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Why did we start this project?



A mix of factors:

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

Strained political culture

Concerns over the administrative and fiscal viability of municipalities

Requests by members





Choosing our own smorgasbord

Alberta Municipalities Vision:

We are a change agent that enables municipalities to be a fully engaged order of government with the capacity to build thriving communities.

Purpose of the Future of Municipal Government Project

Explore and assess options for government structures that will enable municipalities to build thriving communities into the future.



What's on the menu?

Dialogue informed by research

- Governance trends in Canadian local government
- Population growth and population aging in Alberta's municipalities
- Financing municipal infrastructure
- Local citizen engagement and municipal governance
- Climate change and environment considerations for municipal governance and regionalization
- Municipal structures: concepts, indicators and future governance models
- New approaches to revenue and cost-sharing
- A new relationship between the province and municipalities



How do I get involved?





2023 party plan

Member-developed recommendations



Recommendations report

Summit



The guest list

- Guests of honour: Municipalities Elected officials and administration
- Other invitees:
 - Municipal Associations Provincial and National
 - Province Government, Opposition and Administration
 - Municipally related organizations e.g. BILD,
 Chambers of Commerce







Cooking up solutions



Success equals:

- Municipalities endorse recommendations report
- Province and Feds make recommended funding, policy and legislative changes
- Individuals and municipalities implement learnings from the research and each other





Organizing Canadian local government

Dr. Zachary Spider

- Models of Municipal Organization
- Comparison and analysis
- Save the date: Thursday, May 26 from 2:30 to 4:00p.m.
- Paper and webinar registration coming soon







Population trends

- The factors that drive the numbers.
 - Broadband
 - Healthcare
 - Education (side note: Do you have a JUPA?)
 - Recreation





Funding municipal Infrastructure

Hot summer reading!

- Do you like charts?
- Do you like graphs?
- Do you like formulas?
- MUST READ ECONOMICS PAPER OF THE SUMMER









Principles, indicators and models

Sandeep Agrawal, Professor and Director

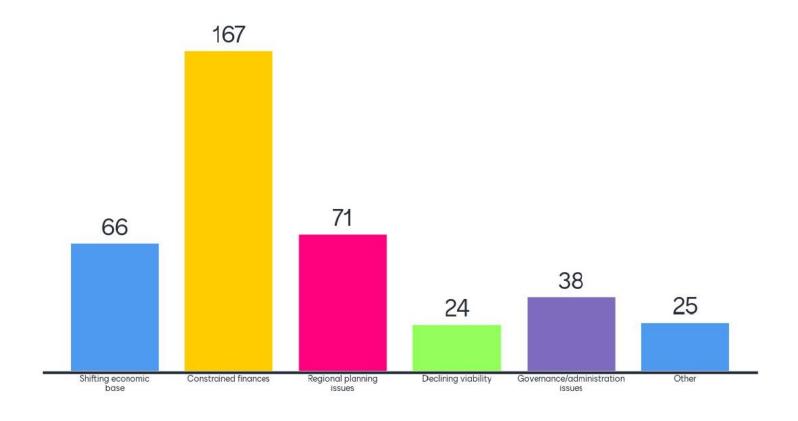
Research findings so far:

- Principles should guide any restructuring efforts to improve the viability and legitimacy of local government units
- Measurable indicators could be a key to guide discussions about restructuring
- There is no 'silver bullet' each governance model has both pros and cons
- A one-size-fits-all approach is not desirable for Alberta



What is the biggest challenge your municipality is currently facing? Feel free to check more than one

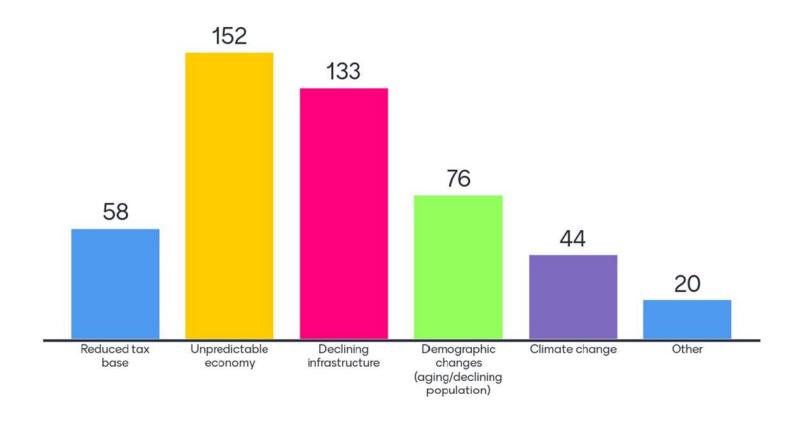






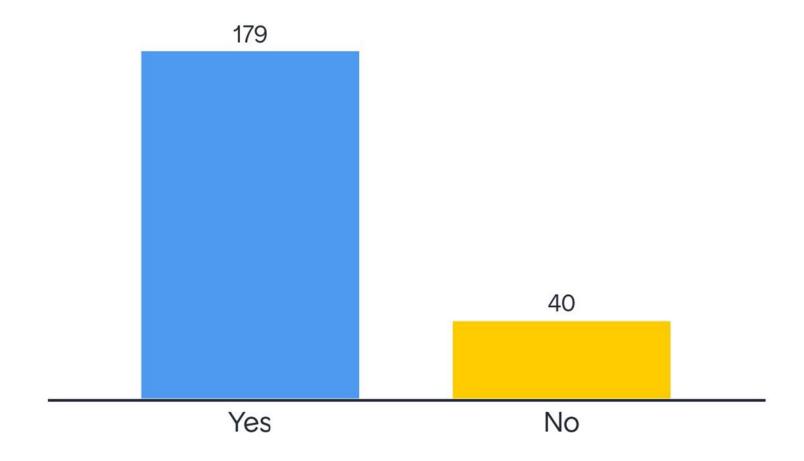
What do you see are the future challenges facing your municipality? Feel free to check more than one





Do you think your current local government structure can address current and future challenges effectively?

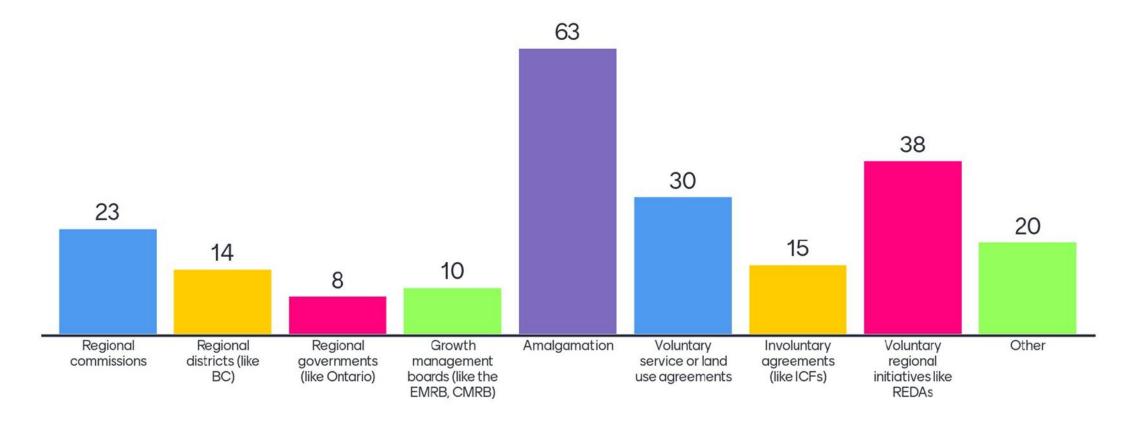






Which governance models pique your interest as potentially being effective in your context?

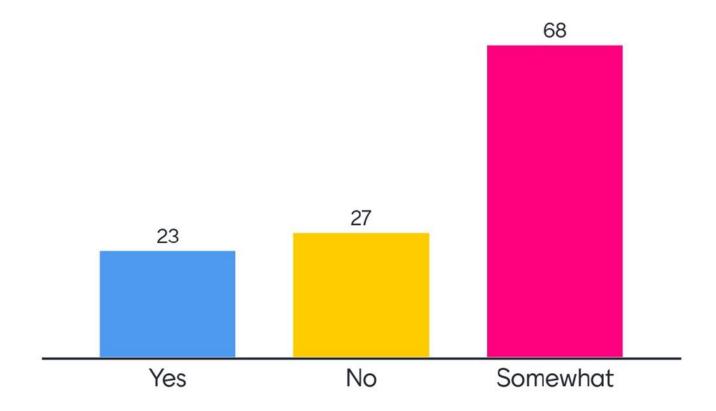








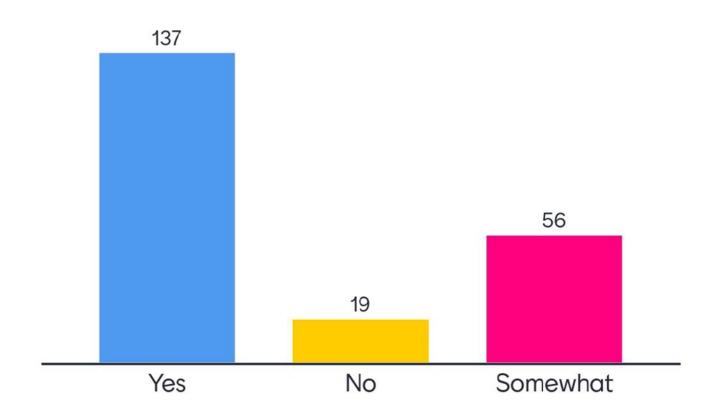








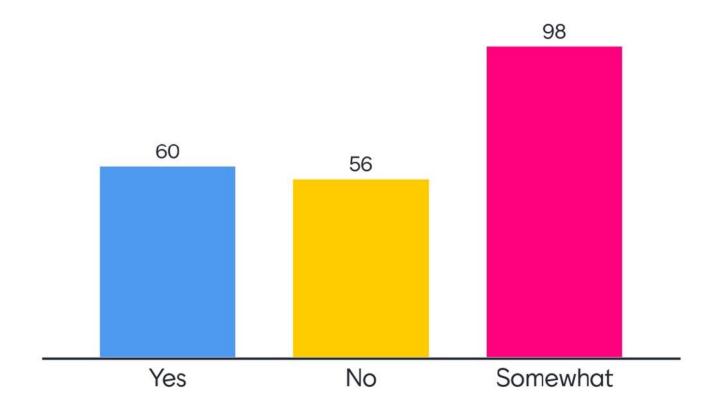














Environmental considerations

Mary-Ellen Tyler PhD, CSLA













Lonely at the top?

Examining changing dynamics for CAOs in Alberta's municipalities

- What do retirement trends, population shifts and changing attitudes towards work mean for the administrative capacity within Alberta's municipalities?
- What strategies can small communities use to attract and retain qualified CAOs?
- Trends have emerged in the past five years in the attraction, retention and departure of Alberta's municipal chief administrative officers — and how do trends in Alberta compare to trends in the rest of Canada?
- What strategies should be considered to support the future viability of municipal administration in Alberta?



Discussion

Your thoughts on the Future of Municipal Government project:

- What intrigues you about the project?
- What concerns do you have about the project?
- Are you willing to participate?



Upcoming opportunities to eat and drink

FOMG Webinar Thursday, May 26 from 2:30

to 4:00

Spring Municipal Leaders Mid-June - Details coming

Caucus

2022 Annual Convention September 21-23 in Calgary



ABmunis/RMA capacity building resources

Elected Officials Education Program - EOEP.CA

Municipal Climate Change Action Centre – MCCAC.CA

Asset Management – abmunis.ca – Advocacy Services - Programs and Initiatives



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