



SMALL CENTRE TOOLKIT

COLLABORATIVE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

PROCESS OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

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As we collectively strive to understand the historic and ongoing relationship between settlement and the land on which we are located, AAISA respectfully acknowledges that the province of Alberta is comprised of Treaty 6, Treaty 7, and Treaty 8 territories, and is the traditional lands of First Nations and Métis peoples.

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

Canada has three levels of government: federal, provincial or territorial, and municipal government.

Provincial or territorial governments in Canada are below the federal government. At the provincial level, a Lieutenant Governor represents the Queen.

In Alberta, there are 87 constituencies in specific areas within the province. During the Alberta provincial elections, the candidates in each constituency who wins the highest number of votes becomes the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for that constituency.

Elections must be held every four years but may be held sooner. In a general election, Albertans vote on who they want to represent Albertans in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. The leader of the political party with the most winning candidates (seats) becomes the Premier of Alberta.

Parties that have fewer seats form the Opposition. The Opposition is made up of MLAs who are not part of the governing party and their role is to critique government activity, propose improvements to legislation, and present itself to the public as an alternative to the party in office.

The Premier leads the provincial government and is also the President of Executive Council. Additionally, the Premier chairs the Cabinet and chooses MLAs to serve as ministers in the Cabinet. The Cabinet sets government policy and introduces laws for the Legislative Assembly to consider.

HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW

