

## Municipal

The role of local government is to protect the sustainability of their vision for the community coupled with the key role of creating an environment that is conducive to development and economic growth. A city or town's decisions relating to infrastructure, jurisdictional and constitutional matters, election issues, business licensing issues, transit, land use, planning and can create opportunities for revitalization and expansion or undermine future business opportunities. Throughout the history of our firm, we have provided advice to local governments across Canada. We collaborate with local authorities, through their elected officials or managers and employees every day. Our excellent reputation with municipalities and their related organizations is based on our thorough understanding of their operations and command of the law.

WeirFoulds has co-authored leading reference works on municipal law, including *The Ontario Municipal Act: A User's Manual*, *Ontario's Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and Ontario Planning Practice*. For this reason, our lawyers can walk into any municipal council in the Province on short notice and provide immediate expert advice on virtually any area of legal interest to local government.

Our lawyers act for municipal governments and councils, urban planners, condominium developers, construction firms, property owners, investors and private citizens on a range of municipal law and policy matters. We have a successful history of assisting clients with obtaining development approvals, achieving fair compensation for expropriations, and navigating procurement requirements. We also advise clients on regulatory compliance and municipal policy, and represent clients before municipal boards.

We take a multi-disciplinary approach to our municipal files, engaging our public, tax, infrastructure, construction, real estate, litigation and environment law experts as necessary to ensure clients receive excellent advice that is tailored to their needs.

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- Development charges
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