

# The City of Edmonton and AUMA

Matters of Mutual Interest

October 21, 2020



# Edmonton and the AUMA

- **Councillor Andrew Knack:** Board, Executive Committee, Infrastructure and Energy Committee (Chair), Economic Resiliency and Recovery Task Force
- **Councillor Mohinder Banga:** Board, Audit and Finance Committee (Chair)
- **Councillor Tony Caterina:** Municipal Governance Committee
- **Councillor Sarah Hamilton:** Safe and Healthy Communities Committee
- **Regular touch points:** Mayor's Office, Administration



# Overview

- COVID Funding
- Future of Funding and Governance
- Justice & Policing
- Local Election Principles
- Red Tape & the MGA
- EPR Packaging and Paper
- Municipal Climate Change Action Centre
- Resolutions
- Upcoming Events
- Discussion



# Support for Municipalities During COVID-19

## The Problem

- Municipalities simply do not have the tools they need to respond to and help our communities recover from this crisis.

## The Solutions

- Short-term: immediate, coordinated capital stimulus and emergency operational funding.
- Long-term: we need a new federal-provincial-municipal fiscal relationship.



# Alberta Recovery Plan

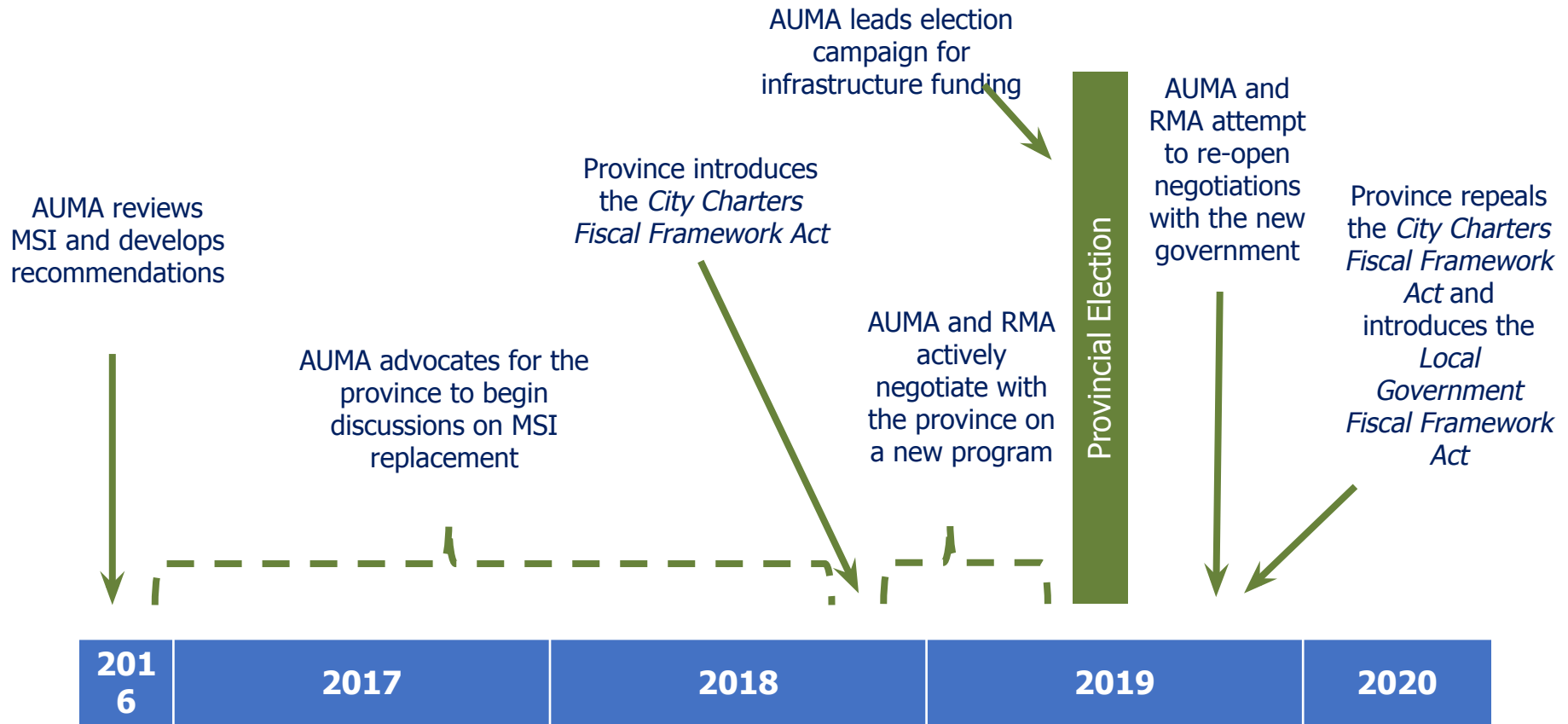
- \$150M Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP)
- \$50M Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP)
- \$612M Provincially Selected Projects
- \$500M Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP)

## Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST)

<b>\$ millions</b>	<b>Federal Portion</b>	<b>Provincial Portion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Operational support	233	233	466
Transit support	70	70	140



# Advocacy for a new fiscal framework

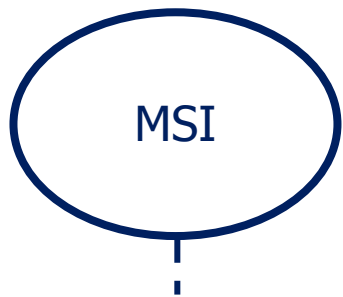


# Today versus the future

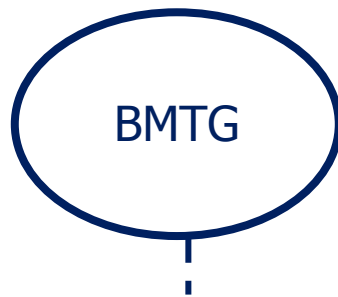
**Today**



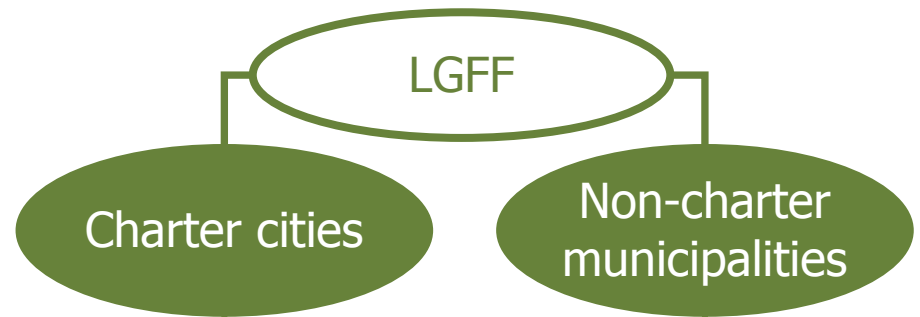
**Starting in 2022**



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Allocation formula for charter cities

Allocation formula for non-charter municipalities

	Charter Cities	Non-Charter Municipalities
Two capital funding pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$455 million in 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$405 million in 2022</li> </ul>
How the funding grows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each capital funding pool will increase/decrease annually based on the change in the province's total revenue, excluding revenues associated with the <i>Climate Change and Emissions Management Act</i>.</li> </ul>	
Restrictions to the growth of funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual changes are indexed at 50% of the change in provincial revenue.</li> <li>Growth is exempt from one-year changes in revenues that exceed \$100 million per revenue stream.</li> </ul>	
How is predictability created?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculated on the actual change in provincial revenues from three years prior.</li> <li>Municipalities will always know their LGFF funding for the next two years, plus have the ability to forecast future amounts.</li> </ul>	
Allocation formula?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48% population, 48% education tax requisitions, 4% KM of local roads (MSI)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be determined</li> </ul>





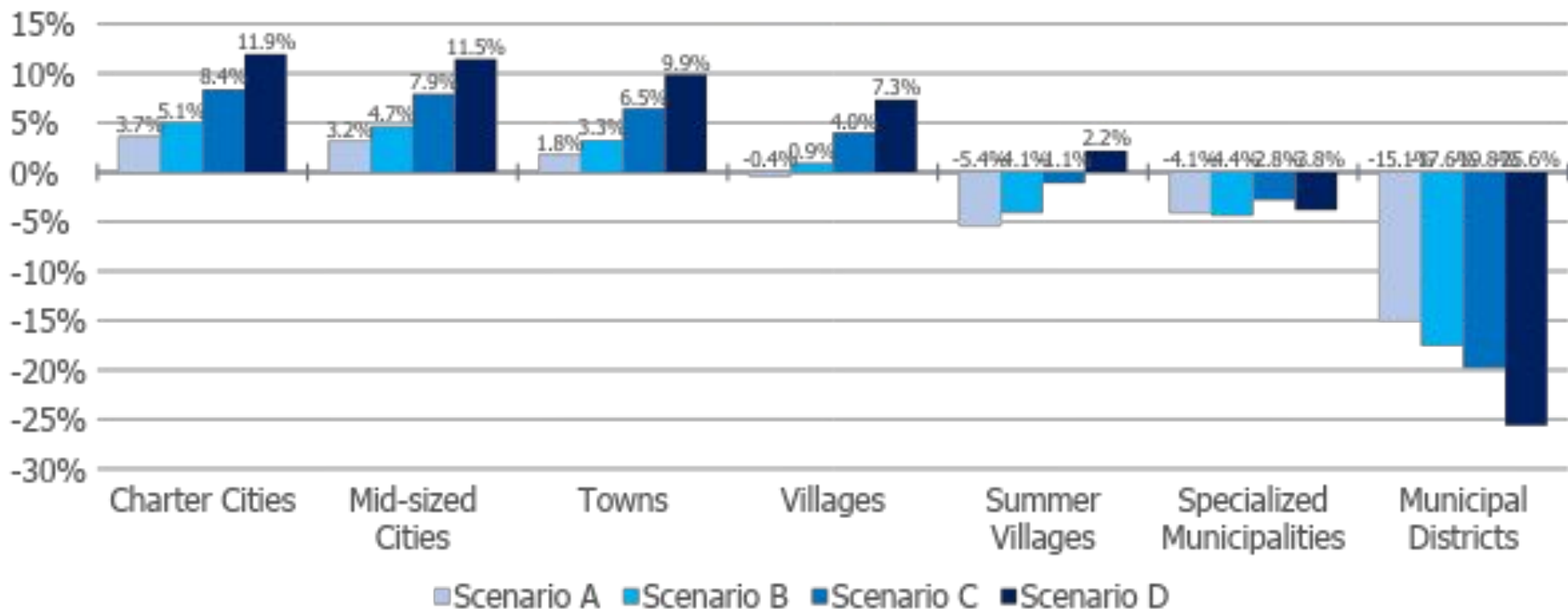
# Current risks for LGFF

- LGFF Act not been proclaimed.
- COVID-19 and low oil prices are placing significant strain on provincial revenues.
- The province may target LGFF to reduce spending to meet its goal of a balanced budget.
- If there are no changes, municipalities should expect a significant reduction in 2023 funding as it will be calculated based on the province's revenue in this fiscal year.



# Assessment Model Review

## Average change in non-residential education property taxes in Year 1



Assumption: The figures assume that the province will continue to collect at least \$940 million in education property taxes from non-residential properties despite the reduction in assessment.



# Three year support program

- Property tax exemption for drilling new wells & building new pipelines
- Well Drilling Equipment Tax eliminated for new drills
- Lower assessment for less productive wells
- 35% assessment reduction on shallow gas wells
- Consultation on longer-term changes to assessment model



# New Narrative on Municipal Finances

- Effective
- Efficient
- Transparent



# Partners in Recovery

- Economic Resiliency and Recovery Task Force
  - Platform for sharing ideas
  - Recommendations on role of municipalities
  - Recommendations on innovative solutions
- AUMA – Alberta Chambers of Commerce Webinar Series
  - Share examples of municipalities and businesses working together to improve processes and build communities



# Future of Municipal Governance

- Enable municipalities to build thriving communities into the future.



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# Fiscal Advocacy

- Make the case for municipal investment in Budget 2021
- Collective response to the Municipal Measurement Index

Advocacy  
works!





# Justice & Policing



- *Police Act* Review
- Alberta Police Advisory Board
- Provincial Police Service Consultations
- Victim Services funding



# Bill 29: Local Authorities Election Amendment Act 2020

Aligned advocacy on:

- Retaining Campaign Contribution Pre-election Disclosure
- Campaign Contribution Limits
- Third Party Contribution Limits and Contribution Disclosure



# Pursuing principles

- Democratic
- Autonomous
- Locally Focused
- Inclusive
- Fair
- Enforceable
- Scalable
- Transparent
- Nonpartisan



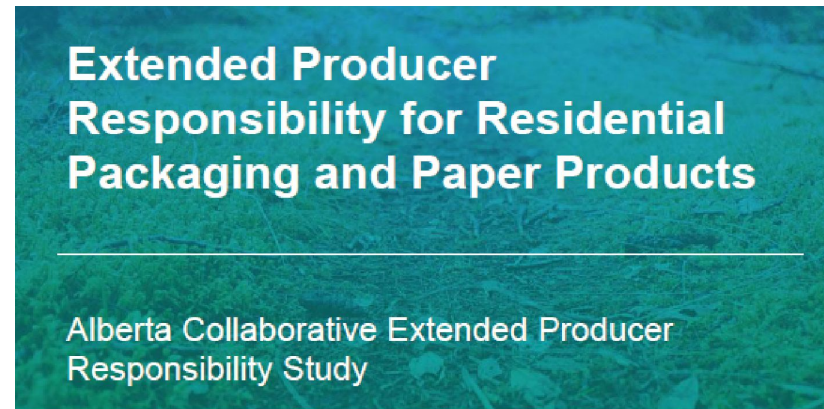
# Red Tape & the MGA

- Part 17 of the MGA on Planning and Development:
  - Timelines for development
  - Municipal Government Board appeals
  - Municipal reserves
  - Transparency of off-site levies



# EPR Packaging and Paper

- Working together on advocating for an EPR packaging and paper program.
- Our latest advocacy collaboration, the Alberta Collaborative EPR Study (ACES).
- This fall, we hope to continue our engagement with different stakeholders, including:
  - UCP Caucus
  - MLA Searle Turton – Private Member’s Motion
  - Plastics Alliance of Alberta
  - Key ministers



# Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

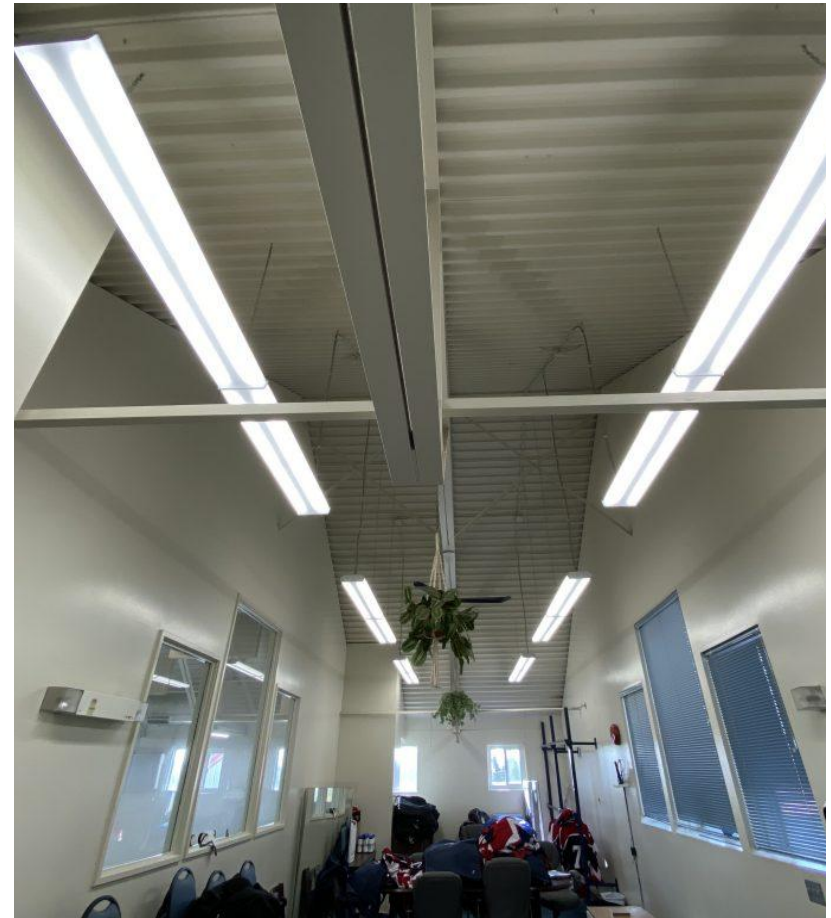
The City has received:

- Total of  
\$1,320,532.73
- In-progress Projects:  
3
- Completed Projects:  
23
- For more information:  
[mccac.ca](http://mccac.ca)



# Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP)

- AKA Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE).
- MCCAC is the provincial program administrator.
- MCCAC has been working closely with Edmonton in designing the CEIP program.





# Resolutions Sponsored by the City of Edmonton

- Fiscal Framework
- Permanent Transit Funding
- Resolution Against Quebec's Bill 21
- Provincial Support for Addressing Affordable Housing and Homelessness



# Upcoming Events

- Municipal Leaders, Caucus
  - Edmonton, March 2021
- Annual Convention
  - Edmonton, November 17-19, 2021





TOGETHER **WE CAN** 

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