

# Report Card on 2023 Active Resolutions



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## About Resolutions

Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) conducts an annual resolutions process that enables member municipalities to identify and prioritize common issues and solutions and give direction to Alberta Municipalities' Board of Directors to advocate to the federal and provincial governments on members' behalf.

This process includes a resolutions session at ABmunis' annual Convention where Regular Members vote on submitted resolutions. When members adopt a resolution, ABmunis takes action to develop and implement an advocacy strategy for each resolution.

Given the scope, complexity, and volume of issues facing municipalities, ABmunis uses a [prioritization framework](#) to determine the degree of resources that are invested in advocacy for each resolution.

More information can be found on ABmunis' [resolutions webpage](#).

## About this Report Card

Adopted resolutions are considered active for three years.

This Report Card summarizes the status of all 2023 resolutions, which are considered active at the time of reporting.

Updates to the status of a resolution since the previous Report Card are presented in **yellow highlight**.

## Category B:

# Issues Related to Alberta Municipalities' Strategic Initiatives

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B1	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Protection for Vulnerable Residential Tenants</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Municipality of Jasper</li> <li>▪ Town of Edson</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to amend existing legislation or pass new legislation to increase protection for vulnerable residential tenants;</p> <p><b>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to create or improve financial supports available to vulnerable residential tenants; and</p> <p><b>FURTHER RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to continue its work improving the availability of affordable housing for vulnerable residential tenants.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium to high level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      In April 2024, the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services communicated that “rent controls can harm the rental market by discouraging development and reducing capacity to maintain and upgrade existing properties”. He notes that the <i>Residential Tenancies Act</i> (RTA) limits rent increases to the same tenant to no more than once every 365 days and provides special protections for victims of domestic violence. He refers all other disputes to the Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolution Service.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      ABmunis is partnering with RMA to explore hosting a summit on addictions, homelessness, and mental health for Western Canadian Municipal Associations (WCMA), as well as First Nations leaders. We are also exploring opportunities for joint advocacy with the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association (ASCHA), the Rural Development Network (RDN), and RMA.</p>
B2	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Enhanced Funding for the Rent Assistance and Temporary Rent Assistance Benefits</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ establish predictable, long-term rent assistance funding to meet the needs of all low-income Albertans allowing them to access rent support for appropriate housing;</li> <li>▪ increase awareness of rent assistance programs to provide more Albertans in core housing needs with the support that they</li> </ul>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium to high level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      In April 2024, the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services communicated that “Budget 2024 increases the rent assistance program by 9.2 per cent, putting us on track to serve about 14,000 total households by 2026/27”. The Minister also states that the</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City of Airdrie</li> <li>▪ City of Grande Prairie</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>	<p>need to ensure they have access to appropriate housing; and,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ simplify the application process.</li> </ul>	<p>province has made it easier for Albertans to find affordable housing using the centralized portal at <a href="https://findhousing.alberta.ca">findhousing.alberta.ca</a>.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      Similar to resolution B1, ABmunis is partnering with RMA to explore hosting a summit on addictions, homelessness, and mental health for Western Canadian Municipal Associations (WCMA), as well as First Nations leaders. We are also exploring opportunities for joint advocacy with the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association (ASCHA), the Rural Development Network (RDN), and RMA.</p>
B3	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Homelessness and Associated Social Needs in Rural Communities</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Town of Rocky Mountain House</li> <li>▪ Town of Edson</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invest in the rural municipalities to aid in the development of affordable housing units and support those most vulnerable to the current economic and health impacts.</li> <li>▪ Maximize the funding that can be leveraged from the Government of Canada, and increase research directed towards the prevention of homelessness among marginalized and vulnerable populations, and evidence-based intervention plans for those currently experiencing homelessness.</li> <li>▪ Encourage the province to dedicate additional resources towards creating permanent shelter spaces in smaller communities; ensuring homeless and women emergency shelters have the operating funding support they need; funding bridge housing to help transition people from shelters into supportive housing with additional supports;</li> <li>▪ Invest in the cost-effective health and support services needed to help those with</li> </ul>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium to high level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      In April 2024, the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services wrote to ABmunis that federal funding for homelessness is available through the Rural Development Network (RDN), while the province allocates funding for permanent and temporary shelter spaces in rural communities including Slave Lake, Wetaskiwin, Lloydminster, Peace River, Cold Lake, Drayton Valley, and Lac La Biche. The Minister estimates that the province supported 90 year-round shelter spaces and 130 temporary winter shelter spaces in 2023.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      Similar to resolutions B1 and B2, ABmunis is partnering with RMA to explore hosting a summit on addictions, homelessness, and mental health for Western Canadian Municipal Associations (WCMA), as well as First Nations leaders. We are also exploring opportunities for joint advocacy with the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association (ASCHA), the Rural Development Network (RDN), and RMA.</p>

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		<p>complex needs get housed and stay housed, resulting in a visible reduction in homelessness and drastic savings in health, justice, and law enforcement costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigation of interventions to promote resilience in different populations at risk for homelessness, including those within rural, suburban, or urban areas.</li> </ul>	
B4	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Rural Access to Supports for Addictions, Homelessness and Mental Health</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Grimshaw</li> <li>Town of Peace River</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to provide a similar solution for urbans of all populations like the funds that have been provided to Edmonton, Calgary and other large urban centres to address the issues of addiction, homelessness and public safety, and build on the province's recovery-oriented system of addiction and mental health care.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      The Minister of Mental Health and Addiction's February 2024 response letter to this resolution lists the provincial funding for and locations of recovery communities, addiction and mental health clinics, and emergency shelter spaces. The Minister also notes that supports for mental health and addictions are available virtually to Albertans living in rural and remote locations.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      ABmunis is partnering with RMA to explore hosting a summit on addictions, homelessness, and mental health for Western Canadian Municipal Associations (WCMA), as well as First Nations leaders. We are also exploring opportunities for joint advocacy with the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association (ASCHA), the Rural Development Network (RDN), and RMA.</p> <p>The Safe and Healthy Communities Committee has also requested that the ABmunis Board approve funding in the ABmunis 2025 budget for a public education/advocacy campaign on these issues, as well as a research project to collect quantitative data on access to services to support our advocacy narrative.</p>
B6	<p><b>Resolution Name</b></p>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities lobby the Government of Alberta</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Accepts government response – no further action required.</p>

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	<p><a href="#">Capital Funding Support for Housing Management Bodies</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Village of Wembley</li> <li>Town of Sexsmith</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>	<p>to increase funding to Housing Management Bodies to alleviate the affordability crisis and provide funding for capital upkeep or replacement needed to sustain supportive living at senior lodges.</p>	<p><b>Government Response</b></p> <p>In April 2024, the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services wrote to ABmunis stating that “Budget 2024 provides a substantial increase in funding for housing providers to operate affordable and seniors housing. In addition, Budget 2024 provides \$120.9 million over three years for capital maintenance and renewal funding to help maintain existing units.” This funding will provide \$75 million to 48 HMBs in 2024-25 and represents a 40 per cent increase (\$21 million) from last year’s budget.</p>
B7	<p><b>Resolution Name</b></p> <p><a href="#">Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Coverage for Community Peace Officers Under the Workers Compensation Act</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Drayton Valley</li> <li>City of Edmonton</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>by regulation, add all peace officers appointed under the Peace Officer Act as an 'other class of worker' referred to in section 24.2(2) of the Workers' Compensation Act until such time as the Act can be amended, and</li> <li>amend the definition of Peace Officer under the Workers Compensation Act, Part 4, section 24.2(1)(f) to include all Peace Officers appointed under section 7 of the Peace Officer Act.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b></p> <p>Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b></p> <p>The Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade’s December 2023 response to the resolution notes that “even without a presumption, workers’ compensation benefits for psychological injuries are available to all workers through the usual WCB claim process. This means peace officers who are not sheriffs may be eligible for benefits through the regular claim process. At this time, no changes to the WCA or regulations are being considered. However, your suggestion has been noted and will help inform future legislation review.”</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b></p> <p>ABmunis is reaching out to the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers to explore opportunities for joint advocacy on this topic. We also reaching out to Jobs, Economy, and Trade department staff to inquire when the next review of the WCA is expected to take place; there is currently no timeframe for another review.</p>

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B8	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Provincial Funding for Medical First Response</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Grande Prairie</li> <li>City of Medicine Hat</li> <li>Town of Sexsmith</li> <li>City of Wetaskiwin</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to compensate municipalities that operate a fire service with employees or volunteers who are qualified as Medical First Responders in instances when those firefighters respond to emergencies due to the absence or delay of provincial paramedics in their service area.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      The Minister of Health's December 2023 response to the resolution acknowledges that the ongoing strain on emergency medical services (EMS) has significantly impacted MFR program participants and outlines the actions that the province is taking to improve EMS response times. The Minister also references the new Alberta EMS standing committee that will provide direct input to Alberta Health on performance, opportunities, and challenges within the EMS.</p> <p>On February 21, 2024, the province announced <a href="#">changes to the MFR program</a>. \$3.85 million will be distributed to MFR agencies to help offset some of the growing costs associated with this program.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      ABmunis will monitor ABmunis members' response to the MFR program changes and coordinate feedback to share with the Alberta EMS Standing Committee.</p>
B9	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Integration of Nurse Practitioners into the Alberta Healthcare System</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Wembley</li> <li>Town of Sexsmith</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to remove the legislative and funding barriers that impede greater integration of Nurse Practitioners into the healthcare system.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent met - further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      ABmunis has not received a formal response from the Government of Alberta. On April 25, 2024, the Minister of Health announced a signed deal with the Nurse Practitioners Association of Alberta for the launch of a new Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program. This initiative empowers NPs to work independently, expanding their role in primary care clinics. Under this program, NPs will receive compensation based on patient panel size and care hours, as well as additional incentives for NPs who choose to serve rural and underserved communities</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b></p>

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	<b>ABmunis Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Communities</li> </ul>		Although we have not received a formal response from the Minister of Health, we have seen significant positive movement from both the Nurse Practitioners Association of Alberta and the Ministry in coming to an agreement.
B10	<b>Resolution Name</b> <a href="#">Expand Capacity to Train Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technologists for Rural Alberta</a>  <b>Sponsors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Sundre</li> <li>Town of Olds</li> </ul> <b>ABmunis Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>	<b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to collaborate with post-secondary institutions to expand the number of seats available to train Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technologist (CLXT) for rural Alberta by increasing the number of seats for CLXT training at NAIT by twenty seats and exploring means by which an additional twenty seat capacity (to a total of 80 students annually) can be created at NAIT or another Alberta post-secondary institution.	<b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b> Accepts government response – no further action required  <b>Government Response</b> Advanced Education has invested roughly \$225 million to create over 12,500 seats in high-demand programs at post-secondary institutions across the province. This includes \$2.6 million over three years to create 22 seats in the U of A's medical laboratory science program. Alberta successfully opened 15 additional CLXT seats for fall 2024, with plans to further boost spaces in 2025-26.
B11	<b>Resolution Name</b> <a href="#">Maintaining Non-Partisan Municipal Elections</a>  <b>Sponsors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Brooks</li> <li>Village of Duchess</li> </ul> <b>ABmunis Committee</b>	<b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Provincial Government to refrain from introducing partisan politics in local government elections;  <b>AND IT IS FURTHERED RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to amend the LAEA to prohibit partisanship infiltrating local elections or politics in any way including political party endorsements of local candidates, donations directly or indirectly to local candidates, or by way of any other influence.	<b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b> Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.  <b>Government Response</b> In November 2023, Alberta Municipal Affairs surveyed Albertans on whether council candidates should be allowed to list a political party on the election ballot. The results indicated that 70% of Albertans were not supportive. In the spring 2024 legislative session, the Government of Alberta passed Bill 20, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, which made numerous changes to the LAEA including the ability for municipal political parties to operate in the Calgary and Edmonton municipal elections in 2025. In addition, the



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Municipal Governance Committee</li> </ul>		<p>Act made several changes to donation limits and enabled corporations and unions to donate to candidates. In October 2024, the province released the new Expense Limits Regulation, which provides an <a href="#">unfair financial advantage</a> for candidates who run under a political party.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>            ABmunis actions on this issue have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contracted Janet Brown Opinion Research to poll Albertans in August 2023, which confirmed that 68% were opposed.</li> <li>• Hosted an education session at our 2023 Convention called Fight for Your Right Not to Party: Defending the Local in Local Elections.</li> <li>• Launched a public campaign in November 2023 to encourage Albertans to provide their input on the province's survey.</li> <li>• Hosted a Town Hall with members in November 2023.</li> <li>• Met with Minister McIver in December 2023.</li> <li>• Provided time for members to question the Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs at our Spring 2024 MLC.</li> <li>• Sent a letter to the Premier in April 2024 outlining <a href="#">legislative changes</a> that could improve election transparency without the need for political parties.</li> <li>• After Bill 20 was released, ABmunis:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Engaged media.</li> <li>○ Hosted a webinar to educate and source input from members.</li> <li>○ Called for Bill 20 to be withdrawn to allow time for meaningful discussions with municipal leaders.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Conducted an extensive number of media interviews that generated significant media coverage between September 2023 and May 2024.</li> </ul> <p>Despite ABmunis' efforts, only two amendments were made to Bill 20. ABmunis participated in engagements over the summer of 2024 to help inform the development of regulations that are needed to implement the changes made by Bill 20. ABmunis has joined the</p>

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			Canadian Municipal Barometers project which brings together academics and municipal associations to understand and explore ways to improve local democracy. The project provides the opportunity to assess the impact of partisanship on local elections.
B12	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Inclusion of Libraries in Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Cardston</li> <li>Town of Magrath</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the clear articulation by the Government of Alberta in legislation that cost sharing for library services is within the scope of Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      In December 2023, the Minister of Municipal Affairs communicated that ICFs are not intended to replace the authority of library boards under the Libraries Act and since library boards are separate corporations, they have authority to secure funding as they see fit. In addition, it is inappropriate for a municipality to negotiate library funding through an ICF if the municipality isn't the primary funder. In spring 2024, Municipal Affairs conducted engagements with municipalities and municipal associations with the intent to update ICF rules in 2025.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      ABmunis released its Recommendations on the Future of Intermunicipal Collaboration in fall 2023 and used Municipal Affairs' spring 2024 review of ICF legislation to advocate for this resolution. ABmunis is now awaiting an update from Municipal Affairs based on what it heard through its consultations.</p>
B13	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Provincial Funding for Growing Municipalities</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Airdrie</li> <li>City of Leduc</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to actively partner with municipalities absorbing the population growth required to support a vibrant, diverse and thriving provincial economy through the creation of a dedicated funding program to support the capital investment pressures of growth.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p><i>[Note: ABmunis' Board is scheduled to review its rating of this resolution now that the province has released the details of the new Local Growth and Sustainability Grant]</i></p> <p><b>Government Response</b></p>

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	<p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Committee</li> </ul>		<p>In December 2023, the Minister of Municipal Affairs communicated that the allocation formula for the new LGFF Capital program will “balance the needs of all municipalities, including those experiencing population growth”. In October 2024, the province announced the creation of a new three-year \$60 million <a href="#">Local Growth and Sustainability Grant</a>. Approximately 75 per cent of the funding is earmarked for municipalities between 10,000 and 200,000 population, where population growth is forcing unique infrastructure challenges.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      In January 2024, ABmunis hosted webinars for members to explain the LGFF Capital allocation formula for the non-charter municipalities. In summer 2024, ABmunis staff had the opportunity to review a draft version of the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant and provided input that led to changes before the finalization of the program. This resolution aligns with ABmunis advocacy on 2023 Resolution E2 and other resolutions on infrastructure funding and will be supported by new financial research where our findings will start to be released in 2025.</p>
B14	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Provincial Lending Rates to Municipalities</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of St. Albert</li> <li>City of Airdrie</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Committee</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance to implement measures to restore the policy that permitted municipalities to obtain loans with lower interest rates, as was provided prior to 2021, to allow for improved financial flexibility to encourage municipalities to fund capital projects and save taxpayer dollars.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      In a January 2024 meeting with ABmunis, the Minister of Finance communicated that this issue was a high priority and that his department was exploring options to reduce the interest rate premium charged to municipalities. The Minister reiterated these remarks at ABmunis' Spring 2024 MLC. At ABmunis' 2024 Convention, the Premier announced that the <a href="#">province will revert back to the former policy</a> effective April 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b></p>

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			The September 2024 announcement meets the intent of the resolution and ABmunis' rating of the government's response will be updated once the policy change has been implemented in April 2025.
B15	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Infrastructure Servicing and Construction Costs of School Sites</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City of Lethbridge</li> <li>▪ Town of Okotoks</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Infrastructure</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to ensure provincial allocations of capital funding for school construction cover all costs of construction, including the servicing of school sites with the required infrastructure.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met – further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response:</b>                      In a January 2024 letter, the Minister of Infrastructure indicated he would speak to his colleagues in Education and Municipal Affairs about this resolution. The response also stated that construction related activity benefits the economy regardless of which party provides site servicing.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      Due to the lower priority assigned to this resolution, ABmunis will monitor government actions on this issue and provide input as opportunities arise.</p>
B16	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Provincial Support for Downtowns, Business Districts and Mainstreets</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City of Edmonton</li> <li>▪ City of St. Albert</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada to increase their financial commitment to supporting the recovery and ongoing vitality efforts for the downtowns, business districts, and main streets of communities throughout Alberta.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      In a December 2023 letter, the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade detailed several steps the Government of Alberta has taken to support downtowns and main streets including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10 million to assist downtown revitalization in both Calgary and Edmonton in Budget 2022.</li> <li>• Flexibility in the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) program to support streetscape improvement projects contributing to downtown vitality, such as signs, street lighting and sidewalks as well as flexibility to direct LGFF funding toward projects supporting existing and new businesses, and</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Economic Strategy</li> </ul>		<p>industrial districts, including rehabilitation and construction of road, water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ability to pass a bylaw to form a Business Improvement Area (BIA) to advance commercial vibrancy in a specific area.</li> <li>• The Community Revitalization Levy (CRL) program is a financial tool, which can be used to revitalize an area where redevelopment is hindered due to significant and persistent barriers.</li> <li>• Alberta also provides a range of small business supports, including a wayfinding service called Biz Connect (<a href="http://alberta.ca/small-business-resources">alberta.ca/small-business-resources</a>), which provides referrals to relevant organizations.</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> While steps have been taken to address the intent of the resolution, the supports are insufficient to fully fulfill the desired outcome of the resolution.</p> <p>Increased financial support for municipalities through a larger funding pot for the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital program is a top priority for ABmunis. A substantive increase to LGFF Capital will allow municipalities the financial flexibility to fund local priorities, including the recovery and ongoing vitality efforts for the downtowns, business districts, and main streets.</p>
B17	<p><b>Resolution Name</b> <a href="#">Changes to the Clean Energy Improvement Program</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City of Edmonton</li> <li>▪ City of Lethbridge</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to make the following changes to the Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make borrowing for CEIP eligible under the Local Authorities Capital Financing Act;</li> <li>2. Allow residential building financing for multi-unit buildings, including condominiums, to be equivalent to the non-residential investment limit;</li> </ol>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b> Intent not met – further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> ABmunis and the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre are undertaking engagements with CEIP communities to develop a submission to the province on these proposed changes.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Athabasca</li> </ul> <b>ABmunis Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainability and Environment</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the maximum financing limit for residential properties, which is currently set at \$50,000 or no more than double the municipal property taxes, whichever is less;</li> <li>Increase the maximum financing limit of \$1 million for non-residential properties; and,</li> <li>Expand eligible items to include additional clean energy and adaptation upgrades such as, but not limited to, EV Chargers, while allowing municipalities to retain the ability to choose which elements of an expanded program to offer.</li> </ol>	

### Category C:

## Other issues of potential interest to municipalities in Alberta

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
C1	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Sustainable Community Hospice Funding Model</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Rocky Mountain House</li> <li>Town of Penhold</li> <li>City of Camrose</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to implement a sustainable operational funding model for the provision of hospice services by community hospice societies across the province.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met - further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      The Minister of Health's December 2023 response to the resolution states that the province has "invested nearly \$1 billion over three years to begin transformation of the continuing care system", including implementing recommendations from the Facility-Based Continuing Care Review and the Advancing Palliative and End-of-Life Care in Alberta Report mentioned in the resolution. The Minister also</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>		<p>notes that "Alberta Health has budgeted support for the operational funding of an additional 25 new community-based hospice spaces by 2026."</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      ABmunis and RMA sent a joint letter to the Minister of Health on the role of hospices in the new healthcare model, as well as a joint statement of principles for a hospice funding model.</p> <p>ABmunis also provided key messages to the Alberta EMS Advisory Committee on the need for appropriate funding of hospice spaces to ensure hospital beds are free for urgent care.</p>
C2	<p><a href="#">Resolution Review of Vehicle Collision Reporting Damage Threshold</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Airdrie</li> <li>City of St. Albert</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to engage stakeholders and review the \$2,000 collision reporting damage threshold to reflect current repair costs, while reducing red tape and administrative work for municipal police departments.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Accepts government response – no further action required.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      On December 14, 2023, the <a href="#">Government of Alberta announced</a> that the collision reporting damage threshold was now increased to \$5,000 and that it will adjusted based on inflation going forward.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      ABmunis applauds the Government of Alberta's quick response to our members' resolution.</p>
C3	<p><a href="#">Resolution E-Scooters and Modernizing the Alberta Traffic Safety Act for Personal Use</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Calgary</li> <li>City of Edmonton</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to amend the Traffic Safety Act to accommodate the daily use of e-Scooters Alberta wide, for rental and personal use</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent Partially Met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      In December 2023, the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors communicated that his department is reviewing the results of the e-scooter pilot programs that were held in Airdrie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Okotoks, Red Deer, Leduc, Edmonton, and Calgary. The Minister aims to share the results of the evaluation in fall 2024.</p>

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			<p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      Advocacy staff have regular contact with Alberta Transportation on this issue. ABmunis is awaiting the results of the evaluation of the pilot programs and from there will determine what further advocacy is required.</p>
C4	<p><b>Resolution</b>  <a href="#">Use of Golf Carts on Designated Municipal Roads</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Village of Half Moon Bay</li> <li>Village of Delburne</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to make changes to the Alberta Traffic Safety Act and regulations plus the Use of Highway and Rules of The Road Regulation that would allow Municipalities, if they so desire, to approve the use of golf carts on certain approved roads and public lands within their municipality.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      In December 2023, the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors communicated that golf carts are currently not allowed on roads due to the lack of appropriate safety standards but that the Ministry is aiming to share results of a review in fall 2024 on how the legislation could be amended to allow expanded use of golf carts and other non-traditional vehicles.</p> <p>On October 24, 2024, the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors announced a five-year pilot project where municipalities can apply to allow for use of golf carts on limited roads. At that time, the Town of Coaldale, County of Lacombe, Village of Linden, Summer Village of Whispering Hills, Town of Delburne, Village of Acme, and Summer Village of Half Moon Bay were approved to use golf carts in their community.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      Ministry staff are scheduled to present on this pilot at the November 2024 Infrastructure Committee meeting.</p>
C5	<p><b>Resolution</b>  <a href="#">Access to Mobile Wireless (Cellular) Services</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABmunis Board</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities engage the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to address the lack of reliable cellular network coverage for mobile wireless (cellular) service</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      No response.</p>



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	<p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Communities</li> </ul>		<p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b></p> <p>ABmunis sent a letter to the Federal Minister of Canadian Heritage on November 1, 2023. We followed up on April 24, 2024 and have not received a response.</p>
C6	<p><b>Resolution</b>  <a href="#">Capital Budget Disclosures Negatively Impacting Procurement Processes</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Okotoks</li> <li>City of Airdrie</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Municipal Governance</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta for amendments to Part 8 of the MGA to provide that detailed phasing and costing of projects are protected information from disclosure in public budget documents and off-site levy bylaw requirements until after those projects have been awarded under the applicable procurement process.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b></p> <p>Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b></p> <p>In December 2023, the Minister of Municipal Affairs communicated by letter that concerns from municipalities likely stem from how one interprets section 246 of the MGA. The MGA does not prescribe the level of detail required in budgets or plans. If a municipality adopts the capital budget publicly with the required content, the requirements in the MGA would be deemed to be met.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b></p> <p>The Minister suggests that municipalities can pass budgets now without releasing budget data that will influence tendering processes. ABmunis approached Municipal Affairs administration for example practices but no further insights were provided. ABmunis plans to consult with the Government Finance Officers Association of Alberta and specific members for potential best practices on how to find a balance between presenting budget information in a transparent manner without releasing information that will influence tendering outcomes.</p>
C7	<p><b>Resolution</b>  <a href="#">Trade Agreement Impacts on Municipal Procurement Processes</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the provincial government to abolish the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA), as it would permit greater opportunities for local sourcing.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b></p> <p>Intent not met – further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b></p> <p>The Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade's letter in December 2023 expressed continued support for the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA) and a desire for more provinces to sign on to the NWPTA to open more trade than can be achieved under the Canada</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo</li> <li>Lac La Biche County</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Strategy</li> </ul>		<p>Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). The Minister committed to raising the possibility of adjusting thresholds with other NWPTA parties; however, he stressed that decisions to amend the agreement require consent of all four signatories (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba) and did not indicate how strongly the province would advocate for amending the NWPTA thresholds to align with those in the CFTA.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> The Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade joined the Economic Strategy Committee at their November 29, 2023 meeting, however the issue of amending NWPTA procurement thresholds was not discussed. ABmunis' administration will monitor the actions of the province and its NWPTA partners to see if changes to the thresholds are made.</p>

## Category E: Emergent Resolutions

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
E1	<p><b>Resolution Name</b> <a href="#">Enhancing Amusement Ride Safety</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Stony Plain</li> <li>ABmunis Board</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe and Healthy Communities</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to conduct a review of the codes and standards that govern amusement rides to ensure members of the public can enjoy the safe operation of these experiences.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b> Intent not met - further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b> The Minister of Municipal Affairs' December 2023 letter response to the resolution notes that owners and operators of amusement rides are responsible for meeting the requirements of the Safety Codes Act, including requirements related to the rides under their control. The Safety Codes Council Amusement Rides Sub-council is responsible for making recommendations on safety codes, standards, interpretations,</p>

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			<p>and policies related to amusement rides. The Minister states that he has shared the resolution with the Sub-Council for their consideration.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      ABmunis met with Gord Pattison, Chief Executive Officer of Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association (AEDARSA). Mr. Pattison indicated that AEDARSA met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs after the accidents in Stony Plain to review these incidents and they determined that the issue was with the ride operator and not the overall safety codes/permitting system. Mr. Pattison thought that in this particular scenario, more inspections wouldn't have made a difference as it was ultimately human error that led to the accidents, not equipment failure. He also indicated that it was unlikely that Municipal Affairs would undertake a review of the relevant codes and standards at this time.</p>
E2	<p><b>Resolution</b>  <a href="#">Adequate Level of Provincial Funding for Community Infrastructure</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ABmunis Board</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Executive Committee</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to restore municipal infrastructure funding to an adequate level by setting the new Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital funding program at a starting amount of \$1.75 billion when the program begins in 2024.</p>	<p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>                      Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p><b>Government Response</b>                      In March 2024, the Minister of Municipal Affairs communicated that the budget allocations under the former MSI program were not sustainable for Alberta taxpayers. The province maintained the starting amount of LGFF Capital at \$722 million and introduced the three-year \$20 million annual Local Growth and Sustainability Grant.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>                      This issue has been one of ABmunis' top advocacy priorities since the <i>Local Government Fiscal Framework Act</i> was announced in fall 2019 with a starting amount of \$860 million, which the province later reduced to \$722 million. Since approval of this resolution, ABmunis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launched an extensive media campaign in fall 2023 to raise the public's awareness of declining provincial support.</li> <li>• Hosted a town hall with members in November 2023.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs in December 2023 and Minister of Finance in January 2024.</li> <li>• Provided resources for members to communicate with MLAs, ministers, and the media.</li> <li>• Hosted webinars with members to help explain the LGFF Capital allocation formula introduced by Municipal Affairs, which was influenced by the work of ABmunis and RMA.</li> </ul> <p>In September 2024, ABmunis started a new financial research project that will help inform Albertans and provincial decision-makers about municipal finances and the importance of infrastructure funding. Findings are expected to be available by spring 2025.</p>



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