

## 2026 Alberta Municipalities Advocacy Priorities

Finance and Economy	
Initiative	Relevant Resolutions
<p><b>Property Taxes Reimagined campaign</b></p> <p>Conduct public and government relations campaigns on municipal finances and property taxes and conduct further research and advocacy on the mix of municipal revenue tools and provincial property taxes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'25 B1 Removal of the Provincial Property Tax from the Municipal Tax Bill</li> <li>'25 B2 Municipal Accommodation Tax Implementation in Alberta</li> <li>'24 B3 Provincial Education Property Tax Reform</li> <li>'24 B4 Restoring Provincial Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) Funding</li> <li>'23 E2 Adequate Level of Provincial Funding for Community Infrastructure</li> <li>'23 B13 Provincial Funding for Growing Municipalities</li> <li>'23 B14 Provincial Lending Rates to Municipalities</li> </ol>
<p><b>Inter-Municipal Collaboration Rules and Resources</b></p> <p>Advocacy and capacity building initiatives on financial related matters regarding the new legislative rules for intermunicipal collaboration frameworks (ICFs).</p> <p>(In collaboration with the Municipal Governance Committee)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'23 B12 Inclusion of Libraries in Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks</li> </ol>
<p><b>Increasing Housing Supply</b></p> <p>Explore opportunities to increase the supply and diversity of housing stock supply including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocacy for policies and initiatives to attract and retain skilled trades workers.</li> <li>Solutions to attract developers and builders to develop housing in small and remote communities.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'25 B7 Enhancing Housing Opportunities and Affordability Across Alberta</li> </ol>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued involvement in enabling growth and housing affordability engagement, including the future of offsite levies.</li> </ul> <p>(In collaboration with the Infrastructure and Environment Committee)</p>	
<p><b>Viability of Small Communities</b></p> <p>Analysis and advocacy related to review of the province's Municipal Sustainability Strategy including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Municipal measurement indicators</li> <li>The viability review process</li> <li>Related capacity building tools</li> </ul>	None
<p><b>Grant Advisory Services</b></p> <p>Since 2023 ABmunis has partnered with Alberta Business Grants to provide grant advisory services to members, including newsletters, webinars and a grant database. This project has been funded through a grant from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, which expires in 2026.</p>	None
<p><b>Property Assessment Model Review</b></p> <p>Advocacy related to the review of assessment models for regulated assessment property.</p>	None
<b>Infrastructure and Environment</b>	
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Relative Resolution</b>
<p><b>School Sites</b></p> <p>Analysis and advocacy related to locating and servicing school sites including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitating increased understanding and coordination between the municipalities, the province, school boards and the development community.</li> <li>Engaging with the province to advance member perspectives on recent legislative</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23' B15 Infrastructure Servicing and Construction Costs of School Sites</li> </ol>

<p>changes regarding the ownership of school sites.</p>	
<p><b>Asset Management</b></p> <p>Continuing partnership with RMA and Infrastructure Asset Management Alberta to promote asset management best practices. Advocate for more provincial and federal support for asset management. ABmunis will also contribute to the development of tools for asset management which will support communities.</p>	<p>1. '25' B18 Improving Infrastructure at Alberta's Community Airports</p>
<p><b>Water Policies</b></p> <p>Analysis and advocacy related to drinking water and wastewater services related to how the current regulatory regime drives costs for municipalities.</p> <p>Support implementation of ABmunis Water Conservation Plan.</p>	<p>1. '24 B18 Provincial Support for Watershed Management</p>
<p><b>Municipal Governance</b></p>	
<p><b>Initiative</b></p>	<p><b>Relative Resolution</b></p>
<p><b>Local Election and Recall Rules</b></p> <p>Analysis and advocacy for improvements to the Local Authorities Election Act using feedback and lessons-learned from members during the 2025 municipal election.</p> <p>In addition, Advocacy on the rules for recall of local elected officials.</p>	<p>1. '23 B11 Maintaining Non-Partisan Municipal Elections</p> <p>2. '24 B02 Allowance of Automated Vote Counting Systems in Municipal Elections</p>
<p><b>Fostering a Culture of Respect</b></p> <p>Help advance a positive culture in municipal politics to enable productive engagement among council, administration, and the public and encourage representation of women and minorities on councils.</p>	<p>1. '24 B01 Independent Office of Integrity for Local Government</p>

<p>Advocacy on a universal code of conduct for councils, and implementation of ABmunis' Fostering a Culture of Respect Action Plan.</p>	
<p><b>Inter-Municipal Collaboration Rules and Resources</b></p> <p>Advocacy and capacity building initiatives on governance related matters to help members implement the new legislative rules for intermunicipal collaboration frameworks (ICFs).</p> <p>(In partnership with the Finance &amp; Economy Committee)</p>	None
<p><b>Municipal Government Act</b></p> <p>Advocacy on outstanding regulations related to Bill 20 and Bill 50, including natural persons powers, councillor information requests and other emerging items. Ongoing advocacy on any future matters related to the Municipal Government Act or associated regulations.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'24 C01 Financial Disclosure of Asset Retirement Obligations</li> </ol>
<p><b>Elected Official Education Program</b></p> <p>Engage ABmunis Board and members in opportunities to enhance EOEP courses (e.g., seek new facilitators, update case studies and other aspects of course materials etc.).</p>	None
<p><b>Health and Social Well-being</b></p>	
<p><b>Initiative</b></p>	<p><b>Relevant Resolution</b></p>
<p><b>Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and Prevention</b></p> <p>Continue working with RMA and FCSSAA on an advocacy campaign on the need for increased FCSS funding. This includes a discussion on a focused FCSS mandate that is properly funded and a separate but related discussion on additional support that is needed in our communities.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'24 B01 Family &amp; Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding Increase</li> <li>'23 B03 Homelessness and Associated Social Needs in Rural Communities</li> <li>'23 B04 Rural Access to Supports for Addictions, Homelessness, and Mental Health</li> </ol>

<p><b>Affordable Housing and Homelessness</b></p> <p>Advocating for improved access to affordable housing, as well as the supports and services needed to maintain housing and prevent homelessness.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. '25 B06 Access to Seniors Housing Programs</li> <li>2. '24 B11 Provincial Emergency Shelter Strategy</li> <li>3. '24 B12 Permanent Supportive Housing Capital and Operational Funding</li> <li>4. '23 B01 Protection for Vulnerable Residential Tenants</li> <li>5. '23 B02 Enhanced Funding for the Rent Assistance and Temporary Rent Assistance Benefits</li> <li>6. '23 B06 Capital Funding Support for Housing Management Bodies</li> <li>7. '24 B13 Full-Time 24-Hour Home Care Support in Lodges/Supportive Living Accommodations</li> </ol>
<p><b>Access to the Healthcare System</b></p> <p>Explore and more clearly define the role of municipalities in healthcare, enabling ABmunis and members will be able to develop stronger strategies to advocate for a stable, integrated, and appropriately resourced public healthcare system</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. '25 C04 Rural Participation on the Integration Council for Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System</li> <li>2. '25 C05 Midwifery as an Option of Care for All Albertans</li> <li>3. '24 B14 Attraction and Retention Strategy for Rural Health Care Professionals</li> <li>4. '23 B09 Integration of Nurse Practitioners into the Alberta Healthcare System</li> <li>5. '23 B10 Expand Capacity to Train Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technologists for Rural Alberta</li> <li>6. '23 C01 Sustainable Community Hospice Funding Model</li> </ol>
<p><b>Policing, Justice and Emergency Management</b></p>	
<p><b>Initiative</b></p>	<p><b>Relevant Resolution</b></p>
<p><b>Emergency/Disaster Management</b></p> <p>Support the development of tools and information to ensure municipalities are prepared for new and emerging threats caused by natural disasters.</p> <p>Promote risk management as a cost-saving</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. '25 B03 Extended Lifespan of Fire Apparatus in Municipalities</li> <li>2. '24 B08 Declining Fire Department Services Across Alberta</li> <li>3. '24 B10 Establishing a Provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services</li> </ol>

measure (including reviewing evolving cyber security threats).	4. '24 B15 Creation of a Wildfire Prevention Committee
<p><b>Policing</b></p> <p>Providing feedback on the Police Act regulations and the renewed police funding model. Analysis and advocacy related to the future of community policing with a focus on resources, governance and legislation.</p>	None