Standing Committee on
Community Services

Report on Bill 202: *Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009*

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1.0 Introduction

Bill 202, *Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009*, was introduced and received first reading on February 19, 2009. On March 16, 2009, the Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services.

2.0 Order of Reference

Excerpt from the *Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta*, Monday, March 16, 2009:

> On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:
> Bill 202 Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009
> — Mr. Johnston
>
> Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:
>
> > Bill 202, Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Second time but the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.
>
> A debate followed on the amendment.
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> The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

3.0 Recommendations

Pursuant to Standing Order 74.2(1),

> When a Bill is referred to a Policy Field Committee after first reading, the committee may conduct public hearings on the subject matter of the Bill and report its observations, opinions and recommendations with respect to the Bill to the Assembly.

The Standing Committee on Community Services recommends to the Assembly that *Bill 202, Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009,* not proceed and that the issue be referred to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs with the recommendation that the Ministry pursue options for improving fiscal accountability and transparency at the municipal level as outlined in the Minister's four point plan presented at the November 3, 2009, Committee meeting.

Appendix A: List of Submitters and Presenters

The Standing Committee on Community Services invited written submissions on Bill 202, *Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009,* from identifed stakeholders and advertised for written submissions from members of the public. The Committee received 100 written submissions.

The Committee invited oral presentations on Bill 202, *Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009.* On October 27 and 28, 2009, invited organizations and groups made oral presentations to the Committee. The Committee also invited the Minister of Municipal Affairs to present before the Committee. The Minister made his presentation on November 3, 2009.

Written Submissions

Name	Organization
Donald W. Johnson	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
John McGowan	Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
Fred J. Dunn	Auditor General of Alberta
Shirley Emerson	Birch Hills County
William G.R. Partridge	Boma Calgary
Wes Tweedle	Brazeau County
Heather Douglas	Calgary Chamber of Commerce
Janine Halbesma	Canadian Federation of Independent Business
Cam Francis	Cardston County
Wanda Mortensen	City of Brooks
Owen Tobert	City of Calgary
Stephen Mandel	City of Edmonton
Dwight Logan	City of Grande Prairie
Normand Boucher	City of Medicine Hat
Morris Flewwelling	City of Red Deer
Stuart Houston	City of Spruce Grove
Nolan Crouse	City of St. Albert
Don Montgomery	City of Wetaskiwin
Patrick Alexander	Clearwater County
Lynden Hutchinson	County of Forty Mile No. 8
Everett McDonald	County of Grande Prairie No. 1
Eric Anderson	County of Minburn No. 27
Tarolyn Peach	County of Paintearth No. 18
Richard Van Ee	County of Vermilion River
Robert Jones	County of Warner No. 5
Shelly Armstrong	Flagstaff County
Marcel G. Latouche	Institute for Public Sector Accountability
Jane Halford	Institute of Chartered Accounts of Alberta
Terry Engen	Lacombe County
Len Szybunka	Lac Ste. Anne County
Marvin Molzan	Leduc County
Doug Plamping	Mountain View County
Warren Phoenix et al.	Mundare Ratepayers and Residents Association
Alvin Billings	Municipal District of Big Lakes
Dene Cooper	Municipal District of Bighorn No. 8
Ed Rondeau	Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87
Tony Yelenik	Municipal District of Greenview No. 16

Name	Organization
Darlene Frith	Municipal District of Northern Lights No. 22
Veronica Bliska	Municipal District of Peace No. 135
Hank Van Beers	Municipal District of Taber
Kelly Buchinski	Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61
Henry Van Hierden	Municipal District of Willow Creek
John Irwin	Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
Agnes Knudsen	Northern Sunrise County
Don Thompson	Oil Sands Developers Group
Lynda Flannery	St. Albert Taxpayers Association
Cathy Olesen	Strathcona County
Rick Wojtkiw	Sturgeon County
Joan Dickau	Town of Bentley
Melodie Stol	Town of Blackfalds
Alan Hyland	Town of Bow Island
Kirk Popik	Town of Calmar
Garry DeVloo	Town of Castor
Julian deCocq	Town of Cochrane
Anita Fisher	Town of Devon
Martin Taylor	Town of Fairview
R. Shawn Patience	Town of Fort Macleod
Wm. H. Nimmo	Town of Gibbons
Rick Dumont	Town of High Prairie
Glenn Taylor	Town of Hinton
Mike Saric	Town of Mundare
Iris Callioux	Town of Peace River
George Bohne	Town of Raymond
Robert Hazelaar	Town of Redcliff
Jim Bague	Town of Rocky Mountain House
Hilda Price	Town of Swan Hills
Rod Krips	Town of Viking
Ben Armstrong	Wheatland County
Jack Ramme	Yellowhead County
Linda Abrams	Private Citizen
Janet Adair	Private Citizen
Jag Aithal	Private Citizen
Susan Barry	Private Citizen
Daryl Brost	Private Citizen
David Campbell	Private Citizen
Shirley Cripps	Private Citizen
Gerald Diamond	Private Citizen
Ostap Diduch	Private Citizen
Doug Eastwell	Private Citizen
Dennis Evans	Private Citizen
Ann Faulk	Private Citizen
Clayton Gessner	Private Citizen
Don Gilmour	Private Citizen
Bob Higgins	Private Citizen
Doug Hyslip	Private Citizen
Ken Ikle	Private Citizen
Gail and Lorne Jesse	Private Citizens
Judy Johnson	Private Citizen
Kent and Connie Kay	Private Citizens

Name	Organization
Ken Klak and family	Private Citizen
H. David Matthews	Private Citizen
Connie McTeer	Private Citizen
Janette Munro	Private Citizen
Robert Olynyk	Private Citizen
Marilyn and Leonard Ostropolski	Private Citizens
Peter Ratcliff	Private Citizen
Dr. Gary Wm. Reid	Private Citizen
George Valan	Private Citizen
Eric Vance	Private Citizen
Roxanne Walsh	Private Citizen

Oral Presentations

Name	Organization
Don Johnson and Gerald Rhodes	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
David Anderson and Heather Weldwood	Alberta School Boards Association
Lloyd Bertschi and John McGowan	Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
Ben Brunnen	Calgary Chamber of Commerce
Janine Halbesma	Canadian Federation of Independent Business
Scott Hennig	Canadian Taxpayers Federation
Tracy McTaggart and Owen Tobert	City of Calgary
Stephen Mandel and David Wiun	City of Edmonton
Keray Henke	Department of Education
Hon. Ray Danyluk and Ray Gilmour	Department of Municipal Affairs
Marcel Latouche	Institute for Public Sector Accountability
Ken Hoffman, Wayne Kauffman, and Roger Simpson	Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta
Todd Horbasenko	Institute of Internal Auditors
Jim Squire and Tony Yelenik	Municipal District of Greenview No. 16
Agnes Knudsen and Bob Miles	Northern Sunrise County
Fred Dunn and Doug Wylie	Office of the Auditor General of Alberta
Pat Collins and Lynda Flannery	St. Albert Taxpayers Association