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Subject: Opportunity for Engagement on Land & Property Rights Tribunal Business Process Review

Hello RMA mayors/reeves and CAOs,

please forward this to relevant staff within your organization

As you may be aware, the Government of Alberta has contracted MNP to undertake a review of LPRT business processes. They are seeking to hold focus groups with RMA members to better understand their perspective of the LPRT. Please see the message below from MNP related to the focus groups and inviting municipalities to sign up.

As you are likely already aware based on past communications from RMA, Alberta Municipal Affairs has engaged MNP LLP ("MNP") to conduct a [business process review of the Land and Property Rights Tribunal \(LPRT\)](#). The review includes understanding how the LPRT's processes meet the needs of its stakeholders, including industry, municipalities, landowners, developers, and the Government of Alberta. By incorporating stakeholder feedback, strategic direction, and leading practices, the review aims to provide recommendations to enhance business processes and organizational capacity, with the overarching goal of creating an effective, efficient and client-focused tribunal. Please note that both the governing policies of the LPRT and LPRT decisions are out of scope of this review.

Recognizing that success of the review relies on understanding and gathering the experience of the users of the LPRT's process, MNP is conducting significant stakeholder engagement to provide ample opportunity for input. In addition to the province-wide survey and written submission portal that was open from March 4th until April 18th, MNP is conducting targeted focus groups.

These focus groups will be conducted virtually and take place later in May, or very early June. Depending on the level interest from RMA members, MNP is proposing organizing three focus groups, each with a different focus on LPRT process areas:

- 1. **Land Use Planning:** expropriation; annexation; subdivision; development; intermunicipal disputes*
- 2. **Surface Rights:** right of entry; review of compensation; recovery of compensation; damages; termination*
- 3. **Assessment Appeals:** designated industrial property; composite assessment review*

A Discussion Guide with example questions will be distributed to confirmed attendees in advance of the focus groups. Questions will focus on:

- Overall experience with the LPRT process, with focus on areas such as communication*
- Experience during the application, hearing and decision-making process*
- Experience accessing or use of alternative dispute resolution processes*
- Opportunities for improvement on LPRT processes*

At this time, if there is interest in sending a representative to participate in a focus group, please reply to LPRTprocessreview@mnp.ca with the following details by Friday, May 16th, 2025.

- 1. Indication of which process area focus group(s) you would like to participate in (Land Use Planning; Surface Rights or Assessment Appeals). You may choose more than one.*
- 2. Name, position and email of representative that would attend focus group. The representative should be able to speak on behalf of the municipality's experience with the LPRT processes.*

Once collected, this information will be provided to MNP. Please watch for future communication directly from LPRTProcessReview@mnpc.ca, as MNP will be organizing the focus groups and sending invitations only to the interested representatives in the near future.


Thank you for your interest in supporting this review of the Land and Property Rights Tribunal being conducted by MNP for the Government of Alberta.




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