

# March 21, 2025

Dear NCLGA Member Councils, Boards, and CAOs,

I am reaching out to formally request your participation in an important initiative to modernize the *Local Government Act (LGA)*. The insights and experiences of local government elected officials and staff are essential in shaping legislative reforms, and we encourage you to take part in this process.

Don Lidstone K.C. has developed the <u>Regional District Legislation Roadmap</u>, a framework designed to gather input from all five area associations on the challenges facing local governments under the LGA. This framework has been transposed into a survey, accessible at the following link:

## Reforming the Local Government Act: A Roadmap – SURVEY LINK

## Key Details About the Survey:

- The survey may be completed individually or as a group. We welcome feedback from local government and First Nations elected officials and staff regarding the legislation, its impacts on your work, and recommendations for improvement.
- The *Roadmap* document has been structured into nine survey pages in SurveyMonkey, including an executive summary with recommendations and an analysis of Parts 5–12 of the *LGA*.
- Each section includes questions, but there is no requirement to answer all of them—any level of input is valuable.
- Survey responses will be anonymously compiled to produce a report for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the Province, outlining key issues and preferences for modernizing the *LGA*.
- Each section provides the option to include contact information if you wish to provide additional insights or receive follow-up communication—this is entirely optional.
- Responses will be saved after each page, allowing you to pause and return later. Please note that you must use the same device and web browser to access your saved responses.
- You may edit or add comments to your submission until May 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m., using the same device and web browser.

#### **Key Deadlines:**

- March 28, 2025 Responses received by this date will be included in content presented at the area associations' annual conventions.
- May 31, 2025 (11:59 p.m.) Final deadline to submit responses.

We strongly encourage you to share this request within your organization and allocate time for discussion at upcoming meetings. Your feedback is crucial in shaping the future of local government legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact NCLGA Executive Director, Terry Robert, at trobert@nclga.ca.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Sincerely,

#### Judy Greenaway

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