



July 27, 2026

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future  
c/o Committee Clerk  
3rd Floor, 9820 - 107 Street  
Edmonton, AB T5K 1E7

**Re: Invitation for Written Submissions - Comprehensive Review of the *Lobbyists Act***

Dear Clerk Roth:

Alberta Municipalities appreciates the invitation to provide feedback to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future regarding the comprehensive Review of the *Lobbyists Act* (the Act). Per the Chair's request, we also shared the opportunity to participate with the cities, towns, villages, summer villages, and specialized municipalities that we represent.

While we understand and support the need to undertake periodic reviews of legislation, we do not believe the Act requires significant updating or amendment, particularly if those changes would impose burdensome and unnecessary red tape on not-for-profit entities or municipalities.

Alberta Municipalities supports the continued exclusion of government-to-government interactions from being subject to the Act, including interactions between municipal councils or administrations and provincial officials, as well as between municipal employees and the provincial government. Provincial and municipal governments are elected by residents of Alberta to work on their behalf and Albertans expect timely and unincumbered intergovernmental collaboration on a wide range of issues from seamless transportation corridors to wildfire response.

Alberta Municipalities do not think the scope of the Act should be expanded to include interactions at the municipal level. Municipalities in Alberta vary in size, ranging from small summer villages to large metropolitan cities. Given this diversity, municipalities should be free to establish their own policies and not be subjected to a province-wide, one-size-fits-all set of rules and regulations.

Finally, as a registered non-profit representing municipal interests, we support the current exemptions specified in section 3 (1)(i) of the Act.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment. We look forward to seeing the final report of the committee.

Sincerely,



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CEO, Alberta Municipalities

