

Summary

Recent Alberta Municipalities (AB Munis) Board and Committee Activities for Q2 2023

Economic Strategy Committee 2023 April 19 – Councillor Demong, Chair

The Committee was tasked with developing recommendations for the AB Munis Board to consider for advancing advocacy on the recently passed [ABMunis Request for Decision \(RFD\) on Strengthening Provincial Regulations to Improve Safety of Unlicensed Private Day Homes](#). The committee also received an update on state of veterinary medicine in Alberta and on the Minister of Affordability and Utilities response to AB Munis' resolution on Electricity Distribution and Transmission Rates regarding province-wide disparity on rates and transmission costs.

Municipal Governance Committee 2023 April 21 – Administration Observer

The Municipal Governance Committee met 2023 April 21 and received a presentation from BILD Alberta regarding its [recently released research paper on Municipal Infrastructure Financing](#). Meyers Norris Penny LLP (MNP) prepared the report in early 2023 and the report looks at the current state of Off-Site Levies (OSLs) in Alberta and reviews some examples of alternative infrastructure financing options from other jurisdictions. The Committee also received updates about changes Municipal Affairs recently made to both the Municipal Census Regulation and to Municipal Populations for Recall Petitions.

Board Meeting 2023 April 27 – Councillors Demong and Wyness, Board Members

The Government of Alberta responses to AB Munis 2022 Resolutions were reviewed and next steps were identified. Responses were received on Resolution E3: [Hydrogen Industry Support](#), [C6: Attraction and Retention of Veterinarians to Small/Mid-sized Urban Municipalities Veterinary Practice](#) and for [C2: Equitable Provincial Charitable Gaming Model](#). AB Munis internal policies were reviewed.

Infrastructure Committee 2023 April 28 – Councillor Wyness, Vice Chair

The Infrastructure Committee met 2023 April 28, and they reviewed [Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Considerations for Municipal Government](#) by Dr. MaryEllen Tyler, the fourth paper in the Future of Municipal Government (FOMG) series of academic research papers on municipal issues from the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy (2023 April 25 [Webinar available](#)). The committee also received an update on AB Munis' work into investigating the utility of an Infrastructure Report Card for Alberta's municipalities.

Sustainability and Environment Committee 2023 May 4 – Administration Observer

The Sustainability and Environment Committee met on 2023 May 4, and reviewed the proposed AB Munis Municipal Water Management Principles (enclosed within briefing). These will be discussed at the Summer Municipal Leader caucuses in June before going to the September 2023 AB Munis Convention for approval. The committee also received presentations on water conservation efforts by both Calgary and Edmonton and on the Government of Alberta's adoption of the new Provincial Building Code.

Safe and Healthy Communities Committee 2023 May 5 – Councillor Penner, Member

The Safe and Healthy Communities Committee met on 2023 May 5, and toured the Terrace Heights Supportive Housing Facility and reviewed two reports regarding homelessness in Edmonton.

Executive Committee Meeting 2023 May 11 – Councillor Demong, Member

The AB Munis Executive Committee met in Calgary on 2023 May 11, and conducted its annual meeting with The City of Calgary's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and gave an update on the organization's activities and their collaborations with The City of Calgary. Planning for the coming AB Munis strategic planning session was discussed along with ongoing advocacy for the provincial election campaign.

Board Meeting and Strategic Retreat 2023 May 18-19 – Councillors Demong and Wyness

The Focus was on AB Munis planning for the Fall 2023 Convention, the 2023 Provincial Election and strategic planning for the organization.