

**Draft Agenda for Spring 2024 Municipal Leaders Caucus
March 14 and 15, 2024**

Thursday, March 14	
9:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
10:00 a.m.	President's Opening Remarks
10:15 a.m.	Minister of Municipal Affairs' Remarks
10:30 a.m.	<p>Whiskey's for Drinking; Water's for Fighting: Preparing for Possible Drought in Summer 2024</p> <p>Alberta experienced drought in several parts of the province in 2023. Significant drought was avoided through the effective use of water storage in southern Alberta, but now many water storage reservoirs are very low, with a warm and dry winter forecasted. These factors could lead to a significant drought in 2024.</p> <p>Alberta Environment & Protected Areas will present an update on the current and forecasted situation. The province is also taking steps to prepare to respond and to collaborate with key water license holders and other stakeholders. Alberta Municipalities will present its work to support long term increased water conservation.</p>
11:30 a.m.	President's Report
11:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	<p>Bridge over Troubled Waters: Fostering Respect in Polarized Communities</p> <p>Healthy debate is central to democracy, but too often political discourse crosses the line into vitriol and personal attacks. The degradation of public discourse is taking its toll on municipal officials' mental health and pushing moderate voices to the sidelines. This session will feature a panel of municipal officials along with legal and communications experts, who will discuss their experiences and highlight opportunities to create space for constructive dialogue on local issues.</p>
2:00 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m.	<p>Policy Palooza: Crafting Resolutions That Hit the Right Notes</p> <p>ABmunis will spin our top records for adopted resolutions past and present. We will also provide an update on changes to the playbook that governs our resolution process to ensure we're all in harmony, as well as tips to help write a resolution that is a smash hit with other members. You will also have the opportunity to find municipal bandmates interested in jamming on resolutions to address similar issues.</p>
3:00 p.m.	Requests for Decision
3:15 p.m.	Break and transition to breakout rooms
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Mingle in the Municipality: Member-Led Discussions Based on Municipal Type</p> <p>Join your peers from cities, towns, or villages and summer villages to discuss top-of-mind municipal issues; brainstorm solutions; and provide feedback on ABmunis advocacy, events, and communications.</p>
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	RMRF Networking Reception
6:30 p.m.	Hospitality Suite sponsored by Alberta Counsel (Craft Beer Market)

Friday, March 15	
8:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Opposition Leader's Remarks
9:15 a.m.	Ministers' Dialogue Session I
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Ministers' Dialogue Session II
11:30 a.m.	Premier's Remarks
11:50 a.m.	Closing Remarks
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Ministers' Reception and Stand-Up Lunch