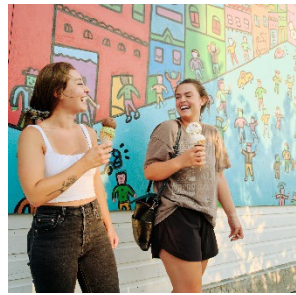


President's Summit on the Future of Municipal Government

Welcome!

March 29, 2023



Land acknowledgement

Alberta Municipalities respectfully acknowledges that we live, work, and play on the traditional and ancestral territories of many Indigenous, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We acknowledge that what we call Alberta is the traditional and ancestral territory of many peoples, presently subject to Treaties 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 and Six Regions of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

We acknowledge the courageous and resilient community leadership of Indigenous leaders, of all ages, Knowledge Keepers, and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We make this acknowledgement as an act of reconciliation, gratitude, and commitment to pursuing an inclusive, collaborative, and respectful path towards building strong communities.



Why consider the future ?

Economic, social, cultural, and environmental shifts amid uncertainty impacting communities and all levels of government

Strained political culture

Concerns over the administrative and fiscal viability of municipalities

Requests by members



Principles

Partnership with The School of Public Policy (SPP) guided by:

Academic Independence:

The research of the SPP is independent and fact-based.

Transparency:

ABmunis, the SPP, and project partners will proactively share the project process and findings.

Engagement:

Municipalities and other stakeholders, as appropriate, will be given opportunities to provide input on the project and discuss the policy implications of its findings.

Respect:

The project will create the space for civil dialogue on challenging issues impacting the future of municipal governance.



Collaboration collaborators

Shaping the questions and engagement:

- Research Engagement Committee
- Small Communities Committee
- Municipal Governance Committee

Providing information and data:

- Municipal Affairs

Advancing conversations on collaboration:

- RMA report, *Municipal Structures: An Alternative Dialogue for Municipalities in Alberta*



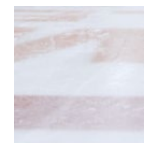
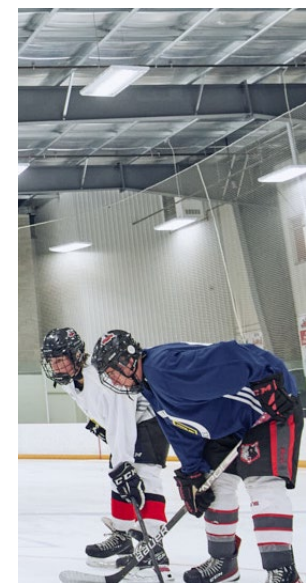
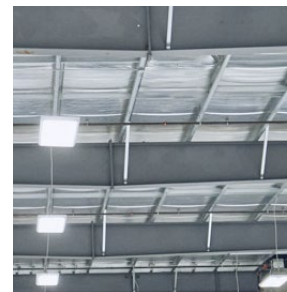
What we've learned so far

- One size does not fit all.
- In general, top-down forced amalgamation has not resulted in the anticipated cost savings.
- Intermunicipal collaboration can provide efficiency and cost savings.
- Low birth rates increase the importance of immigration.
- Attract and retain residents through economic development and welcoming and inclusive communities.
- Collaboration is needed to improve services and reduce costs.



**Collaboration isn't
easy**

It is necessary



Summit outcomes

- Tips municipalities can implement to enhance collaboration efforts.
- Opportunities to improve the policy and legislative framework for collaboration.
- Resources, such as guides and funding, to bolster capacity for effective collaboration.
- Outstanding questions or issues that require further consideration.



Next Steps

- Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Considerations for Municipal Governance
- Lonely at the top? An examination of the changing dynamics for chief administrative officers in Alberta municipalities
- Local Citizen Engagement and Municipal Governance
- The Viability Review process

