

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE**  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

**MINUTE NO. 15**  
**3:42 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Blaine McLeod in the chair and members Noor Burki,\* Brad Crassweller, Matt Love,\* Hon. Jamie Martens, Megan Patterson, and Erika Ritchie.\*

**Substituting Members**

Noor Burki for Betty Nippi-Albright

Matt Love for Leroy Laliberte

Erika Ritchie for Jacqueline Roy

2. The committee considered Bill No. 38, *The Building Schools Faster Act*.

The Minister of Education and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education

Hon. Everett Hindley, Minister

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister

Charlotte Morrissette, Assistant Deputy Minister

Ministry of Government Relations

Bonnie Chambers, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations

Ian Goeres, Executive Director, Community Planning

3. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 14, they were agreed to.
4. It was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

That the committee report Bill No. 38, *The Building Schools Faster Act* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The committee considered Bill No. 39, *The Building Schools Faster Consequential Amendment Act, 2025 / Loi de 2025 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Building Schools Faster Act*.

The Minister of Education and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education

Hon. Everett Hindley, Minister

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister

Charlotte Morrissette, Assistant Deputy Minister

Ministry of Government Relations

Bonnie Chambers, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations

Ian Goeres, Executive Director, Community Planning

6. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.

7. It was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

That the committee report Bill No. 39, *The Building Schools Faster Consequential Amendment Act, 2025 / Loi de 2025 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Building Schools Faster Act* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee recessed from 5:50 p.m. until 6:12 p.m.

9. The committee considered Bill No. 43, *The Municipalities Modernization and Red Tape Reduction Act*.

The Minister of Government Relations and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Eric Schmalz, Minister

Laurier Donais, Deputy Minister

Jeff Markewich, Assistant Deputy Minister, Central Services and Standards

Bill Hawkins, Executive Director, Building and Technical Standards

Andrea Ulrich, Executive Director, Program and Policy Services

Abayomi Akintola, Director, Property Tax and Assessment

Megan Istace, Director, Municipal Engagement

Alan Williams, Director, Legislation and Regulations

10. The committee recessed from 7:47 p.m. until 7:56 p.m.

11. The committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 43, *The Municipalities Modernization and Red Tape Reduction Act*.

12. The questions being put on clauses 1-1 to 2-8, they were agreed to.

13. During consideration of clause 2-9, it was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Amend subsection 68(2.1) of *The Cities Act*, as being enacted by subsection (2) of Clause 2-9 of the printed Bill, by striking out “commissioner or manager” and substituting “clerk”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 2-9 as amended, it was agreed to.

14. During consideration of clause 2-10, it was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Amend subsection 68.1(3) of *The Cities Act*, as being enacted by Clause 2-10 of the printed Bill, by striking out “commissioner or manager” and substituting “clerk”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 2-10 as amended, it was agreed to.

15. The questions being put on clauses 2-11 and 2-12, they were agreed to.

16. During consideration of clause 2-13, it was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Amend section 91 of *The Cities Act*, as being enacted by Clause 2-13 of the printed Bill:

(a) in clause (1)(e) by striking out “commissioner or manager” and substituting “clerk”; and

(b) in subsection (7) by striking out “commissioner or manager” and substituting “clerk”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 2-13 as amended, it was agreed to.

17. The question being put on clause 2-14, it was agreed to.

18. During consideration of clause 2-15, it was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Amend subsection 116(1) of *The Cities Act*, as being enacted by Clause 2-15 of the printed Bill:

(a) in clause (a) by striking out “commissioner or manager” wherever it appears and in each case substituting “clerk”; and

(b) in clause (b) by striking out “commissioner or manager” and substituting “clerk”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 2-15 as amended, it was agreed to.

19. The questions being put on clauses 2-16 to 2-34, they were agreed to.

20. The question being put on clause 2-35, it was defeated.

21. The questions being put on clauses 2-36 to 2-40, they were agreed to.

22. During consideration of clause 2-41, it was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Amend subsection 356(1.3) of *The Cities Act*, as being enacted by subsection (3) of Clause 2-41 of the printed Bill, by striking out “commissioner or manager” and substituting “clerk”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 2-41 as amended, it was agreed to.

23. The questions being put on clauses 3-1 to 3-52, they were agreed to.

24. During consideration of clause 3-53, it was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Amend Clause 3-53 of the printed Bill:

(a) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

**“(2) Subsection 375(4) is amended by striking out ‘The owner’ and substituting ‘Before a judge hears a complaint pursuant to subsection (1), the owner’”;**

(b) by striking out clause (6)(c) and substituting the following:

**“(c) by adding the following clause after clause (b):**

‘(c) in the prescribed manner, if the order was made by the council’”; and

(c) by adding the following subsection after subsection (7):

**“(8) The following subsection is added after subsection 375(10):**

‘(11) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing the manner in which an appeal may be made pursuant to clause (8)(c)’”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 3-53 as amended, it was agreed to.

25. The questions being put on clauses 3-54 to 4-40, they were agreed to.

26. During consideration of clause 4-41, it was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Amend Clause 4-41 of the printed Bill:

(a) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

**“(2) Subsection 396(4) is amended by striking out ‘The owner’ and substituting ‘Before a judge hears a complaint pursuant to subsection (1), the owner’”;**

(b) by striking out clause (6)(c) and substituting the following:

**“(c) by adding the following clause after clause (b):**

‘(c) in the prescribed manner, if the order was made by the council’”; and

(c) by adding the following subsection after subsection (7):

**“(8) The following subsection is added after subsection 396(10):**

‘(11) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing the manner in which an appeal may be made pursuant to clause (8)(c)’”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 4-41 as amended, it was agreed to.

27. The questions being put on clauses 4-42 to 6-1, they were agreed to.

28. It was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Add the following Clause before Clause 2-36 of the printed Bill:

**“Section 327 amended**

**2-35 Subsection 327(9) is repealed and the following substituted:**

‘(9) If a city has passed a bylaw respecting dangerous animals and, in accordance with that bylaw an order has been made declaring an animal to be dangerous, that order continues to apply if the animal is sold, given to a new owner, moved to a different location within the city or moved to any other municipality governed by this Act, *The Municipalities Act* or *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010*’ ”.

The question being put on new clause 2-35, it was agreed to.

29. It was moved by Brad Crassweller:

That the committee report Bill No. 43, *The Municipalities Modernization and Red Tape Reduction Act* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

30. It was moved by Brad Crassweller:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

31. The committee adjourned at 9:46 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Jessica Start  
Committee Clerk

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Blaine McLeod  
Chair