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Municipal Accountability

Elected Official Training

- Should a requirement for elected officials to <u>take</u>
 the training be in the Act? Or should it be up to
 each municipality to determine requirements and
 to set out in a code of conduct?
- Are any changes required to the scope of mandatory training?

Ombudsman

- What should be done to ensure that only issues of municipal fairness (not municipal decisions) are brought forward?
- What additional factors, if any, should be applied to help screen complaints?







Intermunicipal Collaboration and Planning

Collaboration Framework Agreements

- What scope of services and infrastructure should be required for cost-sharing under an ICF? What should be specifically excluded?
- How should ICFs treat municipalities that share services but do not share a municipal boundary?
- How should the governance model be structured (e.g., advisory committee, municipally controlled corporation, Regional Services Commission, etc.)?





Intermunicipal Collaboration and Planning

Collaboration Framework Agreements

- How should municipalities calculate shared cost or benefit (e.g., usage, assessment base, consumption rates, etc.)?
- How should operating, capital, and debt-servicing be treated?
- Can cooperation be addressed through individual bilateral ICFs? Or is a more regional approach required (i.e., ICFs for multiple municipalities)?
- How should arbitration be handled?





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Intermunicipal Collaboration and Planning

Timeframe for IDP and MDP

- What are the practical considerations around how these multiple plans should be developed in alignment (particularly around timelines)?
- What is the best sequence for doing the ICF, IDP and MDP?

Growth Management Boards

- How should municipalities that are within the boundaries of a Growth Management Board treat their existing IDPs?
- Do you have any concerns about the requirements for growth management boards and have any examples to provide?





Planning Tools

Offsite Levies

- Will the 30% clause for new offsite levies work in your municipality?
 - What are some challenges with it?
- What changes would you suggest to make this clause effective in your municipality?
- How should the land area be defined?
- How should the benefit of the facility be defined?





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Planning Tools

Reserves

- Will the conservation reserve be a tool that your municipality would likely use? Why/why not?
 - What would make the conservation reserves most useful in planning and developing your municipality?
- What other issues relating to reserves do you think needs to be changed?
 - How would these changes benefit your municipality?

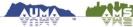




Planning Tools

Inclusionary Zoning

- Is inclusionary zoning a power that you can use in your community?
- Should offsets be set at market value, or should developers contribute to the costs of the inclusionary zoning?
- What barriers do you see in using this new tool?
 - Are there ways to enhance this provision to make it more useful for your municipality?





Property Assessment and Taxation

Non-residential Sub-classes:

- Should municipalities be able to determine subclasses of non-residential property, or should the province define?
- What sub-classes are required?

5 to 1 Maximum Ratio:

- What, if any, concerns do you have with the new
 5:1 maximum ratio?
- Should there be any exemptions (e.g., brownfields)?





Property Assessment and Taxation

Appeals Process

 What is problematic about the appeal process and how should these issues be addressed?

Municipal Oversight on Centralized Assessment

 What kinds of municipal oversight are required and what processes should be put in place for transparent reporting of results?

