

STRONG COMMUNITIES



BUILD ALBERTA

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At AUMA, we represent urban municipalities—including cities, towns, villages, summer villages, and specialized municipalities—where over 85% of Albertans live.

The Importance of Municipalities

Municipal governments are intrinsically involved in the everyday lives of the people they serve. They guide and oversee the issues, programs and services their citizens rely on.

Alberta's Municipal Government Act, the legislative framework for municipalities, has three main areas of focus:

- Planning and development
- Governance and administration
- Assessment and taxation

Within each of those areas, municipalities have many roles and responsibilities, including:

- Drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater
- Garbage collection and recycling
- Police and emergency services
- Land use planning and development
- Environmental impact and conservation
- Economic development
- Maintenance and upgrading of bridges and roads
- Affordable housing
- Recreation and culture

These are the programs, facilities and services that impact citizens in the here and now—the things that make communities safe, livable and sustainable. Municipalities work closely with their provincial and federal counterparts to create a quality of life that makes people want to invest in their communities and make that community their permanent home.

The Municipal Role

To learn more about the role that Alberta's municipalities play and how they intersect with the role of the provincial government, visit us at auma.ca.

AT AUMA

We believe that **municipalities need stable and predictable funding** to support their social, economic, cultural, environmental, and governance objectives.

We believe that **the roles and responsibilities of municipal governments must be recognized and respected** by both the provincial and federal orders of governments.

We work to ensure that everyone—at every level of government—understands that **municipal governments are accountable to their citizens** and are trusted to act in the best interest of their respective communities.

We work to **present a unified municipal voice and create solutions** to make progress on issues that impact all levels of government.



How are municipalities funded?

Municipal funding is complex and sometimes confusing. It includes a mix of property taxes, user charges, and fluctuating transfer payments and grants.

Municipalities own and are responsible for building and maintaining 60% of Alberta's public infrastructure.

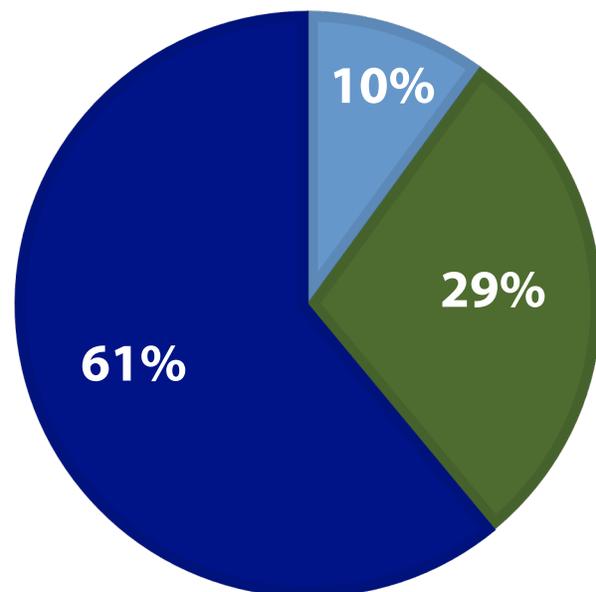
This is done with 10% of the total tax base, which makes transfers and grants received from other orders of government essential to meeting Albertans' infrastructure needs.

Along with managing the programs, facilities, and services that impact the everyday lives of citizens, the huge infrastructure obligations require long-term transfer commitments to ensure the current needs and future growth are adequately supported.

One of the issues municipalities have been exploring with both the provincial and federal orders of government is a way to create more predictable, sustainable funding. A more stable approach to funding will allow municipalities to plan for and develop services and infrastructure in their communities—both today and for the future.

Total Tax Collected by Level of Government

■ Local ■ Provincial ■ Federal



Reaching out to Municipalities

AUMA regularly brings together its members to discuss issues that matter to them.

We also regularly invite representatives from the provincial government to engage with our members—through events, newsletters, webinars, and committee meetings.

Government to government communication is key to effective and efficient service delivery for Albertans.