

Agenda for 2025 Municipal Leaders Caucus

September 19 – Peace River

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

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

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

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

10:30 a.m. **Provincial Budget Priorities and Advocacy Campaigns**

Following a busy summer of engagements, ABmunis is finalizing our pre-budget submission for the Government of Alberta. This session will provide an overview of our priorities in the lead up to the release of the 2026-27 provincial budget. We will also give you the chance to share your thoughts on our upcoming campaigns on reimagining property taxes and strengthening Family and Community Support Services programs and funding.

11:30 a.m. **Tools to Support Intermunicipal Collaboration**

With the passing of Bill 50, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, in May 2025, there are now new rules for intermunicipal collaboration framework (ICF) agreements. Over the summer, ABmunis, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and Alberta Municipal Affairs have brainstormed what tools would help municipalities to understand the new legislative rules and work collaboratively with their neighbours. ABmunis will share our ideas to-date and seek your suggestions on what supports you need.

11:45 a.m. **Water Consultation Micro-Session**

This session will recap the Province of Alberta's recent Water Availability Engagements, including what we know so far and the next steps as we await the government's summary of feedback. We will also provide an overview of ABmunis' new Getting Started Guide—tools designed to help municipal administrators and councillors advance local water conservation and achieve the goals of our 2024 Water Conservation, Efficiency, and Productivity strategy.

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

1:00 p.m. **Provincial Engagement Update**

Join us for an informative and interactive session highlighting the provincial engagement events that took place over Summer 2025. This session will provide updates and share submissions related to key municipal topics discussed during these engagements, including:

- Police funding model
- Level of fire service
- Planning for school sites
- The Municipal Government Act (MGA)
- The Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)
- Levy on data centres
- The Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTEP)

In addition to presenting our submissions and insights, we invite attendees to share their own experiences with these engagement topics. Your feedback on the provincial engagement process, as well as ABmunis' engagement processes, will help shape our future advocacy and collaboration efforts.

2:00 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. President's Report

In this session, the President of ABmunis will share updates on key initiatives and organizational activities not covered in previous presentations. Attendees will hear the latest news from our advocacy team, the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC), and our business services. The President will also highlight upcoming events and provide insights into preparations for this year's municipal election.

2:30 p.m. Community Roundtable

This roundtable session offers municipal councillors and chief administrative officers a dedicated space to discuss the issues that are top of mind as we approach the next municipal election. Participants are encouraged to raise pressing concerns, collaborate on solutions, and share stories of both successes and challenges from their communities. Whether you're navigating complex policy decisions or celebrating local wins, this roundtable is a chance to connect, listen, and learn from one another in a supportive and open environment.

2:55 p.m. Closing Remarks