

Backgrounder: **Legislature on the Road**

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There are no legal impediments to convening the Legislative Assembly in towns and cities other than Edmonton for two weeks a year.

Section 9 of the Alberta Act states:

“Unless and until the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the said province [Alberta] otherwise directs, by proclamation under the Great Seal, the seat of government of the said province shall be Edmonton.”

If “the seat of government” is interpreted to mean “where the assembly meets,” then it remains in Edmonton “unless and until” you obtain a proclamation under the Great Seal by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. We believe the Lieutenant Governor will see merit in this proposal and oblige the government with this proclamation.

This provision was included in the Alberta Act most likely so that the seat of government may be moved in case of a natural disaster or emergency. However, under the Alberta Liberal plan, something designed to deal with a risk will in fact become an opportunity to give every Albertan a chance to see their democratically elected representatives in action.

It's time.
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