

MGA Review Process

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) Review involves the review / creation of three separate yet interrelated streams of provincial policy:

MGA

The main piece of legislation which provides broad policy direction and enabling powers for municipalities.

Regulations

Provide the specific details and rules related to many of broad policies provided for in the MGA (i.e. development levies, inclusionary housing and intermunicipal collaboration). As part of the MGA Review, 45 regulations were reviewed / created and in many ways these are just as important as the MGA itself.

City Charters

Charters for Calgary and Edmonton will be drafted as regulations, however, they will be different in the fact that they could grant specific powers that are different than those provided to other municipalities under the MGA.

TIMELINE OF MGA REVIEW

2012

- 1) Announcement of MGA Review by Premier Allison Redford.
- 2) Commitment to complete City Charters for Edmonton and Calgary.

2013

- 1) First submissions from industry and public are made.
- 2) High level consultations and MGA Workshops begin.
- 3) Minor administrative amendments made to the MGA.

2014

- 1) Formal consultation to develop MGA Legislation begins.
- 2) MGA Workbook is circulated and another round of submissions takes place.
- 3) MGA Workshops continue.
- 4) Industry Focus Group meetings on specific issues begin.
- 5) Province commits to finalize City Charters by 2016.

2015

- 1) Extensive consultations continue. Memorandum of Understanding signed to complete work in 2016.
- 2) [Bill 20](#) is approved and introduces first substantial changes to the MGA, including enabling City Charters for Calgary and Edmonton.
- 3) Scott Fash (Planning & Development Lead) joins the CHBA – Alberta team with a focus on the MGA Review.
- 4) NDP wins majority government.

- 5) Deron Bilous named Minister of Municipal Affairs.
- 6) Single consultation session held with then Minister Deron Bilous.
- 7) 'Final' submissions from stakeholders provided to Municipal Affairs.

2016

- 1) Danielle Larivee takes over as Minister of Municipal Affairs.
- 2) Bill 21 Draft released which included a number of substantial changes to the MGA that directly impact our industry.
- 3) Municipal Affairs undertakes province-wide consultation tour to gather feedback from the public.
- 4) Final submissions related to Bill 21 sent to the province.
- 5) Preliminary discussion guide released for [City Charters](#).
- 6) CHBA – Alberta attends weekly stakeholder sessions begin to help review / create the 45 regulations associated with the MGA.
- 7) Province releases a discussion guide ([Continuing the Conversation](#)), which presents a number of additional amendments to the MGA, many of which have never been discussed with stakeholders.
- 8) Bill 21 passes with some last minute amendments, some of which have a tremendous impact on our industry.
- 9) Preliminary submission related to City Charters sent to the province.

2017

- 1) **January:** Shaye Anderson announced as the new Minister of Municipal Affairs as Danielle Larivee is shifted to another portfolio.
- 2) **January:** Submissions on additional amendments (Continuing the Conversation) provided to the Province.
- 3) **January:** Province releases draft versions of a number of regulations. Industry and the public have 60 days to provide comment. The majority of these regulations relate to less contentious pieces of legislation.
- 4) **May:** Introduction and approval of additional MGA amendments brought forward in Continuing the Conversation.
- 5) **June / July:** *We anticipate the release of all remaining regulations. There will be a 60 days to provide comment and CHBA – Alberta will be reviewing and providing detailed responses to those that impact our industry.*
- 6) **June / July:** *We anticipate the release of the more information related to City Charters.*
- 7) **September / October:** *Release of draft City Charters for Calgary and Edmonton. No firm timeline has been provided for the release of the draft charters and the province has indicated they may not be available until shortly before the November municipal elections. It is unclear whether there will be any opportunity to consultation and engagement based on this timeline.*
- 8) **November:** *Final approval of all regulations including City Charters.*