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# Partners for Life:

Municipalities and Shared Governance of Water

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## Outline

- Webinar How To
- Water Primer and Discussion Paper Overview
- Presentations:
  - Gord Edwards
  - Mark Bennett
- Discussion

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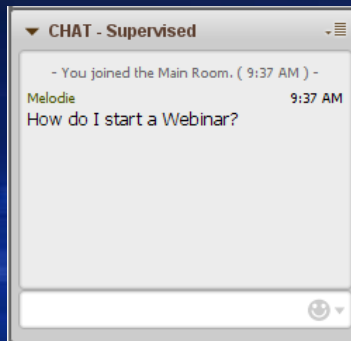
## Webinars



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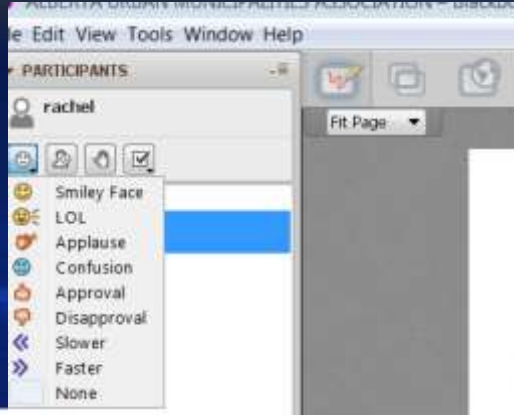
## Chat



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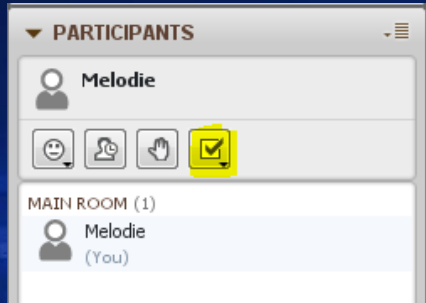
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## Raise a hand and Vote!



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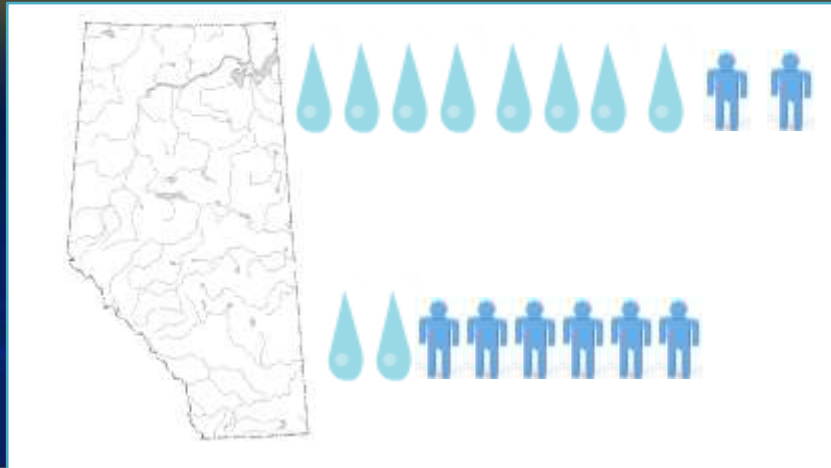
## Why a Water Primer and Discussion Paper?



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## Water In Context



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## Governance

### Government of Canada

- Management of boundary waters
- National policies and standards
- Fish and fish habitats

### Government of Alberta

- Water ownership
- Regulatory control over flow, access, pollution and treatment

### Municipalities

- Day to day operation and management of water and wastewater systems
- Bodies of water within the municipality

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## Governance cont'd.

### Government of Alberta

- Accountability and responsibility for water management

### Alberta Water Council (AWC)

- Advice on implementation of *Water for Life Strategy*
- Advice on province wide policies

### Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs)

- State of the Watershed Report
- Development and implementation of Watershed Management Plans

### Watershed Stewardship Groups (WSGs)

- Actions to improve local water bodies

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## W4L Goals



Safe Secure Supply of Drinking Water



Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems



Reliable Quality Water Supplies for a Sustainable Economy

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## Safe, Safe Secure Supply of Drinking Water Issues

## Potential Solutions

Rising Standards

Aging Infrastructure

Revenue Shortfalls

Operator Shortages

Drinking Water Safety Plans

Water Audits

Full Cost Accounting

Attraction and Retention Programs

Regional Systems

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## Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems



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## Reliable Quality Supplies for a Sustainable Economy



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**It's raining. Time to prepare for a drought**



**It's dry. Time to prepare for a flood.**



## **Solutions**



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## Member Engagement

- Water Micro Site Revamp
- Weekly Digest
- Mayor's Caucus
- Webinars
- Convention

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## Gordon Edwards AWC



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## Mark Bennett & Mike Murray BRBC



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