

Alberta Municipalities Update – February 2025 (Verbal)

Recommendation

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

President’s Summit and Municipal Leaders’ Caucus:

Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) will hold its first two events of 2025 from March 5 to March 7 at The Westin Edmonton:

ABmunis’ **President’s Summit on Civility** on March 5 will feature in-person discussions on aspects of municipal leadership, including promoting a civil social media landscape, harassment in council chambers and the workplace, and ways to look after yourself and others. The summit will include presentations from experts and municipal politicians with the intent of bolstering safe and healthy workplaces across Alberta municipal governments.

The **Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus** (MLC) will follow on March 6 and 7. The MLC provides opportunities for municipal leaders to engage with colleagues on topics including resources for the upcoming municipal election, policing, water, and a breakout session specific to municipality type. Presenters will include the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and the Leader of the Opposition.

Registration for both events is available through the ABmunis events web page and is open to Albertan municipal elected officials and Administration.

Continuing Work:

In recent [announcements](#), ABmunis has continued to highlight its advocacy work on topics including the additional funding needed for Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) shortfalls and expressed hope that these important funding shortages will be addressed in the provincial budget expected on 2025 February 27.

Next Steps:

ABmunis is now accepting [resolutions](#) for advocacy with June 30 being the deadline to submit. Resolutions are one way that the ABmunis members can propose actions or policies for membership to vote on. Resolutions that pass, set the direction for ABmunis advocacy for the next three years. Resolutions need support from both the submitting and a seconding council of different population categories established by ABmunis.

The ABmunis 2025 Convention & Trade Show will take place November 12-15 at the TELUS Convention Centre in Calgary.

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