

# Municipal Restructuring

Municipal restructuring is conducted, pursuant to [Section 171 – 179 of the Municipal Act, 2001](#) and implementing [Ontario Regulation 216/96](#). A general overview of the municipal restructuring process is outlined below.

## Method 1

### Municipal Restructuring Proposal

A municipality submits a request to another Municipality that land be transferred from one jurisdiction to another, for a specified reason.

A draft restructuring proposal and boundary adjustment agreement are negotiated by the affected municipalities.

The draft restructuring proposal is submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing for review.

Council of each affected municipality consults with the public on the restructuring proposal

- Council consults with the public at a public meeting
- Council consults with Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing prescribed persons

Council of each affected municipality votes on whether to support or oppose the restructuring proposal.

The final restructuring proposal must be approved by all involved Councils after which the restructuring may then be implemented by order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing.

## Method 2

### Provincial Commission

At the request of a Municipality, the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing may establish a Commission to develop a proposal for restructuring municipalities in a geographic area.

The Commission will create a suitable restructuring proposal for the geographical area.

When developing the restructuring proposal the Commission will consult with each municipality in the prescribed area, as well as any others the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing deems appropriate.

The Commission will create a restructuring proposal and provide a copy to each municipality while also making it available to the public for review.

The Commission will hold a public meeting to collect public feedback on the restructuring proposed.

The restructuring proposal developed by the Commission may then be implemented by order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing

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