

## Review of the Alberta Municipal Government Act

Alberta Municipal Affairs is currently conducting a comprehensive review of Alberta's *Municipal Government Act* (MGA). The MGA was introduced in 1995 upon the consolidation of a number of different provincial planning acts and regulations, and since then has not been significantly updated. This legislation provides municipalities with decision-making autonomy in addition to providing them with the enabling legislation and guidelines for numerous municipal functions and duties, some of which provide direction for agricultural land.

There are several ways in which you can engage in the MGA review process:

### 1. Face-To-Face Consultations (remaining sessions)

<http://mgareview.alberta.ca/consultations>

- Brooks: March 26-28
- Grande Prairie: April 2-4
- Calgary: April 9-11
- Medicine Hat: April 14-16
- Peace River: 23-25

### 2. MGA Review Workbook

<http://mgareview.alberta.ca/workbook>

The deadline for workbook submission is **April 30, 2014**. The MGA Consultation workbook is also available in PDF format, and it can be filled in, saved, shared and submitted electronically.

Areas Relevant to Agriculture in the MGA Review Workbook:

Chapter 1: MGA Review

- Provides an introduction to the workbook and MGA Review process and themes.

Chapter 8: Industrial Property Assessment

- Particularly Part B (Linear property assessment) and Part C (Machinery and equipment property assessment)
- Provides discussion points regarding the assessment and taxation of linear property (including exemptions for linear property on farming operations) and machinery and equipment.

Chapter 9: Farm Property Assessment

- Provides discussion points relating to the assessment and taxation of farm property, including the regulated assessment model.

Chapter 10: Taxation and Exemptions

- Particularly Part B (Exemptions and other special tax treatment)
- Provides a summary and discussion of tax exemptions, including those for farming operations.

Chapter 11: Planning in Alberta

- Provides discussion on growth and development, and statutory plans and land use bylaws.

### 3. Formal Submissions

Stakeholders may also email formal submissions and comments to [mga.review@gov.ab.ca](mailto:mga.review@gov.ab.ca). The deadline for emailing formal submissions is **June 13, 2014**.