

Report Card on 2024 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.

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About this Report Card

Adopted resolutions are considered active for three years.

This Report Card summarizes the status of all 2024 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>Resolution Name Independent Office of Integrity for Local Government</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Rocky Mountain House Town of Sylvan Lake <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Governance 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the provincial government to establish an Independent Office of Integrity to serve the public, elected officials and local government officials in an advisory, educational and investigative role in the application and enforcement of council code of conducts.</p>	<p>Government Response Municipal Affairs engaged with stakeholders in summer and fall 2024 on the role, scope, and funding of a provincial integrity commissioner. In May 2025, the province passed Bill 50, the <i>Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025</i>, that removes the ability for municipalities to have a council code of conduct but the province communicated that it intends to consult on the potential creation of a municipal ethics commissioner.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions In October 2024, ABmunis participated in Municipal Affairs' working group discussion and made a written submission. Based on new information shared by the Ministry, ABmunis provided additional written input on the issue in December 2024. When Bill 50 was introduced in April 2025, ABmunis expressed concerns to the Minister. After collecting further input from members in June 2025, ABmunis is now awaiting the province's consultation on a potential ethics commissioner.</p> <p>In October 2025, ABmunis participated in an engagement session on a future universal code of conduct for municipal elected officials and senior municipal staff. ABmunis provided written recommendations in January 2026 to the province on elements to be considered in a universal code of conduct, including the continued need for an independent ethics or integrity commissioner for local government.</p>
B2	<p>Resolution Name Allowance of Automated Vote Counting Systems in Municipal Elections</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to permit municipalities to utilize the vote counting system of their choice in the operation of their local elections,</p>	<p>Government Response The November 2024 letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs communicated that:</p>

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	<p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of St. Albert ▪ Town of Rocky Mountain House <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipal Governance 	<p>including automated vote counting systems, to ensure accurate, cost-effective and timely results for Albertan voters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating the use of electronic tabulators will give confidence to Albertans that their votes are being counted correctly. • Having returning officers hand count and verify paper ballots is intended to build public trust. • Elections Canada does not use electronic methods, such as tabulators, for casting or counting ballots in federal elections. <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions To inform a review of this issue after the 2025 municipal election, ABmunis is encouraging our members to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • track their costs to run their 2025 municipal election and how that compares to past elections. • track the time required to manually count votes in comparison to previous elections using tabulators. <p>Following the 2025 municipal elections, ABmunis launched an engagement with members to collect information and feedback relating to the <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i>, including collecting information related to the prohibition on voting counting equipment and the impact on municipalities. Information will be used to inform advocacy efforts with the province during future reviews of the <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i>.</p>
<p>B3</p>	<p>Resolution Name Provincial Education Property Tax Reform</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of St. Albert ▪ Town of Penhold <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finance and Economy 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to action the Minister of Municipal Affairs' mandate letter from the Premier, to review the provincial education property tax to assist municipalities with retaining more funding for local priorities, with the outcome being that municipalities receive provincial funding for municipal infrastructure equal to or greater than what is collectively requisitioned in provincial</p>	<p>Government Response The November 2024 letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs communicated that a review was conducted leading the Government of Alberta to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a full exemption of non-profit affordable housing from property taxation, including education property tax. • Expand the criteria of the Community Revitalization Levy program to support capital costs of privately owned affordable housing. <p>At ABmunis Spring 2024 Municipal Leaders' Caucus and 2024 Convention, the former Minister of Municipal Affairs stated that he did not intend to</p>

		education property tax on an annual basis for the Government of Alberta.	<p>make changes to education property taxes because that would interfere with the constitutional rights of Protestant and Roman Catholic citizens' minority rights to a separate education system.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions This issue has been ongoing for many years so ABmunis is using our new Property Taxes Reimagined project to increase public awareness about property taxes charged by the province including this paper and brochure that municipalities can use to inform their residents.</p>
B4	<p>Resolution Name Restoring Provincial Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) Funding</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of High Prairie ▪ Town of Mayerthorpe <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finance and Economy 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the reinstatement of full funding, at a minimum to the 2019/20 funding level of \$60 million, for all properties that are eligible for GIPOT.</p>	<p>Government Response In Budget 2025, the province made a commitment to fully fund GIPOT within two years. In 2025, municipalities with provincial properties will receive funding equivalent to 75% of the assessed value and 100% of the assessed value in 2026.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Accepts government response – no further action required.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis has advocated on this issue since the funding cuts made in 2019. With the advocacy by ABmunis and many municipalities, ABmunis appreciates that the province has restored funding to the GIPOT program.</p>
B5	<p>Resolution Name Small and Remote Municipalities Need Regional Economic Alliances (REDAs) to Thrive</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of Mayerthorpe ▪ Town of Coalhurst 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade and the Government of Alberta as a whole to implement measures for the provision of continuous, stable funding for the nine existing REDAs, supporting each with a budget of \$225,000 per year consisting of \$125,000 per year in operational funding and \$100,000 per year in project funding.</p>	<p>Government Response In a November 2024 letter, the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade (JET) stated “JET is shifting away from offering [REDAs] operating funding, to a competitive, project based economic development model. Please note that no other economic development organization in Alberta received direct operating funding like the REDA organizations do.</p> <p>For each REDA organization to become operationally self sufficient, transitional funding is available of up to a maximum of \$125,000 per year over three years through matching membership revenue. By 2026/2027 a</p>

	<p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance & Economy 	<p>IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Alberta and the current REDA Chairs to develop a clear purpose and program structure for the REDAs, inclusive of a stable, long-term, collaborative approach to funding.</p>	<p>minimum of 50 per cent of JET's funding is required to be directed to projects.”</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action to be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The resolution builds on an RFD which was passed by members at the 2024 Spring MLC. The Minister met with the Economic Strategy committee on April 17, 2025. At that meeting he expressed the Government of Alberta's commitment to rural economic development but reiterated the decision has been made move away from providing operating funding to REDAs.</p>
<p>B6</p>	<p>Resolution Name Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding Increase</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Airdrie Town of Crossfield <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Social Wellbeing 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to immediately increase provincial funding for Family and Community Support Services commensurate to population growth and annual inflation rates, which would currently amount to funding of \$161.5 million in 2025 , to adequately and sustainably fund necessary prevention programs and services in communities across Alberta.</p>	<p>Government Response In a December 2024 letter, the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services' stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Budget 2024 maintained FCSS funding at \$105 million to ensure services remain available for people in need of assistance.” “We are interested in learning more about how local FCSS programs are introducing efficiencies and working collaboratively to develop innovative approaches to providing cost effective programming.” <p>In Budget 2025, the province maintained FCSS funding at \$105 million for the third straight year.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The ABmunis Board has directed ABmunis to work with the Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) to promote their new website, https://impact.fcssaa.org/, and boost key messaging around the value and impact of FCSS programming. In May 2025, ABmunis and the FCSSAA met with the Minister to discuss this issue. ABmunis included FCSS funding as a core ask in the 2026 budget submission, met regularly with department staff, and coordinated ongoing discussions and</p>

			advocacy with RMA and FCSSAA. ABmunis has also developed a short advocacy toolkit to support local advocacy efforts.
B7	<p>Resolution Name Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System Equipment Funding</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Strathmore Village of Rockyford Town of Mayerthorpe <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policing, Justice and Emergency Management 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to provide financial support for municipalities with a population of less than 3,000, and for regional groups, to obtain equipment necessary to participate in the Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System (AFRRCS).</p>	<p>Government Response</p> <p>In April 2025, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services communicated that “some agencies face financial hurdles to participating in AFRRCS, as hardware costs can be a barrier to entry. The Government of Alberta does not have a grant program specific to support the purchase of AFRRCS equipment; however, this equipment is an eligible expense under the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) capital program.”</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</p> <p>Intent not met – further action will not be taken.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>ABmunis Board does not intend to advocate on this resolution further because the issue is a low priority per our Advocacy Prioritization Framework, AFRRCS equipment is an eligible purchase under the LGFF capital program and advocating for separate funding for items already eligible under LGFF Capital risks diluting our capacity and advocacy on overall infrastructure funding.</p>
B8	<p>Resolution Name Declining Fire Department Services Across Alberta</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village of Mannville Town of Vegreville, Town of Smoky Lake <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policing, Justice and Emergency Management 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> advocate to the Government of Canada to create a business tax credit for businesses that allow employees who are volunteer firefighters to attend calls during business hours; and advocate to the Government of Canada to reinstate the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program. 	<p>Government Response</p> <p>The Government of Canada has not responded to this resolution. Follow up is underway.</p>

<p>B9</p>	<p>Resolution Name Preventative Psychological Services Support for Municipal First Responders and Emergency Dispatchers</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of St. Albert ▪ Town of Mayerthorpe <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policing, Justice and Emergency Management 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to provide a grant or funding mechanism to municipalities to provide preventative psychological services to municipal first responders and emergency dispatchers to reduce the risk of psychological injury and the associated burden on taxpayers to treat such injuries, in addition to bolstering emergency medical services response services in Alberta.</p>	<p>Government Response The Minister of Municipal Affairs' November 2024 response to the resolution states that the Government of Alberta currently delivers the Supporting Psychological Health in First Responders Grant Program, which offers grants to provide or improve services for first responders living with or at risk for post-traumatic stress injuries (PTSI). Municipalities can also use Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Operating funding and Fire Services Training Program funding to support their local fire services.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The ABmunis Board directed staff to take the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share this resolution at the upcoming engagements on health care refocusing. • Share the resolution at the Alberta Emergency Medical Services Standing Committee table. • Share this resolution at engagements for the upcoming Fire Services Review, in partnership with ABmunis' Infrastructure Committee. • Monitor funding allocations for the Supporting Psychological Health in First Responders Grant Program and notify members when intakes for new rounds of grant funding open. • Create a page on the ABmunis website that compiles mental health resources for members and first responders. <p>These actions are complete.</p>
<p>B10</p>	<p>Resolution Name Establishing a Provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services</p> <p>Sponsors</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for a provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services as a framework for providing support to external communities from other jurisdictions in Alberta or from out of province.</p>	<p>Government Response In April 2025, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services communicated that the province has updated the Alberta Emergency Social Services (ESS) Framework. This Framework is expected to be released in early 2025.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Grande Prairie ▪ Town of Wembley <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policing, Justice and Emergency Management 	<p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services include schedules that indicate services that are considered Basic Survival Needs, and which services are Discretionary; with identification of what costs are eligible for cost recovery.</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services acknowledge that the host municipality is providing a Fee for Service and that they will directly invoice the home jurisdiction, or the Government of Alberta and will not be required to apply for Disaster Recovery Program funding to recover their costs.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>The Framework has been released and will be brought to the March 5 Policing, Justice, and Emergency Management Committee for consideration.</p>
<p>B11</p>	<p>Resolution Name Provincial Emergency Shelter Strategy</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Red Deer ▪ Town of Hinton <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health and Social Wellbeing 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta and the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services to create a comprehensive emergency shelter strategy for the entire province. This detailed strategy will provide a vision, guiding principles, objectives, definitions, project management governance, and role clarity for provincial and municipal governments and applicable community stakeholders.</p>	<p>Government Response</p> <p>A December 2024 letter from the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services indicates that the province provides over \$116 million in funding for around 4,800 year-round spaces in 34 shelters to operate 24/7. The response also notes that “local municipalities play the primary role in determining shelter locations and ensuring sites meet municipal zoning and building requirements to operate a shelter. Alberta's government continues to work with municipal partners to coordinate shelter responses to meet community needs and to support a robust housing-focused, recovery-oriented system of care.”</p> <p>The Minister also mentions that the Government of Alberta provides a total of \$101.5 million for housing and supports programs delivered in the seven major cities in Alberta (Calgary, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and Red Deer). The Minister did not respond directly to the request to create a provincial strategy.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</p> <p>Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium to high level of engagement.</p>

			<p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The ABmunis Board has directed staff to explore opportunities for joint advocacy with RMA on expanding access to shelters outside of urban areas, including developing a joint submission to the newly established provincial expert panel on homelessness.</p>
B12	<p>Resolution Name Permanent Supportive Housing Capital and Operational Funding</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Red Deer Village of Delburne <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Social Wellbeing 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada to increase capital and operational funding for municipalities in Alberta for permanent supportive housing to ensure appropriate housing options are available for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.</p>	<p>Government Response The December 2024 response from the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services states that the province “maintains annual funding of \$101.5 million to support local programs designed to move people out of homelessness and into stable housing.” Additionally, the Minister refers to the Affordable Housing Partnership Program, introduced in 2022, which provides capital funding for affordable housing. Under this program to date, the province has invested approximately \$189 million to support over 1,500 housing units and over 300 shelter spaces in 15 communities. 12 projects providing 412 permanent supportive housing units in four communities have been funded through the program so far. The Minister does not respond directly to the request to increase capital or operational funding for permanent supportive housing.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium to high level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The ABmunis Board has directed staff to explore opportunities for joint advocacy with the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association, including developing a joint submission to the newly established provincial expert panel on homelessness.</p>
B13	<p>Resolution Name Full-Time 24-Hour Home Care Support in Lodges/ Supportive Living Accommodations</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Tofield 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to provide funding for full-time, 24-hour, 7 days a week home care services in lodges and supportive living environments.</p>	<p>Government Response The Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services' December 2024 response does not address the resolution and simply refers to the ongoing health care system reorganization.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of Vegreville <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health and Social Wellbeing 		<p>The ABmunis Board has directed staff to take the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon the release of the Seniors Lodge Review Panel report, assess the degree of alignment between the report's recommendations and this resolution. Should there be significant misalignment, the committee may consider further action. • Share the resolution at the upcoming engagements on health care system refocusing and with the new Assisted Living Alberta agency.
<p>B14</p>	<p>Resolution Name Attraction and Retention Strategy for Rural Health Care Professionals</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of Hinton ▪ Village of Boyle <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health and Social Wellbeing 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to develop a Rural Health Care Professionals Attraction and Retention Strategy that focuses on increasing the total number of health care professionals in rural Alberta.</p>	<p>Government Response</p> <p>In the December 2024 response from the Government of Alberta, they acknowledge the need for health care professionals in rural areas and list several initiatives they are undertaking to improve and increase this number. Included in these initiatives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical school training centres in Lethbridge and Grande Prairie. • Improved registration policies for international medical graduates in partnership with the College of Physicians and Surgeons. • The Rural Capacity Investment Fund, which supports the recruitment, retention and relocation of health care professionals. • The Rural Remote Northern Program which compensates physicians who practice in underserved areas of Alberta. <p>Although these initiatives are vital to improving the current state of access to medical care in rural areas, the resolution calls for a specific strategy to be developed. A coordinated effort to increase the total number of health care professionals in specifically rural areas was not mentioned in the government's response.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</p> <p>Intent not met – further action to be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>The Small Communities Committee met with a representative of Alberta Health in April 2025 to discuss strategies which would engage smaller communities more with the Rural Health Action Plan (RhPAP). As well, they spoke to ways in which RhPAP and ABmunis can collaborate to attract and retain healthcare professionals in underserved communities.</p>

<p>B15</p>	<p>Resolution Name Creation of a Wildfire Prevention Committee</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of Hinton ▪ Town of Coronation <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policing, Justice, and Emergency Management 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to establish a “Wildfire Prevention Committee” consisting of industry, municipal and provincial subject matter experts, elected officials, and senior municipal administrators.</p>	<p>Government Response In March 2025, the Minister of Municipal Affairs announced the launch of a Provincial Fire Liaison Committee.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a high engagement level.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis Board of Directors has appointed Councillor Erin Stevenson, City of Spruce Grove and Director of Cities up to 500,0000 as ABmunis' representative on the Provincial Fire Liaison Committee. Meeting reports will be shared with the Policing, Justice, and Emergency Management Committee.</p>
<p>B17</p>	<p>Resolution Name Federal Funding for Compressed Natural Gas, Hydrogen, and Clean Diesel Buses</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Red Deer ▪ Town of Innisfail <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infrastructure & Environment 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to work with the Government of Canada to return to a federal funding program that accepts purchases of compressed natural gas, hydrogen, and clean diesel buses until 2035, which will allow municipalities to transition their fleets in an efficient and realistic manner.</p>	<p>Government Response A response was received from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors in December 2024. The response highlighted federal support for transit projects through the Canada Public Transit Fund and the Zero Emission Transit Fund.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions While the Zero Emission Transit Fund does not support the purchase of CNG or Clean Diesel Buses, the Canada Public Transit Fund does allow for the purchase of these buses if the municipality is already invested in this type of bus and is planning to transition to a lower emission alternative in the coming years. ABmunis will continue to promote the Canada Public Transit Fund as a viable opportunity for the purchase of CNG, hydrogen and clean diesel buses.</p>
<p>B18</p>	<p>Resolution Name Provincial Support for Watershed Management</p> <p>Sponsors</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to direct resources to bolster the application of the Water Act and the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act through increased</p>	<p>Government Response The December 2024 response from the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas indicates that existing reporting and data collection through the 19 tributary stations, Alberta River Basins tools, and Water Survey of Canada data are sufficient. However, the response did not address the broader concerns raised in the resolution, including the need to meet the</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of St. Albert ▪ Town of Gibbons <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infrastructure & Environment 	<p>enforcement, data collection and information sharing with municipalities, and biodiversity assessments for all municipalities located on all rivers and watersheds in the Province – including but not limited to engagement with municipalities on Water Act permit approvals to enable alignment with municipal statutory plans – to achieve the goals of the Water for Life Strategy.</p>	<p>goals and objectives of watershed management plans under the Water for Life Strategy.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium engagement level.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis is following up with Environment and Protected Areas to discuss ways to better support the goals and objectives of watershed management plans under the Water for Life Strategy.</p>
<p>B19</p>	<p>Resolution Name Goldfish Infestation and Emergency Approval of Powder-Form Rotenone Pesticide</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of Sylvan Lake ▪ Town of Bentley <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infrastructure & Environment 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta for emergency approval of the dry form Rotenone to address invasive aquatic species infestation in stormwater pond systems.</p>	<p>Government Response The December 2024 response from the Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas mentioned that they align with our concerns, but Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency indicates that exposure was not within acceptable limits to allow the emergency use registration to proceed, as powders create substantially increased risk for exposure to the applicators compared to liquid formulations.</p> <p>However, as of June 2025, production of liquid rotenone has resumed and is expected to be more accessible for municipal use.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium engagement level.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis sent a letter to Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency highlighting the concerns regarding the limited supply of liquid form Rotenone and that emergency use of dry form is greatly needed.</p> <p>In July 2025, ABmunis published a newsletter article about the new access to liquid rotenone and how municipalities can learn more about that option.</p>

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Category C:

Other issues of potential interest to municipalities in Alberta

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
C1	<p>Resolution Name Financial Disclosure of Asset Retirement Obligations</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of Coronation ▪ Town of Hinton <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipal Governance 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta for financial support and tools to support municipalities to comply with PS 3280 in the most cost-efficient manner possible.</p>	<p>Government Response The November 2024 response from the Minister of Municipal Affairs communicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government of Alberta had no role in developing the new asset retirement obligation (ARO) accounting requirements as those are controlled by the national Public Sector Accounting Board. • Municipal Affairs provided supports through its Fall 2023 Municipal Affairs Administrator's Training Initiative (2024 video recording) and a fact sheet and decision tree document. • Asset management planning by municipalities would allow municipalities to identify assets that are close to retirement. • The Government of Alberta already provides funding for municipalities to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gather data for ARO and contracted planning services through the Local Government Fiscal Framework Operating program. ○ Invest in asset management through the Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital program and the Canada Community-Building Fund. <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis sent a letter to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request action to inform and encourage the Public Sector Accounting Board to consider the experiences and costs on small municipalities when new accounting standards are considered.</p>

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C3	<p>Resolution Name Fires on Frozen Lakes</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Sylvan Lake Summer Village of Jarvis Bay <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure & Environment 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to develop, implement, and enforce, a regulation that mandates fires be contained within raised containers to mitigate the risk of debris contamination and to prevent environmental damage caused by fires directly lit on the surface of frozen lakes.</p>	<p>Government Response In May 2025, the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas wrote that “The Government of Alberta will take this under consideration on how best to regulate the use of raised containers for fires on frozen lakes. Currently, the <i>Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act</i> includes rules that apply. For example, it prohibits disposing of waste on public land unless placed in a proper container, and it prohibits disposing of waste on, in, or under water or ice.”</p> <p>Any burning of prohibited debris may be reported at any time to the Environment and Dangerous Goods Emergencies at 1-800-222-6514.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response ABmunis' Sustainability and Environment Committee will categorize the government's response at their next meeting.</p>
C4	<p>Resolution Name Increase Capital Funding for Accessible Playgrounds for All New, Replacement or Renovated Alberta Public Schools with K-6 Programming</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Spruce Grove Village of Amisk <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure & Environment 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to increase capital funding for all new, replacement, or renovated public schools with K-6 programming to enable the construction of accessible playgrounds to ensure that students with disabilities have equal development opportunities.</p>	<p>Government Response The Minister of Infrastructure's January 2025 response indicated that a review of funding levels for playgrounds would be taking place in early 2025.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions If possible, ABmunis will provide input to the review of playground funding levels being undertaken by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Ministry of Education.</p>
C5	<p>Resolution Name</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government</p>	<p>Government Response</p>

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	<p>Doubling Speed Fines in Playground Zones and School Zones</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Calgary ▪ Village of Duchess <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policing, Justice, and Emergency Management 	<p>of Alberta to make changes to the Alberta Traffic Safety Act to improve safety within designated school zones and playground zones through measures such as double fines for speeding offenses or adjusting demerits to encourage improved compliance.</p>	<p>The Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors' January 2025 response to the resolution states that ABmunis resolution will be considered in any future reviews of provincial traffic fine offences. The Minister also communicated that current penalties for exceeding the speed limit in a school or playground zone include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fines ranging from \$81 to \$495; and • Demerit points ranging from two to six, depending on how many kilometres over the speed limit the driver is convicted of travelling. <p>"A driver convicted of exceeding the speed limit by 10 kilometres per hour faces a \$110 fine and two demerit points. Drivers charged with exceeding the speed limit by more than 50 kilometres per hour may be required to appear before a justice and, if convicted, could face a fine of up to \$2,400 and/or incarceration for up to six months, as well as a driver's licence suspension of up to three months, or six demerit points if no suspension is ordered."</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will not be taken.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions Doubling fines and increasing demerit points for speeding in school and playground zones would make Alberta the province with the highest penalties for these offences in Canada.</p> <p>In considering ABmunis' advocacy prioritization framework, this resolution is deemed a low priority as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current government has signaled a less restrictive approach to traffic safety and speed enforcement, prohibiting the use of photo radar on all provincial highways and requiring municipalities to obtain provincial approval for photo radar locations in their communities. As a result, advocating for heavier penalties (especially when compared to other provinces) is unlikely to be successful and risks depleting ABmunis' political capital.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road safety in sensitive zones is not a key strategic priority for ABmunis, so advocacy on this issue will reduce capacity to advocate on other priorities.
C8	<p>Resolution Name Review of Provincial Animal Protection Act</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Airdrie Town of Didsbury <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policing, Justice, and Emergency Management 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta for a comprehensive review and update of Alberta's Animal Protection Act.</p>	<p>Government Response</p> <p>In December 2024, the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation indicated that “When the opportunity arises to review this legislation, department staff will engage Alberta Municipalities further on this matter...I have forwarded your correspondence to department staff for further consideration”.</p> <p>On May 7, 2025 Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation announced they are reviewing the <i>Animal Protection Act</i> and Animal Protection Regulation and considering legislative updates to bring them in line with other Alberta legislation, other Canadian jurisdictions and accepted business practices. The first consultation session was held on May 28, 2025 with further details expected to be announced in Fall 2025.</p> <p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</p> <p>Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation RJ Sigurdson met with ABmunis Economic Strategy Committee on April 17. This resolution was part of the conversation at that meeting. Agriculture and Innovation conducted engagement on this issue in May and June 2025. The results of engagement have not yet been released.</p>



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