

Alberta Municipalities Update – December 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:

On 2024 September 26, Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) hosted its annual resolutions session at the ABmunis' 2024 Convention. [Twenty-seven resolutions](#) were submitted for consideration, however, the session ended before members could debate and vote on all resolutions, leaving six outstanding. Included in the outstanding six resolutions was one passed by Council to advocate for the doubling of speeding fines in school and playground zones. As per ABmunis policy, in November, the ABmunis board solicited input from members on whether the remaining resolutions should form part of ABmunis' future advocacy. Input was accepted through written submissions and a webinar hosted by ABmunis on November 28. Following the webinar the ABmunis board voted to adopt Calgary's resolution along with three other outstanding resolutions. The two outstanding resolutions which were not adopted were:

C6: Coverage of Mandatory Drivers' Medical Exam Fees for Albertans Aged 75 and Older; and
C7: Alberta Learner's Licence Program Review.

The adopted resolutions will form part of ABmunis' advocacy work going forward.

The board has also indicated it is reviewing the [Resolutions Policy](#) for changes to increase the likelihood that all resolutions can be debated and voted on at future Conventions.

Continuing Work:

In recent [announcements](#) ABmunis has continued to highlight its advocacy work on topics including the additional funding needed for municipal infrastructure, Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) shortfalls and the need for greater collaboration between municipalities and the provincial government.

ABmunis recently showcased [an example](#) of successful advocacy – 33 nurse practitioners have begun providing care, primarily in rural communities, after a resolution advocating for this change was adopted in 2023.

Next Steps:

A reminder that ABmunis will begin accepting resolutions for advocacy in January 2025 with May 31 being the deadline to submit. Resolutions need support from both the submitting and a seconding Council. The mover and seconder municipalities must represent different population categories established by ABmunis:

- Less than 2,500
- 2,501-10,000
- Greater than 10,000

The Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus will be held in conjunction with the "President's Summit on Civility" at the Westin Edmonton from 2025 March 5-7. More details will be provided in the new year.

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