

Recommendation

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

Resolutions:

At its 2025 May 27 meeting, Council voted to support a motion from the Town of Stettler to bring a resolution to the November 2025 Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) Convention. The resolution seeks ABmunis' advocacy to increase provincial funding for Alberta's libraries to reflect inflationary increases, and to index the libraries' grant to inflation and population growth.

ABmunis Convention 2025 is taking place in Calgary from November 12-15 at Calgary's TELUS Convention Center, resolutions are due by the end of this month and must include a seconding municipality from a different population category, as outlined on the ABmunis' website.

Summer Municipal Leaders' Caucuses:

ABmunis is hosting four summer Municipal Leaders' Caucuses across the province. The first two were held in Picture Butte and Drumheller on June 11 and 12 respectively. The next caucuses will be held in Peace River on June 25 and Devon on June 26. The agendas are available on the ABmunis website and will include sessions on the Water Act, changes to the Local Authority Election Act, recall of municipal elected officials and municipal election resources.

These caucuses will also provide an opportunity for ABmunis to share some of their early research on municipal finances, how they plan to use the information to spur conversations among Albertans, and outline how provincial funding has not kept pace with growth or inflation.

Provincial Advocacy:

On May 15, ABmunis, along with representatives from Rural Municipalities of Alberta and the Family and Community Support Services of Alberta (FCSSA), met with Jason Nixon, Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services. The purpose of the meeting was to express a growing need to reinvest in FCSS to keep pace with inflation and population growth.

Federal Advocacy:

Representatives from ABmunis attended the May 29-June 1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show which took place in Ottawa. ABmunis representatives also met with senior officials from Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada, the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Natural Resources Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Privy Council Office.

Discussions included the ABmunis' perspective on housing, homelessness, infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and emergency preparedness.

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