



## AUMA's 2017 Submission on the Draft Public Participation Policy Regulation

### Review Cycle

The review cycle should be changed from three to four years so that the public participation policy is required to be reviewed only once within a council's term.

### Complaint

We are seeking confirmation that any review by the Alberta Ombudsman relating to a complaint regarding public participation would focus on the process – i.e. it would only consider whether the council had adopted a policy, made it publically accessible, periodically reviewed it and complied with it in terms of the participation activities.



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## FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY REGULATION

### Definition

1 In this Regulation, “Act” means the *Municipal Government Act*.

### Public participation policy requirements

2 A municipality’s public participation policy must identify

(a) the types or categories of approaches the municipality will use to engage municipal stakeholders, and

(b) the types or categories of circumstances in which the municipality will engage municipal stakeholders.

### Participation policy must be made public

3 A municipality must make its public participation policy available for public inspection and may post it on the municipality’s website.

### Review of public participation policy

4 A municipality must review its public participation policy at least once every 3 years.

### Transitional

5 A municipality must establish its public participation policy within 270 days after section 216.1 of the Act comes into force.

### Coming into force

6 This Regulation comes into force on the coming into force of section 24 of the *Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2015*.



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