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Deputy City Manager's Office Briefing to  
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee  
2022 May 19

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## Alberta Municipalities Update – May 2022

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### PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

To update the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on The City's provincial advocacy and related work with Alberta Municipalities (formerly Alberta Urban Municipalities Association).

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### Summary of April Alberta Municipalities Board and Committee Activity

Councillor Demong and Councillor Wyness attended the April 28 Alberta Municipalities Board meeting; Councillor Demong chaired the April 22 Alberta Municipalities Environment and Sustainability committee meeting; Councillor Wyness attended as Vice-Chair the May 6 Alberta Municipalities Infrastructure committee; and a Member of City Administration observed the April 8 Alberta Municipalities Municipal Governance committee. Issues discussed at these meetings included: the Government of Alberta's proposed Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS); the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) allocation formula for communities under 500,000; Alberta Municipalities' Future of Municipal Government project; Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR); and Planning for the Fall 2022 Alberta Municipalities Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention, which will be hosted in Calgary from 2022 September 21 to 24.

### Coming Events

#### Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Virtual Town Halls

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) is hosting a series of EPR virtual town hall meetings to inform and engage stakeholders about the development of EPR programs for the Hazardous and Special Product (HSP) and Packaging and Paper Products and Single-Use Plastics (PPP/SUP). All virtual town hall meetings run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Go [here](#) to register.

#### Dates & Topics

- 2022 April 29 – EPR Regulatory Design and Framework
- 2022 May 20 – EPR Oversight
- 2022 June 10 – Paper Products and Packaging (PPP)/Single Use Products Designation
- 2022 June 30 – Municipal Contracts and Infrastructure Assets
- 2022 July 22 – Collection and Competition (PPP and HSP)
- 2022 August 12 – EPR Transition Plan
- 2022 September 2 – EPR Implementation Plan

### Alberta Municipalities Awards

Nominations will open next month for Alberta Municipalities' Awards and Council members and City Administration are encouraged to think about what individuals, teams, projects or programs may deserve recognition. Monitor [www.abmunis.ca/alberta-municipalities-awards](http://www.abmunis.ca/alberta-municipalities-awards) for details.

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## **Alberta Municipalities' Executive Committee Annual Meeting with Calgary's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (IGA) 2022 May 19**

The Alberta Municipalities Executive Committee, including President Mayor Cathy Heron of the City of St. Albert, will be attending City of Calgary's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on 2022 May 19. All councillors are encouraged to attend this committee meeting to show support and discuss topics of mutual interest between Alberta Municipalities and The City of Calgary.

## **Alberta Municipalities' Summer Municipal Leaders Caucus (SMLC)**

Alberta Municipalities' summer Municipal Leaders' Caucuses are being held across the province between 2022 June 15 and June 22. The summer Caucuses focus on smaller, more engaging conversations between Alberta Municipalities' leadership and local Alberta communities and regions. Full agendas will be available by mid-May and will be based on top-of-mind issues.

Each session will run from approximately 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Exact locations within the host municipalities to be confirmed – Dates and Locations:

- June 15 - High Prairie
- June 16 - Strathcona County (will also be available virtually)
- June 21 - Medicine Hat
- June 22 - Didsbury

## **EPR 101 for Elected Officials Webinar – 2022 May 18 from 12 to 1 PM**

Alberta Municipalities and Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA) are hosting an EPR 101 explaining the concept to municipal elected officials. The session is designed for busy elected officials who want to develop their EPR knowledge, ask questions, and learn how EPR programs will change how local governments provide recycling and waste management. The provincial government plans to introduce EPR regulations in June 2022. The webinar will cover:

- Alberta Municipalities' EPR advocacy to date
- What is EPR?
- History of EPR
- EPR programs in Canada
- What does Alberta have? How do Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) and Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) fit?
- What are hazardous and special products, packaging and paper products, and single-use plastics?

Alberta Municipalities has advocated for EPR since local governments endorsed a resolution calling for the provincial government to establish an EPR framework and expand existing recycling programs in 2019. Between 2019 to 2021, Alberta Municipalities worked with our partners, including RCA, to examine the benefit of an EPR packaging and paper program and lobbied the Members of the Legislative Assembly on the benefits of EPR. Go here to [Register](#).

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## **Prompt Payment Webinar May 18 & May 31**

The Prompt Payment and Construction Lien Act regulations come into force in August 2022. These regulations intend to reduce the number of liens filed annually in Alberta. These changes will have significant impacts to municipalities' accounts payable and contract management processes. To better inform members about the changes to contract templates and accounts payable processes, Alberta Municipalities is planning on hosting two webinars on May 18th and May 31 at 1pm. Representatives from Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP will provide an overview of the act and regulations, and the impacts to municipalities. Monitor [www.abmunis.ca](http://www.abmunis.ca) and the Alberta Municipalities weekly newsletter for the registration details.