

July 24, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal CAOs

SUBJECT: ***Proclamation of the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020***

Thank you to all municipal enforcement personnel for your support to date in enforcing emergency orders under the provincial *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) and helping to keep communities safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

As you may be aware, on July 21, 2020, the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* ("ROA") received Royal Assent. The ROA has been proclaimed into force today, July 24, 2020, to coincide with the ending of the declared provincial emergency.

The ROA gives the Ontario government the necessary flexibility to address the ongoing risks and effects of the COVID-19 outbreak once the declared provincial emergency under the EMCPA ends. It provides that:

- Emergency orders in effect under the EMCPA as of July 24 are continued under the ROA for an initial 30 days.
- The Lieutenant Governor in Council may further extend these orders under the ROA for up to 30 days at a time.
- The Lieutenant Governor in Council may amend certain orders continued under the ROA if the amendment relates to:
 - Labour redeployment or workplace and management rules;
 - Closure of places and spaces or regulation of how businesses and establishments can be open to provide goods or services in a safe manner;
 - Compliance with public health advice; or,
 - Rules related to gatherings and organized public events.

The ROA does not allow new orders to be created. Furthermore, the ability to extend and amend orders under the ROA is limited to one year, unless extended by the

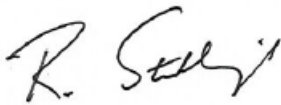
legislature. The ROA mandates regular reporting by the government to the public and Legislative Assembly of Ontario to ensure oversight and transparency.

To review the legislation, you may visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/20r17>.

For further information including which orders have been continued under the ROA, who is designated to enforce orders continued under the ROA and offences and penalties, please review the attached set of supporting Questions and Answers for enforcement personnel.

I trust that this information is of assistance. Should enforcement personnel have any questions related to enforcement of orders continued under the ROA, they may reach out to EssentialWorkplacesSupport.SolGen@ontario.ca. Please note that this dedicated email address is only for enforcement personnel and should not be shared publicly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Stubbings', is positioned above the typed name.

Richard Stubbings
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