

Message from the CEO



Welcome, everyone! It's my distinct honour to welcome you to Alberta Municipalities' 2025 Convention & Trade Show. We're so pleased you could join us in Calgary – the Blue Sky City.

To start, I want to congratulate everyone who was elected or re-elected to their municipal councils! Those of you who are first timers to municipal office are in for a real treat. Our experienced ABmunis members and amazing staff will help you successfully navigate this year's event.

I'm proud of the momentum we built over the past year. From advancing key resolutions to strengthening our advocacy voice, we showed that when municipalities speak as one, we speak volumes. Together, we faced plenty of adversity in the last 12 months, but you showed impressive resilience and innovation. Along the way, despite numerous challenges, we chalked up some significant advocacy wins.

This year's Convention & Trade Show – my first as CEO – celebrates unity and teamwork. Our marquee event provides you with time and space for reflection, learning, and renewal. I encourage you to take full advantage of the sessions, networking opportunities, and conversations that will take place over the next three days. Spend some time getting to know one another, during the formal program and at some of the evening receptions hosted by this year's sponsors. Visit our wonderful trade show exhibitors and explore tools, support, and solutions that can benefit your community. Let's continue to build relationships, share ideas, and shape the future of our communities and Alberta.

Thank you for your leadership, the passion with which you serve your communities, and your presence here in Calgary. I look forward to meeting everyone at some point over the next three days.

Dana Macfie

CEO
Alberta Municipalities

Message from the Convention Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we're thrilled to welcome you to Calgary for this year's Convention & Trade Show – Alberta's largest annual gathering of municipal officials. Whether you're a returning delegate or joining us for the first time, we hope you feel the energy and optimism that define our municipal community.

A special welcome to those of you who are newly elected municipal officials. Congratulations on a successful election campaign! We're delighted to meet you, and we look forward to guiding you through your first ABmunis event. From start to finish, you'll see how our brand position, **Strength in Members**, is infused in everything our non-partisan, member-driven association does.

Over the next three days, you'll hear from inspiring speakers, engage in meaningful dialogue, and connect with peers who share your commitment to public service. We encourage you to listen, participate, connect and enjoy your time together. We've curated sessions that speak to the challenges and opportunities facing Alberta's municipalities – from housing and climate resilience to digital transformation and community safety. And of course, our Trade Show is packed with innovative solutions and services to support the work you're doing in your communities.

Thank you for joining us in Calgary. Let's make this Convention & Trade Show an event to remember.



Trina Jones

Past Alberta Municipalities Board Member
Former Councillor, Town of Legal



Krista Gardner

Director, Towns West
Mayor, Town of Calmar

Message from the Premier



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to send greetings to everyone attending the 2025 Alberta Municipalities Convention and Trade Show.

Welcome and congratulations to all newly elected and re-elected municipal leaders. I know it has been a busy season of crafting policy, campaigning and connecting with residents, and I want to thank you for stepping up to serve.

Local leaders play an essential role in shaping strong, resilient communities and ensuring Albertans receive the services they rely on. Your commitment and dedication make a real difference, and I look forward to hearing your perspectives as we continue this important work.

As always, I am grateful to everyone at Alberta Municipalities for organizing this event and providing the opportunity for provincial government officials to participate. I have no doubt the conversations that begin here will help shape the strategic priorities and investments needed to keep Alberta strong and ready to meet future challenges.

Best wishes for an inspiring convention!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Smith".

Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta



Message from the Government



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Greetings from the Honourable Dan Williams, ECA Minister of Municipal Affairs

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It is a true privilege to join you for my first Alberta Municipalities Convention and Trade Show as Alberta's Minister of Municipal Affairs. Stepping into this role, I am eager to meet so many of you who devote your time, energy, and talent to building stronger communities across our province.

I'd like to start by offering my sincere appreciation to everyone who recently put their name forward in October's local elections. Serving as a local council member takes courage, commitment, and a deep sense of responsibility. Congratulations to those newly elected, and welcome back to those returning.

You have a very important job representing the needs of Albertans and efficiently delivering the core services that your communities depend on. We serve the same taxpayer, so I am looking forward to working with you to ensure that your communities stay strong and resilient.

This convention is more than just an annual event; it is a cornerstone of collaboration in Alberta. It brings together municipal leaders and public servants from across the province to share experiences, spark new ideas, and work collectively to meet the challenges of today as well as those on the horizon. I am most thankful to you for creating this space, where local Alberta voices are heard, amplified, and celebrated.

As your new Municipal Affairs Minister, I see tremendous value in being part of these conversations to ensure that everyone is proud of their community. I look forward to meeting many of you over the course of the convention, hearing your perspectives, and building the relationships that will guide our work together in the weeks and months ahead.

Honourable Dan Williams, ECA
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Message from the Mayor



Welcome! As Mayor of Calgary and on behalf of City Council, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 Alberta Municipalities Convention and Trade Show.

I look forward to connecting with municipal leaders from across Alberta, united by our commitment to building vibrant and welcoming communities. Whether you're attending your first convention or returning after re-election, I'm confident the days ahead will offer valuable opportunities to collaborate, build meaningful connections, and bring home fresh ideas.

The confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers in the Blackfoot language, it is called Moh-kins-tsis, the Îethka Nakoda Wîcastabi First Nations refer this place as Wicispa Oyade and the people of the Tsuut'ina nation call it Guts-ists-I, the Métis call the Calgary area Otos-kwunee, and it has served as a gathering place since time immemorial. This week's convention continues in the spirit of that tradition by bringing us together in a city of opportunity that thrives through its diversity and connection.

Despite representing hundreds of different communities, as municipal leaders we find ourselves facing a common set of challenges: affordability, infrastructure, safety and economic resilience to highlight just a few. This convention provides a unique and timely opportunity for us to share experiences and develop connections to help address these challenges. Alberta Municipalities plays a pivotal role in advancing dialogue and municipal priorities in our province, championing innovation, developing essential municipal tools and services, and amplifying the voices of local governments.

While you're here, I hope you take some time to experience what makes Calgary truly special, from our vibrant downtown and thriving local businesses to world-class attractions and scenic parks. May your visit offer both personal inspiration and professional growth.

I look forward to the next few days together and future collaboration.

Welcome to Calgary, thank you for being here!

Jeremy Fargas

Mayor of Calgary



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