

- I am pleased to introduce our last session of the day on Climate Change.

## Climate Change



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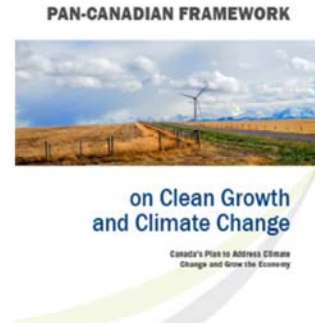
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- Climate change is a top of mind concern for municipalities as our infrastructure and services are impacted by the associated extreme weather events such as floods and fires.
- According to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, municipalities can influence about half of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions given our responsibilities for land use planning, transportation systems and other municipal services.

## Provincial and Federal Policy



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- As both the federal and provincial governments have launched ambitious climate change strategies, it's important that municipalities understand and are prepared for their impacts, while advancing our own initiatives to do our part.
- There are still many questions about how municipalities will be engaged in and affected by Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan and the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change.
- Carbon pricing and phasing out coal are priorities at both the provincial and national level, and municipalities are very concerned about the impact of these policies on municipal budgets and local citizens and businesses.
- As mentioned earlier, AUMA has been advocating that municipalities should receive a rebate to cover the cost of the carbon levy we pay.
- There is also an opportunity for the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre -- which is a partnership between AUMA, AAMDC and the province -- to provide further financial and technical assistance in order to support the broad range of capital and operational climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives required to address climate change in all Alberta communities.

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**Wendy Booth**  
First Vice President,  
Union of BC  
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- We have invited Binnu Jeyakumar from the Pembina Institute to provide an overview of the federal and provincial climate change plans and their impact on municipalities.
  - The Pembina institute has a long track record of working with municipalities including through supporting municipal sustainability planning initiatives.
  - Currently, Binnu is working with our Municipal Climate Change Action Centre on a Solar Toolkit for municipalities to help them become solar leaders and create an enabling environment for solar investment in their communities.
  - Prior to joining the Pembina Institute Binnu served as an asset management strategy developer for TransAlta's renewable generation.
- Our second speaker is Wendy Booth, Vice President with The Union of British Columbia Municipalities, who will share information about BC's carbon tax, which has been in place since 2008.
  - Wendy lives in the Regional District of East Kootenay and represents the communities of Fairmont, Windermere and Panorama, and the rural areas in between.
  - She has a long track record of involvement in her community including as past President of the Fairmont Business Association and director of the Fairmont and Area Recreations and Trails Society and the Lake Windermere Ambassadors.
  - We appreciate her travelling to Alberta to share BC's perspectives.

*Speakers presentations here*

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## Dialogue



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- Thank you Wendy and Binu for sharing your perspectives.
- I would now like to open the floor to questions.