Committee of the Whole
Discussion Report

Subject:	Bill 20: The Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, November 19, 2024
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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

High Quality Infrastructure	Economic Resilience	Quality of Life	Effective Leadership	Level of Service
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RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)-

- Local Authorities Election Act
- Municipal Government Act

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)-

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Bill 20: the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 received Royal Assent on March 30, 2024, and modifies two key pieces of legislation for Alberta municipalities – the Municipal Government Act and the Local Authorities Election Act. The legislation is intended to help municipalities accelerate housing development, strengthen provincial oversight, and update the rules for local elections and locally elected officials.

The Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 will be proclaimed October 31, 2024, which will bring most of the legislation into force. The provisions pertaining to assessment and property tax matters will come into force January 1, 2025. In addition, two new regulations for local political parties and slates, and campaign expense limits will be in place.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Administration has created a presentation for Council, reviewing the changes to the two Acts.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

By receiving this presentation for information there will be no financial or staffing implications.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bill 20 Presentation

Municipal Affairs Bill 20 Fact Sheet

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee of the Whole receive for information the Bill 20: The Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, review presentation.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer   Approved- ☒