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# Municipal Affairs Administrators' Training Initiative (MAATI)

## Spring 2026

Training and education sessions for chief administrative officers and municipal staff

April 13 to May 1, 2026

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### Registration Opens March 18th

- New this spring, both live and pre-recorded MAATI sessions are available.
- All live sessions are offered via Zoom (online).
- Sessions are available at no cost, but registration is required to receive online log in information, calendar invites, session materials and recording links.
- Want to register for the 2026 Spring sessions? Click this [registration link](#). Dates and times are provided on the registration webpage.
- Looking for other MAATI opportunities? See the [Training for Municipal Officials](#) website.

### Sessions

#### ***Ch-Ch-Changes: Municipal Restructuring, Starman, and You! (Live)***

What is the best municipal structure for your community as local demographics, economies, and needs change? This 60-minute session will explore municipal restructuring options and consider the opportunities and challenges of dissolution, amalgamation, and alternate service delivery. By the end of the session, you will have information to help you determine if municipal restructuring may be a good option for your council to consider and how to get started on having these important conversations.

#### ***Dispute Resolution 101: What is Negotiation, Mediation, and Arbitration, and How Are They Used? (Live)***

Negotiation, mediation, and arbitration are common ways to resolve conflicts and are typically words that people use interchangeably, but the differences are not always understood. Can you negotiate on your own? How do you know if you need a mediator? Where do you find someone to help? When do you need someone to make a decision for you? When should you involve your legal counsel? Is there any grant money to help pay to hire a professional? Come join us for this live session that will help to clarify these processes and what supports are available to help you and your municipality resolve conflicts collaboratively.

#### ***Municipality-Library Board Agreements: Defining the Relationship (Pre-Recorded)***

Clear, well-documented agreements between a municipality and a library board are essential to effective governance, legal compliance, and maintaining productive working relationships. This session examines when and why written agreements are strongly recommended, and how they support accountability, risk management, and collaboration while respecting the authority and autonomy of both the library board and the municipality.

***Redrafting Your Library Board Establishment Bylaw: Questions to Consider (Pre-Recorded)***

Council establishes a municipal library board by passing a bylaw under the authority of the *Libraries Act*. Municipalities often revisit these bylaws when changes are unnecessary and can unintentionally create confusion or conflict with legislation. In this brief webinar, we will explain the narrow legal purpose of an establishment bylaw and common pitfalls that arise when extra content is included.

***Tax Rate Bylaw Overview: Not a Run of the "Mill" Process - Part 1 (Pre-Recorded)***

***\*\* Participants are encouraged to attend Part 2 Informational Services Financial Information Returns Tax Rate Bylaw after viewing this session.***

This presentation will identify the legislative requirements of creating a tax rate bylaw in addition to reviewing common errors. Skills will be put to the test while performing a case study where a tax rate bylaw will be completed from start to finish, with references made to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

***Information Services Financial Information Reporting Tax Rate Bylaw – Part 2 (Live)***

***\*\*Participants are encouraged to view the Part 1 Tax Rate Bylaw Overview session before attending this session.***

This session will review updates for submitting the tax rate bylaw as part of the Financial Information Return. The facilitators will walk participants through tax bylaw template changes and how to fill out the tax template, while highlighting best practices to mitigate errors. This session will also include a demonstration of the tax dashboard, uses for the data collected, and a *Question and Answer* segment.

**Questions? Please contact the Capacity Services team:**

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