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**Subject:** Tell us how provincial downloading has impacted your municipal government  
**Attachments:** ABmunis Backgrounder on Provincial Downloading 202309.pdf; Ltr fr Canmore to Provincial Leaders re Costs of Provincial Downloading\_May2023.pdf

Dear Mayors, Councillors, and CAOs:

Over the last decade, member municipalities have raised concerns about the extent that the Government of Alberta has reduced funding and downloaded costs onto municipal governments. ABmunis has continually raised these concerns with provincial leaders but until this year, the Government of Alberta has shown limited interest in reversing any of those decisions.

With a newly elected government now in place, there is an opportunity to educate provincial ministers and new MLAs to reinforce how provincial decisions impact municipal governments and residents at the local level. To help us demonstrate the impact of provincial downloading on your municipality, we ask that you share your story through this [short survey](#). The information you share will be used in our advocacy to support you and all member municipalities.

To help inform your response, please see the attached backgrounder document or [watch this short video](#). You can also read the attached May 2023 letter from the Town of Canmore to the leaders of Alberta's major political parties that details the costs of provincial downloading on their community. You may use ABmunis backgrounder document to inform your conversations with your local MLA and provincial ministers.

More than one representative of your municipality may complete the survey. **The [survey](#) will close on October 20, 2023.** If you have questions or would like to provide us with supporting materials, please email [advocacy@abmunis.ca](mailto:advocacy@abmunis.ca).

Thank you,

**Cathy Heron | President**

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