

STATUTORY REVIEW OF PLANNING LEGISLATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why is Manitoba undertaking a Statutory Review of Planning Legislation?

Manitoba is required by law to undertake a review of The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (former Bill 37) and The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act (former Bill 34) by October 29, 2024.

The key sections of legislation are reproduced below:

The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act:

Review 82(1)

Within three years after the coming into force of this section, the minister must undertake a comprehensive review of the amendments made by this Act that includes public representations.

The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act:

Review 58(1)

The minister must undertake a comprehensive review of the amendments made by this Act to Part 6 of The City of Winnipeg Charter and to The Planning Act that includes public representations by October 29, 2024.

2. What is the overall approach and scope of the review?

In addition to the legally mandated review of the former Bill 37 and Bill 34, the review will also consider the appeal of conditional use decisions for aggregate quarries and livestock and zoning appeal provisions brought in by sections of The Planning Amendment Act (former Bill 19) and which came into effect in 2019.

The review will be evidence-based and data-driven. It will include inter-jurisdictional comparisons and input from stakeholders including municipal officials, registered professional planners, developers, landowners, and the public as well as the Manitoba Municipal Board members and staff.

The review will examine both measurable as well as perceived impacts of legislative amendments on processes and on stakeholders. The review will also estimate the extent to which current mandate commitments to speed up approval timelines and make sure local voices are respected, are and can be achieved going forward.

3. Who is conducting the review?

Manitoba has engaged an independent consulting team, Braid Solutions Inc., to provide an impartial assessment of the legislative framework and facilitate stakeholder engagement for the duration of the review.

4. How can I participate in the review?

The review will be conducted in phases. During the data gathering phase of the review, the consulting team will collect data and engage directly with the public and stakeholders.

The review will effectively and reasonably engage stakeholders and the public to provide valuable and substantive input on the impacts and efficacy of the legislation. Insightful and specific comments will strengthen the quality and value of the review.

All stakeholder engagement is expected to align with best practices of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).