

November 7, 2017

REPORT TO: Mayor & Council

FROM: Elizabeth (Lisa) Slomke, Clerk

SUBJECT: Part 2 of Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act (Bill 68)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In November 2016, the Province of Ontario tabled Bill 68, the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, which introduced a series of reforms to the Municipal Act, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, as well as several other pieces of municipally-relevant legislation. On May 30, 2017, Bill 68 received Royal Assent, with effective dates for many sections still to be announced.

In August 2017, I provided Council with a report which highlighted many changes to be implemented with the passage of Bill 68 including Code of Conduct, Integrity Commissioner and the definition of meeting. Council's approval of my report gave Administration the direction to further analyze Bill 68 with particular attention paid to the effective dates once they were provided by the Province.

While I attended the AMCTO Zone 9 conference, the effective dates for many items changing under Bill 68 were provided by the Province and are summarized below:

January 1, 2018

- Definition of Meeting
- Open Meeting Exceptions
- Electronic Meetings
- Meeting Investigator Reports Public

March 1, 2019

- Code of Conduct
- Integrity Commissioner & Responsibilities
- Section 270 Policies

NEXT STEPS

In light of the effective dates provided, I recommend that work on Code of Conduct and Integrity Commissioner be pushed back into 2018 and higher priority be placed on the

amendments needed to our Procedural By-law in order to reflect the updated meeting definition, provide for additional open meeting exceptions and to permit electronic meetings.

Work will begin immediately by Administration to research best practice and bring some recommendations back to this committee for further consideration.

The Administration & Finance Executive Committee considered this matter at the November 7th meeting and agrees with the recommendations from the Clerk.

Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to receive this report and agree with the recommendations from the Clerk, further that work on amendments to the Procedural By-law be undertaken to be in effect by January 1, 2018.