



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Alberta Municipalities responds to provincial government's amendments to MGA**

**EDMONTON** – *The following statement is issued on behalf of President Cathy Heron:*

Earlier today, Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver outlined the Government of Alberta's proposed amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

We are concerned that the Government of Alberta is setting a troubling precedent by amending the MGA – Alberta's principal piece of legislation governing municipalities – without prior consultation.

Alberta Municipalities appreciates that the provincial government kept the scope of these legislative amendments very narrow, but we continue to believe that the best public health decisions are those based on science and data, rather than on political differences and calculations.

We will follow debate on Bill 4 in the legislature with great interest.

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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, which we categorize as economic, environment, governance, infrastructure, or social.*

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