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Dear Mayors, Councillors, and CAOs:

We are pleased to share Alberta Municipalities **updated** recommendations on how the province can improve the rules for recall of a municipal elected official (attached). We had shared our initial recommendations with you in early June but after speaking with members at our Summer Municipal Leaders' Caucus last month, ABmunis' Board has expanded our recommendations. Many municipalities have not experienced a recall petition so we are sharing this information to help your council respond to Municipal Affairs' [online survey](#) that was sent out to municipalities on July 18, 2025.

What has ABmunis added to its recommendations?

1. Change the signature threshold for a recall petition to be 40% of eligible voters (except for summer villages).
2. If the number of required signatures is greater than 15,000 then allow 90 days for the organizer to collect signatures. Otherwise, maintain the time period at 60 days.
3. Municipal governments should have zero involvement in the management of a recall petition due to the power structure between council and municipal staff and the related challenges with public perception. All aspects of a recall petition should be managed by an independent body similar to how the Chief Electoral Officer manages all aspects of recall of MLAs.
4. Require the petition organizer to provide a written statement on the reasons for recall and allow the elected official to provide a statement in response that is printed on the petition form.
5. Require petition canvassers to register and follow a code of conduct guideline (same as MLA recall).
6. Create a regulatory framework for advertising, fundraising, and financial disclosures.
7. Create a regulatory framework that prevents local political parties, slates, candidates, and third-party advertisers from launching a recall petition or fundraising from a recall petition.

ABmunis has sent a total of 16 recommendations to Municipal Affairs. The complete list is included in our attached report. Many of our recommendations are designed to create greater consistency between the rules for recalling a municipal official and recall of an MLA.

We encourage you to review our recommendations and complete the province's survey to inform their next steps on recall rules. Thank you to all members that have provided input to us through various meetings throughout the last year.

Any questions about our recommendations can be sent to our Advocacy team at advocacy@abmunis.ca.

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