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People, Innovation and Collaboration Services Briefing to
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
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Alberta Municipalities – June 2023 Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

To update the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on The City of Calgary's provincial advocacy and related work with Alberta Municipalities (AB Munis).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Highlights of Recent Alberta Municipalities Committee Work

Throughout Q2 2023, The City has been actively participating in ongoing Committee work by Alberta Municipalities. The following outlines the status on some key issues discussed:

Economic Strategy Committee

The Economic Strategy Committee, chaired by Councillor Demong, recently passed [AB Munis Request for Decision \(RFD\) on Strengthening Provincial Regulations to Improve Safety of Unlicensed Private Day Homes](#), an item that The City spearheaded and submitted in March 2023. In addition, this Committee continued its research on the growing hydrogen economy in the province.

Safe and Healthy Communities Committee

The committee's membership reviewed two notable papers about homelessness and vulnerable populations' experiences in Edmonton:

- [Staying Outside is Not a Preference: Homelessness in Edmonton](#), and
- [Left Outside: The Experience of Being Banned in Edmonton](#).

Environment Committee

As part of its water policy engagement process, AB Munis Environment Committee recently developed the Proposed [Municipal Water Management Principles](#). This was a culmination of research and consultation with municipal elected officials, Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) and staff in water management across Alberta.

Among the principles include commitments to protect source waters and healthy aquatic ecosystems, that decision-making be supported by science-based, accurate and publicly-available data, and that investing in water resource, climate adaptation policies and mitigation planning must be a priority. These principles align with City of Calgary policy.

Several AB Munis municipal water resolutions are expiring or have already expired, which prompted this work. The goal is to request the general AB Munis membership to approve the principles during the upcoming Summer Municipal Leaders' Caucus meetings prior to going before the membership for approval at the Fall 2023 convention in Edmonton.

For more information, please refer to Attachment 1.

President's Summit & Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus

Presentations from AB Munis' recent President's Summit on the Future of Municipal Government and the 2023 Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus (MLC) are [available](#). Discussions

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were had on municipal priorities, including intermunicipal collaboration, the upcoming provincial election, Family and Community Support Services, victim services and policing.

AB Munis is currently compiling notes taken during interactive sessions at the President's Summit. AB Munis will release reports on 'what we heard' as well as recommendations for provincial actions in time for members' review and feedback at the June 2023 Summer MLC sessions.

Summer Municipal Leaders' Caucus (MLC)

Every summer, Alberta Municipalities hosts the Summer Municipal Leaders' Caucus (MLC) a series of meetings hosted in several locations across Alberta during June. This format allows AB Munis members to sit with their fellow leaders from their region and discuss common issues affecting their communities. The core program is repeated at each location. AB Munis' Summer MLCs will be happening:

- June 13 - Diamond Valley
- June 14 - Delburne
- June 20 - Wembley
- June 21 - St. Paul
- June 22 - Spruce Grove

Cost for in-person registration is \$105 plus GST and virtual attendance registration is \$50 plus GST.

Topics that will be discussed include the 2023 provincial general election, the Future of Municipal Government (FOMG) project and water management principles. A draft agenda is available on the AB Munis' [event webpage](#) and the link to the event registration.

ATTACHMENT

1. Summary - Recent Alberta Municipalities Board and Committee Activities for Q2 2023