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THE *Municipal* Government Act Review

Community Planning Association of Alberta
May 2016

Alberta 

Current Status

- Comprehensive review initiated in 2012
- Extensive consultation conducted in 2014-2015:
 - In person – 1500+ participants, 32 days, 77 sessions, 11 locations across Alberta
 - In writing – 250+ written and 1000+ workbook submissions
 - In focus groups – 40+ meetings with municipal and industry representatives
 - Reflected back – 79 summaries online, 80+ page focus group summary
- Bill 20 passed in March 2015
- Public commitment to complete the review before the next general municipal election (October 2017)

Eight Key Themes

1. Provincial-Municipal Relations
2. Accountability and Transparency
3. Governance
4. Viability
5. Regional Decision Making
6. Revenues
7. Property Assessment and Taxation
8. Managing Growth

Bill 20: *Municipal Government Amendment Act, Spring 2015*

- **The amendments:**
 - Contained items on which stakeholders reached consensus;
 - Demonstrated progress on the former Premier's commitment to enable the establishment of city charters within the *MGA*;
 - Addressed an emergent issue; and
 - Confirmed existing policy currently enacted through section 603 of the *MGA*.

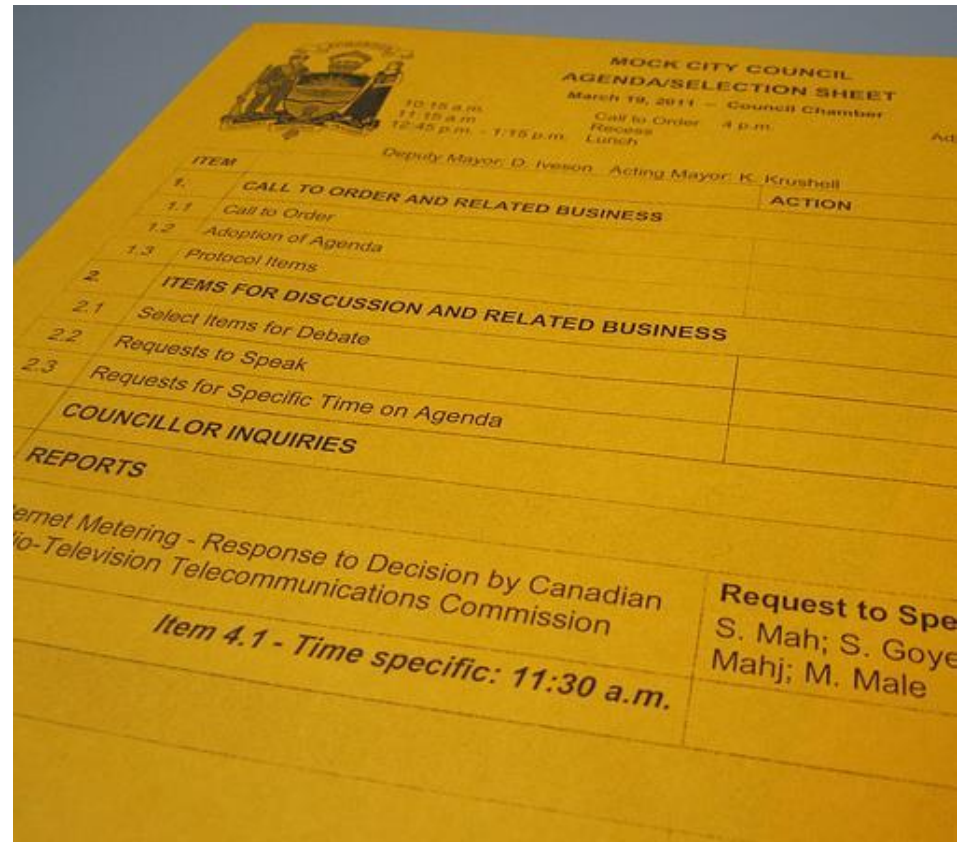
Municipal Accountability and Transparency

- Accountability and Conduct of Elected Officials
- Public Participation Policy
- Open Council Meetings
- Petitioning Processes



Enabling More Efficient Municipal Operations

- Public Notifications Methods
- Roles and Responsibilities of Council and Administration



Enhancing Municipal Viability

- Municipal Corporate Planning
- Municipal Amalgamation

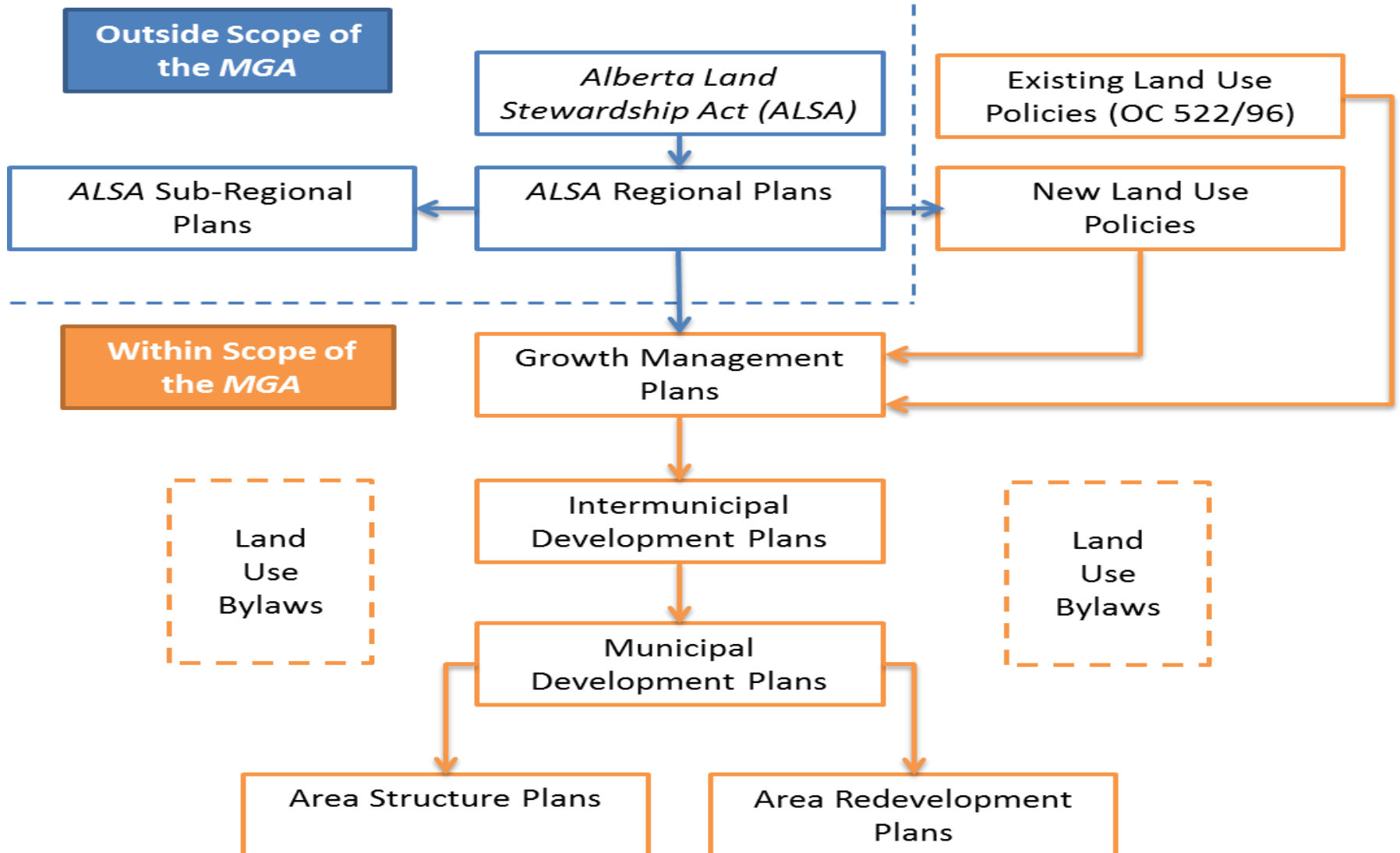


Strengthening Municipal and Intermunicipal Planning

- Annexation Requirements
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Training Requirements
- Hierarchy and Relationship of Plans



Hierarchy & Relationships of Plans



Enabling City Charters

- Amend the *MGA* to enable the establishment of city charters to provide cities with the unique authorities and accountabilities reflecting their unique circumstances.



Emerging Issue

- Off-Site Levy Amendment



Bill 20

- Bill 20 received Royal Assent on March 30, 2015.
- The sections on Civic Charters and the clarification to the Off-site levy issue came into force at that time.
- The remaining provisions will come into force on proclamation.

Completion of *MGA* Review

- Minister Bilous announced *MGA* Review timelines at 2015 AUMA Convention:
 - Introduction of legislation – Spring 2016
 - Discussion of bill (Minister's Tour) – Summer 2016
 - Re-introduction and passing – Fall 2016
 - Regulation review – Complete Fall 2017

Spring Legislation

- Final round of amendments to the *MGA* to be introduced Spring 2016.
- A new vision for the *MGA* is based upon three pillars:
 - An enhanced partnership relationship with municipalities in providing effective and responsive governance to Albertans;
 - Strengthened accountability mechanisms to allow Albertans to hold their local governments accountable; and
 - A shift away from competition to collaboration, with new tools to ensure that municipalities work with neighbouring communities to better serve their collective residents.

Intermunicipal Decision-Making

Intermunicipal Collaboration

- September 2015 Previous Minister Bilous announced that the amended *MGA* will have a greater focus on intermunicipal collaboration.
- Growth Management Boards would be established for the Edmonton and Calgary regions.

Minister's Tour

- Minister Larivee will tour the province to hear feedback on the contents of the Bill:
 - 19 communities across Alberta (early June to mid-July)
 - Everyone is welcome to participate
 - Intent is to receive feedback on the impact and implications of the revised *MGA*
- Details about tour dates, and locations are posted to the *MGA* Review website at:
www.mgareview.alberta.ca/
 - Registration is now open

Minister's Tour!

Minister visiting 19 Alberta communities



Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee will travel across Alberta this summer seeking feedback on changes to the *Municipal Government Act* (June 1 to mid-July).

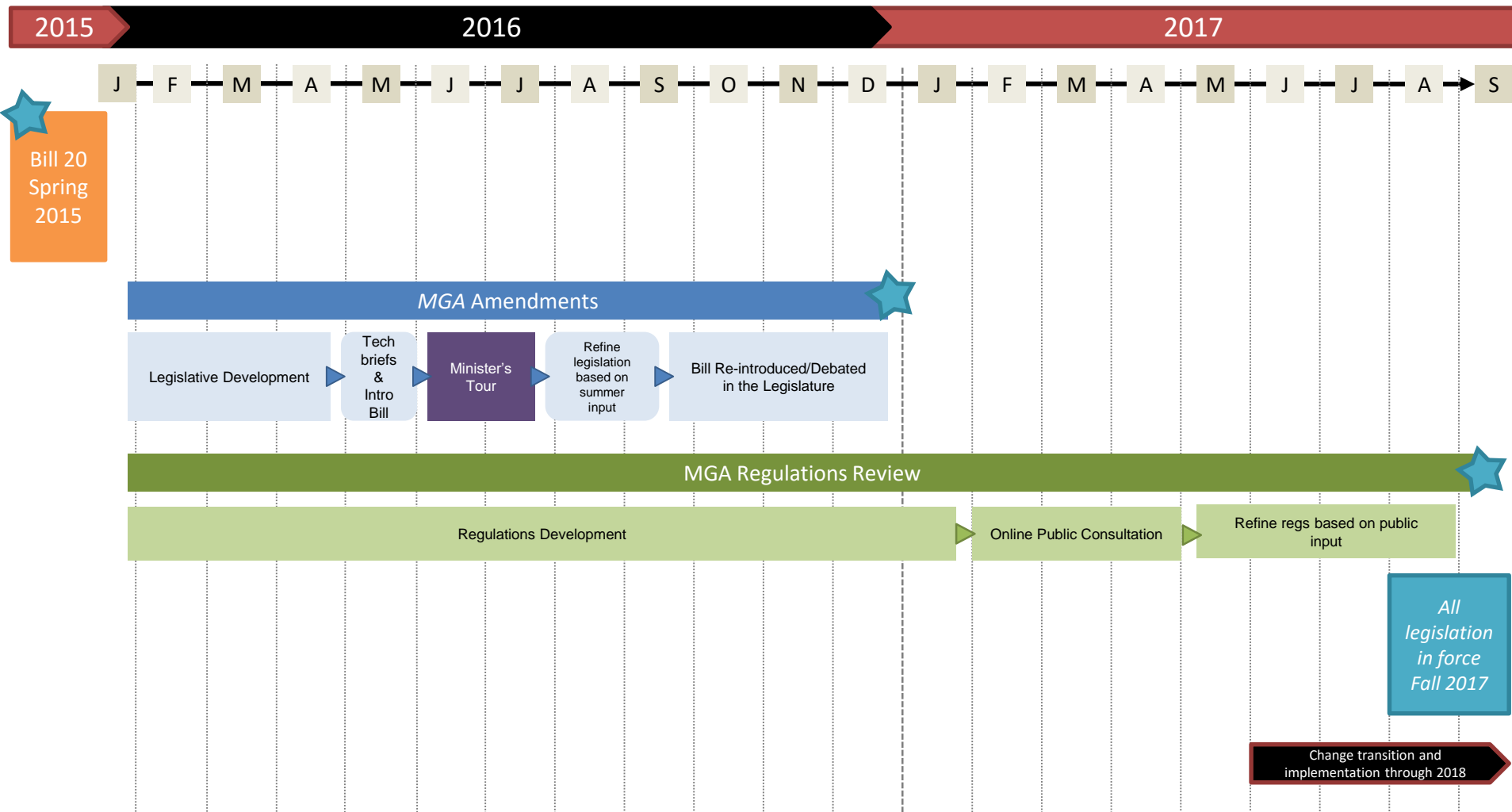
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Regulation Review

- Proposed amendments to existing regulations, and draft new regulations, will be posted on the *MGA* Review website in early 2017 for public feedback.
- All changes to the *MGA*, including regulations, will be proclaimed before municipal elections by October 2017.
 - Staggered In-Force dates

MGA Review 2016 - 2017



MGA Review Website

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