

Agenda for Spring 2025 Municipal Leaders Caucus

Wednesday, June 25 – Virtual via Zoom

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

10:00 a.m. Opening Remarks and Update from the President

President Gandam will provide an update on the work ABmunis is doing on your behalf – from advocacy for increased Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding to grants available for local energy efficiency projects.

10:20 a.m. Have Your Say: Current Provincial Engagement Opportunities

Just when you thought June couldn't get any busier, another invitation from the Government of Alberta showed up in your inbox. This session will provide an overview of provincial engagement sessions that are currently open, as well as ABmunis' approach to collecting feedback from members and advocating on your behalf on priority issues related to water, fires services, and school sites.

10:30 a.m. Renewing the Police Funding Model

One of the many engagements happening this summer relates to police funding. The province is engaging municipalities on renewing the police funding model that applies to municipalities with populations under 5,000. We know police funding is a major concern for our members so we want to hear your thoughts on what a fair and equitable police funding model would look like.

11:10 a.m. Changes to the Municipal Government and Local Authorities Election Acts

With the legislature's recent passing of Bill 50, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, we anticipate that Municipal Affairs will begin consultations this spring or summer to develop new regulations under the MGA. To help everyone prepare for those engagements, we will use this session to discuss:

- When your CAO has made a managerial decision, in what circumstances would you expect your CAO to report that decision to council within 72 hours?
- What rules from your council meetings do you think should be included in a provincial standard on meeting procedures?
- If the province were to create a municipal ethics commissioner, what responsibilities and authority should they have?

We won't have time to discuss all the changes proposed in Bill 50, so before you attend Summer MLC, please take time to read our [analysis report](#) or watch our April 24 [webinar on Bill 50](#). You may also find value in reading our [analysis of Bill 54](#), the Elections Statutes Amendment Act, 2025.

This session will also touch on the current recall rules affecting municipal officials. ABmunis will share our proposed improvements for these rules and explore how potential changes to recall petition requirements could impact the municipal landscape.

11:45 a.m. Speaking to Albertans about Property Taxes and the Future of Our Communities

The Government of Alberta is increasing its reliance on property taxes, funding has not kept pace with Alberta's growth or inflation, and councils are feeling the pinch at budget and tax time. But do Albertans truly understand what is happening and how it is going to impact their wallet and day-to-day life? We will be sharing some of our early research on municipal finances and how we plan to use the information to create conversations among Albertans.

11:55 a.m. Closing Remarks and Upcoming Events