



TOWN OF MINTO

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

REPORT TO: Mayor and Council

SERVICE AREA: Clerks

SUBJECT: CL 2025-008 – Strong Mayor Powers

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report CL 2025-008 – Strong Mayor Powers, prepared by the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, for information purposes.

BACKGROUND:

On April 9, 2025, the Ontario government announced a proposal to expand strong mayor powers (SMPs) to the heads of council in 169 municipalities effective May 1, 2025.

COMMENTS:

Mayoral decisions using these new powers fall into three broad categories, being Legislative Powers, Administrative Powers and Financial Powers. There is no option for a municipality to opt-out of the Strong Mayor Powers. Of the three broad categories, Legislative Powers cannot be delegated or forfeited. Administrative Powers can be delegated. Financial Powers can be forfeited. A high-level summary of the new strong mayor powers is included as an attachment. Further research from staff is required to review any possible changes to current policies.

The Mayor has indicated that he is committed to the current administrative practices approved by Council and that they will be maintained. The Mayor had notified the Clerk that as of May 2, 2025, he has made the following delegations:

- ☐ The power to establish prescribed Committees and assign their functions will be delegated to Council
- ☐ The power to appoint chairs and vice chairs of prescribed Committees will be delegated to Council
- ☐ The power to appoint the CAO will be delegated to Council
- ☐ The power to hire and dismiss staff will be delegated to the CAO
- ☐ The responsibility for the Town's Organizational Structure will be delegated to the CAO

As well, the Mayor has signed a directive regarding the financial powers forfeiting the preparation of the Budget to the CAO and Treasurer.

These decisions and direction are now posted on the new Mayoral Decision webpage and will, consistent with the Mayor's commitment, maintain the Town's current practices.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN:

GOAL 5: RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Deliver services in an open, accountable, and transparent manner while providing an outstanding working environment for our employees and community.

PREPARED BY: Annilene McRobb, Clerk

RECOMMENDED BY: Gregg Furtney, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Links to Legislation

1. [Municipal Act, 2001 \(See Part VI.1, Special Powers and Duties of the Head of Council\)](#)
2. [O. Reg. 530/22: PART VI.1 OF THE ACT](#)
3. [O. Reg. 580/22: PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES](#)

Attachments:

Power Point Presentation

Strong Mayor Authorities Scan (AMCTO)