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Dear Mayors, Councillors, and CAOs:

When the legislature passed Bill 50, the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, we knew there would be further engagements this summer on how the province would implement some of the changes to the *Municipal Government Act*. On August 15, Municipal Affairs sent ABmunis and other municipal associations a series of questions and then held an engagement meeting on August 18. Despite the short window for input, ABmunis collected feedback from some members, and our Board approved the attached recommendations.

### Key Messages based on ABmunis' Recommendations

We are sharing the following key messages to help you in any conversations that you have with provincial officials on these matters.

#### *Reporting to Council on the Use of Natural Person Powers*

- The Government of Alberta should not implement a regulation that defines when the CAO must immediately report to council on the municipality's use of natural person powers.
- The responsibility for determining what and when the CAO should report should be left to the authority of each council.
- If the Government of Alberta wants to define when the CAO must report to council on the use of natural person powers, then ABmunis has made some suggestions in their August 26 submission (attached).

#### *Councillor Information Requests*

- The MGA should be updated to require municipalities to have a policy for how information requests from individual councillors are handled.
- Each municipality's policy should define when an information request by a councillor requires the approval by council.
- This policy will help ensure that municipal staff resources are focused on the priorities of council as a whole and not tied up with one councillor's interests.

#### *Council Meeting Procedures to Manage Conflict*

- Councils range in size so rules in one municipality may not work for another.
- Robert's Rules of Order already provide significant guidance for managing meetings.
- Instead of creating a standard meeting procedure for every council, Municipal Affairs could define what procedures must be addressed in each municipality's procedural bylaw.
- We await the Government of Alberta to follow through on its commitment to engage on the creation of a municipal ethics commissioner to deal with misconduct by councillors inside and outside of council meetings.

If you have any questions about ABmunis' input, please email [advocacy@abmunis.ca](mailto:advocacy@abmunis.ca).

Thank you,

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