

Summer 2021 Municipal Leaders' Caucus

July 20	Bow Island	Bow Island Multiplex
July 21	High River	Heritage Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
July 27	Sexsmith	Sexsmith Civic Centre
July 28	Redwater	Pembina Place
July 29	Wetaskiwin	Best Western Wayside Inn (with option to attend virtually)

Subject to Change

10:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks
10:05 a.m.	Welcome from the Mayor of the Host Municipality (TBC)
10:10 a.m.	Icebreaker Activity
10:30 a.m.	<p>Session I - Building a Culture of Respect At AUMA's Spring Caucus, 98 percent of participants supported adding respect as a principle to guide local elections. AUMA is promoting this principle as part of the Pledge that candidates can take to demonstrate their commitment to respect, transparency, and non-partisanship, along with keeping local elections local. This session will feature an update on the Pledge and an opportunity to share your thoughts on how it can be promoted and how it is being received.</p> <p>The need for respect does not end on election day. Municipal Affairs is currently reviewing code of conduct requirements, which have been in place for the past four years. You will also be invited to share your perspective on the code of conduct and how it can be improved. In addition, respect or lack thereof also impacts municipal employees. AUMA has heard concerns from municipalities about their ability to create a safe work environment. The session will wrap up with a discussion on how AUMA can promote a culture of respect for elected officials and administration on an ongoing basis.</p>
11:30 a.m.	Break
11:45 a.m.	President's Report
12:15 p.m.	Lunch

<p>1:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Session II - Designing the funding municipalities need</p> <p>This two-part session will be your opportunity to share your views on how future funding programs should be designed. Part 1 will focus on the new Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF). What rules should apply? Should the spending guidelines mimic the existing Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital program and if not, what should change? Part 2 will dive into the future of operating funding. The province suggests that MSI Operating will be replaced by an LGFF Operating program in 2024 but no details have been shared yet. What would you like to see in a new LGFF Operating program? Also, are municipalities receiving enough support for regional collaboration initiatives or could the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program be improved? Help AUMA to advocate for the programs that you need and learn about AUMA's work on the Future of Municipal Government project.</p>
<p>2:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Listening Session/Local Presentation</p>
<p>2:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p>