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## CHAPTER 303

**Municipal Affairs Act**

## PART I

**1. In this Act,**Interpre-  
tation

- (a) "Board" means the Ontario Municipal Board;
- (b) "Deputy Minister" means the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs;
- (c) "local board" means a school board, public utility commission, transportation commission, public library board, board of park management, local board of health, board of commissioners of police, planning board, or any other board, commission, committee, body or local authority established or exercising any power or authority under any general or special Act with respect to any of the affairs or purposes, including school purposes, of a municipality or of two or more municipalities or parts thereof;
- (d) "Minister" means the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs;
- (e) "Ministry" means the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs;
- (f) "municipality" means the corporation of a county, city, town, village, township or improvement district and includes a local board thereof and a board, commission or other local authority exercising any power with respect to municipal affairs or purposes, including school purposes, in an unorganized township or unsurveyed territory;
- (g) "public utility" means a waterworks, gasworks, including works for the transmission, distribution, and supply of natural gas, electrical power or energy works, or system for the generation, transmission or distribution of electric light, heat or power, a telephone system, a street or other railway system, a bus or other public transportation system or any

other works or system for supplying the inhabitants generally with necessities or conveniences that are vested in or owned, controlled or operated by a municipality or municipalities or by a local board;

- (h) "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Economics. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 1; 1972, c. 1, s. 104 (2-4), *revised*.

## PART II

### Regulations

2. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

- (a) governing the exercise by the Ministry of the powers conferred on the Ministry by clause 3 (j);
- (b) prescribing the fees payable for licences under clause 3 (j). R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 8; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

### Powers of Ministry re:

3. The Ministry may,

### municipal accounting

- (a) prescribe and regulate the system of estimates, bookkeeping and accounting to be adopted by municipalities, and the form of and the manner in which all estimates, books of account, registers, records, vouchers, receipts and other books and documents relating to the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures of municipalities shall be kept, and the manner in which all funds and moneys thereof shall be accounted for;

### municipal returns

- (b) prescribe the forms, returns, statements and information to be made and furnished by municipalities to the Ministry, annually, periodically or otherwise, and the times when and by whom they shall be made;

### municipal audit

- (c) prescribe and regulate the system of auditing of the accounts, registers, records, vouchers, receipts and other books and documents relating to the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures, funds and moneys of municipalities and the reports, returns, statements and information to be made and furnished by municipal auditors and otherwise with respect to the performance of their duties;

- (d) collect, compile, analyze and record such statistical <sup>compiling statistics, etc.</sup> and other information relating to the financial and other affairs of municipalities as may be useful;
- (e) prepare and publish statistics, reports, records, bulletins, pamphlets, circulars and other means of disseminating information and advice in relation to municipal affairs as may be useful; <sup>publishing reports, etc.</sup>
- (f) study, report and advise upon the system of municipal institutions and the government and administration of municipal affairs or upon the government and administration of municipal affairs in any municipality or municipalities; <sup>report on municipal government, etc.</sup>
- (g) perform and do all things necessary or incidental to any of the aforesaid purposes; <sup>incidental powers</sup>
- (h) effect improvement generally in the conduct and administration of municipal affairs and, among other things, consult with and assist by advice municipalities, develop proper methods of municipal administration, financing, accounting and audit, collaborate with municipal associations and other bodies and collect, compile and disseminate municipal statistics and information; <sup>advisory powers</sup>
- (i) inquire at any time into any or all of the affairs, financial and otherwise, of a municipality or local board and hold such hearings and make such investigations in respect thereof as appear necessary or expedient in the interests of such municipality, its ratepayers, inhabitants and creditors, and particularly to make and hold such inquiries, hearings and investigations for the purpose of avoiding any default or recurrence of default by any municipality in meeting its obligations; <sup>powers of investigation</sup>
- (j) grant upon payment of the prescribed fee a licence to every person whom the Ministry considers qualified to perform the duties of a municipal auditor and refuse, suspend or revoke any such licence. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 9; 1972, c. 1, s. 1. <sup>licensing municipal auditors</sup>

4. The Ministry may, with respect to any of the matters mentioned in clauses 3 (a), (b) and (c), prescribe different systems, methods and forms for the several classes of municipalities or for any municipality. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 10; 1972, c. 1, s. 1. <sup>Variations in systems and forms</sup>

Notification  
of provincial  
grants

5.—(1) The Ministry may require each municipality in each year to notify every person whose name appears on its collector's roll, in such manner, form and detail as the Ministry may require, of all payments estimated to be made by the Province in that year to the municipality and its local boards, including in such estimated payments the amounts, computed in such manner as the Ministry may require, by which the municipality and any of its local boards benefit by reason of payments by the Province to a metropolitan, regional or district municipality or a county, or a local board thereof, or to a local board that functions in more than one municipality, and the Ministry may require the inclusion in the notice of such other information relative to provincial grants and municipal tax levies as it considers advisable.

Withholding  
of grants

(2) Where a municipality fails to comply with any requirement under this section, the Treasurer may withhold any moneys payable to the municipality or any local board thereof until the municipality has complied with such requirement. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 11; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Powers re  
assessment  
rolls, tax  
collection  
procedures,  
etc.

6. The Ministry may in respect of any municipality or class thereof, notwithstanding any other Act,

(a) prescribe the form of assessment returns, assessment rolls or collector's rolls and the particulars to be set down therein, or combine or vary them from time to time;

(b) order that the tax arrears procedures of this Act shall apply and that the tax sale procedures of the *Municipal Act* and the *Education Act* shall not apply, and in such case the use or disposition of land vested in the municipality under the tax arrears procedures and the application of the proceeds of such use or disposition are subject to the approval of the Ministry, which approval shall be granted if the Ministry is satisfied that the municipality has complied with the provisions of this Act. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 12; 1972, c. 1, s. 1; 1974, c. 111, s. 1.

R.S.O. 1980,  
cc. 302, 129

Duty of  
members of  
council, local  
boards and  
their officers

7. Every municipality and every member of the council or a local board thereof and every officer thereof shall comply with any system, methods or forms prescribed under this Part to be adopted, kept or made by such municipality, local board or by the class of municipalities or local boards of which such municipality or local board is one. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 13.

8. A municipality that has adopted a system of estimates, bookkeeping, accounting or auditing that the Ministry is satisfied to approve may continue such system until otherwise directed by the Ministry, and until such time it is not necessary for the municipality to comply with any system prescribed under this Part. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 14; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Adoption of other satisfactory system of accounting, auditing, etc.

9.—(1) The Ministry, upon its own initiative or whenever requested by any municipality expressed by resolution of its council, or on a petition in writing signed by not less than fifty ratepayers assessed as owners and resident in a municipality, may direct a provincial municipal audit of the financial affairs of the municipality.

Provincial municipal audit

(2) Any direction given by the Ministry may extend to an audit of all the financial affairs of a municipality or may be limited to the financial affairs of any local board thereof, or to any specified phase of such financial affairs or to any specified books, accounts, registers, records, vouchers, receipts, funds, money or financial transactions, kept by or under the charge of any officer of the municipality designated by the Ministry. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 16; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Extent of audit

10. The Ministry upon its own initiative may make an inquiry into any of the affairs of a municipality. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 17; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

General inquiry

11. An audit directed to be made under this Part may be made by any officer of the Ministry, or by a competent auditor appointed by the Minister, and the officer and person so appointed for the purposes of such audit have all the powers mentioned in section 12. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 18; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Appointment of auditor

12. For the purposes of any audit, the officer of the Ministry or other person appointed to make the audit may require the production of all or any books, records and documents that may in any way relate to the affairs of the municipality that are the subject of the audit, and inspect, examine and audit and copy them, and may require any officer of the municipality and any other person to appear before him and give evidence on oath touching any of such affairs, and for such purpose has all the powers of a commission under Part II of the *Public Inquiries Act*, which Part applies to such audit as if it were an inquiry under that Act. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 19; 1971, c. 49, s. 18; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Powers of auditor

R.S.O. 1980, c. 411

Report on  
audit

**13.** Upon completion of an audit under this Part, the auditor shall report thereon in writing to the Deputy Minister, who shall forthwith transmit a copy of the report to the municipality. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 20.

Powers of  
Ministry  
as a result of  
an audit  
or inquiry

**14.** The Ministry, as a result of an audit of the affairs of a municipality made under this Part, or as a result of an investigation or inquiry made under any general or special Act, may make such orders as it sees fit requiring the municipality to carry out, put into effect, observe, perform or enforce such matters or things as the audit, investigation or inquiry has disclosed as being necessary or desirable in the interests of the municipality or with respect to the due accounting for, collection or payment of any of its assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures, funds or money or otherwise in any respect as the order of the Ministry may provide. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 21; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Fees for  
audit

**15.** The Ministry may fix the fees and allowances for expenses payable with respect to any audit of the affairs of a municipality under this Part, and the amount so fixed shall forthwith be paid by the municipality. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 22; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Exception  
as to  
municipal  
hydro-  
electric  
commissions

**16.** Nothing in this Part gives to the Ministry any jurisdiction with respect to any of the affairs of a municipal utility commission, the exclusive jurisdiction over which is by statute conferred upon Ontario Hydro. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 23; 1972, c. 1, s. 1; 1973, c. 57, s. 19.

Obligations  
of officers'  
sureties not  
affected, etc.

**17.** Nothing in this Part affects or impairs any security given by an officer of a municipality for the due and faithful performance of the duties of his office, or relieves his sureties from liability in case of his default therein, or relieves any municipality from its duty to appoint competent auditors. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 24.

Power to  
obtain  
returns on  
failure of  
municipality  
to make  
them

**18.** Where a municipality fails, neglects or refuses to make or provide to the Ministry any form, return, statement or information prescribed or ordered made under this Part, the Deputy Minister may authorize some person to make and furnish it at the expense of the municipality. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 25; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Offence

**19.** Any municipality, member of council or of a local board or an officer thereof or any other person guilty of any wilful breach of any of the provisions of this Part or of any

order of the Ministry made thereunder is guilty of an offence and on conviction, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, is liable to a fine of not less than \$20 and not more than \$200 and, if a member of a council or a local board, is, upon conviction, disqualified from holding any municipal office for a period of two years.—R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 26; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

## PART III

### SPECIAL JURISDICTION OVER DEFAULTING MUNICIPALITIES

#### 20. In this Part,

Interpre-  
tation

- (a) “improved land” means a parcel of land separately assessed that has a building thereon, and includes any land in actual use for agricultural purposes, although there is no building thereon;
- (b) “land registry office” means the land registry office of the registry or land titles division for the county or district in which a municipality subject to this Part is situate;
- (c) “registrar” means the registrar of a land registry office;
- (d) “sheriff’s office” means the office of the sheriff for the county or district in which a municipality subject to this Part is situate;
- (e) “vacant land” means a parcel of land separately assessed that has no building thereon, but does not include any improved land. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 27, *revised*.

21.—(1) The Board has and may exercise the special jurisdiction and powers conferred by this Part, whenever, upon request of the Ministry or of a municipality expressed by resolution of its council, or upon request of the creditors of a municipality having claims representing not less than 20 per cent of its indebtedness, including debenture debt, it is satisfied upon inquiry that the municipality,

Special  
municipal  
jurisdiction  
of Board



- (a) has failed to meet and pay any of its debentures or interest thereon when due and after payment thereof has been duly demanded;
- (b) has failed to meet and pay any of its other debts or liabilities when due and default in payment is occasioned from financial difficulties affecting the municipality; or
- (c) has or may become financially involved or embarrassed so that default or unusual difficulty in meeting debts or obligations or in providing adequate funds to meet current expenditures may ensue, or has failed to levy the necessary rates to meet current expenditures.

Partial or  
full inquiry

(2) In the course of an inquiry, the Board may investigate any or all of the affairs of a municipality.

Separate  
school  
board

(3) The Board may exercise such powers with respect to any separate school board of any municipality that has not been made subject to this Part, upon request expressed by resolution of the school board. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 28; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Power of  
Board to  
vest control  
over  
municipal  
adminis-  
tration in  
Ministry

**22.**—(1) If upon inquiry the Board is of opinion that the circumstances so warrant or appear to render desirable, it may make such order as it considers proper or necessary to vest in the Ministry control and charge over the administration of all the affairs of the municipality as set forth in the order and to declare that thereafter and until the Board otherwise determines and orders such municipality is subject to this Part.

Deputy  
Minister  
not to sit  
as member  
of board

(2) During such time as the Deputy Minister is a member of the Board, he shall not sit as a member thereof with respect to any application or matter before the Board under this Part. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 29; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Powers of  
Ministry

**23.**—(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Part, the Ministry has and may exercise the powers conferred on it by this Part and such additional powers as by any order of the Board or by the terms of any agreement entered into under the authority of this Part may be conferred on it, and may do all things necessary or incidental to the exercise of any such powers.

(2) The jurisdiction and powers to be exercised under this Part by the Ministry extend to and include not only control over all the affairs of the corporation of the municipality, but also over all the affairs of every local board of the municipality, unless an order made by the Board otherwise expressly declares and directs. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 30; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Declaration  
as to juris-  
diction of  
Ministry

24. The council or a local board or any creditor dissatisfied with any order of the Ministry may within five days after the order is transmitted to the head of the municipality, or its clerk or treasurer or, in the case of a local board, to its chairman or secretary, appeal therefrom to the Minister, who may himself dispose finally of the appeal or direct it to be disposed of by the Board. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 31; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Appeals from  
orders of  
Ministry

25. Where a municipality has become subject to this Part, notice thereof shall be given in *The Ontario Gazette* and in such one or more newspapers, published in or near the municipality and elsewhere, and to such persons and in such form as the Board may direct. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 32.

Notice to  
be given of  
municipality  
subject to  
this Part

26.—(1) When notice has been published in *The Ontario Gazette* that a municipality is subject to this Part, such publication operates as a stay of all actions or proceedings pending against the municipality and as a stay of execution, as the case may be, and thereafter, without leave of the Board, no action or other proceedings against the municipality shall be commenced or continued nor shall a levy be made under a writ of execution against the municipality.

Stay of  
actions  
against  
municipality  
without  
leave of  
Board

(2) Where the commencement or continuance of any action or proceeding or the making of any levy under a writ of execution is prevented or stayed under this section, the time during which such prevention or stay continues shall not be computed for the purposes of any statute or law of limitations until leave of the Board to commence or continue such action or proceeding or make such levy is obtained, but the person having the right of action or to take any proceeding or to make a levy under a writ of execution shall, upon the removal of the prevention or stay, have the same length of time within which to take action or proceeding or make a levy under a writ of execution, as the case may be, as he had when such prevention or stay came into operation, but this subsection does not apply unless application is made to the Board for approval of the continuance or commencement of any such suit, action or proceeding, within the time so limited as aforesaid by statute or law of limitations and such approval is refused.

Suspension  
of operation  
of statutes of  
limitation

Where order  
made under  
s. 29 (1) (b, j)

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a municipality that is subject to this Part after the Board has made an order under clause 29 (1) (b) or (j) with respect to the municipality. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 33.

Existing  
liens not  
taken away

**27.** Nothing in this Part takes away any lien, hypothec or other charge, if any, in existence and subsisting on the 18th day of April, 1953, with respect to any municipality upon or against any revenue or other asset of the municipality and it continues to exist until it is satisfied and discharged. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 34.

Control  
exercisable  
by Ministry

**28.** The Ministry with respect to the municipality and every local board thereof has control and charge over the exercise by any of them of any of their powers and over the performance by any of them of any of their duties and obligations with respect to,

municipal  
officers

(a) the appointment and dismissal of its officers, employees and servants, and their powers, duties, salaries and remuneration;

revenues and  
expenditures

(b) the collection, receipt, application and payment of its revenues and expenditures;

sinking  
funds

(c) the keeping, investment, use, application, payment and disposition of all sinking funds and of the moneys belonging thereto and of all rates levied and moneys collected for the purposes of any such sinking fund;

accounting  
and audit

(d) the system of accounting and audit, and the dealing with its assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures;

estimates

(e) the yearly or other estimates and the form, preparation and completion thereof, and the times when they shall be made;

what  
estimates  
shall include

(f) the amounts to be provided for and included in the yearly or other estimates, whether they are to be provided by taxation or otherwise;

rates and  
collection  
thereof

(g) the imposition, rating, levying and collection of all rates, assessments and taxation, the mode and times for collecting them and the allowance of discounts or imposition of penalties thereon, and for the making and return of the collector's roll;

borrowings

(h) the borrowing of moneys for the current expenditures of the corporation until the taxes are collected;

- (i) subject to the *Power Corporation Act*, the rates, rents and charges imposed, levied or collectable for supply or service of any public utility; utility rates  
R.S.O. 1980,  
c. 384
- (j) the imposition, charging and collection of all licence, permit or other fees, charges and expenses; licence and  
permit fees
- (k) the sale or other disposition of any of its assets; sale of  
assets  
and
- (l) without being limited by the foregoing, generally with respect to any matter in any way affecting or pertaining to its affairs and their administration. general  
R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 35; 1972, c. 1, s. 1; 1973, c. 57, s. 19.

**29.—**(1) Where a municipality has become subject to this Part, the Board, with respect to the debenture debt and debentures of the municipality and interest thereon and with respect to any other indebtedness thereof, has power to authorize or direct, Powers of  
Board with  
respect to  
debt

- (a) the consolidation of the whole or any portion thereof;
- (b) the issue, on such terms and conditions, in such manner and at such times as the Board may approve, of debentures, certificates or other evidences of indebtedness, in substitution and exchange for any outstanding debentures or in payment and satisfaction of the whole or any portion of such other indebtedness, and compulsory acceptance of such debentures, certificates or other evidences of indebtedness in payment and satisfaction of such outstanding debentures or other indebtedness;
- (c) the issue of new debentures to cover any such consolidation;
- (d) the retirement and cancellation of the whole or any portion of the existing debenture debt and outstanding debentures, upon the issue of new debentures to cover them or in exchange therefor;
- (e) the terms, conditions, places and times for exchange of new debentures for outstanding debentures;
- (f) the postponement of or variation in the terms, times and places for payment of the whole or any portion of the debenture debt and outstanding debentures and other indebtedness and interest thereon and variation in the rates of such interest;

- (g) the cancellation, increase, decrease or other variation in the levy and collection of any assessment, rate or taxation, rent or charge imposed to meet, pay and discharge any debenture debt, debentures, or other indebtedness, and interest thereon, and to vary the basis, terms and times of payment thereof;
- (h) the creation and setting aside of sinking funds and special reserves out of any portion of the revenues of the municipality for meeting, paying and discharging its debenture debt, debentures or other indebtedness or any portion thereof or interest thereon;
- (i) the custody, management, investment and application of sinking funds, reserves and surpluses;
- (j) the ratification and confirmation of any agreement, arrangement or compromise entered into with its creditors or any of them respecting its debenture debt, debentures or other indebtedness or any portion thereof and interest thereon;
- (k) any variation, amendment or cancellation of any order made by it under this section or of the terms of any agreement, arrangement or compromise ratified and confirmed by it under this section;
- (l) an interim plan, pending a final order or plan with respect thereto, which may cancel all or any portion of interest in arrear and may alter, modify or compromise the rights of debenture holders or other creditors during any period of time between the date of default and the end of the fifth year following the date of the order of the Board.

**Limitation**

(2) The Board shall not make any order under clause (1) (l) unless creditors, representing not less than two-thirds in amount of the aggregate of the indebtedness of the municipality or separate school board including therein debenture indebtedness but excluding therefrom indebtedness in respect of which the municipality or separate school board is not directly but only contingently or collaterally liable, have filed in writing with the Board their approval of the making of such order.

**Powers of Board with respect to debt**

(3) Where a municipality has become subject to this Part, the Board, with respect to the debenture debt and debentures of such municipality and interest thereon and with respect to any other indebtedness thereof, may,

- (a) authorize or direct any municipality, whether or not it has become subject to this Part, to continue to guarantee any such debentures notwithstanding any postponement or variation in the terms, provisions and time of payment thereof, and to guarantee any new debentures issued in substitution and exchange therefor;
- (b) authorize or direct any municipality, whether or not it has become subject to this Part, to assume and pay by the issue of debentures or otherwise a share of any liability in respect of which such municipality may be jointly or jointly and severally liable with any other municipality, which share may be either in full satisfaction of such liability of such municipality or on account thereof, and, if on account, the Board may order that provision be made for further payment in respect thereof;
- (c) summon and enforce the attendance of such persons as the Board thinks fit to summon,

and the Board shall direct that reasonable notice be given of any application under this subsection to every person whose interests it considers to be directly affected thereby and every order made under this subsection is binding upon every such person. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 36.

**30.** The Board, upon the application of the separate <sup>Separate</sup> school board of a municipality that has been made subject to this Part or of the separate school board of any other municipality where such board has been made subject to this Part, although the municipality itself has not been made so subject, has power to make orders under and in accordance with the provisions of section 29 with respect to the debenture debt, debentures and other indebtedness of the separate school board and interest thereon. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 37.

**31.—**(1) Where the Board, upon application to it by the <sup>Publication of notice of</sup> Ministry or the council or a separate school board or any <sup>intention to</sup> of the creditors of the municipality, intends to exercise any <sup>exercise</sup> powers of the powers conferred on the Board under subsection 29 (1) or section 30, it shall, before so doing, give or direct that there be given notice of such intention in *The Ontario Gazette* and by such other publication and to such persons and in such manner as the Board considers proper, and such notice shall state the time and place when the matter is to be dealt with by the Board, which time shall be not less than two months after the notice is published in *The Ontario Gazette*.

Subs. (1)  
does not  
apply to  
incidental  
matters

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply with respect to any matter that is merely incidental to the exercise of any such powers.

Objection  
to be filed  
with Board

(3) The Board shall not make any order under subsection 29 (1) if objection in writing to the making of such order is filed with the Board by creditors representing not less than one-third in amount of the aggregate of the indebtedness of the municipality or separate school board, including therein debenture indebtedness but excluding therefrom indebtedness in respect of which the municipality or separate school board is not directly but only contingently or collaterally liable.

Approval by  
creditors

(4) If creditors, representing not less than two-thirds in amount of the aggregate of the indebtedness of the municipality or separate school board including therein debenture indebtedness but excluding therefrom indebtedness in respect of which the municipality or separate school board is not directly but only contingently or collaterally liable, have filed in writing with the Board their approval of the making of any order of the Board under subsection 29 (1), it is not necessary that two months elapse as required under subsection (1).

When matter  
to be varied

(5) When a matter is being dealt with by the Board under this section and the Board intends to vary the terms thereof, it shall, before so doing, give or direct that there be given notice of such intention to such persons and in such manner as the Board considers proper, and such notice shall state the time and place when such variation is to be dealt with by the Board, which time shall not be less than two weeks after the notice. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 38; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Debenture  
debt not to  
form part of  
debt after  
order of  
Board

**32.** After an order of the Board has been made under section 29, no portion of the debenture debt of the corporation represented by debentures ordered to be cancelled, retired or exchanged forms part of its debt within the meaning of any Act limiting its borrowing powers. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 39.

Variation or  
cancellation  
of subsisting  
agreements

**33.** The municipality may, with the approval of the Ministry, enter into agreements with any person with whom the municipality has previously entered into any agreement, contract or obligation which or some term, provision or obligation of which remains in whole or in part or in any manner to be observed, performed or carried out by the municipality, for the variation, amendment or cancellation of any such subsisting agreement, contract or obligation. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 40; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

**34.—**(1) Without the approval of the Ministry first being obtained, the municipality shall not, under any special or general Act, exercise or be required to exercise any of its powers if such exercise will or may require money to be provided by the issue of debentures of the corporation.

Ministry  
to approve  
debenture  
issues

(2) The municipality may, with the approval of the Ministry, pass by-laws providing for the issue of debentures and to authorize the hypothecation or sale thereof, but no such by-law has any force and effect until approved by the Ministry. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 41; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Approval of  
debenture  
by-laws

**35.** It is not necessary that the assent of the electors of the municipality or of those thereof qualified to vote on money by-laws be obtained with respect to any by-law of the municipality or the issue thereunder of any debentures if such by-law is approved by the Ministry. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 42; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Assent of  
electors not  
requisite

**36.** The Ministry has full charge and control over all moneys belonging to the municipality and received by any person for or on its behalf and such moneys shall be deposited in a chartered bank, the Province of Ontario Savings Office or a loan or trust company registered under the *Loan and Trust Corporations Act* to be designated by the municipality, and when so deposited shall only be applied, used, transferred and withdrawn for such purpose, in such manner and at such time or times as the Ministry may approve and direct, and all cheques drawn and issued by the municipality shall be signed and countersigned by such persons and in such manner as the Ministry may authorize, and no moneys belonging to or revenues of the municipality may be appropriated, applied, paid, used, transferred or withdrawn by any person except with the approval of or otherwise than as directed by the Ministry. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 43; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Ministry  
to have  
control over  
moneys and  
their  
application

R.S.O. 1980,  
c. 249

**37.—**(1) Notwithstanding any general or special Act or any by-law of the municipality, only such rates, assessments or amounts shall be imposed, rated, levied or directed so to be upon the rateable property in the municipality or upon any part thereof as the Ministry approves or directs.

Approval of  
Ministry  
necessary  
to levy rate

(2) Nothing in this Part relieves a municipality from the obligation to ultimately provide and pay to the county of which it forms or has formed part the amounts of all county rates heretofore or hereafter directed to be levied by the county in such municipality with interest thereon at such rate as the county may have been obliged to pay upon any money

County rates  
to be  
provided as  
Ministry  
may direct



borrowed by it upon debentures or otherwise until payment is made, and the payment of such amounts with interest shall be made as and when the Ministry may direct. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 44; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Settlement  
of county  
rates

**38.** The council of a county by a vote of two-thirds of all the members thereof may accept in full settlement and payment of the county rates owing by any municipality that is subject to this Part an amount less than the whole amount thereof. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 45.

Return of  
collector's  
roll

**39.** The collector shall return his roll to the treasurer on or before such day as the Ministry may direct. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 46; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Vesting of  
vacant lands  
in arrear  
for taxes

**40.—(1)** Where any part of the taxes on any vacant land within the municipality remains unpaid on the 31st day of December in the year next following that in which the taxes were levied, such vacant land vests in and becomes the property of the municipality upon registration by the treasurer of a tax arrears certificate, subject to the right of redemption hereinafter provided and to subsection (8).

Vesting of  
improved  
lands in  
arrear for  
taxes

**(2)** Where any part of the taxes on improved land in the municipality remains unpaid on the 1st day of January in the third year following that in which the taxes were levied, such improved land vests in and becomes the property of the municipality upon registration by the treasurer of a tax arrears certificate, subject to the right of redemption hereinafter provided and to subsection (8).

Registration  
of tax arrears  
certificate

**(3)** The treasurer, with respect to vacant land upon which any part of the taxes remains unpaid after the time mentioned in subsection (1) and with respect to improved land upon which any part of the taxes remains unpaid after the time mentioned in subsection (2), may register in the land registry office a certificate signed by him to be known as a tax arrears certificate in Form 1, setting forth therein a description of the vacant land or improved land, as the case may be, and the amount of all unpaid taxes, with the amount of all penalties, interest and costs added thereto, and thereupon the land described in the certificate vests in and becomes the property of the municipality, its successors and assigns, in fee simple, clear of and free from all other estate, right, title or interest, subject only to the right of redemption hereinafter provided and to subsections (8), (10) and (11). R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 47 (1-3).

(4) Within ninety days after registration of a tax arrears certificate, the treasurer shall cause to be sent by registered mail to the last known address of the assessed owner of the land therein described and to all persons appearing by the records of the land registry office for the registry or land titles division and the sheriff's office to have an interest therein a written notice in Form 2 of the registration of such certificate and of the last day for redemption of the land and, at the expiry of such period of redemption, the municipality may sell or convey the land or by by-law declare the land to be required for municipal purposes without further notice to any such party. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 47 (4); 1974, c. 111, s. 2.

Notice of  
registration  
certificate

(5) Where a notice has been sent under subsection (4) to a corporation, the treasurer shall, within the time limit in subsection (4), send by registered mail to the Public Trustee a copy of the notice so sent.

Copy of  
notice to  
Public  
Trustee

(6) The treasurer, forthwith after he has sent the notice as required by subsection (4), shall make and register in the land registry office a statutory declaration describing the land to which it relates and setting forth the names and addresses of all persons to whom he has sent the notice and the date of sending the same to each person, and a specimen copy of the notice shall be attached to the declaration as an exhibit.

Registration  
of declara-  
tion as to  
sending of  
notices

(7) The statutory declaration shall for the purposes of registration be deemed to be an instrument which within the meaning of the *Registry Act* may be registered, and it is not necessary for its registration that the declaration be accompanied by any proof of execution other than that attested in the declaration. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 47 (5-7).

Declaration  
deemed an  
instrument  
R.S.O. 1980,  
c. 445

(8) Where the Crown, whether as represented by the Government of Canada or the Government of Ontario, has any interest in any land in respect of which taxes are in arrear, the interest only of the persons other than the Crown therein is vested in the municipality by the registration of a tax arrears certificate, and, where such interest is that of a lessee, licensee or locatee, the vesting is valid without requiring the consent of the Minister of Natural Resources. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 47 (8); 1972, c. 4, s. 12.

Interest of  
Crown not  
affected

(9) The treasurer shall not register or cause to be registered any such certificates until authorized so to do by the Ministry, and any such authority may be general or special in its terms and shall not be required to be registered or referred to in any certificate that is registered. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 47 (9); 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Ministry  
to approve  
registration

**Easements**

(10) Where a tax arrears certificate is registered with respect to a dominant tenement, the easements appurtenant thereto are vested in and become the property of the municipality, and, where a tax arrears certificate is registered with respect to a servient tenement, the registration does not affect any easement to which it is subject.

**Restrictive covenant**

(11) A restrictive covenant running with the land shall be deemed to be an easement within the meaning of subsection (10). R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 47 (10, 11).

**Insurance, repairs**

**41.** Where land is vested in a municipality under section 40, the treasurer of the municipality may make any expenditure necessary,

(a) to insure the land; or

(b) to keep the land in a proper state of repair, if he has sent by registered mail at least one month before making the expenditure a notice containing particulars of the proposed expenditure and an estimate of the cost thereof to the last known address of the assessed owner of the land and to all persons appearing by the records of the land registry office and the sheriff's office to have an interest therein,

R.S.O. 1980,  
c. 302

and the amount of such expenditure, with interest as provided in section 412 of the *Municipal Act*, may be added to the amount required to redeem the land. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 48.

**Right of redemption**

**42.—**(1) The owner or assessed owner of or any person appearing by the records of the land registry office for the registry or land titles division or the sheriff's office to have an interest in any vacant land or improved land in respect of which a tax arrears certificate has been registered may redeem the land at any time within one year after the date of registration of the certificate by paying to the municipality the amount set forth in the certificate in respect of the land to be redeemed with interest thereon to the day of redemption, together with the amount of all expenses incurred by the municipality and the treasurer in registering the certificates and for searches and postage and \$1 for each certificate and for each notice sent under subsection 40 (4), and also by paying to the municipality all taxes including the local improvement rates and the penalties and interest on such taxes and rates that have accrued against the land and that would have accrued against the land if it had remained the property of the former owner and had been liable for ordinary taxation, and, if the value thereof is not shown upon the assessment roll, such taxes shall be computed at the rate fixed by by-law for each year for which such taxes are

payable upon the value placed thereon upon the assessment roll for the last preceding year in which it was assessed, and the local improvement rates shall be computed at the rate fixed in the by-law by which they were rated or imposed and upon the frontage as shown upon the list of properties and the frontages thereof as settled by the court of revision for such local improvement, and a certificate of the treasurer as to the total amount payable in order to redeem the land is final and conclusive.

(2) Where land is redeemed under this section, the treasurer shall forthwith register in the land registry office a certificate signed by him, to be known as a redemption certificate in Form 3, setting forth therein a description of the land redeemed, and a redemption certificate, when registered, is a valid and effectual cancellation of the tax arrears certificate registered with respect of the land, and, subject to subsection (3), the land thereupon vests in and becomes the property of the persons who would be entitled thereto if the tax arrears certificate had not been registered, according to their respective rights and interests. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 49 (1, 2).

Registration  
of  
redemption  
certificate

(3) If land is redeemed by any person entitled to redeem the land other than the owner, such person has a lien thereon for the amount paid to redeem the land and the lien has priority over the interest in the land of any other person to whom notice was sent under subsection 40 (4). 1980, c. 66, s. 1.

Lien on  
redemption  
by other  
than owner

**43.**—(1) Every certificate registered under section 40, 42 or 45 shall be entered by the registrar in the registry book in its proper order and in the proper abstract index provided under the *Registry Act*.

Duty of  
registrar

R.S.O. 1980,  
c. 445

(2) Upon the written request of the treasurer of a municipality for the purposes mentioned in section 40, the sheriff shall, in respect of the land described and the persons named in the request, furnish to the treasurer a certificate showing the names and addresses of all persons, if any, appearing by the records of his office to have an interest in such land, and for the certificate the sheriff is entitled to a fee of 75 cents for each lot embraced in the request.

Certificate  
of sheriff

(3) No tax is payable under the *Land Transfer Tax Act* on registration of any tax arrears or redemption certificate or vacating certificate.

Land  
transfer tax  
not payable  
R.S.O. 1980,  
c. 231

(4) A tax arrears certificate of improved land shall not embrace more than one such property or any vacant land that is a separate parcel, and a tax arrears certificate of vacant land shall not embrace lots according to more than one registered plan or any improved land. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 50.

What lands  
certificate  
may embrace

Where lands  
in land  
registry  
office for  
land titles  
division

**44.** Where land to which section 40 applies is registered in a land registry office for a land titles division, the certificates and declarations that may be registered under any provision of this Part shall be registered in that land registry office, and all the provisions of this Part in relation to such certificates and declarations and their registration apply with necessary modifications to land registered in a land registry office for a land titles division, and the *Land Titles Act* shall be deemed to permit such registrations. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 51, *revised*.

R.S.O. 1980,  
c. 230

Vacating  
certificates  
1932, c. 27  
1935, c. 16

**45.—(1)** Where under this Part, Part VI of *The Ontario Municipal Board Act, 1932* or Part III of *The Department of Municipal Affairs Act, 1935*, a tax arrears certificate has been registered with respect to any land and it is subsequently ascertained that it was registered by mistake or that lands have erroneously been included therein, or where the treasurer has failed to comply with subsection 40 (4) or (5), or where an agreement for composition and payment of the arrears of taxes for which the certificate was registered has been entered into under section 49, the Ministry may direct the treasurer of the corporation to register a certificate signed by him, to be known as a vacating certificate in Form 4, setting forth therein a description of the land wherein the title of the corporation is to be vacated, and such vacating certificate, when registered, is as valid and effective in law as a conveyance of the land described therein to the registered owner at the time of registration of the tax arrears certificate, his heirs or assigns, of the estate of such registered owner at the time of the registration of the tax arrears certificate, but the registration of any vacating certificate does not in any way cancel or affect taxes or arrears of taxes, if any, that may be due upon the land described therein. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 52 (1); 1972, c. 1, s. 1; 1972, c. 46, s. 1.

Cancellation  
of plans

**(2)** The Ministry may require the council of a municipality that is subject to this Part to make application to the judge of the county or district court for the purposes mentioned in section 82 of the *Registry Act*.

R.S.O. 1980,  
c. 445

Application  
to City of  
Windsor  
1932, c. 95

**(3)** This section applies to lands acquired by The Corporation of the City of Windsor under section 3 of *The City of Windsor Act, 1932*. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 52 (2, 3); 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Redemption  
certificate  
of  
conveyance

**46.** Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act or any other Act, where land in respect of which a tax arrears certificate has been registered has become vested in the municipality and the period for redemption set out in section 42 has expired and where

the land has not been sold or conveyed and has not been declared by by-law to be required for the purposes of the municipality, the Ministry, on the application of any person to whom notice was sent under subsection 40 (4), shall direct the treasurer of the municipality, upon payment by the applicant of the full amount that would have been payable in respect of taxes, interest and penalties had the land not become vested in the municipality, together with the amount with interest thereon of any expenditure incurred for repairs and insurance and together with the costs in connection with such vesting, to either,

(a) register in the land registry office a redemption certificate in respect of the land in Form 3; or

(b) convey the land to the applicant,

as the Ministry considers just in the circumstances, and where a redemption certificate is registered under clause (a), subsections 42 (2) and (3) apply with necessary modifications. 1980, c. 66, s. 2.

**47.** The proceeds derived from the sale or other disposition of lands that become the property of the municipality by virtue of section 40 shall be distributed in such manner and in such amounts as may be agreed upon, or, failing agreement, as the Ministry may direct, to the bodies that would have received the proceeds of taxes on such lands, if taxes had been collected in the usual way. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 54; 1972, c. 1, s. 1. Proceeds of sale, etc., to be distributed

**48.—(1)** The Ministry has the same right of appeal as any person assessed has under subsection 39 (2) of the *Assessment Act* with respect to the assessment roll of the municipality and, in addition, has the right of appeal conferred by this section. Right of appeal of Ministry  
R.S.O. 1980, c. 31

(2) An appeal by the Ministry under this section may be made at any time within twenty days after the return of the roll and such appeal may be with respect to any particular assessment or omission to assess or generally with respect to all of the assessments included in the roll or any area of the municipality described in the notice of appeal or generally with respect to assessment of land only or buildings only or business included in the roll or in any area of the municipality defined in the notice of appeal. Idem

(3) The Ministry has the same right of appeal from any decision of the Assessment Review Court or county judge as a person assessed has under the *Assessment Act*. Appeal from Assessment Review Court or judge

(4) Except as provided in subsection (2), in any appeal against a particular assessment by the Ministry the practice and procedure thereon shall be the same as in the case of an appeal by a person assessed. Procedure

Practice and  
procedure in  
general  
appeal

(5) In any general appeal by the Ministry under this section, the practice and procedure shall be determined by the Assessment Review Court, county judge or the Board, as the case may be, and such notice or notices of the appeal shall be given by publication or otherwise as is determined by the court, judge or Board, and, upon the hearing of any such general appeal, the court, judge or Board has jurisdiction to review any or all of the assessments included in the roll as is necessary to determine the appeal and may make any changes, alterations and amendments therein, and also to direct the making of a new assessment roll in accordance with the terms of the order of the court, judge or Board.

Where  
revised roll  
inequitable,  
may be set  
aside

(6) When it appears to the Ministry that, by reason of the revision or alteration of an assessment roll in accordance with a decision or decisions of the Assessment Review Court, the county judge or the Board, the roll as so revised or altered is inequitable in respect of a substantial number of persons shown on the roll, the Ministry may order that the entire roll as revised or altered be set aside and direct a new assessment to be made by such person as it may designate.

Time for  
return of  
new  
assessment,  
appeals  
R.S.O. 1980,  
c. 31

(7) Where the Ministry directs a new assessment to be made, it shall also fix the time for the return of the new assessment roll, and the same rights of appeal as apply under the *Assessment Act* with respect to the assessment roll set aside apply with respect to such new roll, except that the dates specified in that Act for the hearing and determination of such appeals shall be extended for a period corresponding to the period of time between the return of the roll set aside and the return of the new roll. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 55; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Compromise  
of tax  
arrears

49.—(1) The Ministry may authorize a compromise of tax arrears to be entered into between the corporation and any ratepayer, and in such compromise may provide for an extension of the time of payment of such arrears or a reduction of the amount thereof or both and acceptance of any debentures or debenture coupons of the corporation in satisfaction of the whole or part thereof.

Lien for  
taxes not  
affected

(2) Where a compromise of tax arrears has been entered into under this section and an extension of the time of payment thereof agreed upon, such tax arrears are and remain a special lien upon the land in respect of which they are payable in priority over all claims, liens, privileges and

encumbrances thereon, except claims of the Crown, and the liens, priorities and other rights with respect thereto provided for in the *Assessment Act* continue to apply thereto and to the collection and enforcement thereof, except that the treasurer and collector of taxes of the municipality without thereby waiving the statutory rights and powers of the municipality or of themselves shall not enforce collection of such tax arrears during the time the agreement is in force. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 56; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

**50.** Any agreement entered into in accordance with this Part is binding upon and enures to the benefit of the parties thereto and all persons over whom the Legislature has legislative authority. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 57. Effect of agreements

**51.** A housing commission may, with the approval of the Ministry, amend the terms of any agreement for sale of property heretofore or hereafter entered into by it, and with respect to property sold under any agreement that has been cancelled or determined may enter into new agreements for sale thereof, and the terms of any such amended or new agreement may be such as the Ministry approves. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 58; 1972, c. 1, s. 1. Power of housing commission to amend agreements

**52.** The jurisdiction and powers of a municipality that is subject to this Part exercisable under any general or special Act shall only be exercised in accordance with and subject to this Part and any order of the Ministry or the Board made, or agreement entered into thereunder. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 59; 1972, c. 1, s. 1. Exercise of municipal jurisdiction subject to this Part

**53.—(1)** The Ministry or the Board has exclusive jurisdiction as to all matters arising under this Part or out of the exercise by the municipality or any person of any of the powers conferred by this Part, and such jurisdiction is not open to question or review in any action or proceeding or by any court. Exclusive jurisdiction of Board and Ministry

**(2)** The Ministry or the Board may at any time of its own initiative or upon application made to it review any order, direction or decision made by it and confirm, amend, vary or revoke the same. Review of orders, etc.

**(3)** Any order made or approval given by the Ministry or the Board under this Part, subject to the right of the Board or the Ministry to review and amend or revoke it, is final and conclusive and not open to question in any court. Orders to be final



**Board's  
jurisdiction**

(4) The Board only has and may exercise exclusive jurisdiction to make any order under sections 21, 22, 29, 30, 31 and 60, and otherwise has jurisdiction only with respect to appeals to it under section 24.

**Ministry's  
jurisdiction**

(5) Except as provided by sections 21, 22, 24, 29, 30, 31 and 60, and by subsection (4), the Ministry only has and may exercise exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters provided for in this Part. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 60; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

**Powers of  
Board and  
Ministry**

**54.** The Ministry or the Board may make such orders and prescribe such forms from time to time as it considers necessary to carry out the provisions of this Part or any agreement made in pursuance thereof, and may make rules and regulations in respect of applications, matters and things under this Part. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 61; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

**Forms of  
certificates,  
notices, etc.**

**55.** Every certificate, notice or other form that is in substantial conformity with the form thereof required by this Part, or prescribed by the Ministry or the Board, is not open to objection on the ground that it is not in the form required by this Part or prescribed by the Ministry or the Board. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 62; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

**Powers  
exercisable  
for and in  
name of  
municipality**

**56.** Where a municipality has become subject to this Part, all acts, deeds, matters and things done, made or performed by or for the Board or by or for the Ministry under this Part in relation to the affairs of such municipality shall for all purposes be deemed to have been made, done and performed by and for the municipality and in its name. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 63; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

**Board and  
Ministry  
to have  
access to all  
books and  
records**

**57.** The Board and the Ministry have access at all times to all books, records, papers and documents of the municipality and of every local board, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing all assessment rolls, collectors' rolls, by-laws, minute books, books of account, vouchers, and other records, papers and documents relating to its and their financial transactions, and may inspect, examine, audit and copy them or any part thereof. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 64; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

**Powers to  
enforce  
orders**

**58.—(1)** Where a municipality has become subject to this Part, and its council or any local board fails, neglects or refuses to comply with any order, direction or decision of the Board or the Ministry, the Board or the Ministry may, upon such notice, if any, as it prescribes, do or order done all acts, deeds, matters and things necessary for com-

pliance with such order or direction, and may exercise all the powers of the council or local board for such purpose and under its or their name and seal.

(2) The council of the municipality and every local board thereof, and every one of its or their members, officers, employees and servants, shall comply with the orders, directions and decisions of the Board or the Ministry in any matter relating to the administration of the affairs of such municipality or local board, and any such person who knowingly or wilfully fails, neglects or refuses to observe and comply with any such order, direction or decision, or who, as a member of the council or local board, votes contrary thereto, is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$500 for each offence.

Liability of members of council and local boards for non-compliance with orders and directions

(3) If a municipality that is subject to this Part applies any of its funds otherwise than as ordered or authorized by the Board or the Ministry, the members of the council or local board who voted for such application are jointly and severally liable for the amount so applied, and it may be recovered in a court of competent jurisdiction, and such members are also disqualified from holding any municipal office for five years. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 65; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Personal liability and disqualification of members of council and local boards

59. The Ministry may dismiss from office any officer, employee or servant of a municipality who fails, neglects or refuses to carry out any order, direction or decision of the Board or the Ministry. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 66; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Dismissal of municipal officers

60. The Board may by injunction proceedings instituted in its own name prevent or stop the exercise by or for a municipality of any of its powers that have not been approved by the Board or the Ministry, when such approval is required under this Part. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 67; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Injunction against exercise of municipal powers

61. The Ministry may direct that any two or more of the offices of the municipality shall be combined and held by the same officer, and may subsequently separate any of the offices so combined. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 68; 1972, s. 1, s. 1.

Ministry may combine municipal offices

62.—(1) The Ministry may direct payment of such fees or remuneration and travelling and other expenses reasonably incurred by the Ministry as it may determine.

Expenses of Ministry

Ministry's  
officer

(2) The Ministry may appoint some person, who may be an officer of the municipality, to exercise such powers and duties as the Ministry may provide, and the person so appointed shall be paid such salary and allowed such travelling and other expenses as the Ministry may determine.

Council may  
be heard  
as to  
salaries

(3) The Ministry, in determining the salaries to be paid to any person appointed by it under subsection (2), shall give consideration to such representations with respect thereto as the council may at any time make.

Salaries and  
expenses to  
be paid by  
municipality

(4) All salaries, fees, remuneration, travelling and other expenses payable under this section and all other expenses incurred by the Board or the Ministry in carrying out the provisions of this Part or in the exercise of their powers thereunder shall be paid by the municipality or local board, as the case may be, and be chargeable to such of its accounts as the Ministry may direct. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 69; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Provisions  
of this Act  
to prevail

**63.** The powers contained in this Part shall be deemed to be in addition to and not in derogation of any power of the Board, Ministry or municipality under this or any other Act, but, where the provisions of any general or special Act or any other Part of this Act conflict with the provisions of this Part, the latter prevails. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 70; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Board may  
end appli-  
cation of  
this Part

**64.—(1)** Where the Ministry is of opinion that the affairs of a municipality no longer require to be administered under this Part, the Board may make an order directing that on, from and after a date fixed thereby this Part shall no longer apply to the municipality, and on, from and after such date the Board and the Ministry shall cease to exercise jurisdiction and control over the municipality under this Part.

Tax arrears  
procedures

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) or of an order made thereunder, where such order has been or is made, the tax arrears procedures of this Part continue to apply to the municipality in the same manner as if such order had not been made and the tax sale procedures of the *Municipal Act* do not apply, and the use or disposition of any land vested in the municipality under the tax arrears procedures and the application of the proceeds of such use or disposition are subject to the approval of the Ministry.

(3) Where an improvement district or part of an improvement district is erected into a town, village or township, the tax arrears procedures of this Part apply to such town, village or township and the tax sale procedures of the *Municipal Act* do not apply, and the use or disposition of any land vested in the municipality under the tax arrears procedures and the application of the proceeds of such use or disposition are subject to the approval of the Ministry. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 71; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Tax arrears procedures re improvement districts erected into towns, etc.

R.S.O. 1980, c. 302

**65.** Where the Ministry has heretofore ceased or hereafter ceases to exercise jurisdiction and control over a municipality under this Part pursuant to an order made under section 64, the Board shall, notwithstanding such order, continue to have and may, subject to the approval of the Ministry, exercise any of the powers mentioned in section 29 in the same manner as if such order had not been made. R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, s. 72; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

Power of Board under s. 29 to continue to apply

## FORM 1

(Section 40 (3) )

### TAX ARREARS CERTIFICATE

To the Land Registrar of the Registry (Land Titles) Division of .....

I HEREBY CERTIFY by virtue of the *Municipal Affairs Act*, section 40, that the lands hereinafter described, by reason of certain taxes thereon remaining unpaid for the period mentioned in such section, are hereby vested in and become the property of the.....  
.....of.....(naming the municipality).

Description of lands	Amount of Unpaid Taxes with Penalties, Interest and Costs	Whether Vacant or Improved Land

The period within which the right of redemption may be exercised under such Act with respect to the above-described land is one (1) year from the date of registration of this certificate.

Dated at.....this.....day of....., 19..

.....  
Treasurer

FORM 2

(Section 40 (4) )

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF TAX ARREARS CERTIFICATE

TAKE NOTICE, that, by virtue of the *Municipal Affairs Act*, section 40, a tax arrears certificate has been registered against the following lands, namely:

.....  
 .....

and by reason thereof the same are vested in and are the property of The Corporation of the ..... of ..... (*naming the municipality*) subject only to your right of redemption of the same on or before the ..... day of ....., 19..., which is the last day for redemption.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that, at the expiry of the redemption period, the municipality may sell or convey such land or by by-law declare such land to be required for municipal purposes without further notice to you.

Dated at ..... this ..... day of .....,  
 19...

.....  
 Treasurer

1974, c. 111, s. 4.

FORM 3

(Section 42 (2) )

REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE

To the Land Registrar of the Registry (Land Titles) Division of .....

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the lands hereunder described have been redeemed by .....under the *Municipal Affairs Act*.

*Description of Lands*

.....  
 .....

TAKE NOTICE that, where land is redeemed by any person entitled to redeem the same, other than the owner, such person has a lien upon the owner's interest therein for the amount paid to redeem such land.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....19..

.....  
Treasurer

R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, Form 3; 1972, c. 1, s. 104 (6).

FORM 4

(Section 45 (1) )

VACATING CERTIFICATE

To the Land Registrar of the Registry (Land Titles) Division of .....

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the title of The Corporation of the  
.....of.....to the lands hereunder described is  
hereby vacated by the Corporation under the *Municipal Affairs Act*.

*Description of Lands*

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Dated at.....this.....day of....., 19..

.....  
Treasurer

R.S.O. 1970, c. 118, Form 4; 1972, c. 1, s. 104 (6).

