

***Proposed amendments to the Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025  
and consequential amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002***

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**Attn:** Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The City of Kitchener appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Province's proposed framework for water and wastewater public corporations. We support the Province's objective to provide greater clarity and consistency in how municipal water and wastewater services are structured and delivered, while maintaining a strong focus on public accountability and service reliability.

The City is encouraged by the proposed requirement for 100% public ownership of any new water and wastewater public corporation. This approach reinforces public accountability and ensures that critical infrastructure continues to be delivered in the public interest. We echo the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)'s view that maintaining public ownership is a positive signal that the Province has heard municipalities clearly on the importance of preserving local control over these essential services.