

Municipal Affairs and Housing

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

DISPOSAL OF LAND Municipal Government Act

Section 70 of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) states that if a municipality proposes to transfer or grant an estate or interest in land for less than market value, the proposal must be advertised.

The advertising requirements in Section 606 of the MGA must be followed. The notice must contain the procedure to be followed by anyone wishing to file a petition. The procedure as outlined in section 231 of the MGA refers to the petition being filed with the chief administrative officer within sixty days of the last date on which the proposed bylaw or resolution is advertised. Council must ensure that title transfers do not occur prior to the sixty day timeframe for a petition to be received. If a sufficient petition is received, the council must either decide not to proceed with the proposed bylaw or resolution, or within ninety days of the sufficient petition submit the bylaw or resolution to a vote of the electors.

When a municipality holds a public auction or sells tax recovery property in the name of the municipality, the councillors, the chief administrative officer and the designated officers and employees of the municipality must not bid for or buy, or act as an agent in buying any parcel of land offered for sale. Please refer to section 429 of the MGA.



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