

Alberta Municipalities Update – June 2024 (Verbal)

Recommendation

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

Alberta Municipalities Resolutions

The call for resolutions for the Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) September Convention has now closed. This year's motions, including the two from The City of Calgary, will be debated at the annual convention and trade show being held September 24-27 at the Westerner Park in Red Deer. Registration for the conference is available through the ABmunis' [website](#).

Advocacy Positions

ABmunis continues to express its opposition to *The Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024* (Bill 20), including [changes](#) which:

- Remove vouching as a form of voting ID;
- Introduce political parties to Calgary and Edmonton municipal elections;
- Grant provincial Cabinet the ability to repeal municipal bylaws; and
- Prohibit the use of electronic tabulators in municipal elections.

On May 27, Alberta Municipalities president Tyler Gandam said [it's unclear what problem the province is trying to solve](#) with the changes. "It feels like they are picking and choosing different things to make things a little bit more difficult for municipalities," said Gandam.

Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus

ABmunis has been hosting caucus events in several locations across the province, allowing members to meet with fellow leaders and discuss common issues. The core program, including topics such as water management and municipal governance, is repeated at each location and is open to all municipal councillors. The two final events are:

- June 26 – Village of Sterling; and
- June 27 – Town of Innisfail

2024 Alberta Municipalities Award Extended

The deadline to submit a nomination for the 2024 ABmunis Award has been extended to June 28. The awards recognize individuals and teams, from current member municipalities, who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities. Information and nomination forms can be found on the [website](#).

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General Manager Chris Arthurs concurs with the information in this verbal update.