

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 **by-laws** that advance the prescribed provincial priorities and pass if more than one-third of Members vote in favour. Power does not apply to the Procedural By-law.
- **Veto** (within 2 days of passing) Municipal Act, Development Charges, and Planning Act By-laws that interfere with prescribed provincial priorities. (Council can override by 2/3 vote).
- **Powers cannot be delegated.**

Administrative and Political Structure of the Municipality:

- Appoint and dismiss **CAO** (City Manager).
- **Hire** and **dismiss** division heads (excluding prescribed list).
- 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 Annual Budget:

- Duty to prepare the budget and **present** it to Council before February 1.
- Duty **reverts** to Council if Mayor fails to present a budget by February 1.
- Power to **veto** amendments made by Council (subject to Council override by 2/3 vote).
- Budget is “**deemed** to be adopted” based on timeframes, not “approved by Council”.
- Duty to present in-year budget **amendments** only if 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 the next business day, give notice to the Clerk and CAO (City Manager).
- Mayor must declare an interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, even when exercising these powers outside of a meeting.
- Municipality must maintain a public registry of declared interests.
- In case of vacancy, powers transfer to next 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, servicing.