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Municipal Government Act (MGA) Change Management Support from RMA

Municipal Affairs has provided grant funding to RMA and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) to develop resources and support municipalities through the transition period.

The ***Municipal Government Act (MGA)*** provides guidance through legislation on how municipalities operate, and is one of the most significant and far-reaching statutes in Alberta. The MGA affects every Albertan, the private sector, and municipalities. After consultation, the MGA was amended in July of 2018. The resources listed below are made available to you by RMA and AUMA, and are designed to reduce the effort and development required by municipalities to be in compliance with the amended MGA. To ensure your municipality is in alignment with legislation, please click [here](#) to review the MGA Legislative Checklist.

- **Councillor Codes of Conduct: A Guide for Municipalities** helps municipalities develop their local codes of conduct as required in section 146 of the MGA.
- The **Public Engagement Guide** offers a step-by-step look at how to fulfill the requirements of your Public Engagement Policy and make public engagement work for you. It is supplemented by a Public Engagement Workbook that provides easy-to-use templates to help develop an approach, plan, and implement public engagement.
- **Public Participation Policies and Public Notification: A Guide for Municipalities** helps municipalities develop public participation policies and a public notification bylaw.
- RMA and AUMA are offering a new initiative that will help inform municipal governments on the history and culture of Indigenous peoples as a foundation for building understanding and strengthening relationships. The initiative is an opportunity for municipalities to host an experiential learning session known as a Blanket Exercise in their community. Click [here](#) for the guideline and application form.
- The **Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Workbook** is an interactive guide to help municipalities develop both Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF) and Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDP). For information on ICF and IDP exemptions and extensions, review the **Ministerial Order**.

To view the all the tools and other information about MGA change management, click [here](#).

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In addition to these resources, RMA and AUMA have supported municipalities through the development and delivery of the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) Munis 101 course and Corporate Planning and Finance course, as well as Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) training (click [here](#) to see full SDAB curriculum). Please stay connected by reading our weekly Contact Newsletter as RMA will be bringing more information and support in the new year.

Alberta Municipal Affairs has also developed a series of resources that are available [here](#) including a series of MGA Implementation Fact Sheets available [here](#).

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