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People, Innovation and Collaboration Services Briefing to
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
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Alberta Municipalities Update – September 2022

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

To update the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on The City's provincial advocacy and related work with Alberta Municipalities (formerly Alberta Urban Municipalities Association).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Summary of June, July & August's Alberta Municipalities Board and Committee Activity

A member of City Administration observed the 2022 June 17 Alberta Municipalities' Municipal Governance Committee; Councillor Demong and Councillor Wyness attended the 2022 June 23 Alberta Municipalities Board meeting; Councillor Wyness attended as Vice-Chair the 2022 July 8 Alberta Municipalities Infrastructure Committee; and Councillor Demong chaired the 2022 July 15 Alberta Municipalities' Sustainability and Environment Committee meeting.

Issues discussed at these meetings included preparation for the Fall 2022 Alberta Municipalities Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention (hosted in Calgary from September 21 to 24), including review of submitted resolutions; the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) allocation formula for communities under 500,000 and recent communications with Rural Municipalities Alberta (RMA); Alberta Municipalities' Future of Municipal Government project update; Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR); Submission to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) on a Renewed Approach to Telecommunications Policy; and School Site Prioritization and Municipal Reserves.

Alberta Municipalities went on a summer break from mid-July to mid-August. The next board meeting is scheduled for 2022 August 26.

Coming Events

Alberta Municipalities' 2022 Fall Convention and Annual General Meeting

Registration for the annual Alberta Municipalities' 2022 Fall Convention, Annual General Meeting and Trades show is now open. It is the first in-person Alberta Municipalities convention hosted in Calgary since 2017.

Alberta Municipalities Convention will take place from Wednesday, September 21 to Friday, September 23 at the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre, with pre-Convention education sessions taking place Tuesday, September 20. All information is listed on the Alberta Municipalities' website: www.abmunis.ca/events/2022-convention-trade-show

Pricing

- Members In-person: \$600 (\$750 after early-bird)
- Non-Members: \$975 (\$1125 after early-bird)
- Municipal Interns: Complimentary
- Virtual: \$600

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Virtual registrants will not have access to live breakout session. Slide presentations and audio from each session will be recorded and made available following the Convention.

Registration payment by credit card will be the only accepted form of payment. If you have any questions, please email registration@abmunis.ca.

Regular Member Virtual Pricing

Once a municipality has registered their in-person attendees, the Alberta Municipalities Registrar will reach out with a discount code for your virtual attendees.

Pre-Convention Education Sessions

All Pre-Convention sessions are \$395

Council's Role in Public Engagement (Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP))

Municipal councils are elected to make decision on behalf of citizens. However, to govern effectively and make decisions that are in the best interest of the diverse communities within municipalities, councils must be willing to consider the community's perspectives and input when making decisions. The EOEP's Council's Role in Public Engagement course will provide an overview of the various ways municipalities can engage with citizens, how public input can be integrated into decision-making, the dangers, and limits of involving the public in municipal decisions, and importance of engagement in supporting sustainable community development.

Council's Role in Land Use and Development Approvals (EOEP)

"Good planning" is a general concept – there is no single approved statement of what good planning consists of. Planning has evolved over many years and can be considered a long term, ongoing process that includes planning itself, as well as project delivery and ongoing monitoring and evaluation. Planning aims to improve the effectiveness of public services in meeting people's needs, and to support the development of local communities and to improve the quality of life for all.

Full Day Legal Seminar (facilitated by Reynolds, Mirth, Richards, and Farmer LLP)

Join Alberta Municipalities' legal partners from Reynolds, Mirth, Richards, and Farmer LLP as they take a deep dive into the most top-of-mind legal issues facing municipalities in Alberta.

Host City Reception

The City of Calgary will be hosting the host city reception on Wednesday, September 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in City Hall Atrium. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Administration anticipates 300 to 400 attendees made up of mayors and council members from across Alberta's 257 urban municipalities, including the Alberta Municipalities President, CEO and Board. Mayor Gondek and Alberta Municipalities President Heron will speak at the event.