


# Preparing for the Unknown

## The Future of Municipal Government

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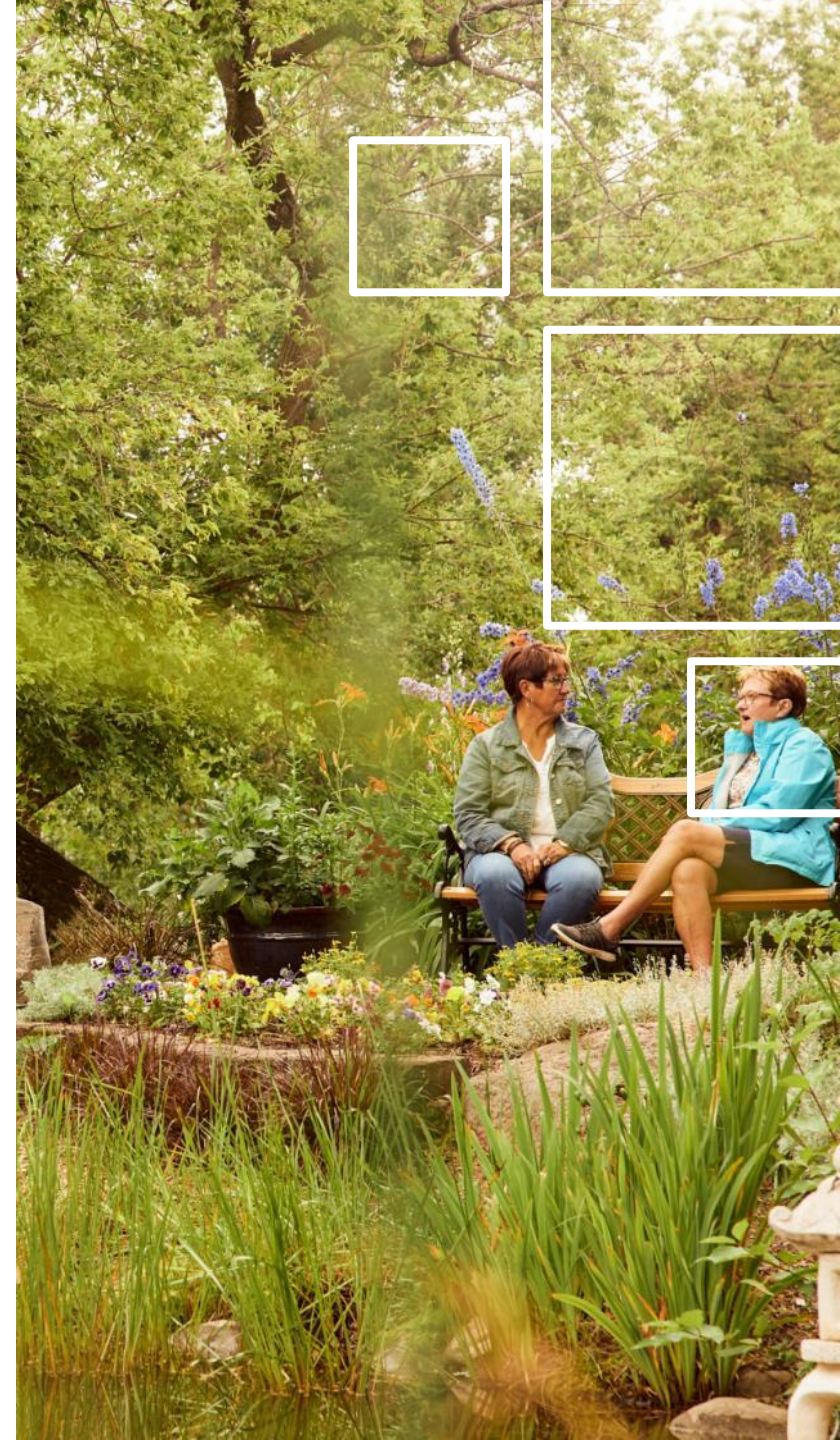


# Alberta Municipalities

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From the smallest village to the largest city,  
we harness the power of our members.

We represent Alberta's municipalities where  
+85% of Albertans live.





# The Future of Municipal Government

Partnership with University of Calgary's School of Public Policy and ABmunis

Independent, rigorous, academic research into financial, political, social, cultural, and environmental pressures facing municipalities



# Why consider the future ?

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

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Strained political culture

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Concerns over the administrative and fiscal viability of municipalities

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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.

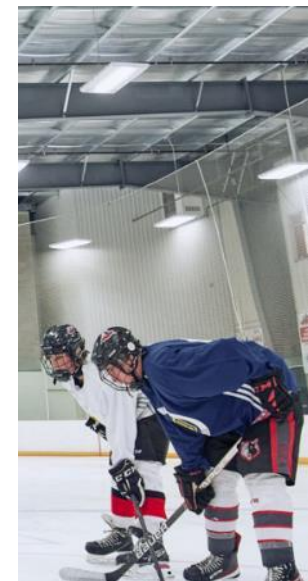
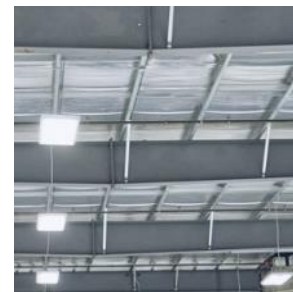
## Respect:

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





# Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation for Municipalities

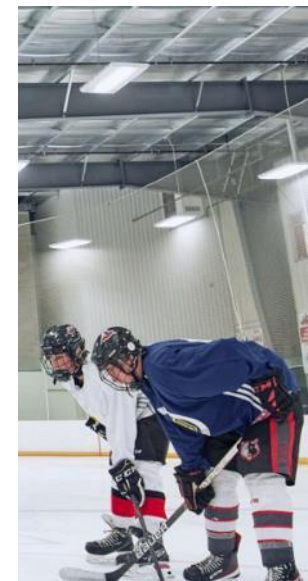
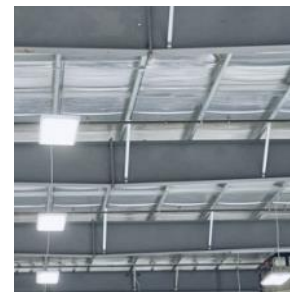


# Impact of Extreme Weather Events on Municipalities

Three major risks identified:

1. Infrastructure performance and lifespan
2. Water scarcity (quality and quantity)
3. Governance capacity to adequately plan and prepare

# Climate Adaptation Strategies





# Intermunicipal Collaborative Frameworks

## MGA Section 708.27: Purpose

The purpose of this Part is to provide for intermunicipal collaboration frameworks among 2 or more municipalities:

1. to provide for the **integrated and strategic planning**, delivery and funding of intermunicipal services,
2. to **steward scarce resources efficiently** in providing local services, and
3. to ensure municipalities **contribute funding** to services that **benefit** their residents.



# Long-term Planning and:

- Emergency Planning
- Natural Asset Management
- New, innovate infrastructure

# Engagement & Consultation

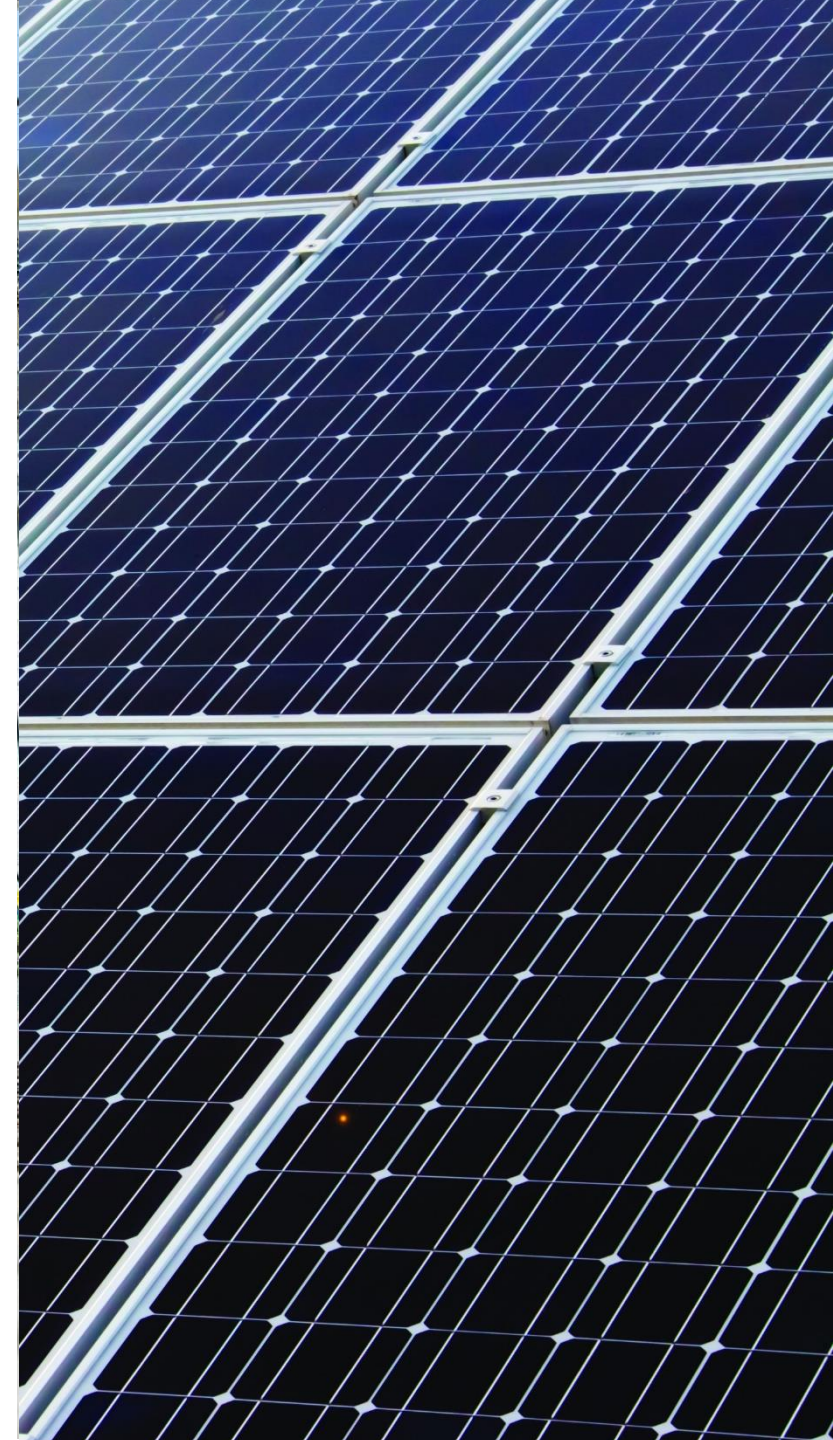
- Residents
- Council
- Province





# Collaborative Land Use Planning

- Recognize the importance of agricultural land.
- Recognize the importance of renewable energy projects.
- Recognize that one size fits all solutions don't work. Local context matters!



**Collaboration isn't  
easy**

*It is necessary*



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