

Ready for Her: A Guide for Women Running for Municipal Office

The Ministry of Status of Women has recently developed a guide for women considering running for municipal office in the 2017 municipal elections. The [Ready for Her](#) guide provides some general information and resources that will help prospective municipal candidates:

- Recognize the importance of diversity in decision-making bodies
- Learn about municipalities and the role of a municipal elected official
- Start planning their own election campaign

During the 2013 municipal election, Albertans elected 490 women out of a possible 1,874 municipal positions. Women hold an average of 26% of elected seats in municipal councils across Alberta. Studies show that women and men fare nearly equally in competitive elections; however, women are far less likely to run due to a number of prohibitive factors including but not limited to childcare, domestic labour, education, and work.

To access the [Ready for Her](#) guide, click [here](#).

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