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Today, the Department of Communities, Land and Environment launched consultations on the proposed Municipal Government Act.

"I'm delighted to see this consultation process underway," said Federation of PEI Municipalities President, Bruce MacDougall. "Our municipal legislation is amongst the oldest and most outdated in the country. Municipal responsibilities and public expectations have changed over the decades since these acts were written," he said. MacDougall pointed out that Ralph Thompson's report on land and local governance recommended that the new legislation include progressive provisions found in other provinces and territories. "Island municipalities need modern legislation," he stated.

According to MacDougall, "It has taken a lot of work by the Federation, municipalities and the provincial government to get us to this point. During the consultations we will be working hard to ensure we get the best possible legislation for municipalities and the citizens they serve."

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