

2026 Municipal Governance Committee Work Plan (Portfolio)



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Priority Initiatives

Local Election and Recall Rules

Description
Strategies 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4
Analysis and advocacy for improvements to the Local Authorities Election Act using feedback and lessons-learned from members during the 2025 municipal election.
In addition, Advocacy on the rules for recall of local elected officials.

Related Resolutions: Property Taxes Reimagined

#	Resolution Information
'23 B11	Maintaining Non-Partisan Municipal Elections
'24 B02	Allowance of Automated Vote Counting Systems in Municipal Elections

Fostering a Culture of Respect

Description
Strategies 1.3, 1.4
Help advance a positive culture in municipal politics to enable productive engagement among council, administration, and the public and encourage representation of women and minorities on councils.
Advocacy on a universal code of conduct for councils, and implementation of ABmunis' Fostering a Culture of Respect Action Plan.

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Related Resolutions: Fostering a Culture of Respect

#	Resolution Information
'24 B01	Independent Office of Integrity for Local Government

Inter-Municipal Collaboration Rules and Resources

Description
<p>Strategies 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4</p> <p>Advocacy and capacity building initiatives on governance related matters to help members implement the new legislative rules for intermunicipal collaboration frameworks (ICFs). (In partnership with the Finance & Economy Committee)</p>

Related Resolutions: Inter-Municipal Collaboration Rules and Resources

None

While ABmunis' members have passed several resolutions that indirectly relate to inter-municipal collaboration rules and resources, there are no active resolutions. Related resolutions that indirectly relate to ICFs are listed under the portfolios of other ABmunis committees.

Other Initiatives Within Committee Scope

Initiative	Description
Resolutions Policy and Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review proposed Resolution Policy updates and make recommendations to the Board as needed. Review and categorize resolutions to be presented for debate at the 2026 Alberta Municipalities Convention.
Municipal Governance Act	Advocacy on outstanding regulations related to Bill 20 and Bill 50, including natural persons powers, councillor information requests and other emerging items.

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	<p>Ongoing advocacy on any future matters related to the Municipal Government Act or associated regulations.</p> <p>Ongoing training, mentorship, and education opportunities for elected officials and administrators that provide ongoing learning on municipal governance.</p> <p>Related Resolutions: '24 C01 Financial Disclosure of Asset Retirement Obligations</p>
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External Committees

ABmunis has a representative on the following external committees that reports to the Municipal Governance Committee.

ABmunis' Strategic Priority	External Committee Name	Description	ABmunis' Representative
1.1, 1.3	Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence Review Committee	Review applications and provide recommendations to the Minister.	
1.2	Municipal Sustainability Strategy and Advisory Committee (MSSAC)	Monthly meetings between Municipal Affairs and identified stakeholders, including ABmunis and RMA to discuss emerging and ongoing issues related to municipalities, municipal legislation, programs, and resources.	
1.3, 1.4	Alberta Municipal Health & Safety Association	Help Alberta municipalities manage health and safety for their staff, so that the risk of injuries is reduced, as are the associated costs.	