

Special Powers and Duties of the Mayor under Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act

Powers to Advance Prescribed Provincial Priorities:

- Bring to Council **matters** that advance the prescribed provincial priorities
- Bring to Council, and require Council to consider and vote on, *Municipal Act*, Development Charges, and *Planning Act* **bylaws** that advance the prescribed provincial priorities and pass if more than one-third of Members vote in favour. Power does not apply to the Procedure Bylaw
- **Veto** (within 2 days of passing) *Municipal Act*, Development Charges, and *Planning Act* bylaws that interfere with prescribed provincial priorities. (Council can override by two-thirds vote)
- **Powers cannot be delegated.**

Powers re Administrative and Political Structure of the Municipality:

- Appoint and dismiss **CAO**
- **Hire and dismiss** division heads (excluding the following prescribed positions:
 - The Clerk or Deputy Clerk
 - A Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
 - Chief Building Official
 - Fire Chief
 - An Integrity Commissioner or Ombudsman
 - An Auditor General
 - A registrar as described in section 223.11)
- Determine the organizational **structure**
- Establish prescribed **committees** and assign their functions
- **Appoint** chairs and vice chairs of prescribed committees
- **Powers can be delegated**

Duty to Prepare the Annual Budgets:

- Duty to prepare the budget and **present** it to Council before February 1
- Duty **reverts** to Council if the Mayor fails to present a budget by February 1
- Power to **veto** amendments made by Council (subject to Council override by two-thirds vote)
- Budget is “**deemed** to be adopted” based on time frames, not “approved by Council”
- Duty to present in-year budget **amendments** only if a supplementary levy is required
- **Duty cannot be delegated, only forfeited**

Supporting Provisions

- Mayor is required to exercise these powers in writing and give notice to the Clerk
- Mayor may give direction to staff and it must be in writing and, by next business day, give notice to the Clerk and CAO
- Mayor must declare an interest under *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* when exercising these powers outside of a meeting context
- Municipality must maintain a public registry of declared interests
- In case of vacancy, powers transfer to a newly elected Mayor, but not to an appointed or Deputy Mayor

Prescribed Provincial Priorities

- Building 1.5 million new residential units by December 31, 2031.
- Constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including, transit, roads, utilities, and servicing.