

Agenda for Spring 2025 Municipal Leaders Caucus

Thursday, June 26 – Devon

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10:00 a.m. **Opening remarks**

10:05 a.m. **Welcome from the Mayor of the Host Municipality**

10:10 a.m. **Welcome the MLA of the Host Constituency**

10:15 a.m. **Icebreaker Activity**

10:30 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.

11:30 a.m. **President's Report**

11:50 a.m. **Water Act Micro-session**

Help shape ABmunis' feedback to the province on proposed amendments to the *Water Act*. The session will focus on gathering member input on key areas under review, including enhanced water use information and transparency, enabling lower-risk inter-basin transfers, improving licensing and license transfers, and expanding the use of alternative water sources. Your insights will help inform our advocacy on these important water management changes.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Police Governance and Funding**

In this session, we will delve into two critical topics in policing: funding and governance. The province is engaging municipalities on renewing the police funding model that applies to municipalities with populations under 5,000, so we want to hear your thoughts on what a fair and equitable police funding model would look like. Also, recent amendments to the Police Act require the establishment of new, mandatory civilian governance bodies. We'd like to take this opportunity to check in with municipalities on their progress so far, as well as any supports they may need to successfully implement these changes.

2:00 p.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.

2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. **Recall of Municipal Elected Officials**

The recall of municipal elected officials is a complex and evolving issue. With Municipal Affairs' upcoming engagement on recall and recent amendments to the Recall Act for provincial elected officials through Bill 54, this session offers a timely refresher on the current recall rules affecting municipal officials. ABmunis will share our proposed improvements for recall rules under the MGA and explore how potential changes to recall petition requirements could impact the municipal landscape so that you are informed when the province begins engaging.

3:10 p.m. **Municipal Election Resources**

Join ABmunis for an engaging session focused on municipal elections! We'll share the latest resources, webinars, and tools we've been developing over the past six months to support municipalities as they prepare for the upcoming election. Whether you're looking for practical guidance or fresh materials, this session will highlight what's new and how you can make the most of ABmunis' offerings.

3:25 p.m. **Closing Remarks**