

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

2019 Provincial Election Survey Responses

Do you support the long term existence of summer villages (summer villages are established under the Municipal Government Act) and our association?

The United Conservative Party has not released policies on this specific issue but will welcome stakeholder consultations on this topic, if elected.

Do you support fair and equitable MSI funding for all municipalities including summer villages?

As promised in our platform, municipalities will get more autonomy and predictability while we ensure transparency for voters.

A United Conservative government will:

- Ensure predictable, long-term infrastructure funding for municipalities;
- Amend the MGA to allow municipalities to offer property tax incentives to attract investment and development;
- Work with municipalities to facilitate pre-approved industrial zones to streamline regulatory approvals and decision-making;
- Consult with municipalities on the province's funding formula for police services, including any burden imposed on local law enforcement resulting from the recent legalization of cannabis;
- Cut provincial regulation and paperwork for Alberta's cities and allow municipalities to pass on those savings to taxpayers;
- Improve local government financial reporting by preparing an annual Alberta Municipalities Measurement Index so Albertans can evaluate the performance of their local government in comparison with others on such key fiscal indicators as the property tax burden, revenues, spending, and debt;
- Amend the Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis Act (s.8g) to give municipalities more flexibility to permit responsible adults to drink alcohol in parks, street festivals, or other areas – and begin with relaxing liquor constraints in a number of provincial parks; and

- Immediately relax Alberta Gaming Liquor Commission regulations that require enclosed events like folk festivals to keep those having a drink within unreasonably narrow zones.

A United Conservative government will provide municipalities with more autonomy while ensuring transparency for voters.

Do you support the need for improved policing and bylaw enforcement that meets the needs of summer villages?

Yes. A United Conservative government recognizes crime is a growing issue for Albertans. In 2018, the United Conservative Party Caucus authored a report, "A Safer Alberta: United Conservative Strategy to Tackle the Rural Crime Crisis," which discusses, in depth, the policies a United Conservative government would implement to address these issues. You can read the report [here](#).