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| This template is an ***optional*** resource for municipal administrations to use to brief your council on ABmunis’ 2025 Resolutions Book and resolutions voting at ABmunis’ Convention. |

**BRIEFING NOTE**

**Topic:**

Voting on Alberta Municipalities’ 2025 Resolutions

**Background:**

The purpose of this briefing is to provide information and recommendations to council members who will be attending Alberta Municipalities’ 2025 Convention and Trade Show and voting on resolutions.

The Alberta Municipalities 2025 Convention & Trade Show is taking place in Calgary on November 12-14, 2025 with post-convention sessions on November 14-15.

Each resolution is sponsored by at least two municipalities that are Regular Members of Alberta Municipalities. At the Convention, members of our council and elected officials of other Regular Member municipalities who have registered for Convention will have the opportunity to vote on each resolution. The outcome of each vote will help determine what issues ABmunis will invest its time and resources to advocate on behalf of its member municipalities.

**Date and Time of the Resolutions Session**

The Resolutions Session is currently scheduled to take place on November 13, 2025. The session times will be available in the agenda posted at <https://www.abmunis.ca/events/2025-convention-trade-show>.

**Resolutions Book**

The most current version of Alberta Municipalities’ 2025 Resolutions Book is available at <https://www.abmunis.ca/advocacy-resources/resolutions>. The Resolutions Book will also be posted in their Convention app that will be released to registered delegates a few days before the Convention.

**Administration’s Review of the 2025 Resolutions**

The following represents a summary of each resolution and the [MUNICIPALITY] of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Administration’s advice on each resolution. In addition to this briefing, Council is encouraged to review the entire [2025 Resolutions Book](https://www.abmunis.ca/advocacy-resources/resolutions/) as it includes:

* Background on Alberta Municipalities’ resolutions process and advocacy.
* Background information on each resolution.
* Alberta Municipalities’ comments on each resolution that provide additional details not presented by the sponsoring municipality.
* Contact information for each sponsoring municipality if you have questions.

Administration has provided advice on each resolution using the categories of:

* **Support the resolution** – with reasons explained.
* **Do Not Support the resolution** – with reasons explained.
* **No Recommendation** – the issue is considered outside of Administration’s purview.

**Questions to Consider When Voting**

To help guide your decision on how to vote on a resolution, council members may want to consider the following questions:

* Is this issue important enough that Alberta Municipalities should invest its time and resources on the issue?
* Is Alberta Municipalities the best organization to add value to this issue?
* If the issue doesn’t apply to my community, can I still support it because municipalities in Alberta will generally benefit if Alberta Municipalities is successful in its advocacy?
* Would advocacy on this issue have unintended consequences for municipalities?

**Category B: Issues Related to Alberta Municipalities’ Strategic Initiatives**

| **Resolution Title** | **Resolution’s Call for Action** | **Recommendation from Administration** |
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| B1: Removal of the Provincial Property Tax from the Municipal Tax Bill | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to assume direct responsibility for the collection of provincial education property taxes, thereby relieving municipalities of this obligation and ensuring a more transparent approach to education funding. |  |
| B2: Municipal Accommodation Tax Implementation in Alberta | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to amend the Municipal Government Act to establish a provincial framework that enables municipalities to implement Municipal Accommodation Taxes through local bylaws, with municipalities having the authority to determine tax rates, collection methods, and revenue allocation based on local infrastructure and tourism development needs while adhering to provincial standards for transparency and accountability. |  |
| B3: Extended Lifespan of Fire Apparatus in Municipalities | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta, the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other relevant bodies to review and amend policies requiring the mandatory pump recertification of fire apparatus every 20 years in accordance with the National Fire Code of Canada and the effect on insurance premiums for residents based on the Fire Underwriters Survey Technical Bulletin Insurance Grading Recognition of Used or Rebuilt Fire Apparatus, with consideration for the unique needs and financial circumstances of municipalities and their residents; andFURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Alberta Municipalities recommend that fire apparatus replacement be based on usage, condition, and maintenance records rather than a fixed time frame, allowing municipalities to retain and maintain their equipment for longer periods without compromising safety or compliance with standards. |  |
| B4: Funding for Sport and Recreation Facilities | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to either (i) amend the Active Communities Initiative to make municipalities eligible and increase the budget for application or (ii) create a new annual or bi-annual funding program for municipalities, that enables them to effectively leverage their available capital reserves and local partnerships for new and existing recreation infrastructure for the benefit of their communities. |  |
| B5: Improving Infrastructure at Alberta’s Community Airports | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to raise the annual Community Airport Program funding under the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program to $15 million, make more projects eligible for funding, extend funding to all community airport operators, and increase provincial cost-sharing based on need. |  |
| B6: Access to Seniors Housing Programs | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to engage Alberta Municipalities, member municipalities, and related organizations in reviewing the Affordable Housing Partnership Program to ensure it supports all sizes of communities throughout Alberta so that seniors can age in place close to support networks.  |  |
| B7: Enhancing Housing Opportunities and Affordability Across Alberta | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to undertake fundamental policy changes aimed at improving access to a diverse range of housing options and enhancing housing affordability across the province through, but not limited to:1. Streamlining Regulations and Reducing Red Tape: Conducting a comprehensive review of provincial policies, regulations, and application processes related to housing development to identify and eliminate unnecessary barriers and inefficiencies, thereby accelerating project timelines and reducing costs.
2. Enhancing the New Home Buyer Protection Act: Actively reviewing and updating the New Home Buyer Protection Act and its regulations, including the new home buyers' warranty program, to address identified shortcomings, prevent circumvention, and ensure robust protection for homebuyers across all municipalities. This review should include consideration of the financial stability and accountability of warranty providers.
3. Improving the Safety Codes System: Examining the availability and accessibility of qualified safety codes officers across the province and exploring potential legislative, process (i.e. remote inspections) or regulatory amendments to ensure timely and consistent inspections, regardless of a municipality's size or location.
4. Re-evaluating Funding Models for Affordable and Seniors' Housing: Conducting a thorough and ongoing review of existing funding formulas for affordable housing and seniors' housing to ensure equitable access for all municipalities, regardless of size, and to better align funding with the diverse housing needs of communities across Alberta. This review should consider the unique challenges and opportunities faced by smaller communities.
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**Category C: Other Issues of Potential Interest to Municipalities**

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| C1: Electricity Distribution Costs | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to review distribution regulations and eliminate the disparity in electricity pricing for distribution charges through an equalization model and more equitable cost sharing across Alberta to build an economically consistent approach that address affordability and catalyzes province-wide economic development. |  |
| C2: Adoption of Alternative Bacterial Water Testing Methods | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta for the review, approval, and implementation of certified alternative bacterial water testing methods that meet or exceed current safety standards; andIT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities work with provincial health authorities and municipalities to pilot or support the deployment of such technologies, particularly in communities with limited access to centralized testing facilities. |  |
| C3: Increasing Funding for Alberta’s Libraries | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to update the per capita rate component of the Public Library Operating Grant formula to $6.94 per person, an increase of $1.34 per person to reflect inflationary increases and commit to indexing the population-based grant using the rate of inflation and the most recent population statistics of the Alberta Municipal Affairs Population Estimate List. |  |
| C4: Rural Participation on the Integration Council for Refocusing Alberta’s Health Care System | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate on behalf of rural and remote communities that the Government of Alberta immediately appoint a separate and dedicated general practitioner (GP) Generalist as a voting member to the Health System Integration Council and within the new health board leadership structure to ensure that those who serve Albertans who live in rural and remote communities have an appropriate and continuous voice for their health care. |  |
| C5: Midwifery as an Option of Care for All Albertans | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to develop a comprehensive midwifery strategy that focuses on retention, increased access province wide, and funding that follows the patient for a more well-rounded course of care by giving midwives more autonomy over the structure of midwifery care. |  |
| C6: Canada Consumer Carbon Tax Program (Rebates or Exemptions for Municipalities) | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to work with the Government of Canada to ensure municipal governments are exempt from any future replacement of a consumption-based carbon tax or at minimum, expand the eligibility of Canada Carbon Tax rebates to include municipal governments. |  |
| C7: Increased Eligibility and Funding for the Alberta Affordability Grant for Licensed Child Care Programs | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for increased eligibility and funding for the Alberta Affordability Grant for licensed child care, to ensure better access to high-quality, affordable child care in Alberta. |  |
| C8: Reducing Barriers to Post-Secondary Education for All Alberta Students | IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to provide dedicated funding for the development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a comprehensive Pathway to Post-Secondary Education Strategy that will:1. Identify barriers impacting equitable rural, remote and urban student access to all post-secondary opportunities, including barriers related to housing and overall affordability of post-secondary education;
2. Offer targeted scholarships, bursaries, and financial aid to alleviate the economic burdens faced by rural, remote and underrepresented students, additionally provide financial support for intern students to complete practicum placements away from their usual place of residence;
3. Enhance outreach and support efforts to communities outside of metropolitan regions to increase awareness of available post-secondary opportunities;
4. Provide targeted support for academic preparation, to ensure prospective rural, remote and small urban students meet university prerequisites;
5. Improve technological and broadband infrastructure to improve accessibility to online learning;
6. Establish local and community-based mentorship and guidance programs for students;
7. Promote collaboration between municipalities, school boards, and community organizations to support the transition to post-secondary education for rural, remote and small urban students.
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