

Province passes new legislation on the municipal voters' list

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AMCTO Advocacy Update

Bill 204, *Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act*, 2020 receives royal assent

We are pleased to see that the province has passed new legislation for Bill 204, *Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act*, 2020. The bill **received royal assent** on October 1 making it law that the 'municipal voters' list' will be developed out of a single registry of electors under the responsibility of Elections Ontario as of January 1, 2024.

The accuracy of this list is *essential* to our members, who are responsible for administering local government elections. This is particularly important should alternative voting mechanisms such as internet voting or wider mail-in voting be utilized to administer an election during an emergency such as the COVID-19 health pandemic.

"We are pleased to see the government take action after years of advocacy on behalf and by our members," says AMCTO President, Rob Tremblay. "We look forward to working with Elections Ontario on next steps."

This has been a leading issue for AMCTO members for the past sixteen years. Visit our [policy blog](#) to read more about our municipal voters' list advocacy journey.

We know that our members across Ontario are already turning their attentions to preparing for the 2022 municipal election. It is particularly top of mind because municipalities must consider how to deliver safe and accessible elections during a pandemic which could still be lingering in 2022.

We want to know what your municipality is doing now to prepare for 2022. The [following form](#) should only take approximately five minutes to complete and will allow us to track and curate these inputs to share with members as a one-stop resource. We are piloting this tracker to assist you, our members, in your preparation in-between elections and in order to get a sense of the direction Ontario municipalities are taking in these uncertain times. Your feedback will also help to inform our advocacy efforts with regard to the Municipal Elections Act.

SUBMIT FEEDBACK

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The Association continues to grow and to search out new opportunities to provide municipal professionals with the tools they need to succeed in the continually evolving municipal environment.

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