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ICF Workbook Updated with Enhanced Dispute Resolution Guidance

RMA and AUMA have updated the ICF Workbook to include tips and tools on how to address outstanding areas of dispute when finalizing an ICF

In 2018, RMA and AUMA, with support from Alberta Municipal Affairs, collaborated to develop an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Workbook to support Alberta municipalities in completing ICFs and IDPs that were mandatory based on amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

Recently, the Government of Alberta extended the deadline to complete ICFs to April 1, 2021. As many municipalities have completed ICFs and others are nearing completion, RMA and AUMA have [updated the workbook](#) to increase its focus on dispute resolution to support municipalities that may be struggling to complete ICFs due to outstanding disagreements on specific service areas.

The most significant changes to the workbook are found in section 5.0: “What Happens if We Don’t Agree,” which has been updated to provide more information on various dispute resolution approaches. The updated workbook also includes a new tool (Tool H) intended to assist municipalities in identifying what dispute resolution approach will work best in their unique situation.

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