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### ***Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2015 (Bill 20)***

Sections 1, 8, 33, 34(a) and (c), 35, 36, 48, 51, 60, 79(d)(f)(g) and (k) and 80 of the *Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2015* have been proclaimed and are coming into force on **March 1, 2016**.

The purpose of this proclamation is to implement a long-term legislative solution for several temporary regulations made under Section 603 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, either by elevating their substance directly into the *Act* or by exercising new regulation-making authorities contained in Bill 20.

**None of the sections result in a change to government policy, only the legislative mechanisms used to implement the existing policy will change.**

The attached table provides more information on the changes.



**Changes to the Municipal Government Act as of March 1, 2016**

<b>Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2015 Section Number</b>	<b>Municipal Government Act, 2000 Section Number</b>	<b>Result</b>
8	Section 73 - Amended.	<b>83/2014 Municipally Controlled Corporations (Sheep Creek Regional Utility Corporation Regulation)</b> - A new regulation will come into force. There will be no policy change. The minister has expanded authority to make regulations concerning municipally-controlled corporations. This allows the minister to make the individual regulations for each controlled corporation. There is no change in policy.
33	Section 241 - Added definitions for the terms “accounting standards”, “amortization”, “tangible capital assets” and “annual budget”.	<b>206/2012 Municipal Finance Clarification Regulation</b> - Incorporated into the MGA. There is no change in policy.
34(a) and (c)	Section 243 - Replaced the term “deficiency” with “shortfall”.	
35	Section 244 - Repealed and substituted.	
36	Section 248.1 – Clarified.	
48	Section 326 – Added.	<b>214/2011 Business Tax Exemption (Legislative Assembly Office) Regulation</b> - Incorporated into the MGA. There is no change in policy.
51	Section 397(2.1) – Added.	<b>164/2013 Local Improvement (Road) Tax Bylaw Regulation</b> - Incorporated into the MGA. There is no change in policy.
60	Section 615.2 – Added.	<b>33/2014 Aeronautics Act Agreements (City of Medicine Hat and Cypress County) Regulation</b> - Validates and allows extension.

<b>Other</b>	
1	Technical requirement.
79(d), (f), (g), and (k)	Repeals: 214/2011 Business Tax Exemption (Legislative Assembly Office) Regulation; 164/2013 Local Improvement (Road) Tax Bylaw Regulation; 206/2012 Municipal Finance Clarification Regulation; and 83/2014 Sheep Creek Regional Utility Corporation Regulation.
80	Corrects an outdated reference to the Education Act.