

Backgrounder

Inquiry Report Recommendations:

- That the mayor and deputy mayor of the Village should not be removed from office.
- The Province consider potential amendments to *The Local Authority Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- The Province consider potential amendments to *The Northern Municipal Act, 2010* regarding conflict of interest definitions and the provision restricting council members' employment by the municipality or its controlled corporations.
- The Minister may consider extending the special financial audit.
- The Minister ensure that all northern municipalities are fully informed of their responsibilities and obligations under the municipal legislation.
- The local council assist and support the local administrator to achieve municipal administration requirements.

Going forward the northern Village of Pinehouse must:

- Ensure all recommendations of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commission's existing review reports regarding the Village are addressed.
- Ensure all financial activities of the Village and its controlled corporations are properly accounted for in the Village's financial statements as audited by the Village's auditor.
- Work with the Administration Support Consultants contracted by the Ministry of Government Relations to:
 - a. Improve administrative processes and internal controls, increasing transparency and guiding council in following its adopted bylaws.
 - b. Deliver training to all Village elected and appointed officials on municipal governance, and roles and responsibilities of Village officials.
 - c. Address areas of non-compliance with *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010* and *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, as identified in the report.
- Provide the province with a resolution of council, along with written evidence that clearly shows that no elected village officials are serving as employees of the Village or any of its controlled corporations.
- Provide a Public Disclosure Statement for all elected Village officials.
- Provide written confirmation that council is committed to taking the steps necessary to support its acting municipal administrator to become certified by the Saskatchewan Urban Board of Examiners.