

NEW MGA TOOLS – Public Participation and Public Notification: A Guide for Municipalities

The AAMDC, in partnership with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and Alberta Municipal Affairs, is pleased to announce the release of a new tool for municipalities to implement the recent changes to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

Public Participation and Public Notification: A Guide for Municipalities is a tool to help municipalities develop public participation policies and a public notification bylaw.

As part of the revised MGA, every municipality in Alberta must develop a public participation policy to identify how they will engage with their citizens and include them in decision-making. The revised MGA also enables municipalities to develop a public notification bylaw that outlines public notification methods for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, or other municipal business. The methods may include electronic advertising such as social media or a municipal website.

The resource is broken into the two sections, the first is a background on public participation and public notification, and the second includes policy and bylaw templates.

To access *Public Participation and Public Notification: A Guide for Municipalities*, please click [here](#).

For more information on public participation policies and the requirements of the new MGA, please see the [MGA Implementation Factsheet on Public Participation Policy](#).

For more information on public notification and the requirements of the new MGA, please see the [MGA Implementation Factsheet on Advertisement Bylaws – Public Notification Methods](#).

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