

# 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>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' 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>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>  The ABmunis Board also approved the following actions related to this resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with RMA to explore the possibility of hosting a summit on addictions, homelessness, and mental health for Western Canadian Municipal Associations (WCMA), as well as First Nations leaders, in fall 2024. (Note: the summit was not deemed feasible given capacity and scheduling constraints.)</li> <li>• Explore opportunities for joint advocacy with the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association (ASCHA), the Rural Development Network (RDN), and RMA. Joint advocacy is ongoing.</li> </ul>
B2	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Enhanced Funding for the Rent Assistance and Temporary Rent Assistance Benefits</a></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</li> </ul>	<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 province has made it easier for</p>

	<p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <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>them to access rent support for appropriate housing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increase awareness of rent assistance programs to provide more Albertans in core housing needs with the support that they need to ensure they have access to appropriate housing; and,</li> <li>simplify the application process.</li> </ul>	<p>Albertans to find affordable housing using the centralized portal at <a href="https://findhousing.alberta.ca">findhousing.alberta.ca</a>.</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>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> Similar to resolution B1, the ABmunis Board approved the following actions related to this resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner with RMA to explore the possibility of hosting a summit on addictions, homelessness, and mental health for Western Canadian Municipal Associations (WCMA), as well as First Nations leaders, in fall 2024. (Note: the summit was not deemed feasible given capacity and scheduling constraints.)</li> <li>Explore opportunities for joint advocacy with the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association (ASCHA), the Rural Development Network (RDN), and RMA. Joint advocacy is ongoing.</li> </ul>
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</li> </ul>	<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' 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>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> Similar to resolutions B1 and B2, the ABmunis Board approved the following actions related to this resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner with RMA to explore the possibility of hosting a summit on addictions, homelessness, and mental health for Western Canadian</li> </ul>

		<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest in the cost-effective health and support services needed to help those with complex needs get housed and stay housed, resulting in a visible reduction in homelessness and drastic savings in health, justice, and law enforcement costs.</li> <li>Investigation of interventions to promote resilience in different populations at risk for homelessness, including those within rural, suburban, or urban areas.</li> </ul>	<p>Municipal Associations (WCMA), as well as First Nations leaders, in fall 2024. (Note: the summit was not deemed feasible given capacity and scheduling constraints.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore opportunities for joint advocacy with the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association (ASCHA), the Rural Development Network (RDN), and RMA. Joint advocacy is ongoing.</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>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' Rating of the Government's Response</b>  Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>  The ABmunis Board also approved the following actions related to this resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner with RMA to explore the possibility of hosting a summit on addictions, homelessness, and mental health for Western Canadian Municipal Associations (WCMA), as well as First Nations leaders, in fall 2024. (Note: the summit was not deemed feasible given capacity and scheduling constraints.)</li> </ul>

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B6	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <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><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities lobby the Government of Alberta 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>  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> <p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>  Accepts government response – no further action required.</p>
B7	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <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>Government Response</b>  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' Rating of the Government's Response</b>  Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>  In partnership with RMA and the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers, ABmunis has sent joint letters to the Premier and the Minister of Jobs, Economy, and Trade on this topic. ABmunis, RMA, and the AACPO have also developed and shared materials and messaging to raise awareness of this issue. A joint meeting with the Minister is scheduled for the end of July 2025.</p>
B8	<p><b>Resolution Name</b></p>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government</p>	<p><b>Government Response</b></p>



	<p><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>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>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' Rating of the Government's Response</b> Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</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>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Communities</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>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 Nurse Practitioners (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' Rating of the Government's Response</b> Intent met - further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> 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. <b>Over 33 NPs have been able to start practices and address the</b></p>

			need in 2024 and NPs were mentioned in the 2025 budget, committing to this funding agreement.
B10	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Expand Capacity to Train Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technologists for Rural Alberta</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Sundre</li> <li>Town of Olds</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 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.</p>	<p><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.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b>            Accepts government response – no further action required</p>
B11	<p><b>Resolution Name</b>  <a href="#">Maintaining Non-Partisan Municipal Elections</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Brooks</li> <li>Village of Duchess</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Municipal Governance Committee</li> </ul>	<p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Provincial Government to refrain from introducing partisan politics in local government elections;</p> <p><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.</p>	<p><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, 2024, 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, Bill 20 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' Rating of the Government's Response</b>            Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</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> </ul>



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 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. <b>ABmunis is now monitoring the impact of local political parties in Calgary and Edmonton for the 2025 municipal election to inform our next steps in advocacy.</b></p>
B12	<b>Resolution Name</b> <a href="#">Inclusion of Libraries in Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks</a>  <b>Sponsors</b>	<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.	<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 <i>Libraries Act</i> and since library boards are separate corporations, they have authority to secure funding as they see fit.

	<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>In spring 2025, the legislature passed Bill 50, the <i>Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025</i>, which prescribes that municipalities shall not include libraries in an ICF.</p> <p>In a June 2025 letter, the Minister of Municipal Affairs explained that it would be “inappropriate to authorize municipalities to negotiate agreements about library services” when “library boards are separately established entities with a legislated mandate to make decisions about library services. Municipalities are encouraged to work with library boards to negotiate cost-sharing arrangements...but these agreements are not enabled under ICF provisions.”</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b> In July 2025, ABmunis' Municipal Governance Committee updated its categorization to “Intent not met – further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.” This will be reviewed by ABmunis' Board in August 2025.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> ABmunis released its <a href="#">Recommendations on the Future of Intermunicipal Collaboration</a> in fall 2023 and used Municipal Affairs' spring 2024 review of ICF legislation to advocate for this resolution including a written submission.</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>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 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>Government Response</b> 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 one-time \$60 million <a href="#">Local Growth and Sustainability Grant</a> where 75% of the funding was earmarked for cities facing growth infrastructure challenges.</p> <p>In Budget 2025, the province canceled the program after delivering \$20 million of the program. The Minister's February 2025 letter explained that the cancellation was a result of increases in the Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital program and the Grants in Place of Taxes program.</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>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b></p>

			<p>ABmunis had strongly advocated for the LGFF Capital program to prioritize population as a primary formula factor.</p> <p>In summer 2024, ABmunis provided input into the design of the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant but communicated that a one-time grant of \$45 million would be insufficient to address the immense scope of current and future infrastructure needs resulting from the high population growth in many of Alberta's communities.</p> <p>This resolution aligns with ABmunis advocacy on 2023 Resolution E2 and other resolutions on infrastructure funding and <b>will be supported by our new financial research to be released in late summer 2025.</b></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>Government Response</b></p> <p>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' Rating of the Government's Response</b>  <b>Accepts government response – no further action required.</b></p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>  <b>ABmunis expressed our thanks of the Government of Alberta through this <a href="#">April 2025 newsletter article</a> and a letter to the Minister of Treasury Board and Finance.</b></p>
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>	<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>Government Response:</b></p> <p>In a January 2024 letter, the Minister of Infrastructure indicated he would speak to his colleagues in Education and Municipal Affairs about this resolution.</p> <p>In fall 2024, the Government of Alberta introduced the School Construction Accelerator Program, which aims to create 50,000 new student spaces within three years and 150,000 new spaces over seven years.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure</li> </ul>		<p>Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b>            After further review by ABmunis' Infrastructure Committee in March 2025, updated its categorization of the government's response and ABmunis Board directed ABmunis to meet with the Alberta School Boards Association and send a letter to the new Minister of Infrastructure regarding this issue.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Strategy</li> </ul>	<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>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 industrial districts, including rehabilitation and construction of road, water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.</li> <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 (alberta.ca/small-business-resources), which provides referrals to relevant organizations.</li> </ul> <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>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>

			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.
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> <li>Town of Athabasca</li> </ul> <p><b>ABmunis Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainability and Environment</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> <li>3. 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>4. Increase the maximum financing limit of \$1 million for non-residential properties; and,</li> <li>5. 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>	<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 recently completed engagement with CEIP communities to inform a forthcoming submission to the province regarding the proposed changes. A key takeaway from the engagement was the strong consensus that enabling borrowing under the Local Authorities Capital Financing Act is the top priority. Actionable steps to move this resolution forward will be presented to the Board in September 2025 and our research findings will be submitted to the province shortly after.</p>

## 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> <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 implement a sustainable operational funding model for the provision of hospice services by community hospice societies across the province.</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 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' 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 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><b>Resolution</b>  <a href="#">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>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>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' Rating of the Government's Response</b>  Accepts government response – no further action required.</p>



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	<b>ABmunis Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure</li> </ul>		<b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> ABmunis applauds the Government of Alberta's quick response to our members' resolution.
C3	<b>Resolution</b> <a href="#">E-Scooters and Modernizing the Alberta Traffic Safety Act for Personal Use</a>  <b>Sponsors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Calgary</li> <li>City of Edmonton</li> </ul> <b>ABmunis Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure</li> </ul>	<b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to amend the <i>Traffic Safety Act</i> to accommodate the daily use of e-Scooters Alberta wide, for rental and personal use	<b>Government Response</b> In December 2023, the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors communicated that his department was 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 communicated that his ministry would share the results of the evaluation in fall 2024.  <b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b> Intent Partially Met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.  <b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> ABmunis is awaiting an update from the Ministry on the results of the evaluation of the pilot programs and the Ministry's plans.
C4	<b>Resolution</b> <a href="#">Use of Golf Carts on Designated Municipal Roads</a>  <b>Sponsors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Village of Half Moon Bay</li> <li>Village of Delburne</li> </ul> <b>ABmunis Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure</li> </ul>	<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.	<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.  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.  <b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b> Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.

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			<p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b></p> <p>Ministry staff provided an update on this pilot at the November 2024 Infrastructure Committee meeting. Discussion focused on vehicle requirements, insurance, enforcement, and related matters that were being explored as part of the pilot. ABmunis will continue to monitor the pilot as it progresses and will provide updates to members as it continues.</p>
C5	<p><a href="#">Resolution Access to Mobile Wireless (Cellular) Services</a></p> <p><b>Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABmunis Board</li> <li>ABmunis Committee</li> <li>Small Communities</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>Government Response</b></p> <p>No response.</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b></p> <p>Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement</p> <p><b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b></p> <p>ABmunis sent a letter to the Federal Minister of Canadian Heritage on November 1, 2023. Although ABmunis followed up with the Federal Minister in 2024, there has still been no response. The Small Communities Committee continues to monitor this resolution.</p>
C6	<p><a href="#">Resolution 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> <li>ABmunis Committee</li> <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>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' 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>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b></p> <p>The Minister suggests that municipalities can already pass budgets without releasing budget data that will influence tendering processes. ABmunis contacted Municipal Affairs' staff for examples and was only offered the</p>

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			<a href="#">Guide to Legislative Requirements for Municipal Financial and Capital Plans</a> and confirmed that municipalities have discretion as long as they pass a 3-year operating budget and 5-year capital plan. ABmunis also contacted the Government Finance Officers Association of Alberta but they do not have resources to support municipalities on this issue. ABmunis administration plans to engage with targeted members to source possible best practices.
C7	<b>Resolution</b> <a href="#">Trade Agreement Impacts on Municipal Procurement Processes</a>  <b>Sponsors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo</li> <li>Lac La Biche County</li> </ul> <b>ABmunis Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Strategy</li> </ul>	<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.	<b>Government Response</b> 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 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.  <b>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</b> Intent not met – further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.  <b>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> The Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade joined the Economic Strategy Committee at their November 29, 2023 and April 17, 2025 meetings, 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.

## 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>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, 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' 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 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>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>In Budget 2025, the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant was eliminated after only one year of funding in light of increases to the LGFF Capital program and the Grant in Place of Taxes program, as communicated by the Minister.</b></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>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</b> ABmunis was surprised and disappointed with the announcement in Budget 2025 that the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant was cancelled after just one year.</p> <p>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> <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 will start to be released by fall 2025.</p>
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