

MuniLegislativeReview

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Good Afternoon,

The Town of Marystown would like the Review Committee to consider the following changes relating to the Municipalities Act, 1999. While these items are not directly in the Municipalities Act, 1999, it is that Act that gives authority to the other Acts/Regulations noted.

- Section 214 of the Act states that the acquisition of goods or services and the leasing of space shall be in accordance with the Public Tender Act. While municipalities can purchase items without going through public tender if they are under 10,000.00, we would like to see the government give consideration to allowing municipalities the option of acquiring items such as vehicles and equipment through public auction (ie., Richie Brothers) where the purchase price may exceed the \$10,000.00 threshold but still be more cost-effective than purchasing brand new. This would allow municipalities the ability to purchase an item that has been refurbished as new or still has warranty or useful life at considerable savings to the Town and taxpayers.
- Section 416 of the Act gives the authority for the Municipal Councillor Remuneration and Reimbursement Regulations. Section 7 of those regulations outline the amounts that may be reimbursed to a Councillor for expenses, including loss of income. Currently, that loss of income shall not exceed \$250.00 per day. The Regulations should provide clarification as to whether that amount refers to gross or net income. Further, as these regulations were implemented approximately seventeen years ago in 2001, and with today's salaries/wages, \$250.00 per day is not adequate at times to cover actual lost wages.

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