

President's Report

2022 Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus

Date



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Advocacy Updates



Budget 2022



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Policing



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EOEP



Indigenous history and reconciliation

Products & Services



CEIP



MCCAC



Power+

Other key advocacy topics with dedicated sessions to follow:

- Alberta Provincial Police Service
- Emergency Medical Services
- Future of Municipal Government Project
- Municipal Finance and Local Government Fiscal Framework

Budget 2022

Flat is the new down

Visit abmunis.ca > Advocacy Resources > Economics for:

- Analysis of Budget 2022 Webinar Recording
- Official Statement on Budget 2022
- Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2022 Budget Report

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Packaging and Paper/Hazardous and Special Products

- Alberta Municipalities has advocated for an EPR packaging and paper program since 2019.
- Alberta Environment and Parks is developing EPR regulations for packaging and paper and hazardous and special products.
- Our focus in 2022 is on transitioning municipal services to EPR programs once the regulations are passed.



Broadband

- Budget 2022 contained \$390 million in funding over the next four years to improve broadband service in Alberta.
- If matching federal dollars can be secured, the total investment will be \$780 million
- Alberta Municipalities passed a resolution calling on the province to release a broadband strategy and they have delivered.

Municipal Autonomy

Jason Kenney – July 2020

“We’ve said we’ll respect the decision of municipalities in this regard. We think these decisions are better taken locally...so we think a one-size-fits-all approach for a huge, vast, diverse province doesn’t make sense.

Jason Kenney – March 2022

“We are concerned that a patchwork of sperate policies across the province could just lead to greater division, confusions, enforcement difficulty with no compelling public health rationale.”



Prompt Payment

- The provincial government proclaimed the *Construction Lien and Prompt Payment Act* and accompanying regulations at the end of February.
 - They will come into effect on August 29, 2022.
- This new Act replaces the outdated *Builders' Lien Act* and establishes legislated timelines for both issuing invoices and payment of invoices.
- The regulations establish a system to adjudicate payment disputes.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- RMA and ABMunis Resolutions
- Provincial EMS Advisory Committee
- Alberta Health Services 10-Point Plan



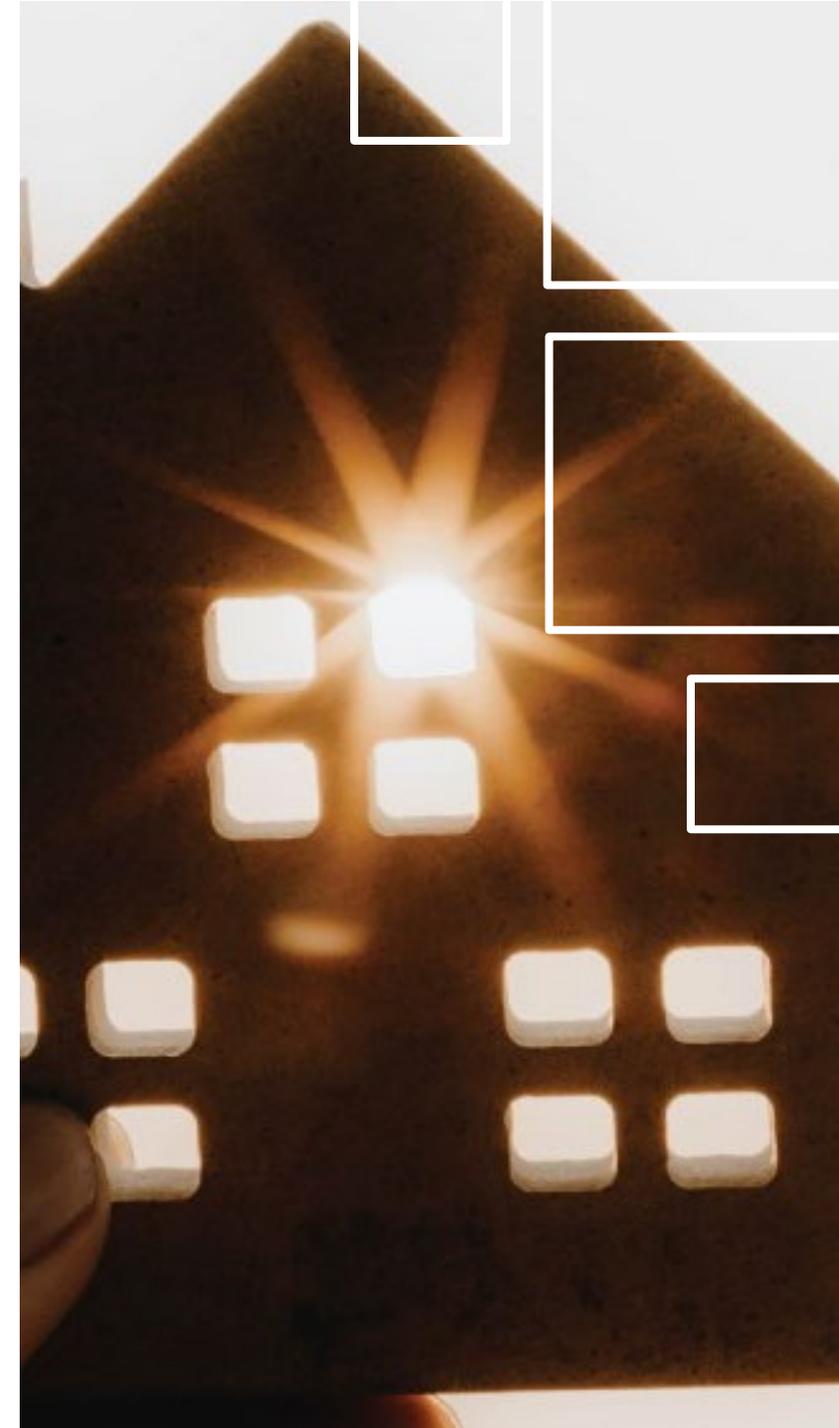
Policing

- Discussion on a potential Alberta Provincial Police Service
- RCMP Retroactive Pay
- Alberta Police Interim Advisory Board



Affordable Housing

- Provincial affordable housing strategy
 - 13,000 new affordable housing units
 - 12,000 new rent supplements
- Asset management framework and partnership framework to be released this spring



Elected Officials Education Program

EOEP.CA

Registration open for:

Strategic Planning	In- person	RMA Pre-Convention Session
Service Delivery	In-person	RMA Pre-Convention Session
Corporate Planning and Finance	Virtual	Wednesday Evenings March 23 to April 13

Registration coming soon:

Land Use & Development Approvals	Virtual	April
Service Delivery	Virtual	May
Regional Partnerships	Virtual	June
Public Engagement	In-person	September- ABmunis Pre-con
Land Use	In-person	September- ABmunis Pre-con
Munis 101	Virtual	November

Indigenous History and the Municipal Role in Reconciliation

Only two more workshops!

- March 25, 2022 - 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
- March 29, 2022 - 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.



Products & Services

We serve communities,
not shareholders.

-  Support advocacy efforts & events
-  Reduce costs to members
-  Invest back into the organization



Products & Services

Highlights



Insurance & Risk Services

- Offset insurance premiums by **\$3.5M**



Employee Benefits

- New online administration system
- Increased focus on **mental health support**



Energy Program

- Secured natural gas at **20% below** future market forecasts for participating members



Retirement Services

- Covered **2,000 employees** through our retirement services

Products & Services

Highlights

- Energy Management Services
 - Town of Gibbons
 - Anticipate savings of \$44,500/year and a reduction of their annual utility spend by 22%
- Public Risk Conference
 - April 28 & 29 | Canmore, AB



Clean Energy Improvement Program

Renovation projects that make a difference.

Municipalities with CEIP:

- Town of Rocky Mountain House (Nov. 4, 2021)
- Town of Devon (Jan. 19, 2022)

Next up:

- City of Calgary (expects to launch fall 2022)
- 6 other municipalities with bylaws and working on program development

Municipalities launching spring 2022:

- City of Edmonton
- City of Leduc



Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

Real Savings. Real Change.

Two NEW programs accepting applications:

- Electric Vehicle Charging Program
 - Up to 100% rebate
 - Install on municipal land for public use or fleet
 - Overwhelming number of applications!
- Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program
 - Alberta municipalities and Indigenous communities can apply
 - Assess and build resilience plans



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- Access electricity pricing right from its source
 - Avoid costs incurred when dealing with intermediaries and mitigate long-term carbon cost increases
- Lock in energy rates for 10 years
- Expect to hear from us!



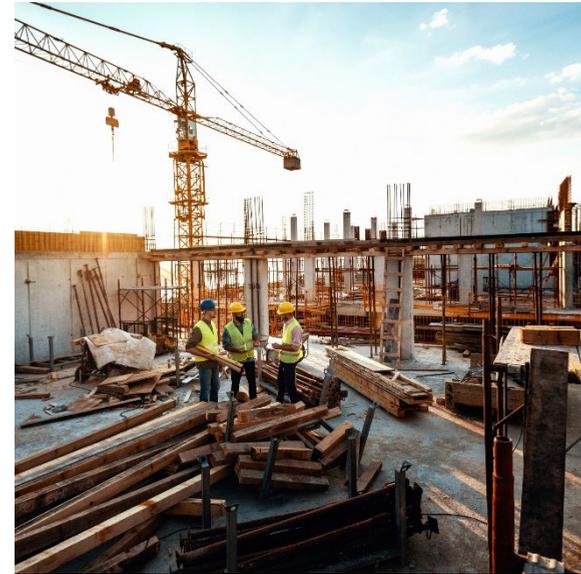
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Executive Committee Dialogue Session

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Thursday, March 10



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