



NEWS RELEASE

ABmunis encourages Albertans to exercise their democratic rights and vote on Oct. 19

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EDMONTON – *The following statement is issued on behalf of Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) President Dylan Bressey and the Board of Directors:*

Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) is concerned about the uncertainty the October 19 referendum is causing for Albertans and their communities, but our members remain focused on building strong and resilient communities for long-term success. Strong local governments, reliable infrastructure, and good working relationships between all orders of government help build a better Alberta in which we can all live, work, contribute to our communities, and prosper together.

We acknowledge that many Albertans are worried about their economic futures and want their voices to be heard. When it comes to the October 19 referendum, we appreciate that Albertans have a wide variety of competing views. That's to be expected in a vibrant democracy like ours.

We are also concerned about the impact that continued discussions about separation from the rest of Canada will have on investment and economic confidence in Alberta communities. Uncertainty makes it harder to attract the jobs, skilled professionals and tradespeople, businesses, and investment that communities need to grow and succeed.

That's why municipal leaders are staying focused on what matters most: serving their communities. Local governments deliver the essential services that people rely on every day. They help keep water systems running, roads maintained, parks open, and local services available. They support local businesses, plan for growth, and work to make their communities better places to live.

Alberta Municipalities has always worked closely with municipal leaders and partners from across Canada. We value those relationships because they help us advance the interests of Alberta communities and achieve better results for residents. We believe cooperation, respect, and collaboration are the best ways to solve problems and create opportunities.

Above all, ABmunis encourages every eligible Albertan to vote in the referendum, whether through advance voting, special ballots, or at voting stations on October 19. Albertans can learn more about the referendum questions, voter eligibility, identification requirements, and voting options through Elections Alberta before casting their ballots.

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