

Alberta Municipalities Update – November 2024 (Verbal)

Recommendation

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

Outstanding Convention Resolutions:

At the recent 2024 ABmunis' Convention, 27 resolutions were submitted for consideration. However, the resolutions session ended before members could debate and vote on all the resolutions leaving six outstanding. This included one of Calgary's resolutions requesting advocacy for doubling speeding fines in playground and school zones.

The ABmunis Board has expressed an interest in receiving input from members before determining whether any of the six outstanding resolutions should form part of ABmunis' advocacy. Elected officials of Regular Member municipalities may submit input in writing to resolutions@abmunis.ca by 2024 November 18 and must clearly label which resolution the member is addressing. Written input does not require the endorsement of a council, similar to how individual members can speak and vote on resolutions at the Convention.

Elected officials of Regular Member Municipalities may also attend a webinar where they will have the opportunity to speak to the Board and give input through poll questions. The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, November 28 from noon-1:30 p.m. via Zoom. Administration can provide the registration link for Councillors interested in attending. Like the ABmunis' Convention, the mover of the resolution will have two minutes to provide opening remarks and members can speak and ask questions. The ABmunis Board will consider feedback from the webinar and written submissions when deciding on the outstanding resolutions.

Continued Advocacy:

With most of Bill 20 coming into effect on 2024 October 31, ABmunis has continued its advocacy on this legislation, criticizing several of the changes and emphasizing that Albertans have repeatedly said they want less money, not more, in politics.

In [recent interviews](#), ABmunis Board Member Dylan Bressey called the changes in Bill 20 a "huge overstep" by the provincial government.

Successful Advocacy:

On October 24 of 2023, ABmunis members passed a resolution supporting the use of golf carts on local roads. One year later, the provincial government allowed seven Alberta communities to pilot the limited use of golf carts on municipal roads.

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

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