



NEWS RELEASE

ABmunis congratulates Speaker McIver & Municipal Affairs Minister Schow

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EDMONTON – *The following statement was issued by the Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) Board of Directors:*

We congratulate Ric McIver on his election, earlier today, to the position of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. We acknowledge his long and dedicated service to his constituents and all Albertans, including his most recent two-year term as Minister of Municipal Affairs.

While our association did not always see eye-to-eye with then-Minister McIver, we appreciated his willingness to listen and consider the needs of the 264 member communities for which we advocate. Whenever ABmunis was invited by Municipal Affairs to collaborate or contribute to the provincial government's development of legislation and regulations, we knew our collective voice would be heard.

We wish Speaker McIver continued success in his new role.

We also extend our congratulations to Joseph Schow, the newly appointed interim Minister of Municipal Affairs. We encourage him to draw on the expertise, knowledge and enthusiasm of ABmunis to help shape provincial legislation and regulations pertaining to Alberta's municipalities and community-builders in the coming weeks and months. We fervently wish to maintain the good relations we established with Minister Schow's predecessor over the last two years. Together, we can help build more resilient, thriving communities.

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We work with elected and administrative leaders of Alberta's summer villages, villages, town, cities, and specialized municipalities to advocate for solutions to their common issues. And we help them build resilient and thriving communities by providing valuable services. We use our members' combined purchasing power to negotiate the best possible value and competitive pricing on employee benefits, insurance, energy, and other services needed to run an effective and efficient municipality.