



THE FOUNDATION FOR
DEMOCRATIC ADVANCEMENT

MEDIA ADVISORY

Public Forum on Alberta Municipal Processes

On Saturday March 8, 2014, the Foundation for Democratic Advancement (FDA) is hosting a public forum on Alberta municipal processes. This forum coincides with the MGA Review by the Alberta Provincial Government. The purpose of the forum is to provide a venue for open public dialogue and discussion about the *MGA*, and to submit any sound and practical ideas to the MGA Review. Last year on April 22, 2013, the FDA hosted a public forum on Alberta municipal processes and the Bingham Crossing Development application; the upcoming March 8th forum is a follow-up to that forum. *MGA* issues involving, for example, weighted voting systems, citizen-initiated recall, development charges for soft infrastructure, citizen-initiated referendum, and municipal election process, will be discussed.

In addition to a presentation by Mr. Stephen Garvey, FDA executive director, on weighted voting systems, the forum will have the following guest speakers:

- Mr. Jerry Arshinoff (current Rocky View County councillor)
- Ms. Kim Magnuson (former Rocky View County councillor)
- Ms. Susanna Niederer (presentation on Swiss referendum processes)
- Youth Jury comprised of youth ages 16 to 25 (This jury will weigh in on the discussion.)

March 8 FDA Public Forum on Alberta Municipal Democracy

DATE? Saturday, March 8, 2014

TIME? 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

PLACE? Springbank Heritage Club, Springbank, Alberta

(From Calgary: Take Hwy 1 (Trans Canada Highway) going west to Range Road 33 & take Exit #169 (Calaway Park Exit). Go south on RR33 about 1 km; Heritage Club on left.)



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to measure, study, and communicate the impact of government processes on a free and democratic society, and thereby hold government accountable. (For more information on the FDA visit: www.democracychange.org)