

Welcome!

Spring 2024 Municipal Leaders' Caucus

Thursday, March 14

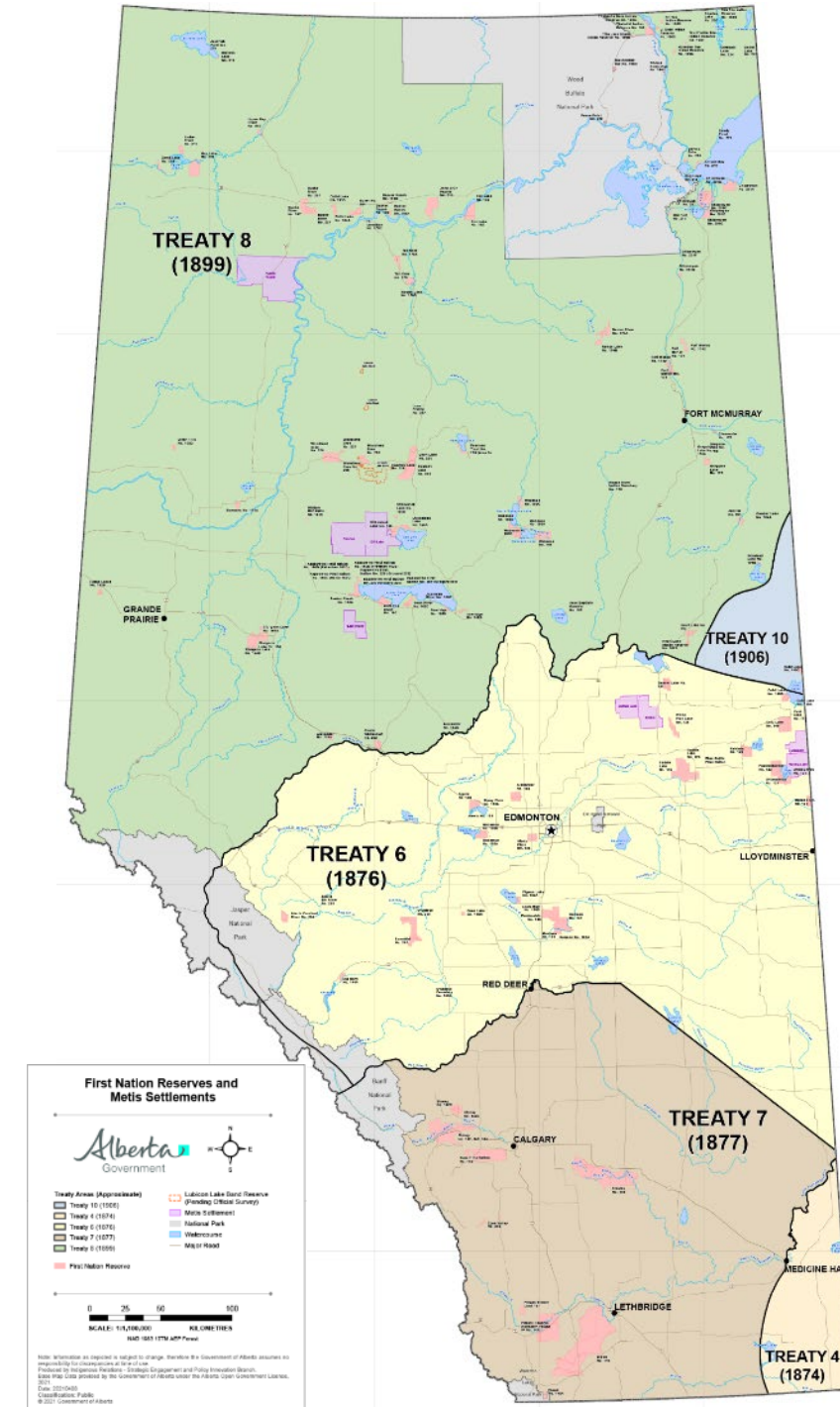


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Municipalities**
Strength
In Members

Land acknowledgement

Alberta Municipalities respectfully acknowledges that we live, work, and play on the traditional and ancestral territories of many Indigenous, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We acknowledge that what we call Alberta is the traditional and ancestral territory of many peoples, presently subject to Treaties 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 and Six Regions of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

We acknowledge the courageous and resilient community leadership of Indigenous leaders, of all ages, Knowledge Keepers, and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We make this acknowledgement as an act of reconciliation, gratitude, and commitment to pursuing an inclusive, collaborative, and respectful path towards building strong communities.



Agenda for Thursday, March 14

10:00 am	Welcome!
10:15 am	Minister of Municipal Affairs' Remarks
10:30 am	Whiskey's for Drinking; Water's for Fighting
11:30 am	President's Report
11:45 am	Lunch
12:45 pm	Bridge over Troubled Waters
2:00 pm	Break
2:15 pm	Policy Palooza
3:00 pm	Requests for Decision
3:15 pm	Break and Transition to Breakout Rooms
3:30 pm	Mingle in the Municipality
5:00 pm	RMRF Networking Session
6:30 pm	Alberta Counsel Hospitality Suite



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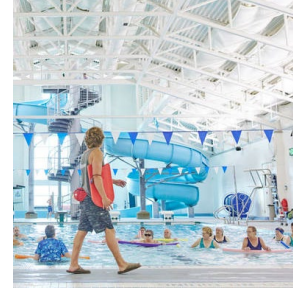


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INTERNATIONAL

Executive Search

Minister of Municipal Affairs' Remarks

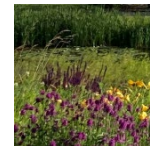
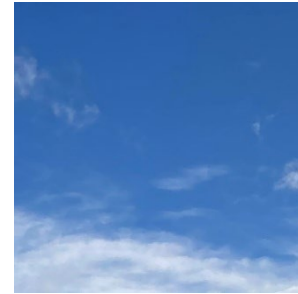


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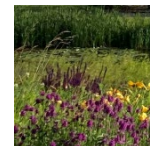
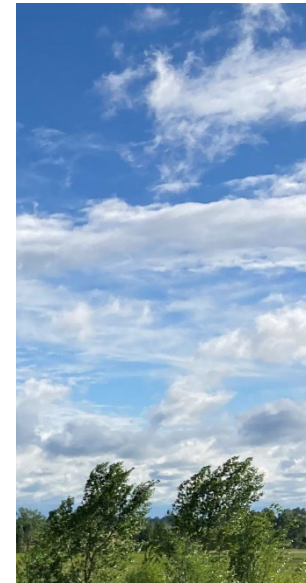
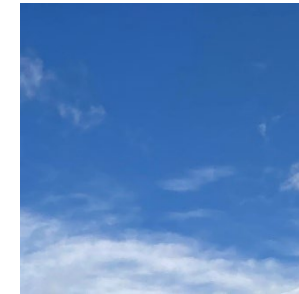
Preparing for Drought



**Drought affects
us all.**



**Municipalities
have a role to
play.**



Whiskey's for Drinking; Water's for Fighting



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ADM, Alberta
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Craig Bonneville
EPCOR, Director of
Engineering and
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Trina Jones
Mayor, Town of Legal

2024 Drought Risk and Management

Municipal Leaders Caucus

ADM Stacey Smythe
Environment and Protected Areas
March 14, 2024



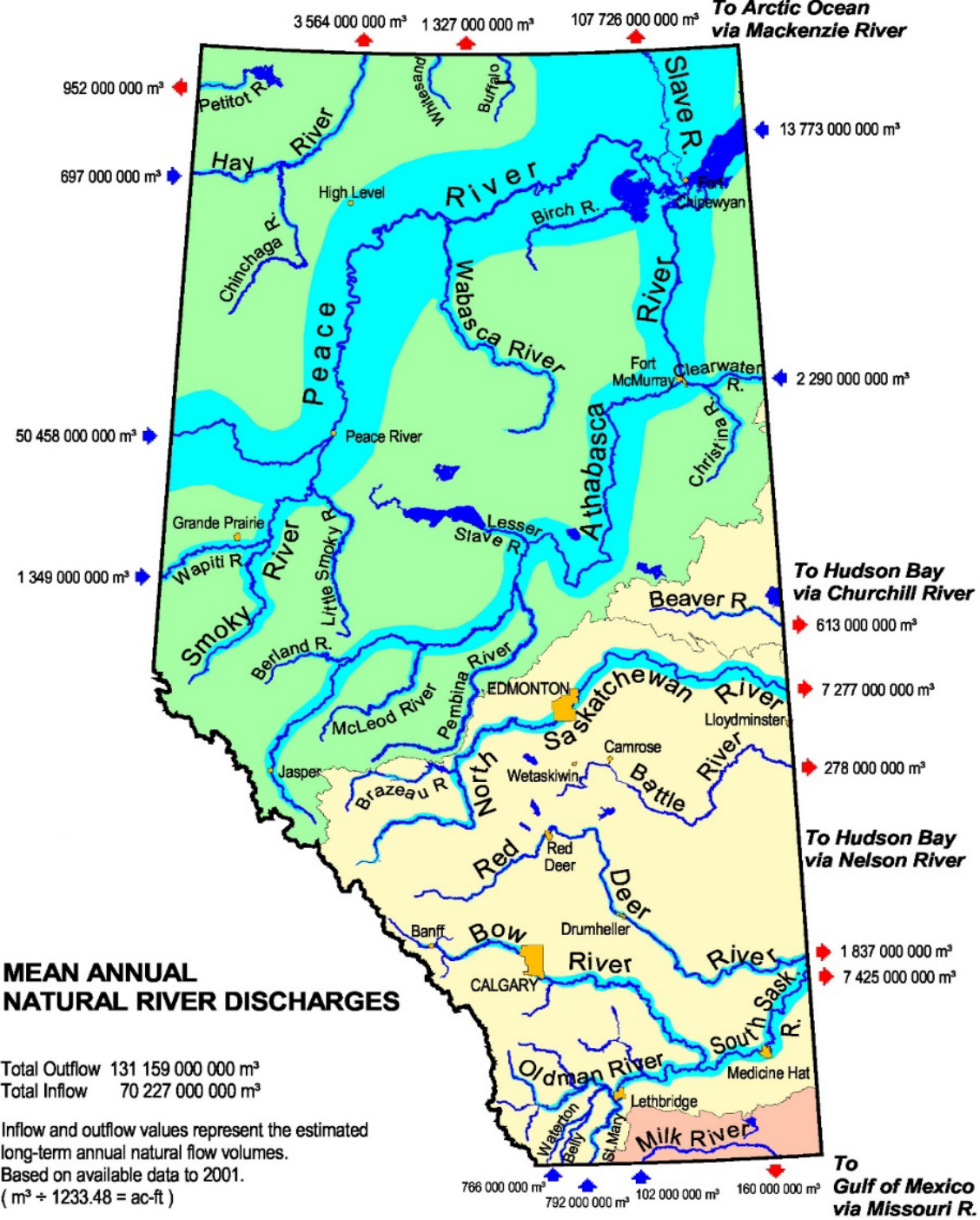
Agenda

1. Current Status
2. Collaboration and Water Sharing Agreements
3. 2024 Drought Emergency Plan
4. Q&A

Where is the water in Alberta, and where does it flow?

Alberta has roughly...

- 12% of Canada's population
- and 7% of the land area,
- but only 2% of Canada's water supply.



to Arctic Ocean (86.6%)

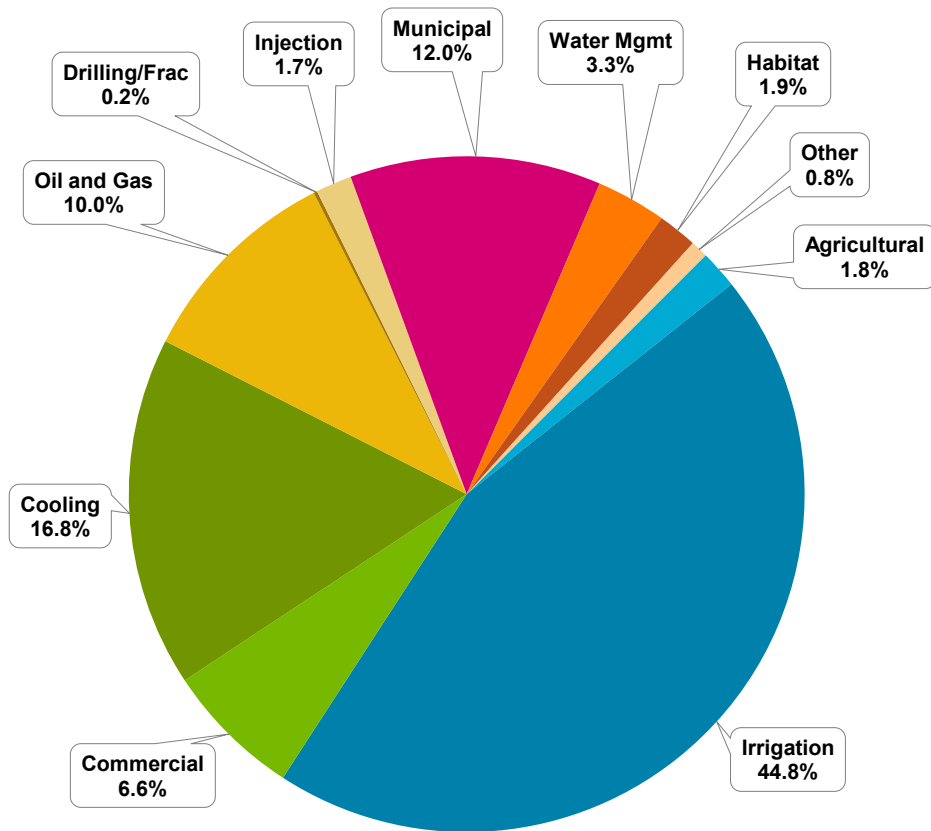
to Hudson Bay (13.3%)

to Gulf of Mexico (0.1%)



Water is key to Alberta's economy

2020 Surface Water Allocations by Purpose



Total licensed volumes: 9.55 billion cubic metres

The challenge in front of us:

- Albertans expect unlimited water is available all the time – that will not be the case during extreme drought.
- Our water management system is designed for emergencies but not fully tested.
 - Enabled sharing of water through voluntary agreements in 2001.
 - Priority of use set by seniority, not purpose.
 - Priority system can be altered if Cabinet declares an emergency.
- We need to prepare....

Current Situation

- Basins in critical water shortage condition due to low rainfall and high temperatures:
 - Milk River and Oldman River basins.
 - South Saskatchewan River basin.
 - Bow River basin.
 - Red Deer and North Saskatchewan River basins.
 - Tributaries to the Peace, Athabasca, and Hay Rivers.

Observations and Forecasts

- Southern rivers are at or near the lowest levels seen since 2000
- Some provincial reservoirs are at historic lows
- Snowpack is below normal
- Water shortage is occurring across the province, but is most severe in the far south
- Long range forecasts say early 2024 will be hot and dry (strong El Niño)

Comparison with last severe drought

- 1999 to 2004 (severe in 2001-02)
- Started in SW Alberta and expanded north and east
- Low precipitation, normal temperatures

Today:

- *About same amount of water and wide-spread dryness*
- *Long range forecast is hotter and drier*
- *Population is 1.5X larger*

Bow River in SE Alberta

July 2022



July 2023



Highwood River near Bow River Confluence

July 2022



July 2023

Pincher Creek at Hwy 3

July 2022

July 2023



Oldman Reservoir Bed

December 30, 2023



Drought Risk: Looking Forward

Things can change:

- Peak snow is mid-April and June is rainiest month
- Some areas of the province will experience drought regardless of snow and rain in 2024
 - Reservoir levels and soil moisture conditions are too low to make back up
- 2024 will also be a significant wildfire year
- **Approach → Prepare for extreme drought, June will be too late**

DRIVING FOR COLLABORATION

Collaboration is Key

- On-going Stakeholder Outreach and Education
 - Over 75 meetings with over 1000 individuals
- Minister Letters to Municipalities and Licence Holders
 - Voluntary Water Conservation Measures and Water Use Restrictions
- Water Sharing Agreements
- Water conservation by everyone



Water Sharing Agreements

- WSA's are the most important tool Alberta has to manage drought
 - Everyone taking less water means more have some
- WSAs are being developed in the South Sask. River Basin
 - Each southern basin will have its own WSA, which is adaptable to different drought conditions
 - WSA's are voluntary, product will be MOU's which will be made public
- GOA is grateful for the collaboration and goodwill of all participants

Working Together

We are counting on all municipalities to consider how they can reduce their water demand.

- Review the conditions of your water licence
- Monitor water levels and forecasts
- Develop plans to appropriately conserve water as needed based on your local water systems, local economy, etc...

Reach out to EPA if you have any questions or concerns. We can help!

Drought Resources

- More information is available on the updated Drought page: [Alberta.ca/drought](https://alberta.ca/drought)
- Rivers.Alberta.ca (Alberta River Basins Webpage and App)
 - [Learn to use Rivers.Alberta](#) on @ABEnvironment Youtube
 - Get to know your water flow: helping water users predict and prepare for water shortages:
open.alberta.ca/publications/get-to-know-your-water-flow
- Contact us at: epa.drought@gov.ab.ca

Funding Resources

- Drought and Flood Protection Program
 - <https://www.alberta.ca/drought-and-flood-protection-program>
- Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program
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-- Questions?



Zama Lake in Northwestern Alberta




**Oldman Reservoir – Silt Plain
with the river running through**

EPCOR Demand Management Event – Jan 29 to Feb 2 Lessons for potential future events

**Alberta Municipalities Spring Convention
March 14, 2024**

Craig Bonneville
Director, Engineering & Technical Services
EPCOR Water Services

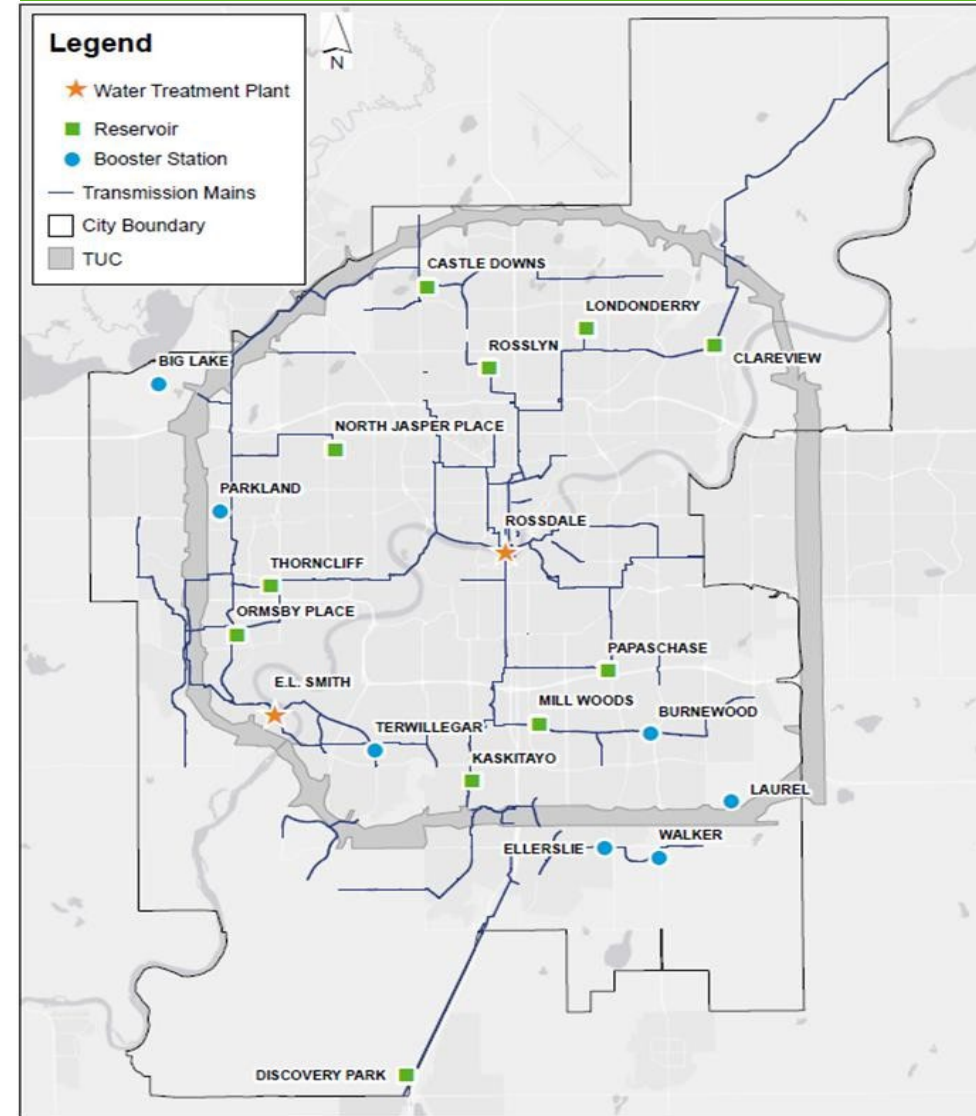


Edmonton Water System Overview

Water Treatment Plants

- Two water treatment plants near and drawing from the North Saskatchewan River
 - Rossdale 280 ML/day max
 - E.L. Smith 400 ML/day max
- Average Day Demand 375 ML / day
- Max Average 5 Day Demand 550 ML / day
- In-City storage of ~2.5 days
- Water Consumption:

Residential	37%
Multi-residential	14%
Commercial	21%
Regional	28%



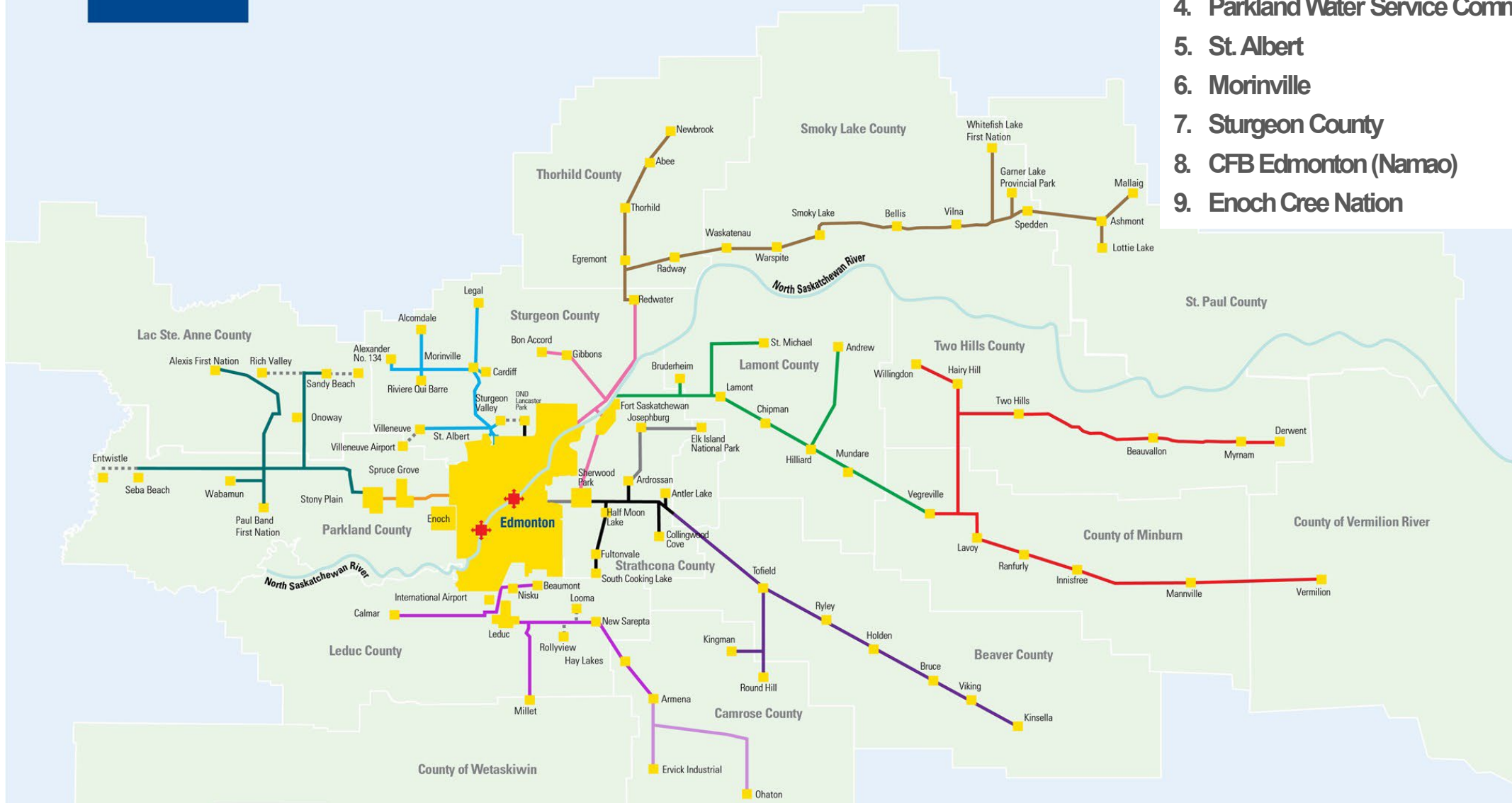
Regional Customers

- Regional communities benefit from a collaborative system – integrated planning, resources and expertise, secure water supply, etc.
- Water supplied to 90 surrounding communities under contract through 7 water commissions representing 365,000 customers
- Approximately 37,000 ML/year reflecting 28% of EPCOR's water production
- Strong collaboration with Regionals but EPCOR has limited day to day operations visibility
 - Regional commissions manage reservoirs levels and distribution system independent of EPCOR
 - Separate demand management policies by municipality



EDMONTON REGION WATER SERVICE AREA

1. Capital Region NW Services Commission
2. Strathcona County
3. Capital Region SW Services Commission
4. Parkland Water Service Commission
5. St. Albert
6. Morinville
7. Sturgeon County
8. CFB Edmonton (Namao)
9. Enoch Cree Nation





E.L. Smith WTP Event

Event Description

1. At 0200 January 29, an electrical equipment failure resulted in the inability for E.L. Smith to pump treated water to customers
2. At 1300, a mandatory non-essential water use ban was called
3. At 2200, pumping out of E.L. Smith was partially restored
4. Engineering and repair plans developed to restore full pumping
5. Full pumping was restored at 0600, January 31
6. Water ban lifted at 1100, February 2



Investigation Findings

Root Cause

1. Rapid water ingress into electrical vault, submerging electrical cables
2. Water contacting uninsulated electrical cables created steam
3. Electrical fault occurred, resulting in damage to equipment

Actions

4. Numerous resiliency projects at WTPs include electrical equipment upgrades, twinning of major treatment components at E.L. Smith and new storage and transmission system connectivity
5. Review of response with regional partners
6. Evaluation of resiliency treatment system against significant events

Demand Management

Water Demand Management Protocol

The three tiers of Demand Management measures are designed to achieve escalating levels of water conservation

Demand Measure C Mandatory

- All Measure A and B actions, plus mandatory restrictions on *non-essential* water use, with compliance measures
- Goal: Up to a 10% reduction in demand

Demand Measure B Voluntary

- All Measure A actions, plus voluntary restrictions on lawn watering and *non-essential* water use. No compliance measures
- Goal: Up to a 5% reduction in demand

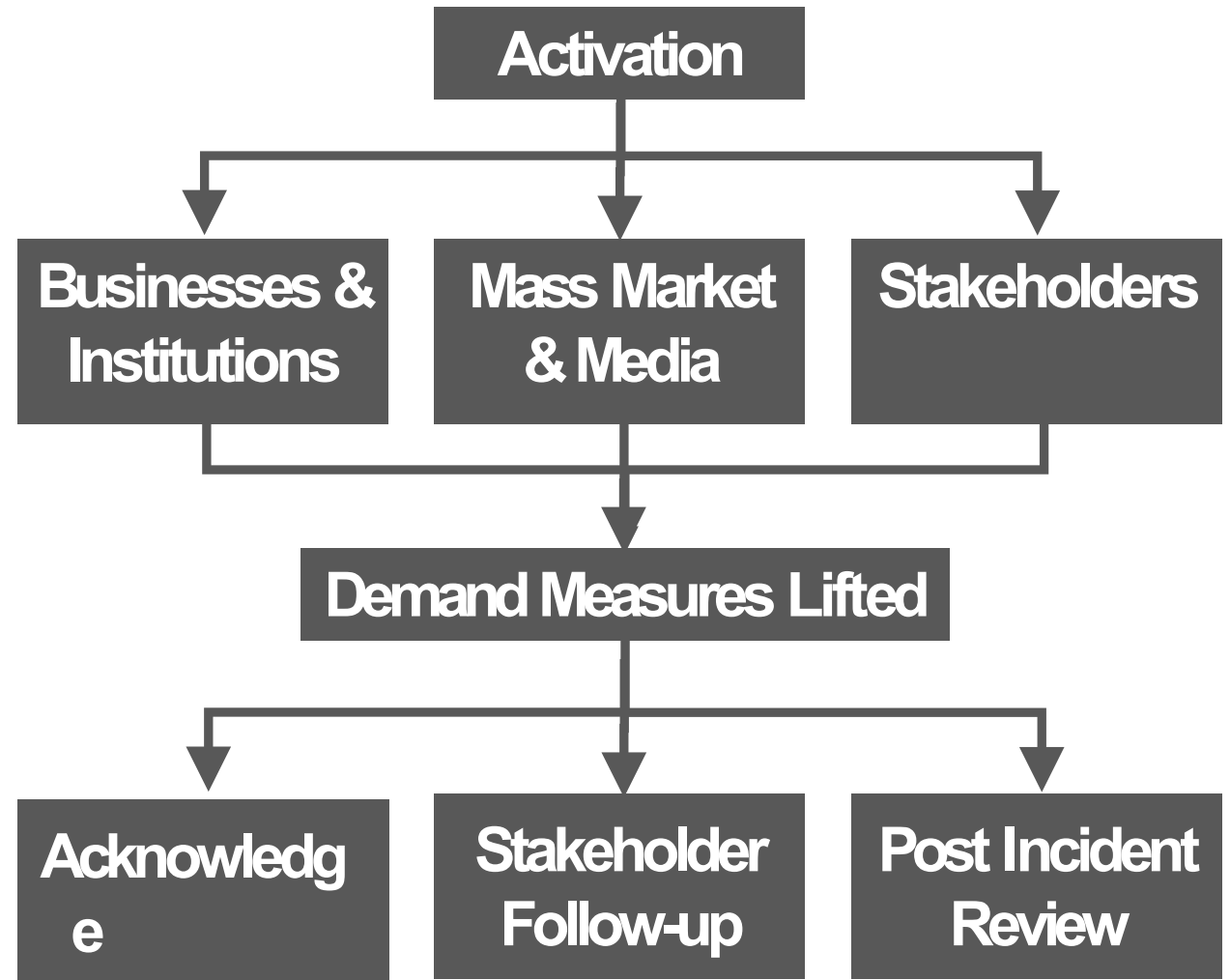
Demand Measure A Operational

- EPCOR operational activities are adjusted to reduce water demand
- Goal: Up to a 2% reduction in demand

Communication Procedures Overview

The declaration of Demand Management Measure C activated communication procedures and teams across EPCOR

- Three concurrent tracks of activity
- Activities are aligned to announcements that initiate, update and then lift the non-essential water use ban



Results: Water Conservation Achieved

WATER CONSERVATION

100

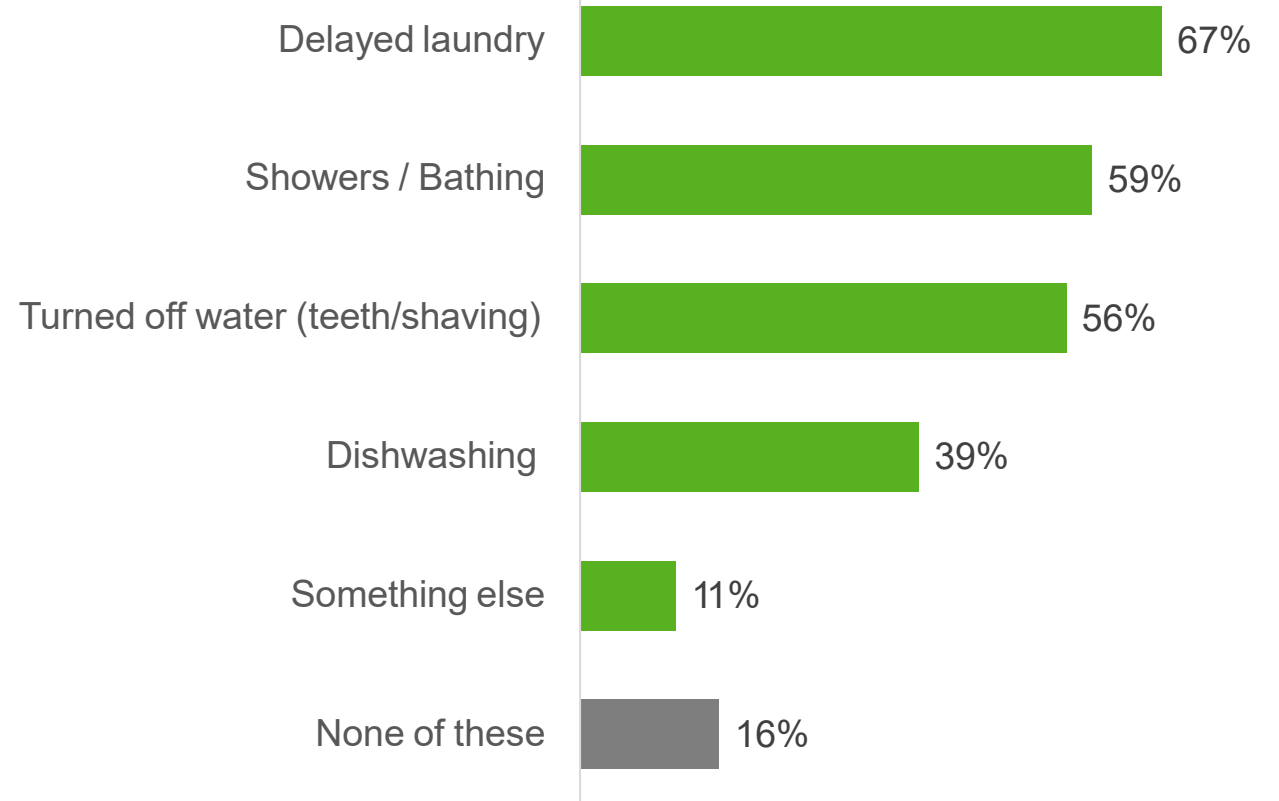
**Million Litres
saved over
four days**

10%

**Reduction in
water use**

Actions Taken During Non-Essential Water Ban

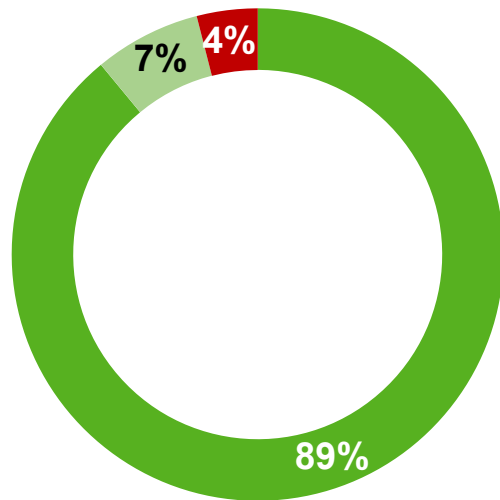
(residential customers, self-reported)



Survey: Adult Edmonton CMA residents, February 8-11, 2024, Base: Aware of water ban (n=502).

Results: Public Awareness Nearly Universal

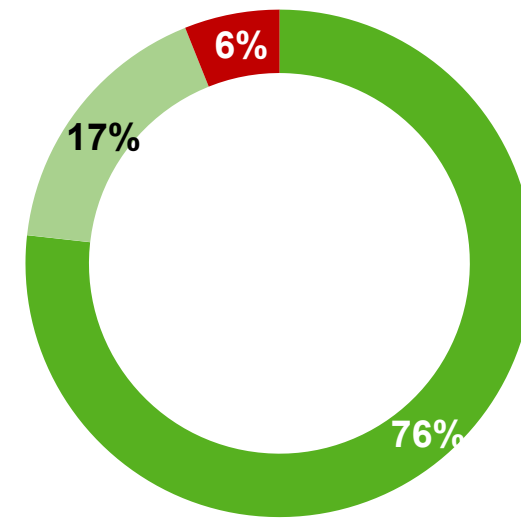
AWARENESS



- Yes, definitely aware
- Yes, heard about it
- No

Survey: Adult Edmonton CMA residents, February 8-11, 2024, Base: All Edmonton respondents (n=521). "Before today, were you personally aware that this water ban had been in place between January 30th and February 2nd?"

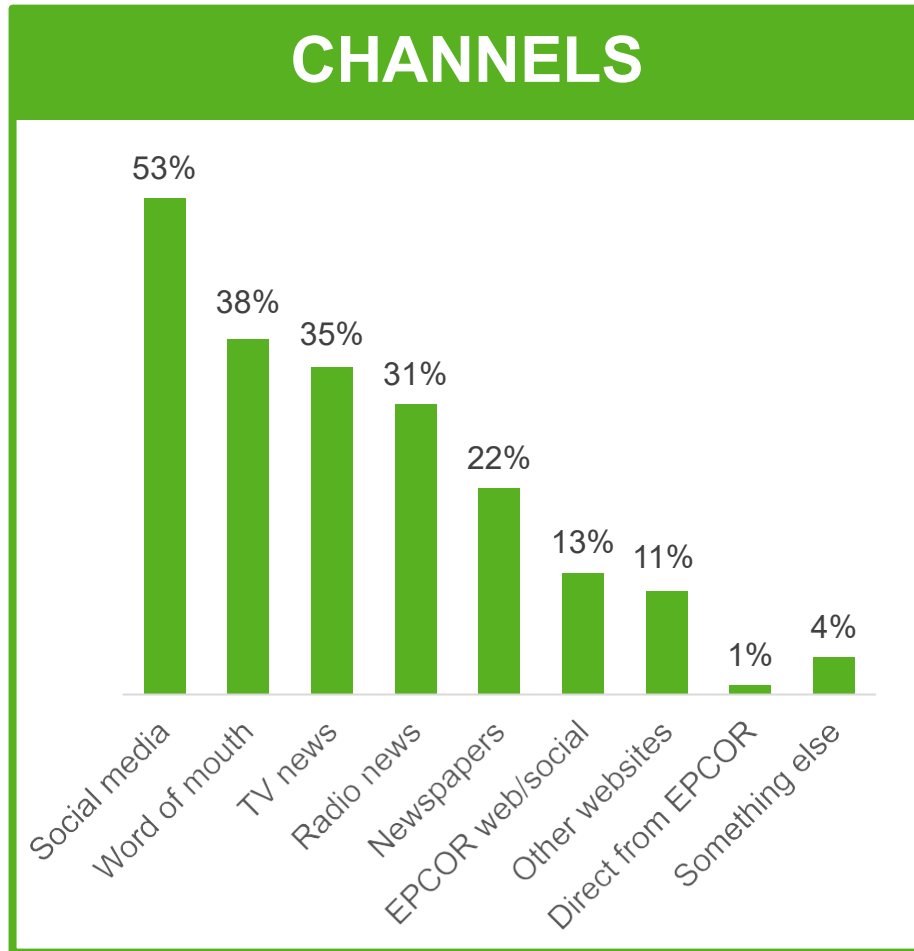
CLARITY



- Very clear, understood completely
- Fairly clear, but unsure about some uses
- Not very clear what was meant

Survey: Adult Edmonton CMA residents, February 8-11, 2024, Base: Aware of water ban (n=502). Q. How well did you personally understand what the word "non-essential" meant when you heard the phrase "Non-essential water ban"? That is, how clear was it to you what was "essential" vs. "nonessential" water use?

Results: Communication Channels

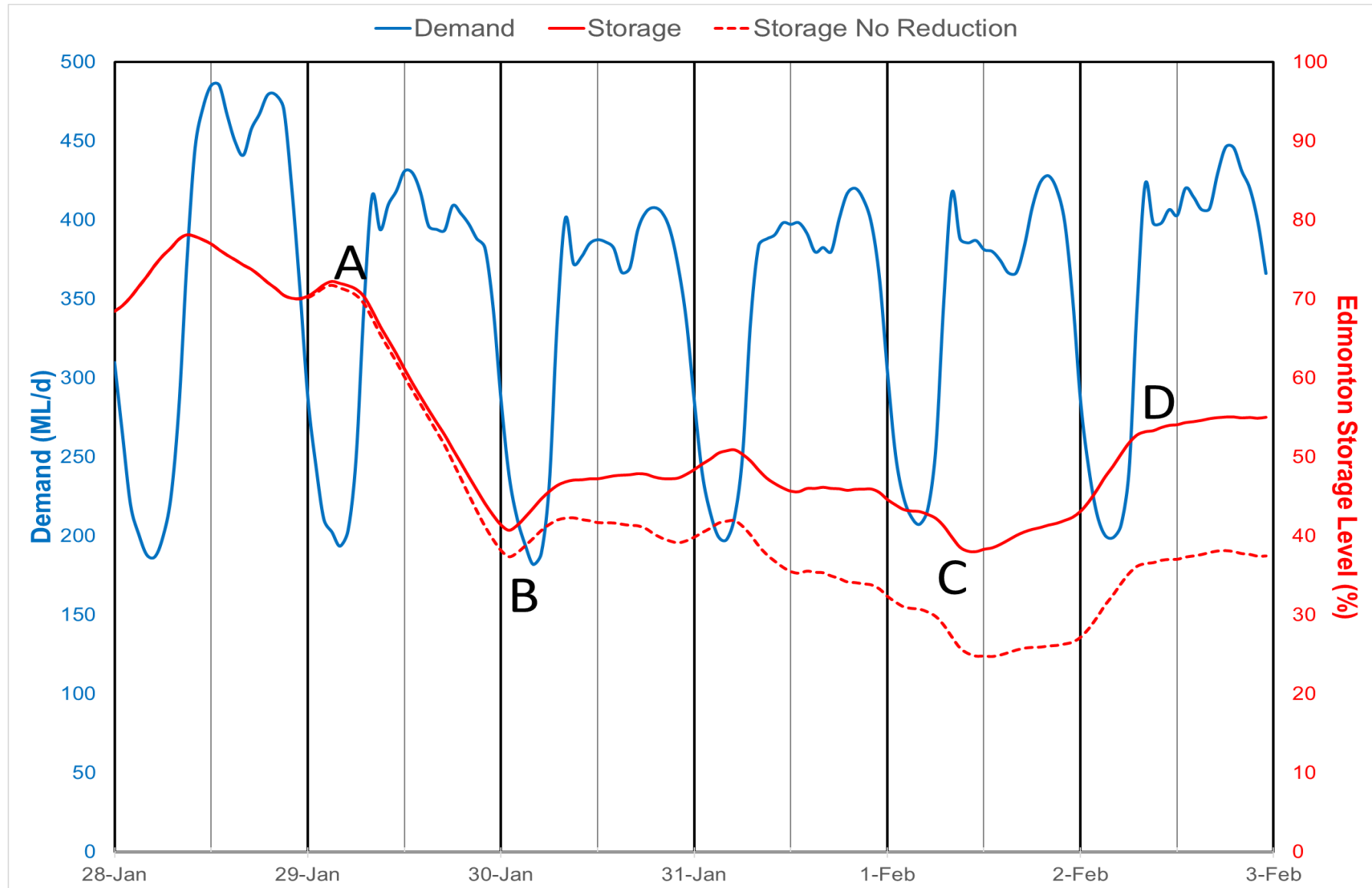


EPCOR used multiple channels to communicate, and audiences reported hearing about the ban multiple ways

- Significant demographic differences in television and radio news (high for 55+, very low for <35)
- Social media use high for all age groups
- Word of mouth as an information source high among <35, low among 55+
- Media's loss of reach to younger audiences will be addressed when updating our conservation communication plans

Survey: Adult Edmonton CMA residents, February 8-11, 2024, Base: Aware of water ban (n=502). Q. From which of the following sources did you get information about the non-essential water ban? [Multiple mentions allowed]

Demand Management and System Storage



Impact

- 100 ML saved in 3 days
- Overall water storage in the system was 10% points higher due to conservation efforts

Milestone

- A – Electrical Failure
- B – Partial Restoration
- C – Repairs complete
- D – DMM lifted

Demand Management Summary

Demand Management Measures Were Prudent and Necessary

- Uncertainty of the repair timeline
- Need to restore reservoir levels post-repair
- *Essential uses of water were maintained throughout the incident*

Customer Conservation Achieved the Demand Measure C target

- Large water users contacted within hours of restrictions with users shutting down or substantially reduced consumption
- Customers reduced water use by 100+ ML over four days (about 10% of forecast demand)

Achieved Rapid and Widespread Awareness

- Public awareness levels at 97%, 75% of public very clear on essential vs non-essential
- 84% of public reported taking a conservation action

Follow-up Actions

- Increasing the volume of non-seasonal content
- How can EPCOR help customers understand essential vs non-essential water uses
- Identify additional communication channels for audiences not reached through traditional media
- Opportunity to improve car washes and laundromats notification

Addressing Climate Change Resiliency

Flood Protection and Drought

- Flood Protection projects at both Water Treatment Plants are in progress
- Ongoing planning on other projects to protect against climate-driven changes (river ice, raw water quality, fires...)
- EPCOR is supporting Province's drought resiliency planning
- While NSR is not currently at same risk level as other basins, drought mitigation is a part of our long term planning
- Summer heat waves have required demand management measures and will continue to be required to address climate impacts

Key Takeaways

- This was a rare event that necessitated the use of mandatory curtailment of discretionary water use
- EPCOR uses Integrated Resource Planning to continually review and update long term plans for all aspects of the One Water Cycle providing benefits and resiliency for the region
- Feedback received will be incorporated into a review of the Demand Management Measures



Thank You

Bridge over Troubled Waters: Fostering Respect

Spring 2024 Municipal
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Partners in Fostering Respect

- Alberta Municipal Clerks Association (AMCA)
- Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators Association (ARMAA)
- Local Government Administration Association of Alberta (LGAA)
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)
- Society of Local Government Managers (SLGM)
- Strategic Steps Inc.



Questions

How can ABmunis help create an environment where:

- Municipal elected officials debate issues in a respectful and collaborative manner?
- Municipal elected officials and administrators have a mutual level of respect for each other's roles and responsibilities?
- The diversity of candidates running for municipal office is representative of the diversity of the community?
- Albertans understand, appreciate, and respect the service of municipal governments?



Action Plan

- Educate people who are planning or considering running for municipal office.
- Expand the training offered by ABmunis (or EOEP) to offer more focused training on governance, social media management, and leadership.
- Develop toolkits that councils can use internally and template information documents that municipalities can use to inform their residents.
- Advocate to the Government of Alberta to create an integrity commissioner to manage code of conduct issues and improve transparency of candidates' personal history.



Continuing the Work

- Partner with the University of Alberta's [Common Ground](#) initiative.
- Promote the videos that ABmunis and RMA created for the 2021 municipal election.
- Explore opportunities to continue supporting FCM's [Canadian Women in Local Leadership](#) initiative.
- Work with RMA, ARMAA, and LGAA to reinvigorate the Peer Network.
- Continue networking discussions through our Welcoming and Inclusive Communities initiative to advance work to remove barriers for women and minority groups.
- Continue to use ABmunis' Municipal Leaders Caucus and annual convention to host education sessions on governance issues.

Panelists

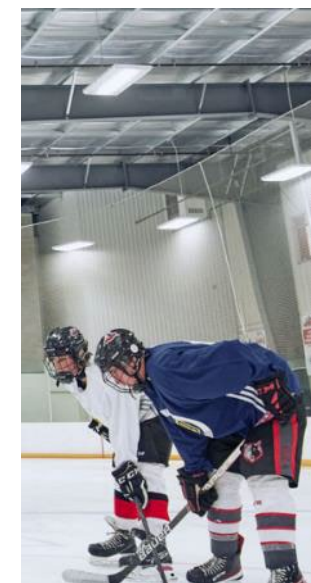
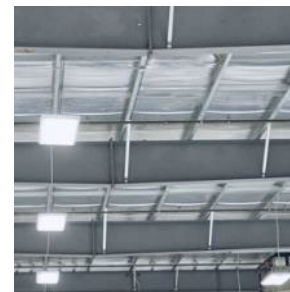
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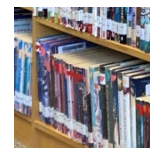
Benjamin Proulx
PRESIDENT AT CATALYST COMMUNICATIONS





What does it mean to be a leader in a divided community?

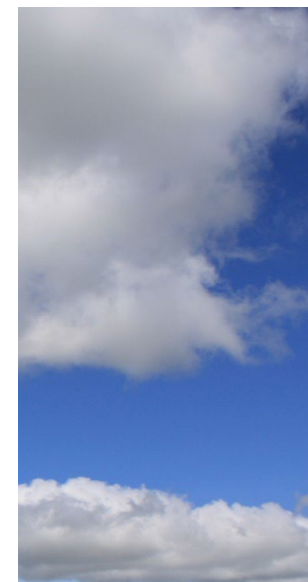
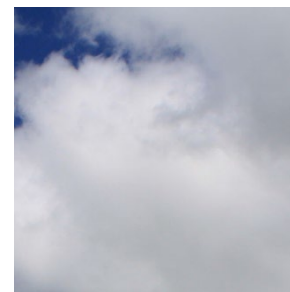
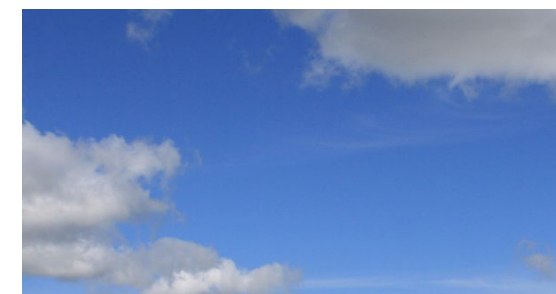
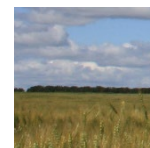


Opportunities and limitations of codes and procedures

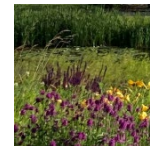
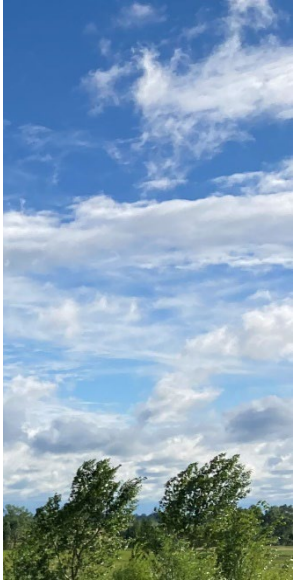
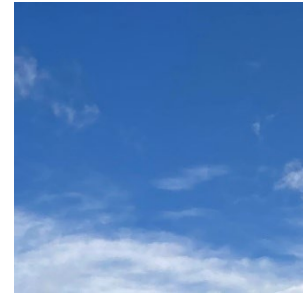




Being brave and creating safety in public engagement



Discussion



Fostering a respectful municipal community

www.abmunis.ca/events

- March 28 – Virtual
 - Municipal Network for Welcoming and Inclusive Communities
- June (TBA) – Locations Across Alberta
 - Summer Municipal Leaders Caucus
- September 25-27 – Convention in Red Deer
- Anytime:
 - Reach out to your Board Member
 - Reach out to advocacy@abmunis.ca
 - Reach out to LGAA, ARMAA, SLGM, CAMA

Policy Palooza: Crafting Resolutions That Hit the Right Notes

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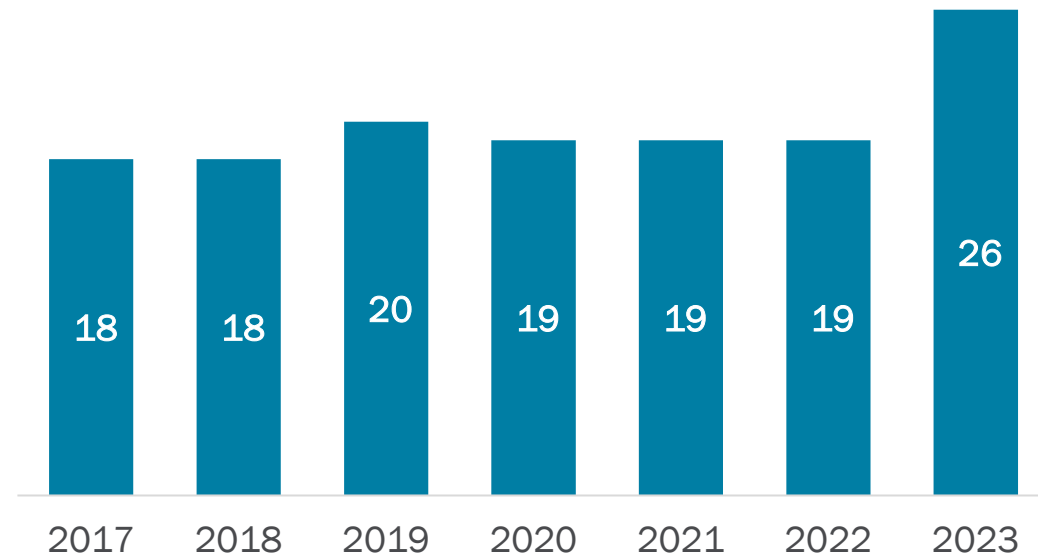
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1. What we have heard
2. Representation on ABmunis' committees
3. Trends in resolution voting
4. Change in Resolutions Policy for 2024
5. Tips for developing a resolution
6. Status of current resolutions
7. Matchmaking: find a seconder for your resolution

What you have told us

- More time needed to debate resolutions at Convention.
- Concern about the high number of resolutions, which may dilute our effectiveness in advocacy on core issues.
- Need more communication on the status of previously adopted resolutions.

Number of Resolutions Up for Vote at ABmunis' Annual Convention



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What you have told us

Perceptions of members



ABmunis' Policy Committees

Economic Strategy

Infrastructure

Municipal Governance

Safe & Healthy Communities

Sustainability & Environment

Small Communities

- Committee members are appointed annually.
- About $\frac{2}{3}$ are elected officials and $\frac{1}{3}$ administrators.
- ABmunis Board strives to bring diverse points of view to its committees by achieving a mix of:
 - Sizes of municipality
 - Regions of Alberta
 - Gender
 - Experience

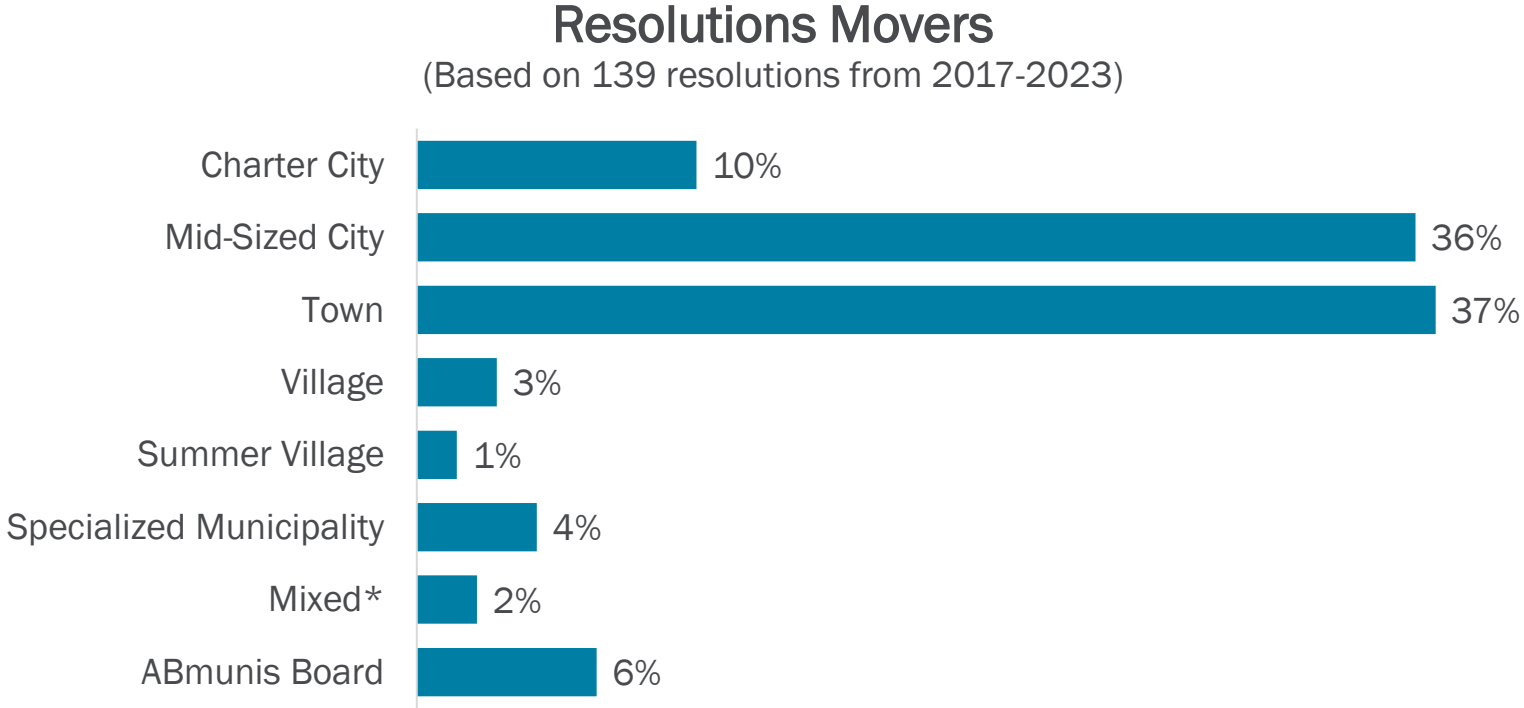
What you have told us

Perceptions of members

Some member cities have approached ABmunis with the perception that:

- Towns and villages have more voting members at Convention and that unfairly influences the voting outcomes on resolutions.
- Resolutions sponsored by cities tend to fail more often due to a lack of voter support from smaller municipalities.

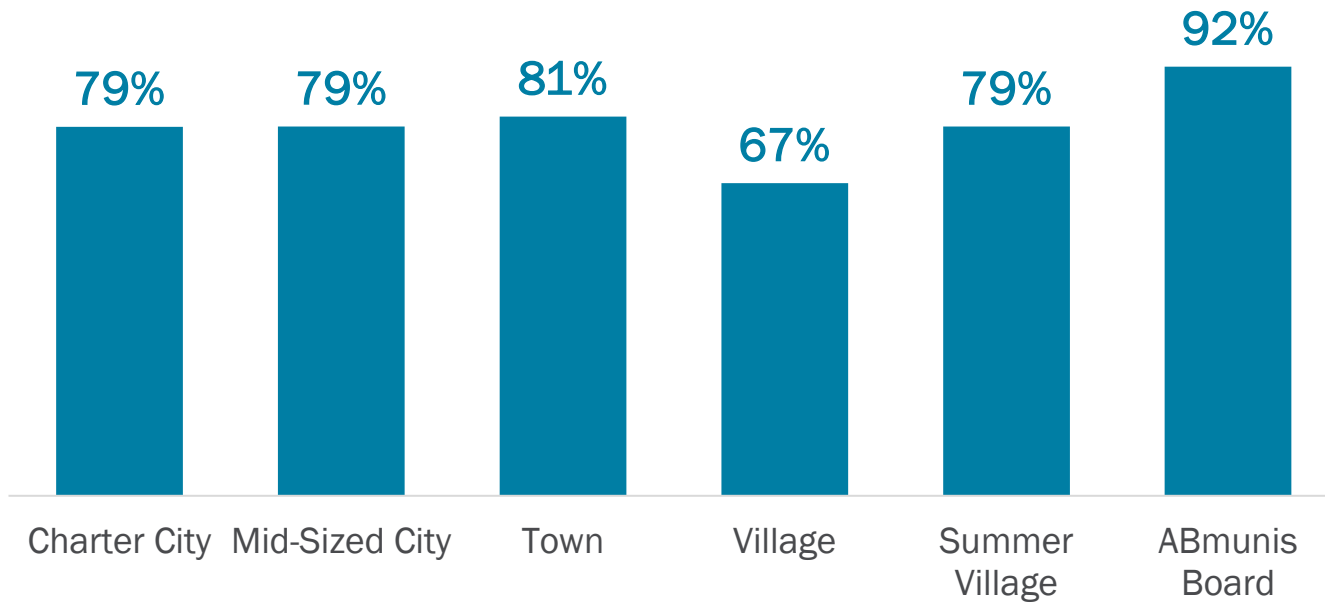
Most resolutions are sponsored by cities and towns



*'Mixed' represents when more than one municipality was the mover and consisted of two different municipality types. Prior to 2020, some municipalities co-sponsored resolutions. In 2020, ABmunis' Resolution Policy changed to designate one municipality as the mover and one or more municipalities as the seconder.

Average Vote Result Based on the Type of Mover

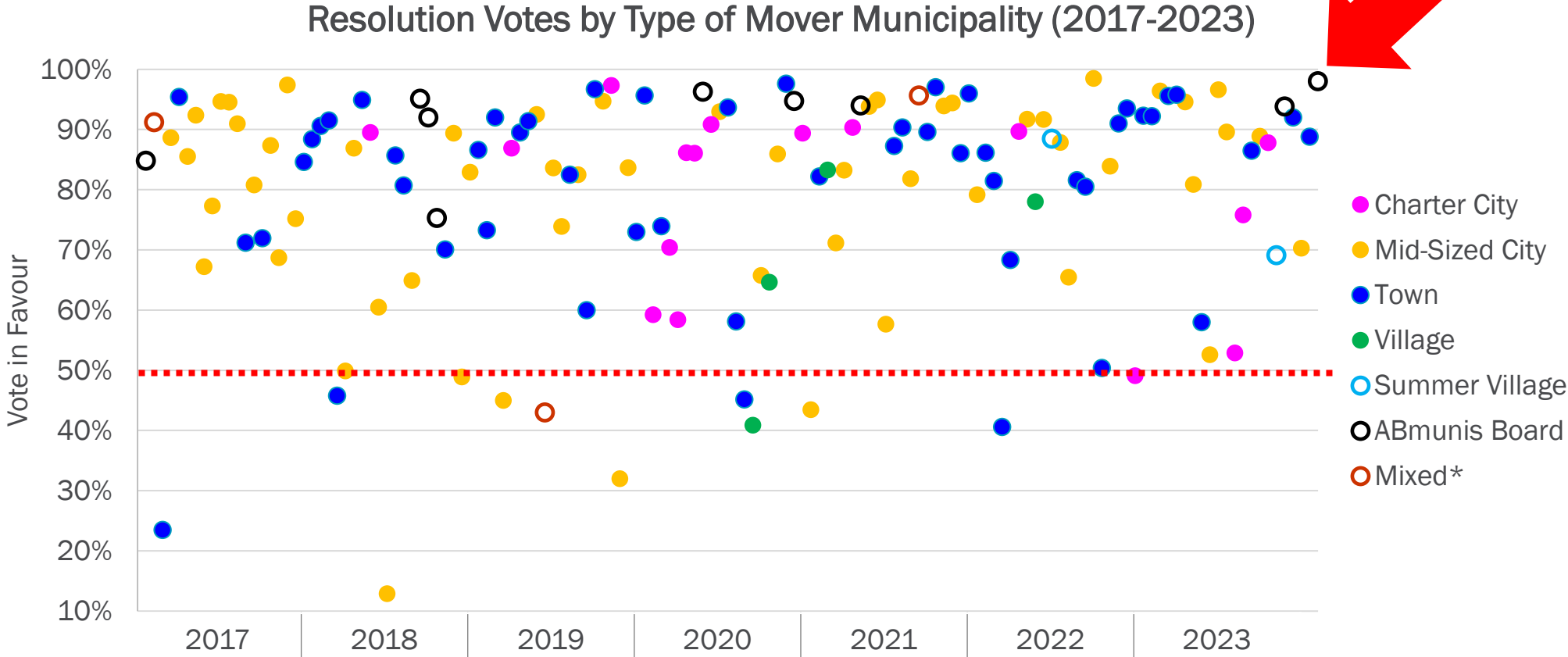
Average Result of Resolution Votes Based on the Type of Mover (2017-2023)
(Average Percentage in Favour)



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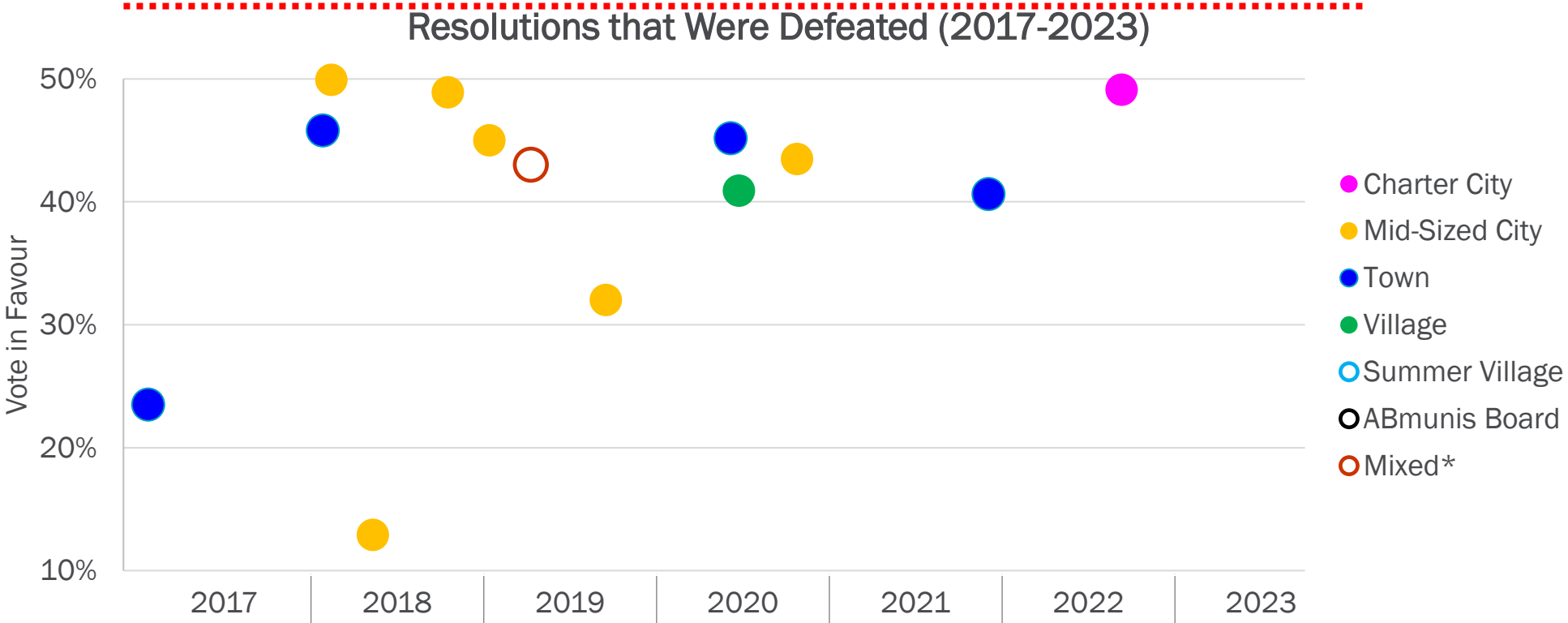


Vote Result of Each Resolution: Percentage in Favour



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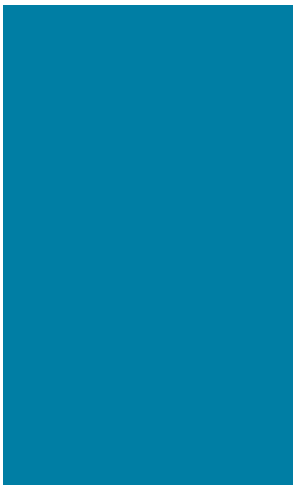
Voting Data Shows No Bias based on the Type of Resolution Sponsor



Notes: Resolutions moved by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo or Strathcona County are presented under “Mid-Sized City” and resolutions moved by any other specialized municipality are presented under “Town”. Figures represent a total of 142 votes on 139 resolutions. The number of votes exceeds the number of resolutions due to some resolutions being split into separate votes for each action clause. ‘Mixed’ represents when more than one municipality was the mover and consisted of two different municipality types.

Topics of Defeated Resolutions (2017-2023)

- Cannabis Act
- Electric vehicle charging
- Historic resource funding
- Gas fired appliances
- Procurement options
- Recycled content thresholds
- Human organ donation
- Sales tax
- Structural protection in wildfires
- Lights for tow trucks
- Online voting
- Indigenous awareness training
- Affordable housing



Change for 2024

Resolution Movers and Seconders

Section 10 of ABmunis' Resolutions Policy now requires that resolution mover(s) and seconder(s) must represent at least two of the following population categories:

- Less than 2,500
- 2,501 to 10,000
- Greater than 10,000

For 2024, a municipality's population is based on [Municipal Affairs' 2019 Official Population List](#).*

*Section 11 of ABmunis Resolutions Policy states that the population will be based on Municipal Affairs' listing as of two years prior to the resolution year; however, as of January 1, 2024, Municipal Affairs' most recently published population listing is for the 2019 year.



Tips When Considering a Resolution

1. Check the Resolutions Library to make sure your issue is not already addressed in an active resolution (within the last 3 years).
2. Review the Resolution Policy to ensure the topic meets the required criteria – in particular, see Section 33.
3. Contact ABmunis' advocacy staff as early as possible to inform us of your potential interest in submitting a resolution.
4. Start your search to find a seconder early in the process.
5. Use the tip sheet and template that are on our Resolutions page.

Email our Advocacy team at resolutions@abmunis.ca

Deadline for Submission

- Resolutions must be submitted to ABmunis by May 31.
- Need to have approval from both councils by the deadline.
- A resolution submitted after May 31 will only be accepted if it is deemed to be an emergent nature per the criteria in Section 19 of the Resolutions Policy and is approved by ABmunis' Board.



What happens after a resolution is submitted?

- ABmunis' Municipal Governance Committee and Board of Directors reviews and prioritizes each resolution.
- If concerns are raised, we contact the municipality.
- All resolutions are published in a resolutions book at least eight weeks prior to our Convention.
- Members are encouraged to review each resolution before Convention and contact the sponsoring municipality if they have questions.
- Members debate and vote on each resolution at ABmunis' annual Convention.
 - This year, Convention will be held September 25-27 in Red Deer.

What happens after a resolution is adopted?

1. The resolution is sent to the relevant ministry.
2. The ministry typically responds via a letter.
3. ABmunis' policy committee rates the government's response and makes recommendation to ABmunis' Board.
4. ABmunis' Board determines if further advocacy is required, and the type and scope of action.
5. If applicable, ABmunis implements an advocacy strategy and monitors and reports on outcomes.

Notable Advocacy Wins

2020 Resolutions (Expired)

- Implementation of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program
- Integration of Nurse Practitioners in the Alberta Healthcare System

2021 Resolutions (Active)

- Provincial Commitment to Transition to EPR for Household Hazardous Waste Program
- Independent Review of Alberta Health Services Emergency Dispatch



Notable Advocacy Wins

2022 Resolutions (Active)

- Removal of the 50% cap on the revenue index factor growth calculation for the Local Government Fiscal Framework
- Exemption of Stormwater Reuse for Licensing Requirements
- Municipal Identified Unique Housing Priorities

2023 Resolutions (Active)

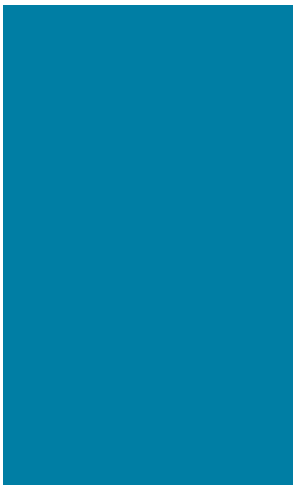
- Review of Vehicle Collision Reporting Thresholds
- Capital Budget Disclosures Negatively Impacting Procurement Processes
- Provincial Funding for Growing Municipalities



Status of Other Resolutions

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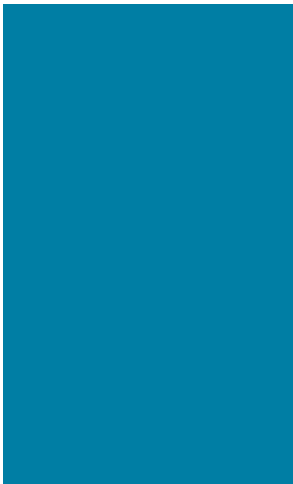
- 62 active resolutions (last three years)
- Best way to keep up-to-date on resolutions:
 - Search for a specific resolution in our online Resolutions Library
 - View the status of all resolutions by reading our new Report Cards
 - Read our weekly newsletter



Match-Making for 2024 Resolutions

Examples of some resolutions that municipalities are considering submitting for 2024:

- Requirement for professional librarians (City of Brooks)
- Equitable Water for Life funding (City of Airdrie)
- Declining Fire Department Services (Village of Mannville)
- Provincial Shelter Strategy (City of Red Deer)
- Provincial wildfire response (Canmore)
- Rent supplement qualifications (City of Airdrie)
- Casino funding (Town of Wainwright)
- Federal funding for natural gas busses (City of Red Deer)
- And others!



Match-Making for 2024 Resolutions

If you are planning to sponsor a resolution:

- Go to the sticky board and post your:
 - Resolution topic
 - Name of municipality
 - Contact name/email

If you are interested in being a seconder to one of the proposed resolutions:

- Post your municipality's name and contact name/email on the mover's sticky note, or
- Contact the municipality directly.





Questions?

Thank you!

Send questions to advocacy@abmunis.ca

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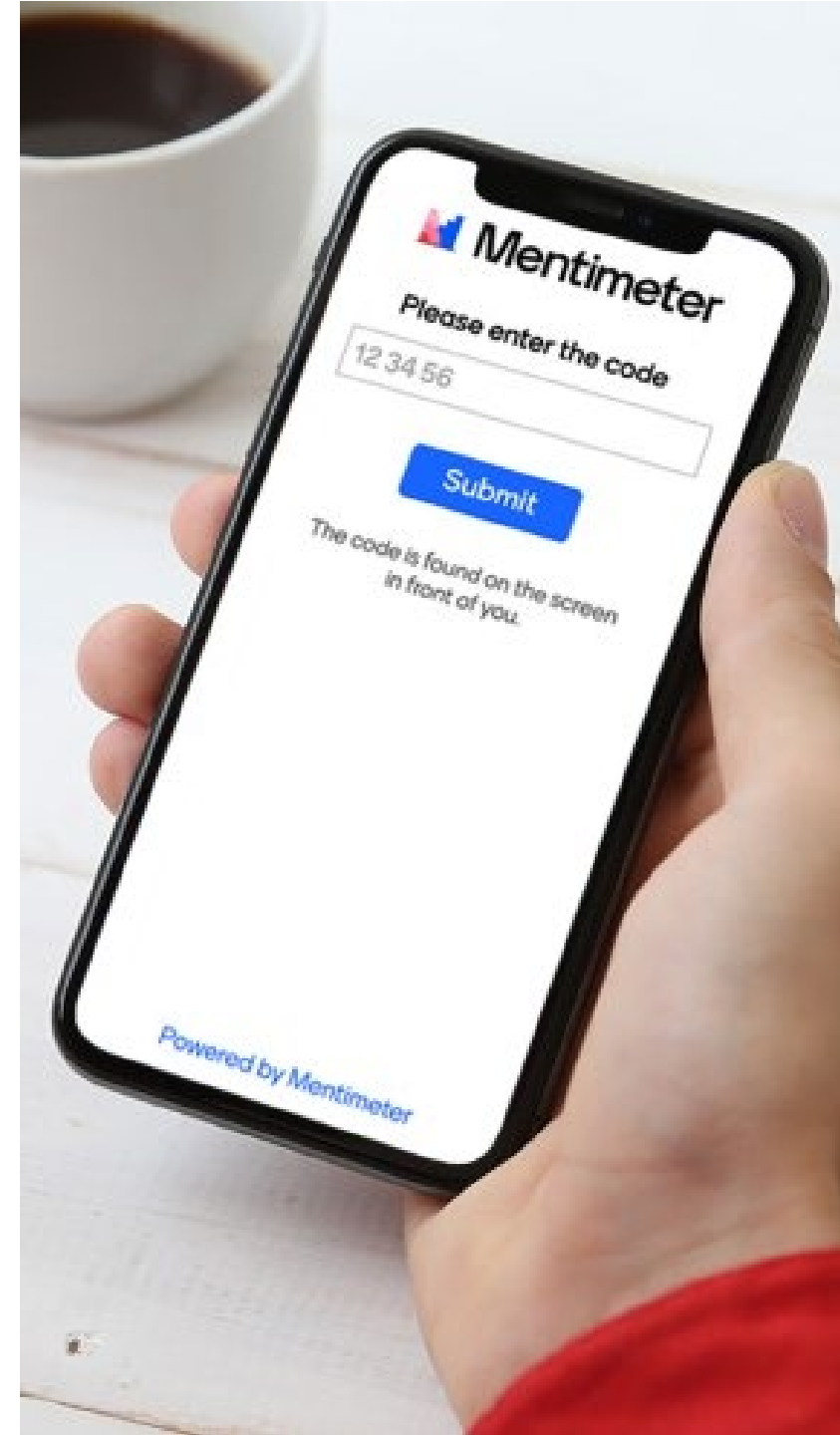
Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus

March 14, 2024



RFD Process

1. Sponsor of the RFD presents the issue
2. Members discuss
3. Members vote
 - Only elected officials from Regular Member municipalities can vote
 - An RFD is approved if 51% or more vote in favour
4. ABmunis Board determines next steps for adopted RFDs



RFD #1: Sponsored by the Municipality of Jasper

Child Care Capital Grant Program

THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Alberta Government to increase the capital grant amount per each new physical child care space that is created for licensed child care, and;

THAT the capital grant program be focused on supporting non-profit and municipally operated childcare facilities.



**If you are an elected official
of a Regular Member
municipality, please go to:**

www.menti.com

Enter code:

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RFD #2: Sponsored by the Town of Mayerthorpe

Regional Economic Development Alliance Funding

THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to abandon their plans to transition away from providing operational funding to Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDA) and instead provide an adequate, predictable, long-term funding agreement for Alberta's REDAs.



Status of Past RFDs

2023 RFDs	Status
Advocate for minimum safety standards for unlicensed private day homes. (<i>City of Calgary</i>)	In October 2023, the Minister responded to ABmunis' RFD and indicated that the department is monitoring Calgary's progress on using municipal bylaws to implement targeted safety standards for day homes.
Advocate for municipalities to be consulted about health care issues and advocate for funding to update airports to comply with new provincial standards. (<i>Town of Ponoka</i>)	ABmunis and RMA made a joint submission for the PwC review of air ambulance landing sites. ABmunis has a representative on the Alberta Emergency Medical Services Standing Committee that was launched in November 2023.
2022 RFDs	
Set a policy position on ABmunis' approach to the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) proposal for an Alberta Provincial Police Service. (<i>ABmunis Board</i>)	Poll found that 85% of Albertans wanted a referendum on the potential of a provincial police force. None of the 2023 mandate letters direct any ministers to create a provincial police force.

Schedule for tonight and tomorrow

Thursday, March 14

- 5:00 - 6:30 PM Networking session sponsored by RMRF in Westin ballroom foyer
- 6:30 PM Hospitality suite hosted by Alberta Counsel, Craft Beer Market, 10013-101A Avenue

Friday, March 15

- 8:00 to 9:00 AM Hot breakfast sponsored by Leaders International
- 9:00 AM Program begins

Mingle in the Municipality

Municipal Type	Breakout Room
Villages	Centennial (lobby level)
Towns	Ballroom
Cities up to 500,000	Devonian (lobby level)
Edmonton and Calgary	Chancellor
MDs and Counties	Your choice!

