

AAMDC MGA Consultation Workshops

→ PROPOSED AGENDA

9:45 – 10:00 am	Intros & Process
10:00 – 10:45 am	Rotation #1
10:45 – 11:30 am	Rotation #2
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Rotation #3
12:15 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Rotation #4
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Roundtable
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Wrap Up

→ PROPOSED OUTLINE OF CONTENT

Overview:

- AAMDC's intended outcome from these sessions
 - What's working? (affirming the good)
 - What's not? (identify province-wide themes supported by local examples)
 - Anything missing?
- Differentiate between upcoming Government of Alberta consultations
- Articulate our interpretation of the provincial interest in this review (look at the province's goals/business plan and at Municipal Affairs)
- Review purpose of the MGA –Is it still valid? Is anything missing?
 - Natural person powers
 - Variety of taxation options (are more needed)
 - Enabling vs. prescriptive

Discussion Area 1 – Municipal Autonomy & Structures

This discussion area would seek member input on issues impacting the autonomy of municipalities. Specifically, the AAMDC anticipates creating a brief overview and questions covering topics that could include the follows:

- Order of government (i.e. Equal engagement; different than NGO's, business, etc.)
- Receiving title to roads
- Viability – summer villages/villages, changes to types of municipalities
- Sustainability planning – is there a role for formalized plans?
- MSS – should this be legislated?
- Is dissolution the best tool (i.e. discussions regarding amalgamations, annexations, etc.)

Discussion Area 2 – Sound Planning & Services

This discussion area would seek member input on issues impacting various aspects of planning (land use and financial) as well as service delivery and cost sharing. Following a brief overview, questions could be proposed that include the following topics:

- Land use planning
 - Annexations
 - Forced regionalization (CRP, CRB)
 - Alberta Land Stewardship Act – Land-Use Framework
 - Development along highways
- General planning
 - Asset management plans
 - Extreme weather/emergency
- Services
 - Defining core services
 - Cost sharing
 - Regional delivery

Discussion Area 3 – Revenue Streams

This discussion area would seek member input on issues impacting various aspects of revenue generation. After outlining the issues as we know them and our current positions (where applicable), we anticipate posing questions regarding:

- Regulated assessment – linear (method) and M&E (exemption)
- Split taxation rates
 - Intensive livestock
- WDET
- Off-site Levies
- Other revenue streams
 - Non-legislated grant funding (ex. MSI – operating)
 - Sharing of provincial revenue sources
- Education Tax

Discussion Area 4 – Appeals, Complaints and Breaches

The AAMDC is aware, through resolution and anecdotal discussions, of various issues related to appeals, complaints and breaches. This discussion will outline those findings and pose questions related to those matters as to:

- Assessment
- Planning
- Councillor conduct
- Clarity of council (policy) and administrative roles
- Council composition