

Munis 101

Learn the foundations of serving on municipal council

Recent changes to the *Municipal Government Act* ([section 201.1](#)) now mandate that every municipal elected official must attend orientation training on key topics that are essential to serving on council. All new and returning municipal elected officials must complete orientation training per the following timelines after being elected:

Part A Before or on the same day as the first organizational meeting after the election	Part B Before or on the same day as the first regularly scheduled council meeting*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Role of municipalities ▪ Municipal organization and function ▪ Roles and responsibilities of council ▪ Roles and responsibilities of councillors ▪ Code of conduct ▪ Roles and responsibilities of the CAO and staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key municipal plans, policies and projects ▪ Budgeting and financial administration ▪ Public participation ▪ Any other topic prescribed by the regulations <p>*A council may pass a resolution to extend the time for Part B training by up to 90 days.</p>

EOEP's one-day Munis 101 course meets all legislative requirements for the MGA's mandated post-election training.

The Munis 101 course, offered through Alberta's [Elected Officials Education Program](#) (EOEP), is designed to provide the fundamental information that any new or returning municipal elected official needs to govern their community. You can pre-register your council for any of the Munis 101 courses that will be held immediately after the election and then supplement that training with information that is unique to your own organization (e.g. local plans and policies).

Quality Content

All EOEP courses are developed using subject matter experts from the municipal sector and reviewed by Alberta Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Alberta.

Experienced and Independent Instructors

Take advantage of having councillors learn from independent instructors who are experienced in the municipal sector and reinforce concepts without any perception of bias. EOEP instructors represent a mix of individuals from consulting firms, law firms, and current and retired municipal staff and elected officials.

Cost Per Person

Online: \$295 + GST
In-Person: \$425 + GST

What you receive

Each participant will receive a course workbook, presentation materials, and the ability to ask questions during the course.

Other Benefits

One of the key benefits of Munis 101 is the opportunity to connect with peers from municipal councils across Alberta. This course not only provides valuable knowledge but also creates a space for networking and collaborative discussions, allowing attendees to share experiences and build relationships that will support them throughout their council term.

Can administrators take Munis 101?

Yes! CAOs and senior administrators can benefit from taking the course to understand the concepts being taught to your council so you can be on the same page.

Special offer for CAOs

The CAO or one senior administrator is eligible for **free registration** when you register your full council for a Munis 101 session before June 30, 2026. This offer supports stronger post-election orientation by giving administrators direct access to the course content their councils are learning

Request to Host a Course in Your Region

If you are looking for greater flexibility in scheduling, our [Hometown EOEP](#) program gives you the option to bring expert training directly to your council at a time and location of your convenience. Choose from online or in-person delivery and you can invite neighbouring municipalities to share the experience and cost.

Questions and to Register for Munis 101

Visit eoep.ca or email Registrar@eoep.ca.

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What is covered in the Munis 101 course?

Munis 101 meets all legislative requirements for mandatory post-election training by offering essential strategies and concepts for effective municipal governance.

Role of Municipalities

- The purpose and autonomy of municipalities
- Provincial authority over municipal governments
- Introduction to the *Municipal Government Act*
- Types of municipalities and structures

Key Plans, Policies & Projects

- Policy frameworks for service delivery
- Managing key municipal plans, policies and projects
- Introduction to planning & development processes
- Hierarchy of planning documents and structures

Municipal Organization & Function

- The municipality's role in delivering service
- Governance structure and council proceedings
- Decision making processes
- Understanding actions of council including voting and in camera sessions

Budgeting & Financial Administration

- Funding sources: assessment, taxation, grants and user fees
- Responsibilities of elected officials and administration in financial oversight
- Key components of municipal finances, including asset management, business plans, operating and capital budgets

Roles & Responsibilities of Council, Councillors, CAOs, and Staff

- Roles and responsibilities of council as a whole
- Duties of individual councillors, including pecuniary interest and disqualification
- Roles and mandated duties of the CAO
- Council's role as an employer
- Understanding council/staff relationships and dynamics to promote accountability and collaboration
- Building an effective council and CAO relationship

Public Participation

- Importance and value of public engagement to build trust and foster collaboration with residents and taxpayers
- Differences between communication and engagement
- The role of elected officials in public engagement processes

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