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Town of Moosonee Shares Information on Restricted Act (Lame Duck) Council Provisions During the Municipal Election Period

MOOSONEE, ON – The Town of Moosonee is providing information to residents regarding the Lame Duck provisions contained in Section 275 of Ontario's Municipal Act, 2001, which may apply during a municipal election year under certain circumstances.

The term Restricted Act (Lame Duck) Council refers to a council that becomes subject to specific legislative restrictions when it can be determined that less than 75 percent of the members of the outgoing council will return to the next term of council. This determination may occur following the close of nominations or following the declaration of election results.

It is important for residents to understand that a Restricted Act Council continues to govern and conduct municipal business.

Council meetings continue, municipal services continue to be delivered, and the municipality continues to operate normally.

The legislation only restricts a limited number of specific decisions.

What Council Can Continue to Do

- Hold regular and special Council meetings
- Receive reports and recommendations from Administration
- Pass by-laws and resolutions not restricted by the Municipal Act
- Continue routine municipal operations and governance activities
- Monitor ongoing projects and service delivery
- Continue activities previously approved through Council budgets and delegated authorities were permitted
- Responding to emergencies and matters affecting public health and safety

What Council Cannot Do

- Appoint or remove an officer of the municipality, including the CAO, Clerk or Treasurer
- Hire or dismiss municipal employees
- Sell or dispose of municipal property valued at more than \$50,000
- Make expenditures or incur liabilities exceeding \$50,000, except where permitted by legislation

Supporting Continuity of Services

Previously approved budget expenditures, delegated authorities established before the Lamé Duck period, and emergency actions necessary to protect public health, safety, and municipal infrastructure may continue where authorized by legislation.

Commitment to Transparency and Good Governance

The Town of Moosonee remains committed to transparency, accountability, and compliance with legislative requirements throughout the municipal election process.

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