

Attachment 1

Proposed Principles for Achieving a Mature Relationship

1. Municipalities are responsible and accountable governments.
2. New legislation shall enhance existing municipal powers.
3. The province shall stop micromanaging municipal governments.
4. Where there is a compelling provincial interest the province shall when regulating municipal government define at the outset that interest.
5. Provincial legislation shall be drafted with the expectation of responsible municipal government behaviour and not as a remedial tool.
6. Accountability means mutual respect between municipal government, the province and other public agencies.
7. Resources for municipal governments shall be sustainable and commensurate with the level of responsibility.
8. The Municipal Act shall include principles that will protect the Municipal Act and municipal powers from all provincial legislation.
9. The province shall commit to increasing the understanding and awareness of municipal government within all ministries and provincial agencies.

The above principles ensure that all legislation empowers the evolution of municipal government.