

Alberta Municipalities Update – July 2025 (Verbal)

Recommendation

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

Resolutions:

The call for resolutions for the 2025 Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) Convention closed on June 30. The convention will be taking place in Calgary from 2025 November 12-15 at Calgary's TELUS Convention Center. The City of Calgary is putting forward one resolution this year. On 2025 May 27, Council voted to support a motion from the Town of Stettler seeking ABmunis' advocacy to increase provincial funding for libraries to reflect inflationary increases, and to index the libraries' grant to inflation and population growth.

Summer Municipal Leaders' Caucuses:

ABmunis hosted four summer Municipal Leaders' Caucuses across the province. The final caucus was held in the Town of Devon on 2025 June 26. The caucuses included sessions on the Water Act, changes to the Local Authority Election Act, recall of municipal elected officials and municipal election resources. They also provided 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.

Social Media Toolkit:

Alberta Municipalities recently introduced a [Social Media Toolkit](#) that's specifically designed for potential municipal election candidates and is available on the ABmunis' website. The toolkit includes:

- Strategies for building a safe and professional presence on social media;
- An overview of different social media platforms; and
- Best practices for engaging with residents online in a respectful, productive way.

Municipal Financial Research:

At the 2025 June 24 Regular Meeting of Council, Calgary City Council voted in favour of an amended Notice of Motion EC2025-0646 which directed Administration to "Request Alberta Municipalities to come present the findings of the Municipal Financial research to Council and continue to provide Alberta Municipalities with information for ongoing research."

Administration has since been in contact with representatives from Alberta Municipalities and will work to establish a date for the presentation which will likely take place in early 2026.

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