

# MEMBER UPDATE



**CORRECTION: An earlier version of this Member Update reported incorrect advanced voting dates for the 2025 Alberta Municipal Election. Please search “2025 Alberta municipal election” and your municipality name to find the advance voting dates in your area.**

## Alberta Municipal Elections 2025

### *Voting for Alberta’s local governments is slated for Oct. 20*

AUPE’s Committee for Political Action (COPA) encourages all members to participate in Alberta’s 2025 municipal elections. Cast your ballot on Monday, Oct. 20, to choose your next local government.

For information about candidates in your area, advance voting, or special ballots, search your municipality plus “2025 municipal election” online.

Municipal election ballots will include candidates for school board trustees, council members, mayor, or in some rural areas of Alberta, reeve.

### **Municipal elections matter**

Municipal elections are sometimes an afterthought, especially when they are overshadowed by the larger provincial and federal elections.

But your local governments are responsible for a lot of what directly matters to you and your community, including the “welfare and interests of the whole municipality” when developing policies and programs. They have influence on everything from road maintenance and snow removal budgets to the hours of operation of your local skating rink.

We elect School Board Trustees to govern Alberta’s public education system. This is a vital role. Trustees set their school division’s strategic direction and create policies that directly affect students, parents, and staff. Trustees also advocate for students, evaluate superintendents, and approve their division’s budget.

A CBC News article from 2021 reported that just 37.6% of Edmonton’s eligible voters participated in that year’s elections. What’s worse? That was the highest turnout in Edmonton out of the last four municipal elections. A higher number of Calgarians voted, but that city’s turnout was still well below 50%.

AUPE’s Committee for Political Action believes that all political engagement is important. Your vote matters. We encourage all members to participate in the municipal elections just like they would a union election.

### **Ready to run?**

It’s not too late to stand for election; the nomination deadline is Sept. 22, 2025. Nomination forms and other municipal elections related forms can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-election-forms>.