with the 2028 general election.

(2) A council may, by resolution, extend the deadline mentioned in subsection (1) by a further 60 days.

(3) The administrator shall record, in the minutes of the council meeting following the training, the names of the council members who completed the training.

(4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of this section respecting:

- (a) topics required to be covered in the training; and
- (b) any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this section”.

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## Section 109 amended

**3-21 Section 109 is amended:**

- (a) by renumbering it as subsection 109(1); and
- (b) by adding the following subsection after subsection (1):
 

“(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting policies that apply to municipal offices that are named pursuant to subsection (1)”.

## Section 114.1 amended

**3-22 Subsection 114.1(2) is amended:**

- (a) by repealing subclause (a)(iii); and
- (b) by adding the following clauses after clause (a):
 

“(a.1) brought a complaint to the Ombudsman regarding a wrongdoing, whether or not the Ombudsman has the power to investigate pursuant to *The Ombudsman Act, 2012*;

“(a.2) brought a complaint to the Information and Privacy Commissioner regarding a wrongdoing, whether or not the Information and Privacy Commissioner has the power to investigate pursuant to *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*”.

## New section 117

**3-23 Section 117 is repealed and the following substituted:****“Documents available to the public**

**117(1)** Any person is entitled at any time during regular business hours to inspect and obtain copies of:

- (a) any bylaw currently in force in the municipality;
- (b) any resolution of the council;
- (c) any contract approved by the council;
- (d) any account paid by the municipality;
- (e) the public disclosure statements maintained by the administrator in accordance with section 142;
- (f) the debentures register maintained in accordance with section 175;
- (g) the official oaths or affirmations taken by members of council pursuant to section 94;
- (h) the municipality’s financial statements prepared in accordance with section 185 and auditor’s report prepared in accordance with subsection 189(1);
- (i) the financial statements of any controlled corporation prepared in accordance with section 187 and an auditor’s report prepared in accordance with subsection 189(1);

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- (j) any report of any consultant engaged by or of any employee of the municipality, or of any committee or other body established by a council, after the report has been submitted to the council, except any opinion or report of a lawyer;
  - (k) the minutes of any committee or body established by council after they have been approved by the council;
  - (l) the minutes of the council after they have been approved by the council; and
  - (m) any other prescribed report or document.
- (2) Beginning on September 1, 2027, and in accordance with the prescribed deadlines, the municipality shall publish the documents mentioned in clauses (1)(h), (i), (k) and (l) in a downloadable format on a website available to the public.
- (3) Beginning on September 1, 2028, and in accordance with the prescribed deadlines, the municipality shall publish the documents mentioned in clause (1)(a) in a downloadable format on a website available to the public.
- (4) The municipality shall:
- (a) not charge fees for accessing or downloading the documents mentioned in subsections (2) and (3); and
  - (b) keep copies of all documents mentioned in subsection (2) available on a website for at least 5 years after the end of the calendar year in which a document was posted.
- (5) If a municipality maintains and publishes, in accordance with subsection (3), a consolidated copy of any bylaw that has been amended, subsection (3) does not apply to any bylaw whose sole purpose is to amend a bylaw already in force in the municipality.
- (6) The municipality shall establish a policy respecting public access to the documents mentioned in subsection (1) that sets out:
- (a) the procedure for requesting inspection or copies of those documents in physical and electronic formats;
  - (b) maximum periods, not exceeding 30 days, for responding to and fulfilling requests for inspection or copies of those documents; and
  - (c) fees for providing printed copies of those documents.
- (7) On receiving a request for copies of any document mentioned in subsection (1), the administrator shall, within the period established in clause (6)(b), provide the copies requested on payment of any fee that the council may set.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7), the fee set by the council must not exceed the actual costs incurred by the municipality in providing the copies.
- (9) For the purposes of subsection (8), actual costs may consist of:
- (a) wage costs;

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(b) the cost of materials, including printer ink, paper and removable storage media; and

(c) any other costs directly and solely related to providing copies of requested documents.

(10) Any document required to be published on a website available to the public pursuant to this section is considered to be published material within the meaning of clause 3(1)(a) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

(11) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

(a) prescribing any other reports or documents for the purposes of subsection (1);

(b) for the purposes of subsections (2) and (3), prescribing deadlines for a municipality to publish documents to a website;

(c) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

## Section 117 amended

**3-24(1) The following clause is added after clause 117(1)(h):**

“(h.1) the municipality’s public accounts prepared in accordance with section 185.1”.

**(2) Subsection 117(2) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(2) Beginning on September 1, 2027, and in accordance with the prescribed deadlines, the municipality shall publish the documents mentioned in clauses (1)(h), (h.1), (i), (k) and (l) in a downloadable format on a website available to the public”.

## Section 128 amended

**3-25 The following subsection is added after subsection 128(3):**

“(3.1) If notice is given online, it must be posted on at least 1 website available to the public”.

## Section 142 amended

**3-26 Subsection 142(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(1) Subject to the regulations, every member of council shall, within 30 days after being elected:

(a) file a public disclosure statement with the administrator in the form provided by the council if a material change has occurred since that member filed a public disclosure statement with the administrator as part of that member’s nomination pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*; or

(b) declare that no material change has occurred since that member filed a public disclosure statement with the administrator as part of that member’s nomination pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*”.

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## Section 185 amended

**3-27 Subsection 185(3) is amended:**

- (a) **by striking out** “, or a summary of them,”; **and**
- (b) **by striking out** “in the manner the council considers appropriate”.

## Section 201 amended

**3-28(1) Subsection 201(4.1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out** “on or before June 30 of each year, furnish” **and substituting** “by the prescribed date in each year, provide”.

**(2) Subsection 201(4.2) is amended by striking out** “subsection (4.1)” **and substituting** “subsections (4.1), (7), (8), (8.1), (8.2) and (9)”.

**(3) Subsection 201(5) is amended:**

- (a) **by striking out** “Subject to subsection (6)” **and substituting** “Subject to subsection (6) and subsection 317(4)”;
- (b) **by striking out** “subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4.1)” **and substituting** “subsection (1), (2), (3), (4.1), (7), (8), (8.1), (8.2) or (9)”.

**(4) Subsection 201(7) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**

- (a) **by striking out** “On or before October 1” **and substituting** “On or before the prescribed date”; **and**
- (b) **by striking out** “January 1 in the current year” **and substituting** “the prescribed date”.

**(5) Subsection 201(8) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**

- (a) **by striking out** “On or before September 1” **and substituting** “On or before the prescribed date”; **and**
- (b) **by striking out** “July 1 in the current year” **and substituting** “the prescribed date”.

**(6) Subsection 201(8.1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**

- (a) **by striking out** “On or before September 1” **and substituting** “On or before the prescribed date”; **and**
- (b) **by striking out** “July 1 in the current year” **and substituting** “the prescribed date”.

**(7) The following subsection is added after subsection 201(8.1):**

“(8.2) On or before the prescribed date in each year, every owner or operator of a mining operation shall provide the assessor with a certified statement showing the following information as of the prescribed date:

- (a) the owner’s or operator’s name and address;
- (b) a list:
  - (i) of resource production equipment situated within the municipality that is subject to assessment; and
  - (ii) that includes the location of the equipment mentioned in subclause (i);

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- (c) any change in the resource production equipment situated within the municipality that has occurred since information was last provided to the assessor;
- (d) the cost of any equipment included and not covered in the schedules of values prepared by the agency;
- (e) the description and area in acres of land within the municipality owned or occupied by the mine;
- (f) any change in the ownership or operation of the mine and any abandonment of operation of the mine situated within the municipality;
- (g) the address to which assessment and tax notices are to be sent”.

**(8) Subsection 201(9) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**

- (a) by striking out “On or before March 1” and substituting “On or before the prescribed date”; and**
- (b) by striking out “January 1 in the current year” and substituting “the prescribed date”.**

**(9) The following subsection is added after subsection 201(11):**

- “(12) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:
  - (a) respecting information that must be submitted to the assessor; and
  - (b) prescribing dates by which information must be submitted to the assessor”.

**Section 208 amended****3-29 Subsection 208(1) is amended by striking out “may” and substituting “shall”.****Section 215 amended****3-30(1) Subsection 215(1) is amended:**

- (a) by repealing clause (c) and substituting the following:**
  - “(c) the date by which an appeal is required to be made”; and
- (b) by repealing clause (d.1).**

**(2) Subsections 215(1.1) and (1.2) are repealed.****(3) The following subsection is added before subsection 215(2):**

- “(1.3) An assessment notice must be accompanied by a written or printed notice of appeal in the form established in regulations made by the minister”.

**Section 220 amended****3-31 Subsection 220(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

- “(1) Before the assessment roll is prepared pursuant to section 204, a council shall appoint a board of revision that is certified in accordance with the regulations”.

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**Section 224 amended****3-32(1) The following subsection is added after subsection 224(4):**

“(4.1) In accordance with the regulations, a council may set a processing fee, in addition to the fees mentioned in subsection (1), that is not refundable in accordance with subsection (4)”.

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 224(6):**

“(7) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of subsection (4.1) respecting processing fees that are not refundable”.

**Section 225 amended****3-33(1) Subsection 225(1) is amended:**

(a) by striking out “and” after clause (a);

(b) by adding “and” after clause (b); and

(c) by adding the following clause after clause (b):

“(c) has discussed or attempted to discuss the matter with the assessor or assessment appraiser”.

**(2) The following clause is added after clause 225(6)(a.1):**

“(a.11) include the agent authorization if the appellant has named an agent”.

**Section 225.1 amended****3-34(1) The following subsection is added after subsection 225.1(1):**

“(1.1) Subject to the regulations, the secretary of the board of revision may consolidate multiple appeals with respect to multiple properties so that all appellants and matters are heard in a single hearing”.

**(2) The following clause is added after clause 225.1(3)(a):**

“(a.1) prescribing circumstances in which appeals mentioned in subsection (1.1) may be consolidated”.

**Section 226 amended****3-35 Subsection 226(4) is amended by striking out “may” and substituting “shall”.****Section 228 amended****3-36 Subsection 228(1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “during the appeal period but” and substituting “after the assessment roll is open but”.****Section 229 amended****3-37(1) Subsection 229(2) is amended by striking out “at least 30 days before the hearing” and substituting “by the prescribed date”.****(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 229(5):**

“(6) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

(a) prescribing the date for the purposes of subsection (2);

(b) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

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## Section 230 amended

**3-38(1) Subsection 230(1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “at least 20 days before the date set for the hearing the appellant shall” and substituting “the appellant shall, by the prescribed date”.**

**(2) Subsection 230(2) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “at least 10 days before the date set for the hearing the party shall” and substituting “the party shall, by the prescribed date”.**

**(3) Subsection 230(2.1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “at least five days before the date set for the hearing the appellant shall” and substituting “the appellant shall, by the prescribed date”.**

**(4) Subsection 230(4) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “At least 10 days before the date set for the appeal hearing, the assessor shall” and substituting “The assessor shall, by the prescribed date,”.**

**(5) The following subsection is added after subsection 230(5):**

“(6) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) prescribing the dates for the purposes of subsections (1), (2), (2.1) and (4);
- (b) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

## Section 231 is amended

**3-39 Subsection 231(1) is amended:**

**(a) in the portion preceding clause (a) by adding “or that party’s agents” after “party to an appeal”; and**

**(b) in clause (b) in the portion preceding subclause (i) by striking out “of the other party” and substituting “of the other party to the appeal or that party’s agents”.**

## Section 238 amended

**3-40(1) Subsection 238(1) is amended by striking out “at least two days before” and substituting “at least the prescribed number of days before”.**

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 238(4):**

“(5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) prescribing the number of days for the purposes of subsection (1);
- (b) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

## New section 239

**3-41 Section 239 is repealed and the following substituted:**

**“Amending notice of appeal**

**239(1)** In accordance with the regulations, an appellant may apply to the board of revision to amend the appellant’s notice of appeal so as to add a new ground on which it is alleged that error exists.

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(2) On receipt of an application mentioned in subsection (1), a board of revision may, by order, grant leave to the appellant to amend the appellant's notice of appeal.

(3) An order made pursuant to subsection (2) may be made subject to any terms and conditions that the board of revision considers appropriate.

(4) An order made pursuant to subsection (2) must be in writing.

(5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of subsection (1) respecting an appellant's application to the board of revision".

**Section 244 amended****3-42(1) Subsection 244(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

"(1) Notwithstanding section 226 but subject to the regulations, a person may appeal an assessment directly to the appeal board".

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 244(2):**

"(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting appeals made directly to the appeal board".

**Section 255 amended****3-43 The following subsection is added after subsection 255(2):**

"(3) If a party to the appeal is required to attend more than one hearing, whether before the board of revision or the appeal board in more than one municipality on the same day, that party may apply to the appeal board for an adjournment and the appeal board shall grant the application".

**Section 267 amended****3-44 Clause 267(5)(d.1) is repealed.****Section 283 amended****3-45 Subsection 283(2.1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

"(2.1) Notwithstanding clause (2)(a), in accordance with the regulations, the council of a rural municipality may set a uniform rate for taxable assessments in any hamlet located within the rural municipality that is higher or lower than the uniform rate applicable to taxable assessments elsewhere in the rural municipality.

"(2.2) If the council of a rural municipality establishes a higher than uniform rate pursuant to subsection (2.1), the additional revenues collected must be used to cover the cost of services and infrastructure located in the hamlet.

"(2.3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting:

(a) rules or requirements that apply if a higher uniform rate is set pursuant to subsection (2.1);

(b) any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this section".

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**New section 290.03****3-46 The following section is added after section 290.02:****“Tax phase-in for restructuring**

**290.03(1)** Subject to the regulations, a council may:

- (a) phase in a tax increase or decrease for taxable property, or a class of taxable property, resulting from municipal restructuring pursuant to section 51.1 or 53; and
- (b) by agreement with any other taxing authority on whose behalf the municipality levies taxes, extend the phase-in to any other rates required to be levied by this or any other Act.

(2) No tax phase-in plan established pursuant to clause (1)(a) is to extend over a period longer than 10 years.

(3) A tax phase-in plan established pursuant to subsection (1) may set limits on the amounts or percentages of tax increase or decrease resulting from a revaluation to be permitted in each year of the plan for:

- (a) taxable property; or
- (b) any class of taxable property.

(4) The limits mentioned in subsection (3) are not required to be the same for tax increases and decreases or for each class of property to which the limits apply.

(5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations establishing classes of property for the purposes of this section”.

**Section 293 amended**

**3-47 Clause 293(2)(e) is amended by adding** “as those provisions existed before the coming into force of *The Municipalities Modernization and Red Tape Reduction Act*” **after** “clause 53(3)(i)”.

**New section 317****3-48 Section 317 is repealed and the following substituted:****“Collection from oil or gas well**

**317(1)** If taxes levied in any year with respect to the resource production equipment of a petroleum oil or gas well remain unpaid after that year, the administrator may serve notice on any person who purchases oil or gas from the owner or operator who has failed to pay the taxes levied on the resource production equipment that there are unpaid taxes on the resource production equipment.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a municipality may request any of the information mentioned in subsections 201(8) and (8.1) from:

- (a) the owner or operator of the resource production equipment of a petroleum oil or gas well;
- (b) the owner of land on which the petroleum oil or gas well is situated if the owner is different from the owner mentioned in clause (a);
- (c) any person who purchases oil or gas from the owner or operator of the petroleum oil or gas well;

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- (d) any person who purchases oil or gas that originated in a well with respect to which the resource production equipment was used from a party other than the owner or operator of the petroleum oil or gas well;
  - (e) any other municipality in which the owner or operator of the petroleum oil or gas well owns property or conducts operations, including a municipality in another jurisdiction; or
  - (f) a provincial or federal government ministry, agency or department.
- (3) Section 202 applies to any person who fails to provide the information requested pursuant to clause (2)(a), (b), (c) or (d) within the period requested or provides false information.
- (4) The municipality may:
- (a) use or disclose the information mentioned in subsection 201(8) or (8.1) for the purpose of collecting tax arrears in accordance with this Act;
  - (b) disclose the information mentioned in subsection 201(8) or (8.1) to any municipality in which the owner or operator of the petroleum oil or gas well owns property or conducts operations including a municipality in another jurisdiction.
- (5) A municipality may post or advertise a request for information respecting an owner or operator who is in tax arrears or a purchaser of oil or gas from that owner or operator for the purpose of this section in any manner it considers appropriate.
- (6) A notice served pursuant to subsection (1) must:
- (a) identify the resource production equipment respecting which the owner or operator is in tax arrears; and
  - (b) state:
    - (i) the amount of the arrears of taxes claimed; and
    - (ii) the name and address of the owner or operator of the resource production equipment.
- (7) On service of the notice, the purchaser of oil or gas from the owner or operator identified in the notice shall, as any moneys become owing from the purchaser to the owner or operator with respect to the purchases, remit the moneys to the municipality to the amount claimed in the notice.
- (8) On service of the notice, a purchaser of oil or gas from the owner or operator identified in the notice is personally liable to the municipality to the amount of the purchase price of all oil or gas subsequently purchased by that purchaser from the owner or operator to the amount of the arrears of taxes claimed in the notice.
- (9) If a person uses an intermediary to purchase oil or gas from the owner or operator identified in the notice, that person is considered a purchaser for the purposes of this section.

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(10) The purchaser may deduct from the amount owing from that purchaser to the owner or operator identified in the notice any sums paid by that purchaser to the municipality pursuant to the notice, and those sums are deemed to be a payment on account of the oil or gas purchased by that purchaser.

(11) Any costs and expenses incurred by a municipality pursuant to this section may be added to the arrears and collected in the same manner as any unpaid taxes.

(12) Nothing in this section prevents a municipality from exercising any other right or method available pursuant to any Act or regulation to collect unpaid taxes”.

**Section 364 amended****3-49 Subsection 364(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(1) If a designated officer finds that a person is contravening this Act or a bylaw, the designated officer may, by written order:

(a) require the owner or occupant of the land, building or structure to which the contravention relates to remedy the contravention; or

(b) if the contravention was committed by the owner or occupant of land adjacent to Crown land or municipal land and the contravention affects the Crown land or municipal land, require the owner or occupant of the adjacent land to remedy the contravention”.

**Section 369 amended****3-50 Subsection 369(1) is amended:****(a) by repealing subclause (b)(ii) and substituting the following:**

“(ii) contacted the owner and tenant according to their contact information respecting the unpaid charges and the consequences of the unpaid charges at least 30 days before the amounts are to be added to the tax roll”; **and**

**(b) by repealing clause (c) and substituting the following:**

“(c) unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the municipality in remedying a contravention of a bylaw or enactment if the contravention occurred:

(i) on all or part of the parcel; or

(ii) on any Crown land or municipal land and was committed by the owner or occupant of the adjacent land”.

**Section 371 amended****3-51 Subsections 371(2) and (3) are repealed and the following substituted:**

“(2) If a vehicle is used in the commission of an offence against a bylaw, the owner of the vehicle is liable for the offence, as well as any other person who may have actually committed the offence, unless the owner proves to the satisfaction of the court that, at the time of the offence, the vehicle:

(a) in the case of a parking offence:

(i) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by the owner; and

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- (ii) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by an authorized person in charge of the vehicle; or
- (b) in the case of an offence not related to parking:
  - (i) was not being operated by the owner; and
  - (ii) was not being operated by an authorized person in charge of the vehicle.

“(3) If, at the time of the commission of any offence against a bylaw, the vehicle was not being operated by the owner or by any authorized person in charge of the vehicle and in the case of a parking offence had not been parked or left by the owner or by an authorized person in charge of the vehicle, the unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle is liable for the offence, as well as any other person who may have actually committed the offence, unless the unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle proves to the satisfaction of the court that, at the time of the offence, the vehicle:

- (a) in the case of a parking offence:
  - (i) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle; and
  - (ii) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by any person in charge of the vehicle with the express or implied consent of that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle; or
- (b) in the case of an offence not related to parking:
  - (i) was not being operated by that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle; and
  - (ii) was not being operated by any person in charge of the vehicle with the express or implied consent of that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle”.

**Section 374 amended****3-52 Clause 374(a) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(a) **‘designated officer’** means an officer designated under a bylaw passed pursuant to clause 8(1)(k);

(a.1) **‘judge’** means a provincial court judge or a justice of the peace”.

**Section 375 amended****3-53(1) Subsection 375(1) is amended by striking out the portion preceding clause (a) and substituting the following:**

“On hearing a complaint that an animal in a municipality is dangerous, a judge, or a council if the council has adopted a bylaw pursuant to subsection 380.1(2), may declare an animal to be dangerous if the judge or the council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that:”.

**(2) Subsection 375(4) is amended by striking out “The owner” and substituting “If a judge makes an order pursuant to subsection (1), the owner”.**

**(3) Subsection 375(5) is amended:**

**(a) by striking out the portion preceding clause (a) and substituting the following:**

“If an animal is declared to be dangerous pursuant to subsection (1):”;

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- (b) **in clause (a):**
  - (i) **by striking out the portion preceding subclause (i) and substituting the following:**

“the judge or council shall make an order that includes one or more of the following requirements, as the judge or council considers appropriate.”; **and**
  - (ii) **by repealing subclause (x) and substituting the following:**

“(x) the owner shall take any other measures to reduce the risk that the animal poses to public health or safety”; **and**
- (c) **by repealing clause (b) and substituting the following:**

“(b) the judge may order that the animal be destroyed or otherwise disposed of at the owner’s expense and shall, in that case, give directions with respect to the destruction or other disposition”.
- (4) **The following subsection is added after subsection 375(5):**

“(5.1) Any order made pursuant to subsection (5) must be proportional to the risk that the animal poses to public health or safety”.
- (5) **Subsection 375(6) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(6) An order issued pursuant to this section continues to apply if the animal is sold or given to a new owner or is moved to any other municipality governed by this Act, *The Cities Act* or *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010*”.
- (6) **Subsection 375(8) is amended:**
  - (a) **by striking out “or” after clause (a);**
  - (b) **by adding “or” after clause (b); and**
  - (c) **by adding the following clause after clause (b):**

“(c) to the municipality, if the order was made by the council, in accordance with the animal control bylaw mentioned in subsection 380.1(2)”.
- (7) **Subsection 375(9) is amended by striking out “subsection (8)” and substituting “clause (8)(a) or (b)”.**

**New section 379****3-54 Section 379 is repealed and the following substituted:****“Destruction of animal**

**379(1)** A peace officer or designated officer may destroy or seize and impound any animal that, in the opinion of the officer:

- (a) is injuring or viciously attacking a person or a domestic animal;
- (b) is wandering at large or in a pack and posing an imminent threat to the safety of persons in the municipality; or
- (c) is rabid or exhibiting symptoms of rabies.

(2) A peace officer or designated officer who, acting in good faith, destroys an animal pursuant to subsection (1) is not liable to the owner for the value of the animal.

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- (3) If an animal is seized and impounded in accordance with subsection (1), the municipality must immediately notify the owner of the animal, if known, and:
- (a) release the animal back to the owner as soon as is reasonably practicable, unless prevented by an order made pursuant to subsection 375(5); or
  - (b) begin the necessary steps to:
    - (i) declare the animal dangerous pursuant to subsection 375(1); and
    - (ii) obtain or issue an order pursuant to subsection 375(5).
- (4) If, after making reasonable efforts to locate the owner, the municipality is unable to locate an owner of an animal seized pursuant to this section, the peace officer or designated officer may destroy the animal”.

**Section 380.1 amended****3-55 Section 380.1 is amended:**

- (a) by renumbering it as subsection 380.1(1); and**
- (b) by adding the following subsections after subsection (1):**
  - “(2) A council may, by resolution, declare that an animal is dangerous in accordance with subsection 375(1) and make any orders pursuant to clause 375(5)(a) if the council has adopted an animal control bylaw that:
    - (a) respecting a declaration pursuant to subsection 375(1):
      - (i) provides that notice must be given to the owner of the animal including reasons for the declaration; and
      - (ii) provides that an opportunity must be given for the owner to appeal the declaration;
    - (b) respecting orders made pursuant to clause 375(5)(a):
      - (i) provides that the order must specify the time given to comply with the order and the manner in which compliance must be demonstrated;
      - (ii) provides that an opportunity must be given for the owner to provide relevant information or documents needed to appeal the order or request that the order be altered; and
      - (iii) provides that the order must describe the consequences of failure to comply with the order.
  - “(3) A bylaw mentioned in subsection (2) may:
    - (a) include a requirement that the owner must demonstrate compliance with an order made pursuant to clause 375(5)(a), failing which non-compliance is presumed;
    - (b) provide that the municipality may seize the animal until the owner has demonstrated compliance;
    - (c) provide that the municipality may recover its expenses of seizure, impoundment and other animal care expenses from the owner as a bylaw fine; or

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(d) provide that an order may be made pursuant to clause 375(5)(a) in the absence of the owner, if the owner fails to respond to the notice given by the municipality.

“(4) A bylaw mentioned in subsection (2) may not authorize an order pursuant to clause 375(5)(b)”.

## Section 382 amended

**3-56 Section 382 is amended:**

- (a) in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “commissioner or manager” and substituting “administrator”;
- (b) by striking out “or” after clause (d);
- (c) by adding “or” after clause (e); and
- (d) by adding the following clause after clause (e):
 

“(f) fail to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that the municipality’s workers are not exposed to harassment as defined in clause 3-1(1)(l) of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* with respect to any matter or circumstance arising out of the workers’ employment”.

## Section 399 amended

**3-57(1) Subsection 399(1) is amended:**

- (a) by striking out “or” after clause (g);
  - (b) by adding “or” after clause (h); and
  - (c) by adding the following clause after clause (h):
 

“(i) a review, decision, determination, recommendation or report of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board made pursuant to Part XIII or Part XIII.1”.
- (2) Subsection 399(1.2) is amended by striking out “during the conduct of” and substituting “during, or as a result of, the conducting of”.**
- (3) The following subsection is added after subsection 399(1.2):**
- “(1.3) If an official examination has been completed with respect to a municipality or one or more council members, the administrator shall, at a council meeting, report to the council the nature and subject of the examination and any remedial actions recommended to be taken as a result of the examination”.

## PART 4

***The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010***

## SS 2010, c N-5.2 amended

**4-1** *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010* is amended in the manner set forth in this Part.

## Section 2 amended

**4-2 Subsection 2(1) is amended:**

- (a) in clause (m) by adding “, except in Division 5 of Part XII,” after “means”; and

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**(b) by repealing clause (n) and substituting the following:**

“(n) ‘**district**’ means the municipality that is comprised of that portion of the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District continued pursuant to section 444 that is not a town, northern village, northern hamlet or the Flin Flon boundary area”.

**Section 8 amended****4-3 Clause 8(4)(b) is amended by striking out “developments,”.****Section 34 amended****4-4 The following subsection is added after subsection 34(2):**

“(2.1) For the purposes of subsection (2) and subject to section 38, a bylaw must include the processes and effects of the dissolution of the public utility board”.

**New section 34.1****4-5 The following section is added after section 34:****“Powers of public utility board re property**

**34.1** In addition to any powers granted to a public utility board pursuant to this Division, a public utility board may:

- (a) acquire by purchase, lease, gift or any other means any real or personal property that the public utility board requires for the purposes of this Act; and
- (b) dispose of by lease, sale or any other means any real or personal property that the public utility board no longer requires for the purposes of this Act”.

**Section 81 amended****4-6 Subsection 81(11) is amended by striking out “one year” and substituting “3 years”.****New section 102.1****4-7 The following section is added after section 102:****“Indigenous advisor**

**102.1(1)** A council may appoint a person to advise the council for a term and on conditions that the council may decide.

(2) A person appointed pursuant to subsection (1) may have the title:

- (a) Indigenous Elder;
- (b) Knowledge Keeper;
- (c) cultural advisor; or
- (d) any other title council considers appropriate.

(3) A person appointed pursuant to this section is not a member of council and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining quorum or deciding a vote of council”.

**Section 106 amended****4-8 The following clause is added after clause 106(f):**

“(f.1) to follow principles of procedural fairness when making decisions and taking actions”.

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**Section 107.1 amended****4-9 The following subsection is added after subsection 107.1(6):**

“(6.1) A member of council who is found guilty of harassment as a result of an investigation pursuant to subsection 3-21.1(3) of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* has contravened the code of ethics and is subject to any process for dealing with contraventions as set out in the code of ethics bylaw”.

**Section 108 amended****4-10(1) The following subsection is added after subsection 108(1):**

“(1.1) Until a member of council has signed the oath or affirmation mentioned in subsection (1), that member:

- (a) is not eligible to participate in any council proceeding or meeting; and
- (b) shall be considered absent from any meeting of council”.

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 108(2):**

“(2.1) The administrator shall report to the council at each regularly scheduled meeting advising if a member of council has not taken the oath or affirmation mentioned in subsection (1)”.

**(3) Subsection 108(3) is repealed.****New section 108.1****4-11 The following section is added after section 108:****“Orientation training**

**108.1(1)** In accordance with the regulations, every municipality shall offer orientation training to council members within 120 days after each general election beginning with the 2028 general election.

(2) A council may, by resolution, extend the deadline mentioned in subsection (1) by a further 60 days.

(3) The administrator shall record, in the minutes of the council meeting following the training, the names of the council members who completed the training.

(4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of this section respecting:

- (a) topics required to be covered in the training; and
- (b) any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this section”.

**Section 125 amended****4-12 Section 125 is amended:**

(a) by renumbering it as subsection 125(1); and

(b) by adding the following subsection after subsection (1):

“(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting policies that apply to municipal offices that are named pursuant to subsection (1)”.

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## Section 130.1 amended

**4-13 Subsection 130.1(2) is amended:**

(a) by repealing subclause (a)(iii); and

(b) by adding the following clauses after clause (a):

“(a.1) brought a complaint to the Ombudsman regarding a wrongdoing, whether or not the Ombudsman has the power to investigate pursuant to *The Ombudsman Act, 2012*;

“(a.2) brought a complaint to the Information and Privacy Commissioner regarding a wrongdoing, whether or not the Information and Privacy Commissioner has the power to investigate pursuant to *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*”.

## New section 133

**4-14 Section 133 is repealed and the following substituted:****“Documents available to the public**

**133(1)** Any person is entitled at any time during regular business hours to inspect and obtain copies of:

- (a) any bylaw currently in force in the municipality;
- (b) any resolution of the council;
- (c) any contract approved by the council;
- (d) any account paid by the municipality;
- (e) the public disclosure statements maintained by the administrator in accordance with section 160;
- (f) the debentures register maintained in accordance with section 197;
- (g) the official oaths or affirmations taken by members of council pursuant to section 108;
- (h) the municipality’s financial statements prepared in accordance with section 207 and auditor’s report prepared in accordance with subsection 211(1);
- (i) the financial statements of any body established by council prepared in accordance with section 209 and an auditor’s report prepared in accordance with subsection 211(1);
- (j) any report of any consultant engaged by or of any employee of the municipality, or of any committee or other body established by a council, after the report has been submitted to the council, except any opinion or report of a lawyer;
- (k) the minutes of any committee or body established by council after they have been approved by the council;
- (l) the minutes of the council after they have been approved by the council; and
- (m) any other prescribed report or document.

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- (2) Beginning on September 1, 2027, and in accordance with the prescribed deadlines, the municipality shall publish the documents mentioned in clauses (1)(h), (i), (k) and (l) in a downloadable format on a website available to the public.
- (3) Beginning on September 1, 2028, and in accordance with the prescribed deadlines, the municipality shall publish the documents mentioned in clause (1)(a) in a downloadable format on a website available to the public.
- (4) The municipality shall:
  - (a) not charge fees for accessing or downloading the documents mentioned in subsections (2) and (3); and
  - (b) keep copies of all documents mentioned in subsection (2) available on a website for at least 5 years after the end of the calendar year in which a document was posted.
- (5) If a municipality maintains and publishes, in accordance with subsection (3), a consolidated copy of any bylaw that has been amended, subsection (3) does not apply to any bylaw whose sole purpose is to amend a bylaw already in force in the municipality.
- (6) The municipality shall establish a policy respecting public access to the documents mentioned in subsection (1) that sets out:
  - (a) the procedure for requesting inspection or copies of those documents in physical and electronic formats;
  - (b) maximum periods, not exceeding 30 days, for responding to and fulfilling requests for inspection or copies of those documents; and
  - (c) fees for providing printed copies of those documents.
- (7) On receiving a request for copies of any document mentioned in subsection (1), the administrator shall, within the period established in clause (6)(b), provide the copies requested on payment of any fee that the council may set.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7), the fee set by the council must not exceed the actual costs incurred by the municipality in providing the copies.
- (9) For the purposes of subsection (8), actual costs may consist of:
  - (a) wage costs;
  - (b) the cost of materials, including printer ink, paper and removable storage media; and
  - (c) any other costs directly and solely related to providing copies of requested documents.
- (10) Any document required to be published on a website available to the public pursuant to this section is considered to be published material within the meaning of clause 3(1)(a) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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- (11) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:
- (a) prescribing any other reports or documents for the purposes of subsection (1);
  - (b) for the purposes of subsections (2) and (3), prescribing deadlines for a municipality to publish documents to a website;
  - (c) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

**Section 133 amended****4-15(1) The following clause is added after clause 133(1)(h):**

“(h.1) the municipality’s public accounts prepared in accordance with section 207.1”.

**(2) Subsection 133(2) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(2) Beginning on September 1, 2027, and in accordance with the prescribed deadlines, the municipality shall publish the documents mentioned in clauses (1)(h), (h.1), (i), (k) and (l) in a downloadable format on a website available to the public”.

**Section 146 amended****4-16 The following subsection is added after subsection 146(3):**

“(3.1) If notice is given online, it must be posted on at least 1 website available to the public”.

**Section 160 amended****4-17 Subsection 160(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(1) Subject to the regulations, every member of council shall, within 30 days after being elected:

- (a) file a public disclosure statement with the administrator in the form provided by the council if a material change has occurred since that member filed a public disclosure statement with the administrator as part of that member’s nomination pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*; or
- (b) declare that no material change has occurred since that member filed a public disclosure statement with the administrator as part of that member’s nomination pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*”.

**Section 161 amended****4-18 Clause 161(1)(b) is amended by striking out “clause 100(a)” and substituting “section 100”.****Section 207 amended****4-19 Subsection 207(3) is amended:**

- (a) by striking out “, or a summary of them,”; and
- (b) by striking out “in the manner the council considers appropriate”.

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**Section 222 amended**

**4-20(1) Subsection 222(5) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “on or before June 30 of each year, furnish” and substituting “by the prescribed date in each year, provide”.**

**(2) Subsection 222(6) is amended by striking out “subsection (5)” and substituting “subsections (5), (10), (12), (12.1), (12.2) and (13)”.**

**(3) Subsection 222(8) is amended:**

**(a) by striking out “Subject to subsection (9)” and substituting “Subject to subsection (9) and subsection 335(4)”;** **and**

**(b) by striking out “subsection (1), (2), (3) or (5)” and substituting “subsection (1), (2), (3), (5), (10), (12), (12.1), (12.2) or (13)”.**

**(4) Subsection 222(10) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**

**(a) by striking out “On or before October 1” and substituting “On or before the prescribed date”;** **and**

**(b) by striking out “January 1 in the current year” and substituting “the prescribed date”.**

**(5) Subsection 222(12) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**

**(a) by striking out “On or before September 1” and substituting “On or before the prescribed date”;** **and**

**(b) by striking out “July 1 in the current year” and substituting “the prescribed date”.**

**(6) Subsection 222(12.1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**

**(a) by striking out “On or before September 1” and substituting “On or before the prescribed date”;** **and**

**(b) by striking out “July 1 in the current year” and substituting “the prescribed date”.**

**(7) The following subsection is added after subsection 222(12.1):**

**“(12.2) On or before the prescribed date in each year, every owner or operator of a mining operation shall provide the assessor with a certified statement showing the following information as of the prescribed date:**

**(a) the owner’s or operator’s name and address;**

**(b) a list:**

**(i) of resource production equipment situated within the municipality that is subject to assessment; and**

**(ii) that includes the location of the equipment mentioned in subclause (i);**

**(c) any change in the resource production equipment situated within the municipality that has occurred since information was last provided to the assessor;**

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- (d) the cost of any equipment included and not covered in the schedules of values prepared by the agency;
- (e) the description and area in acres of land within the municipality owned or occupied by the mine;
- (f) any change in the ownership or operation of the mine and any abandonment of operation of the mine situated within the municipality;
- (g) the address to which assessment and tax notices are to be sent”.

**(8) Subsection 222(13) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a):**

**(a) by striking out “On or before March 1” and substituting “On or before the prescribed date”; and**

**(b) by striking out “January 1 in the current year” and substituting “the prescribed date”.**

**(9) The following subsection is added after subsection 222(15):**

“(16) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) respecting information that must be submitted to the assessor; and
- (b) prescribing dates by which information must be submitted to the assessor”.

**Section 229 amended**

**4-21 Subsection 229(1) is amended by striking out “may” and substituting “shall”.**

**Section 236 amended**

**4-22(1) Clause 236(1)(c) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(c) the date by which an appeal is required to be made”.

**(2) Subsections 236(2) and (2.1) are repealed.**

**(3) The following subsection is added before subsection 236(3):**

“(2.2) An assessment notice must be accompanied by a written or printed notice of appeal in the form established in regulations made by the minister”.

**Section 241 amended**

**4-23 Subsection 241(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(1) Before the assessment roll is prepared pursuant to section 225, a council shall appoint a board of revision that is certified in accordance with the regulations”.

**Section 245 amended**

**4-24(1) The following subsection is added after subsection 245(4):**

“(4.1) In accordance with the regulations, a council may set a processing fee, in addition to the fees mentioned in subsection (1), that is not refundable in accordance with subsection (4)”.

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**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 245(6):**

“(7) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of subsection (4.1) respecting processing fees that are not refundable”.

**Section 246 amended****4-25(1) Subsection 246(1) is amended:**

- (a) by striking out “and” after clause (a);
- (b) by adding “and” after clause (b); and
- (c) by adding the following clause after clause (b):

“(c) has discussed or attempted to discuss the matter with the assessor or assessment appraiser”.

**(2) The following clause is added after clause 246(6)(a.1):**

“(a.11) include the agent authorization if the appellant has named an agent”.

**Section 246.1 amended****4-26(1) The following subsection is added after subsection 246.1(1):**

“(1.1) Subject to the regulations, the secretary of the board of revision may consolidate multiple appeals with respect to multiple properties so that all appellants and matters are heard in a single hearing”.

**(2) The following clause is added after clause 246.1(3)(a):**

“(a.1) prescribing circumstances in which appeals mentioned in subsection (1.1) may be consolidated”.

**Section 247 amended****4-27 Subsection 247(5) is amended by striking out “may” and substituting “shall”.****Section 249 amended****4-28 Subsection 249(1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “during the appeal period but” and substituting “after the assessment roll is open but”.****Section 250 amended****4-29(1) Subsection 250(2) is amended by striking out “at least 30 days before the hearing” and substituting “by the prescribed date”.****(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 250(5):**

“(6) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) prescribing the date for the purposes of subsection (2);
- (b) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

**Section 251 amended****4-30(1) Subsection 251(1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “at least 20 days before the date set for the hearing the appellant shall” and substituting “the appellant shall, by the prescribed date”.**

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**(2) Subsection 251(2) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “at least 10 days before the date set for the hearing the party shall” and substituting “the party shall, by the prescribed date”.**

**(3) Subsection 251(3) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “at least five days before the date set for the hearing the appellant shall” and substituting “the appellant shall, by the prescribed date”.**

**(4) Subsection 251(5) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out “At least 10 days before the date set for the appeal hearing, the assessor shall” and substituting “The assessor shall, by the prescribed date,”.**

**(5) The following subsection is added after subsection 251(6):**

“(7) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) prescribing the dates for the purposes of subsections (1), (2), (3) and (5);
- (b) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

## Section 252 amended

**4-31 Subsection 252(1) is amended:**

**(a) in the portion preceding clause (a) by adding “or that party’s agents” after “party to an appeal”; and**

**(b) in clause (b) in the portion preceding subclause (i) by striking out “of the other party” and substituting “of the other party to the appeal or that party’s agents”.**

## Section 259 amended

**4-32(1) Subsection 259(1) is amended by striking out “at least two days before” and substituting “at least the prescribed number of days before”.**

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 259(4):**

“(5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) prescribing the number of days for the purposes of subsection (1);
- (b) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this section”.

## New section 260

**4-33 Section 260 is repealed and the following substituted:**

**“Amending notice of appeal**

**260(1)** In accordance with the regulations, an appellant may apply to the board of revision to amend the appellant’s notice of appeal so as to add a new ground on which it is alleged that error exists.

**(2)** On receipt of an application mentioned in subsection (1), a board of revision may, by order, grant leave to the appellant to amend the appellant’s notice of appeal.

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(3) An order made pursuant to subsection (2) may be made subject to any terms and conditions that the board of revision considers appropriate.

(4) An order made pursuant to subsection (2) must be in writing.

(5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of subsection (1) respecting an appellant's application to the board of revision".

**Section 265 amended****4-34(1) Subsection 265(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

"(1) Notwithstanding section 247 but subject to the regulations, a person may appeal an assessment directly to the appeal board".

**(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 265(2):**

"(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting appeals made directly to the appeal board".

**Section 276 amended****4-35 The following subsection is added after subsection 276(2):**

"(3) If a party to the appeal is required to attend more than one hearing, whether before the board of revision or the appeal board in more than one municipality on the same day, that party may apply to the appeal board for an adjournment and the appeal board shall grant the application".

**New section 335****4-36 Section 335 is repealed and the following substituted:****"Collection from oil or gas well**

**335(1)** If taxes levied in any year with respect to the resource production equipment of a petroleum oil or gas well remain unpaid after that year, the administrator may serve notice on any person who purchases oil or gas from the owner or operator who has failed to pay the taxes levied on the resource production equipment that there are unpaid taxes on the resource production equipment.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a municipality may request any of the information mentioned in subsections 222(12) and (12.1) from:

- (a) the owner or operator of the resource production equipment of a petroleum oil or gas well;
- (b) the owner of land on which the petroleum oil or gas well is situated if the owner is different from the owner mentioned in clause (a);
- (c) any person who purchases oil or gas from the owner or operator of the petroleum oil or gas well;
- (d) any person who purchases oil or gas that originated in a well with respect to which the resource production equipment was used from a party other than the owner or operator of the petroleum oil or gas well.
- (e) any other municipality in which the owner or operator of the petroleum oil or gas well owns property or conducts operations, including a municipality in another jurisdiction;
- (f) a provincial or federal government ministry, agency or department.

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(3) Section 223 applies to any person who fails to provide the information requested pursuant to clause (2)(a), (b), (c) or (d) within the period requested or provides false information.

(4) The municipality may:

(a) use or disclose the information mentioned in subsection 222(12) or (12.1) for the purpose of collecting tax arrears in accordance with this Act;

(b) disclose the information mentioned in subsection 222(12) or (12.1) to any municipality in which the owner or operator of the petroleum oil or gas well owns property or conducts operations including a municipality in another jurisdiction.

(5) A municipality may post or advertise a request for information respecting an owner or operator who is in tax arrears or a purchaser of oil or gas from that owner or operator for the purpose of this section in any manner it considers appropriate.

(6) A notice served pursuant to subsection (1) must:

(a) identify the resource production equipment respecting which the owner or operator is in tax arrears; and

(b) state:

(i) the amount of the arrears of taxes claimed; and

(ii) the name and address of the owner or operator of the resource production equipment.

(7) On service of the notice, the purchaser of oil or gas from the owner or operator identified in the notice shall, as any moneys become owing from the purchaser to the owner or operator with respect to the purchases, remit the moneys to the municipality to the amount claimed in the notice.

(8) On service of the notice, a purchaser of oil or gas from the owner or operator identified in the notice is personally liable to the municipality to the amount of the purchase price of all oil or gas subsequently purchased by that purchaser from the owner or operator to the amount of the arrears of taxes claimed in the notice.

(9) If a person uses an intermediary to purchase oil or gas from the owner or operator identified in the notice, that person is considered a purchaser for the purposes of this section.

(10) The purchaser may deduct from the amount owing from that purchaser to the owner or operator identified in the notice any sums paid by that purchaser to the municipality pursuant to the notice, and those sums are deemed to be a payment on account of the oil or gas purchased by that purchaser.

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(11) Any costs and expenses incurred by a municipality pursuant to this section may be added to the arrears and collected in the same manner as any unpaid taxes.

(12) Nothing in this section prevents a municipality from exercising any other right or method available pursuant to any Act or regulation to collect unpaid taxes”.

**Section 384 amended****4-37 Subsection 384(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(1) If a designated officer finds that a person is contravening this Act or a bylaw, the designated officer may, by written order:

- (a) require the owner or occupant of the land, building or structure to which the contravention relates to remedy the contravention; or
- (b) if the contravention was committed by the owner or occupant of land adjacent to Crown land or municipal land and the contravention affects the Crown land or municipal land, require the owner or occupant of the adjacent land to remedy the contravention”.

**Section 389 amended****4-38 Subsection 389(1) is amended:****(a) by repealing subclause (b)(ii) and substituting the following:**

“(ii) contacted the owner and tenant according to their contact information respecting the unpaid charges and the consequences of the unpaid charges at least 30 days before the amounts are to be added to the tax roll”; **and**

**(b) by repealing clause (c) and substituting the following:**

“(c) unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the municipality in remedying a contravention of a bylaw or enactment if the contravention occurred:

- (i) on all or part of the parcel; or
- (ii) on any Crown land or municipal land and was committed by the owner or occupant of the adjacent land”.

**Section 391 amended****4-39 Subsections 391(2) and (3) are repealed and the following substituted:**

“(2) If a vehicle is used in the commission of an offence against a bylaw, the owner of the vehicle is liable for the offence, as well as any other person who may have actually committed the offence, unless the owner proves to the satisfaction of the court that, at the time of the offence, the vehicle:

- (a) in the case of a parking offence:
  - (i) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by the owner; and
  - (ii) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by an authorized person in charge of the vehicle; or

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- (b) in the case of an offence not related to parking:
  - (i) was not being operated by the owner; and
  - (ii) was not being operated by an authorized person in charge of the vehicle.

“(3) If, at the time of the commission of any offence against a bylaw, the vehicle was not being operated by the owner or by any authorized person in charge of the vehicle and in the case of a parking offence had not been parked or left by the owner or by an authorized person in charge of the vehicle, the unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle is liable for the offence, as well as any other person who may have actually committed the offence, unless the unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle proves to the satisfaction of the court that, at the time of the offence, the vehicle:

- (a) in the case of a parking offence:
  - (i) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle; and
  - (ii) was not being operated and had not been parked or left by any person in charge of the vehicle with the express or implied consent of that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle; or
- (b) in the case of an offence not related to parking:
  - (i) was not being operated by that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle; and
  - (ii) was not being operated by any person in charge of the vehicle with the express or implied consent of that unauthorized person in charge of the vehicle”.

**Section 395 amended****4-40 Clause 395(a) is repealed and the following substituted:**

- “(a) **‘designated officer’** means an officer designated under a bylaw passed pursuant to clause 8(1)(k);
- (a.1) **‘judge’** means a provincial court judge or a justice of the peace”.

**Section 396 amended****4-41(1) Subsection 396(1) is amended by striking out the portion preceding clause (a) and substituting the following:**

“On hearing a complaint that an animal in a municipality is dangerous, a judge, or a council if the council has adopted a bylaw pursuant to subsection 401.1(2), may declare an animal to be dangerous if the judge or the council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that:”.

**(2) Subsection 396(4) is amended by striking out “The owner” and substituting “If a judge makes an order pursuant to subsection (1), the owner”.****(3) Subsection 396(5) is amended:****(a) by striking out the portion preceding clause (a) and substituting the following:**

“If an animal is declared to be dangerous pursuant to subsection (1):”;

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**(b) in clause (a):****(i) by striking out the portion preceding subclause (i) and substituting the following:**

“the judge or council shall make an order that includes one or more of the following requirements, as the judge or council considers appropriate.”; **and**

**(ii) by repealing subclause (x) and substituting the following:**

“(x) the owner shall take any other measures to reduce the risk that the animal poses to public health or safety”; **and**

**(c) by repealing clause (b) and substituting the following:**

“(b) the judge may order that the animal be destroyed or otherwise disposed of at the owner’s expense and shall, in that case, give directions with respect to the destruction or other disposition”.

**(4) The following subsection is added after subsection 396(5):**

“(5.1) Any order made pursuant to subsection (5) must be proportional to the risk that the animal poses to public health or safety”.

**(5) Subsection 396(6) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(6) An order issued pursuant to this section continues to apply if the animal is sold or given to a new owner or is moved to any other municipality governed by this Act, *The Cities Act* or *The Municipalities Act*”.

**(6) Subsection 396(8) is amended:****(a) by striking out “or” after clause (a);****(b) by adding “or” after clause (b); and****(c) by adding the following clause after clause (b):**

“(c) to the municipality, if the order was made by the council, in accordance with the animal control bylaw mentioned in subsection 401.1(2)”.

**(7) Subsection 396(9) is amended by striking out “subsection (8)” and substituting “clause (8)(a) or (b)”.****New section 400****4-42 Section 400 is repealed and the following substituted:****“Destruction of animal**

**400(1)** A peace officer or designated officer may destroy or seize and impound any animal that, in the opinion of the officer:

- (a) is injuring or viciously attacking a person or a domestic animal;
- (b) is wandering at large or in a pack and posing an imminent threat to the safety of persons in the municipality; or
- (c) is rabid or exhibiting symptoms of rabies.

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- (2) A peace officer or designated officer who, acting in good faith, destroys an animal pursuant to subsection (1) is not liable to the owner for the value of the animal.
- (3) If an animal is seized and impounded in accordance with subsection (1), the municipality must immediately notify the owner of the animal, if known, and:
  - (a) release the animal back to the owner as soon as is reasonably practicable, unless prevented by an order made pursuant to subsection 396(5); or
  - (b) begin the necessary steps to:
    - (i) declare the animal dangerous pursuant to subsection 396(1); and
    - (ii) obtain or issue an order pursuant to subsection 396(5).
- (4) If, after making reasonable efforts to locate the owner, the municipality is unable to locate an owner of an animal seized pursuant to this section, the peace officer or designated officer may destroy the animal”.

New sections 401.1 and 401.2

**4-43 The following sections are added after section 401:**

**“Bylaws concerning animal control**

**401.1(1)** Without limiting the generality of clause 8(1)(k), a council may pass a bylaw respecting any or all of the following matters:

- (a) persons who own or harbour animals;
  - (b) the number or type of animals owned or harboured by any person;
  - (c) the being at large of animals;
  - (d) persons who permit animals to be at large;
  - (e) the seizing, impounding, destruction or other disposition of animals found at large.
- (2) A council may, by resolution, declare that an animal is dangerous in accordance with subsection 396(1) and make any orders pursuant to clause 396(5)(a) if council has adopted an animal control bylaw that:
- (a) respecting a declaration pursuant to subsection 396(1):
    - (i) provides that notice must be given to the owner of the animal including reasons for the declaration; and
    - (ii) provides that an opportunity must be given for the owner to appeal the declaration;
  - (b) respecting orders made pursuant to clause 396(5)(a):
    - (i) provides that the order must specify the time given to comply with the order and the manner in which compliance must be demonstrated;
    - (ii) provides that an opportunity must be given for the owner to provide relevant information or documents needed to appeal the order or request that the order be altered; and
    - (iii) provides that the order must describe the consequences of failure to comply with the order.

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- (3) A bylaw mentioned in subsection (2) may:
- (a) include a requirement that the owner must demonstrate compliance with an order made pursuant to clause 396(5)(a), failing which non-compliance is presumed;
  - (b) provide that the municipality may seize the animal until the owner has demonstrated compliance;
  - (c) provide that the municipality may recover its expenses of seizure, impoundment and other animal care expenses from the owner as a bylaw fine; or
  - (d) provide that an order may be made pursuant to clause 396(5)(a) in the absence of the owner, if the owner fails to respond to the notice given by the municipality.
- (4) A bylaw mentioned in subsection (2) may not authorize an order pursuant to clause 396(5)(b).

**“Other municipality animal bylaws**

**401.2** If property is located within a municipality but it belongs to or is under the control and management of another municipality, the first municipality may, by resolution, provide that this Division does not apply to that property if the other municipality has a dangerous animals bylaw that it wishes to enforce on that property”.

**Section 403 amended****4-44 Section 403 is amended:**

- (a) **by striking out “or” after clause (d);**
- (b) **by adding “or” after clause (e); and**
- (c) **by adding the following clause after clause (e):**

“(f) fail to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that the municipality’s workers are not exposed to harassment as defined in clause 3-1(1)(l) of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* with respect to any matter or circumstance arising out of the workers’ employment”.

**Section 420 amended****4-45(1) Subsection 420(1) is amended:**

- (a) **by striking out “or” after clause (f);**
- (b) **by adding “or” after clause (g); and**
- (c) **by adding the following clause after clause (g):**

“(h) a review, decision, determination, recommendation or report of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board made pursuant to Part XIII or Part XIII.1”.

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**(2) Subsection 420(1.2) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“(1.2) In an order made pursuant to subsection (1.1), the minister may suspend, censure or otherwise limit the powers and duties of all or any member of council, the administrator or any designated officer during, or as a result of, the conducting of an official examination if the minister considers it in the public interest”.

**(3) The following subsection is added after subsection 420(1.2):**

“(1.3) If an official examination has been completed with respect to a municipality or one or more council members, the administrator shall, at a council meeting, report to the council the nature and subject of the examination and any remedial actions recommended to be taken as a result of the examination”.

## PART 5

## Consequential Amendments

2020, c 30 amended

**5-1(1)** Section 185.1 of *The Municipalities Act*, as enacted by section 3-38 of *The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2020*, is amended:

**(a) by repealing clause (2)(a) and substituting the following:**

“(a) incorporate the municipality’s financial statements prepared in accordance with section 185”; and

**(b) in subsection (3):**

**(i) by striking out “and” after clause (a);**

**(ii) by adding “and” after clause (b); and**

**(iii) by adding the following clause after clause (b):**

“(c) to be made available in a downloadable format on a website available to the public”.

**(2)** Section 207.1 of *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010*, as enacted by section 4-29 of *The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2020*, is amended:

**(a) by repealing clause (2)(a) and substituting the following:**

“(a) incorporate the municipality’s financial statements prepared in accordance with section 207”; and

**(b) in subsection (3):**

**(i) by striking out “and” after clause (a);**

**(ii) by adding “and” after clause (b); and**

**(iii) by adding the following clause after clause (b):**

“(c) to be made available in a downloadable format on a website available to the public”.

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SS 1984, c U-11, section 59 repealed

**5-2** Clause 59(1)(a) and subsections 59(3) and (4) of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* are repealed.

PART 6  
**Coming into Force**

**Coming into force**

**6-1(1)** Subject to subsections (2) and (3), this Act comes into force on assent.

(2) Sections 2-4, 2-17, 2-19, 2-23, 2-25, subsections 2-26(1) and (3), sections 2-27, 2-30, 2-31, 2-32, 3-10, 3-24, 3-28, 3-32, 3-34, 3-37, 3-38, 3-40, 3-41, 3-42, 4-15, 4-20, 4-24, 4-26, 4-29, 4-30, 4-32, 4-33, 4-34 and 5-1 come into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) Sections 2-20, 2-21, 2-24, subsection 2-26(2), sections 2-37, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-9, 3-15, 3-29, 3-30, 3-33, 3-35, 3-44, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48, 3-50, 4-21, 4-22, 4-25, 4-27, 4-36 and 4-38 come into force on January 1, 2027.

