

## MUNICIPALITIES

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## Support for Alberta's Municipalities

Alberta's cities and towns are key to the province's economic growth. To continue to build Alberta's success, government needs to make sure our municipalities are able to respond to the challenges of growth and renewal.

Recognizing that each community is unique, the Alberta Liberals would work in partnership with municipalities to determine and support local solutions to local needs.

### Infrastructure

To assist municipalities with infrastructure renewal, we would establish an Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Council to focus and drive the commitment to eliminate municipal infrastructure debt, and collaborate with municipal governments to guide and implement the federal government's involvement in municipal infrastructure funding.

To further support municipalities, we would:

- Provide leadership and the financial framework to encourage municipalities to work effectively together on a regional basis, to solve common problems in an equitable manner,
- Expand the range of tax tools available to municipalities,
- Reduce the provincial education property tax to \$1.1 billion to provide municipalities with approximately \$300 to \$400 million in new tax room,
- Involve municipalities in redesigning the Municipal Government Act to facilitate full participation in the provincial budgeting process and ensure stable and equitable funding, and
- Through negotiation between the province and municipalities, develop a three-year rolling grant funding framework, to allow municipalities to better plan their infrastructure and other financing needs.

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## **Affordable Housing**

The Alberta Liberals strongly believe everybody needs a home. To help municipalities resolve the affordable housing crisis, we would provide both funding support and additional legislative flexibility (see our Affordable Housing policy).

## **Urban Planning**

Encourage and support urban design and public transit strategies that minimize environmental impacts, such as light rail transit.

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