

## **QUESTIONS FOR FEEDBACK ON PROVINCIAL-MUNICIPAL FISCAL REVIEW**

*Feedback is to be submitted by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.*

### **STRUCTURE**

1. Do you think the proposed process is reasonable? Why, or why not?
  - a. Recognizing the review does not necessarily lead to amalgamation, do you support the use of the FCI as a method to trigger a constructive review? If not, please suggest another alternative.
2. Is there anything you would change with respect to the review process?
3. Do you support the recommendations regarding village commissions? Why, or why not?
  - a. What issues do you see arising if these recommendations are implemented?
    - i. How would you like to see these issues addressed?

### **ROADS**

1. Do you think the proposed recommendations create a more level playing field? If not, please provide alternatives.

### **GRANTS**

1. The PCAP recommendation provides additional money for much needed capital projects. Do you think an application based process is appropriate? If not, please explain what you would recommend.
2. Using a provincial lens, do you believe these recommendations enhance fairness? Why, or why not?
3. Using a municipal lens specific to your municipality, what challenges or opportunities do you see arising from the recommendations?
4. The current NSPI grant-in-lieu to municipalities is through the operating grants formula, however, a shift to a rate \* assessment formula places contributions from NSPI in line with other property taxpayers. Do you support this principle? Please explain why, or why not.

### **REVENUE**

1. What types of flexibility, or changes would you like to see with respect to Recommendations 27 and 28? This will be very helpful in guiding the MGA Review discussion.
2. Until the province is in a fiscally sound position, municipalities will need to continue contributing to mandatory contributions. Recommendation 29 provides a compromise to this situation. Do you support this recommendation? If not, please explain why.

### **COLLABORATION**

1. Recommendation 30 calls for a better process for municipalities to work with the province in establishing regulations, how do you envision this process?
2. Are there areas in your municipality where you could benefit from Municipal Affairs assistance? If so, please explain.

## **OVERALL QUESTIONS ON RECOMMENDATIONS**

What recommendations do you think would be most beneficial to your municipality in the long-term?

What recommendations do you think would be the most challenging for your municipality? Please comment on how your concerns could be addressed. Is there a compromise you could suggest?