



March 20, 2025

AVICC Member Legislative Services
AVICC Member Councils, Boards, and CAOs

RE: FEEDBACK REQUESTED: Reforming the Local Government Act - A Roadmap

I am reaching out to formally request that this communication be included as a Board or Council Communication on your upcoming agenda.

Feedback is requested on the initiative to modernize the *Local Government Act (LGA)*. It has been identified that the input from member staff and elected officials is crucial, and we are asking that this opportunity be shared throughout your organization, and that time be allocated to allow for participation.

Don Lidstone K.C. has written a document, "[Regional District Legislation Roadmap](#)", as a framework to gather feedback from all five area associations on the challenges local governments are experiencing with the *LGA*. The *Roadmap* document has been transposed into a survey that is now available at the following link:

[Reforming the Local Government Act: A Roadmap – SURVEY LINK](#)

- The survey may be completed by individuals or as a group – we would like to hear from local government and First Nations elected officials and staff with comments about the legislation and recommendations, examples of how the current legislation impacts the work that you do, and potential solutions or additional recommendations.
- The *Roadmap* document has been divided into 9 survey pages in SurveyMonkey, consisting of an executive summary with recommendations, followed by examinations of Parts 5-12 of the *LGA*.
- Each of the 9 survey pages is followed by questions that you are invited to respond to as you wish. There is no requirement to answer all the questions – any degree of input is beneficial.
- Survey responses will be anonymously compiled to produce a report for UBCM and the Province that defines issues and specific preferences for modernizing the current legislation.
- There is an option in each section to input your contact information if you are willing to provide more information about your comments, or if you would like a response - this is not required.
- Your responses will be saved after each page, so that you can pause and return to the survey at your convenience – you must use the same device and web browser to access your saved survey.

- You may edit your responses, or add additional comments up until May 31, 2025 at 11:59pm – you must use the same device and web browser to access your previously submitted survey.

Any survey responses received by March 28 will be included in content provided to the area associations' annual conventions. The final deadline to submit responses to any of the survey pages is 11:59 pm on Saturday, May 31.

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions, please reach out to AVICC Executive Director, Theresa Dennison, at info@avicc.ca.

Sincerely,



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