

Alberta Municipalities – October 2022 Update (Verbal) - IGA2022-1111

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Recommendation

That the Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) Committee receive this verbal report and distribution for the Corporate Record.

Recent meetings and events:

Alberta Municipalities 2022 Fall Convention, AGM, and Trade Show

The Alberta Municipalities' 2022 Fall Convention and Trade Show took place from 2022 September 21 to September 23 in Calgary, Alberta at the Telus Convention Centre.

This was the first time in five years that an in-person Alberta Municipalities' convention was held in Calgary. Over 1,030 delegates attended in-person and another 13 attended online. Most attendees were municipal elected officials from across Alberta. There were also several Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) in attendance (both members of the government and the opposition), along with Government of Alberta cabinet ministers and their staff, Deputy Ministers and members of Provincial Administration and all United Conservative Party (UCP) leadership candidates for a municipal issues forum.

Every member of Calgary City Council attended a portion of the Alberta Municipalities' 2022 Fall Convention. Three members of The City of Calgary's Administration attended. Mayor Gondek had two one-on-one meetings with Minister McIver and City Administration had meetings with their equivalents within Municipal Affairs.

The City of Calgary hosted a reception for convention attendees on the evening of 2022 September 21 in City Hall Atrium, organized by City Clerks. Mayor Jyoti Gondek, St. Albert Mayor and Alberta Municipalities President Cathy Heron and Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver all gave remarks. Over 300 delegates from Alberta Municipalities convention attended along with members of the Executive Leadership Team, and MLAs Leela Aheer, Joe Ceci, Thomas Dang, Richard Godfried, Irfan Sabir and Ministers Tanya Fir and Ric McIver in attendance.

Eighteen resolutions were submitted by Alberta Municipalities members, one was withdrawn (Expansion of the Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit), two emergent resolution were added (Victim Services Redesign and E2 - Hydrogen Industry Support). Nineteen policy resolutions were passed and one failed. The details will be attached when the transcript of this verbal briefing is uploaded (see pages 3 & 4 of this document).

The Alberta Municipalities' Board submitted three Special Resolutions amending the association's bylaws to reflect the organization's name change for Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) to Alberta Municipalities. All three special resolutions were approved by the membership.

Sixteen education sessions were held concurrently over the morning of 2022 September 21 and covered a variety of topics from the environment, future of transportation, to affordable housing and the weaponization of social media. These education sessions now are available on the Alberta Municipalities' Vimeo site to watch at <https://vimeo.com/abmunis>.

Convention attendees also listened to speeches from Alberta Premier Jason Kenney, Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver and the Leader of the Official Opposition, Rachel Notley, two Ministerial Question and Answer sessions, and a UCP Leadership forum.

AUMA 2022-2023 Board Elections

The 2022-2023 AUMA Board is as follows:

- Alberta Municipalities President and Chair Cathy Heron, Mayor, City of St.
 - Directors, Cities over 500,000
 - Andrew Knack, Councillor, City of Edmonton (VP)
 - Keren Teng, Councillor, City of Edmonton
 - Peter Demong, Councillor, City of Calgary (VP)
 - Jennifer Wyness, Councillor, City of Calgary
 - Directors, Cities up to 500,000:
 - Tyler Gandam, Mayor, City of Wetaskiwin (VP)
 - Dylan Bressey, Councillor, City of Grande Prairie
 - Peter Brown, Mayor, City of Airdrie
 - Directors, Towns:
 - Towns East: Trina Jones, Deputy Mayor, Town of Legal (VP)
 - Towns West: Krista Gardner, Councillor, Town of Calmar
 - Towns South: Tanya Thorn, Councillor, Town of Okotoks
 - Directors, Villages & Summer Villages:
 - Villages East: Bill Rock, Mayor, Village of Amisk
 - Villages West: Angela Duncan, Deputy Mayor, Village of Alberta Beach (VP)
 - Villages South: Bruce McLeod, Mayor, Village of Acme
 - Summer Villages: Mike Pashak, Mayor, Summer Village of Half Moon Bay
- VP* - Vice President

Upcoming Meetings and Events

UCP Leadership Race – Alberta Municipalities' Questionnaire

Alberta Municipalities sent a [questionnaire](#) to all UCP leadership contestants on 2022 August 2 seeking their perspectives on issues that are important to municipal leaders. Alberta Municipalities' have received replies from four of the contenders (Leela Aheer, Rebecca Schulz, Danielle Smith and Travis Toews) and have posted them on their [website](#) - <https://www.abmunis.ca/advocacy-resources/governance/ucp-leadership-contestant-qa>. Alberta Municipalities will update the web page as additional responses are received from the other candidates. The questions were the basis of the UCP Leadership Candidates forum that took place at the Telus Convention Centre on 2022 September 22.

Upcoming Alberta Municipalities Meetings

2022 October 13 - Alberta Municipalities' Executive Meeting.

2022 October 26 and 27 - Alberta Municipalities' Board meeting

2022 ABMuni Policy Resolution Session Outcomes

NUMBER	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION	OUTCOME
CATEGORY B: Issues Related to ABMuni's Strategic Initiatives			
2022.B1	Provincial-Municipal Revenue Sharing	SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.B2	Transportation Infrastructure Funding	SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.B3	Operational Transit Funding for Small to Medium Sized Municipalities	SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.B4	Grant Alignment with Provincial Regulatory Requirements	SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.B5	Incentivizing Comprehensive Flood Management	SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.B6	Exemption of Stormwater Reuse from Licensing Requirements	SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.B7	Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks	SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.B8	Provincial Indigenous Awareness Training & Support	NO RECOMENDATION	FAILED
2022.B9	Policing Fines and Penalties Revenue Sharing	DO NOT SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.B10	Advancing Action on Alberta's Drug Poisoning Crisis	SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.B11	Expansion of the Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit	SUPPORT IF AMENDED	WITHDRAWN
2022.B12	Municipal Identified Unique Housing Priorities	SUPPORT	PASSED
CATEGORY C – Other issues of potential interest to Alberta Municipalities			
2022.C1	Cannabis Plant Limits (Medical Certificate) for Residential Properties	SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.C2	Equitable Provincial Charitable Gaming Model	DO NOT SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.C3	A Proposal to Review the Processes and Policies of the Natural Resources Conservation Board Concerning Confined Feeding Operations	NO RECOMENDATION	PASSED
2022.C4	Disparity in Electricity Distribution and Transmission Rates	ABSTAIN	PASSED
2022.C5	Traffic Safety Act Exemption for Angle Parking in Cul-de-Sacs	SUPPORT	PASSED
2022.C6	Attraction and Retention of Veterinarians to Small/Mid-sized Urban Municipalities Veterinary Practice	SUPPORT	PASSED

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Category E - Emergent Resolutions Special Resolutions			
2022.E1	Victim Services Redesign – Added by ABMunis Board Thursday, September 15, 2022	NONE	PASSED
2022.E2	Hydrogen Industry Support – Added by ABMunis Board Tuesday, September 20, 2022	NONE	PASSED
2022 Sept 23 at AGM	SPECIAL RESOLUTION – Amending Bylaws to reflect Association's name change to Alberta Municipalities from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)	SUPPORT	PASSED

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