

## Draft Agenda for Summer 2024 Municipal Leaders' Caucus

Wednesday, June 12	Town of Falher	Falher Regional Recreation Centre
Thursday, June 13	Town of Bonnyville	Centennial Centre
Friday, June 14	City of St. Albert	St. Albert Curling Club
Wednesday, June 26	Village of Stirling	Stirling Community Centre
Thursday, June 27	Town of Innisfail	Innisfail Golf Club

<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
<b>10:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome from the Mayor of the Host Municipality</b>
<b>10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome from MLA of the Host Constituency</b>
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>A Watery Icebreaker Activity</b>
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Municipal Water Conservation</b> Municipalities have the power to use water more effectively. In 2014, ABmunis adopted a water conservation policy asking municipalities to reduce their consumption by 30% by 2020 and we achieved that target! But lots of work remains. Our provincial average water consumption improved, but all municipalities can improve on water conservation through reduced demand and reduced infrastructure water loss. ABmunis is studying what new targets might look like, how best to measure progress, and how to support municipalities become better water managers.</p>
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Provincial Infrastructure Funding</b> You know how important provincial funding is to help build and maintain your local infrastructure. But do your residents, local media, and provincial MLAs truly understand the challenge your community faces if provincial funding for municipalities remains low? This session will involve an update on ABmunis' plans for new research to strengthen our advocacy for increased municipal infrastructure funding. Members are encouraged to come prepared to share one or two important infrastructure projects that are being delayed or cancelled because of your current funding challenges.</p>
<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Assessment Model Review</b> It has been almost 20 years since the Government of Alberta has updated the assessment models for regulated property such as oil and gas wells and pipelines, telecommunications, railway, electrical power, and machinery and equipment. In that time, there have been three different, smaller-scale reviews, with the last one ending in 2020 when the Government of Alberta backed away from its plans and implemented several <a href="#">short-term tax incentives</a> for oil and gas wells. This session will inform members about Municipal Affairs' current plan to review and update the assessment models for regulated property, which could have substantial impacts for some municipalities in four to five years.</p>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<p><b>1:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Local Election and Municipal Governance Changes</b>  The province’s spring legislative session led to many surprising and highly concerning changes to legislation that will have significant impacts on municipal elections and municipal government operations. We will provide an overview of the changes and what they mean for municipal leaders. Members are encouraged to use this session to share what they’ve heard from MLAs and residents regarding changes to the <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i> and <i>Municipal Government Act</i> and highlight potential risks and consequences that ABmunis should be aware of. For example, we want to hear your thoughts on our advocacy approach and efforts as well as how changes to conflict of interest provisions and the increased ability for provincial oversight and interference may make you feel intimidated or impact the function of council.</p>
<p><b>1:45 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>ABmunis Advocacy and Your Municipality</b>  This session will explore how the provincial government makes decisions and how you can inform and influence those decisions. How is your relationship with your MLA? What is your approach to engagement? Share your approach and hear from others as to what is and isn’t working in terms of engagement. ABmunis will also highlight our advocacy, how we approach priority issues, and how you can help amplify our message.</p>
<p><b>2:20 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>President’s Report</b>  Brief update on other initiatives ABmunis is undertaking on your behalf.</p>
<p><b>2:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Host Municipality Session</b></p>
<p><b>2:55 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>