

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.

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**.

Finance and Economy			
Strategic Initiative: Property Taxes Reimagined			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B3	Provincial Education Property Tax Reform Sponsors: - City of St. Albert - Town of Penhold	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 education property tax on an annual basis for the Government of Alberta.	Government Response The November 2024 letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs communicated that a review was conducted leading the Government of Alberta to: - 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. At ABmunis Spring 2024 Municipal Leaders' Caucus and 2024 Convention, the former Minister of Municipal Affairs stated that he did not intend to 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. In 2025 and 2026, the province increased its reliance on provincial property taxes by phasing in the tax to equal one-third of K-12 school operating costs. This has increased the tax by over \$1 billion since 2024, which has limited municipalities from being able to generate revenue for local priorities. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions This issue has been ongoing for many years. ABmunis is using our Property Taxes Reimagined project to increase public awareness about property taxes charged by the province and research on potential alternative options to fund schools.

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B4	Restoring Provincial Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) Funding Sponsors - Town of High Prairie - Town of Mayerthorpe	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.	Government Response In Budget 2025, the province made a commitment to fully fund GIPOT within two years. In 2025, municipalities with provincial properties received funding equivalent to 75% of the assessed value and Budget 2026 funded GIPOT to provide eligible municipalities with 100% of the assessed value. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Accepts government response – no further action required. ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis 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. In February 2026, ABmunis published a fact sheet on what GIPOT covers.
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Health and Social Wellbeing

Strategic Initiative: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and Prevention

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B6	Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding Increase Sponsors: - City of Airdrie - Town of Crossfield	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED 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.	Government Response In a December 2024 letter, the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services stated that: "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." In Budget 2025, the province maintained FCSS funding at \$105 million for the third straight year. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.

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			ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis continues high-level advocacy for increased FCSS funding with RMA and FCSSAA, including making FCSS one of ABmunis' top three Budget 2026 priorities and meeting regularly with ministers, MLAs, and government officials. While Budget 2026 did not include additional funding, the Minister has reaffirmed a commitment to FCSS and ongoing work on prevention initiatives. ABmunis also advanced a complementary community prevention funding proposal, created and updated an FCSS Advocacy Toolkit , delivered FCSS sessions at Municipal Leaders' Caucus events, and continued collaboration with FCSSAA on a phased funding approach.
Health and Social Wellbeing			
Strategic Initiative: Affordable Housing and Homelessness			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B11	Provincial Emergency Shelter Strategy Sponsors - City of Red Deer - Town of Hinton	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.	Government Response 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, recover oriented system of care." 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. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium to high level of engagement.

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			ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis continues to advocate for a coordinated provincial response to homelessness, including seeking updates on the provincial homelessness panel and engaging regularly with Housing Division officials. ABmunis also collaborated with ASCHA and the Rural Development Network (RDN), delivered a housing needs assessment webinar for municipalities, and supported member education on housing through webinars and convention programming.
B12	Permanent Supportive Housing Capital and Operational Funding Sponsors - City of Red Deer - Village of Delburne	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 hub municipalities in Alberta for permanent supportive housing to ensure appropriate housing options are available for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.	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. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium to high level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis continues to advocate for increased provincial investment in affordable and supportive housing through regular engagement with Housing Division leadership, monitoring developments related to the provincial homelessness panel, and collaboration with the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association (ASCHA) and the Rural Development Network (RDN). ABmunis also supported municipal capacity to identify housing needs and opportunities through a housing needs assessment webinar, educational programming for elected officials, and ongoing stakeholder engagement on affordable housing challenges and solutions.

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B13	Full-Time 24-Hour Home Care Support in Lodges/Supportive Living Accommodations Sponsors - Town of Tofield - Town of Vegreville	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.	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. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a low level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis reviewed the Seniors Lodge Review Panel report released in 2025 and identified recommendations that align with this and other ABmunis resolutions. Administration has continued to monitor implementation of the panel's recommendations and regularly engages with Housing Division leadership and department officials regarding seniors' housing, lodge sustainability, and related policy issues. ABmunis continues to monitor legislative changes affecting Housing Management Bodies, including new reserve fund requirements introduced through Bill 28, and their implications for municipalities.
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Health and Social Wellbeing

Strategic Initiative: Access to the Healthcare System

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B14	Attraction and Retention Strategy for Rural Health Care Professionals Sponsors - Town of Hinton - Village of Boyle	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.	Government Response 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: - 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.

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			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. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action to be taken at a medium level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis continues to advance advocacy on rural health workforce attraction and retention through engagement with provincial health ministries, the Rural Health Branch, and the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP). ABmunis participated in the inaugural Rural Health Collaborative Group, explored advocacy opportunities related to midwifery and other health professions, supported research into innovative service delivery models, and continued to build member awareness through webinars and convention planning focused on health access.
Infrastructure and Environment			
Strategic Initiative: Water Policies			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B18	Provincial Support for Watershed Management Sponsors - Town of Gibbons - City of St. Albert	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 enforcement, data collection and information sharing with municipalities, and biodiversity assessments for municipalities located on smaller rivers and subwatersheds – including but not limited to engagement with municipalities on	Government Response EPAs response to our resolution letter seems to indicate that the province believes that the current level of monitoring and reporting in the tributary stations are adequate. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met- further action will be taken at a low level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis highlighted the resolution through the Government of Alberta's Water Availability Engagements and continues to advocate for improved

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		Water Act permit approvals to enable alignment with municipal statutory plans – to achieve the goals of the Water for Life Strategy.	data collection, information sharing, and municipal involvement in water management decisions.
Municipal Governance			
Strategic Initiative: Local Elections and Recall Rules			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B2	Resolution Name Allowance of Automated Vote Counting Systems in Municipal Elections Sponsors - City of St. Albert - Town of Rocky Mountain House	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, including automated vote counting systems, to ensure accurate, cost-effective and timely results for Albertan voters.	Government Response The November 2024 letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs communicated that: - 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. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement ABmunis' Notes and Actions To inform a review of this issue after the 2025 municipal election, ABmunis is encouraging our members to: - 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.

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Municipal Governance			
Strategic Initiative: Fostering a Culture of Respect			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B1	Resolution Name Independent Office of Integrity for Local Government Sponsors - Town of Rocky Mountain House - Town of Sylvan Lake	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.	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. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement. 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. ABmunis submission on recommendations related to a universal code of conduct includes the creation of an independent ethics/integrity commissioner for local governments. Bill 28 includes provisions for a Councillor Accountability Framework, including establishing a roster of third-party investigators that municipalities must use if a complaint has been received under the framework. ABmunis participated in engagement with Municipal Affairs regarding the creation the Councillor Accountability Framework, which included consultation related to the roster of third-party investigators.

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			ABmunis continues to remain engaged in the development of the Framework.
Municipal Governance			
Strategic Initiative: Municipal Governance Act			
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C1	Resolution Name Financial Disclosure of Asset Retirement Obligations Sponsors - Town of Coronation - Town of Hinton	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.	Government Response The November 2024 response from the Minister of Municipal Affairs communicated that: - 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: - 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. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement. 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 (PSAB) to consider the experiences and costs on small municipalities when new accounting standards are considered. ABmunis

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			met with PSAB in summer 2026 and will be releasing a newsletter series that explains how municipalities can help inform the development of future accounting standards.
Policing, Justice and Emergency Management			
Strategic Initiative: Emergency Management			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B8	Declining Fire Department Services Across Alberta Sponsors - Village of Mannville - Town of Vegreville - Town of Smoky Lake	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities: - 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. - Advocate to the Government of Canada to reinstate the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program.	Government Response The Government of Canada has not yet responded to this resolution. Follow up is under way. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response ABmunis' Notes and Actions In its 2024-25 budget, the Government of Canada increased the Volunteer Firefighters Tax Credit from \$3,000 to \$6,000 to help support volunteer firefighters. ABmunis and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) will work with Western Canadian Municipal Associations (WCMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to send joint letters to the federal government advocating for enhanced funding for municipal fire departments, including the reinstatement of the federal Joint Emergency Preparedness Program.
B10	Establishing a Provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services Sponsors - City of Grande Prairie - Town of Wembley	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. FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT	Government Response In April 2025, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services communicated that the province has updated the Alberta Emergency Social Services Framework. This framework is expected to be released in early 2025. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.

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		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. 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.	ABmunis' Notes and Actions The ABmunis Board approved sending a letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services outlining municipal concerns with and questions about the Emergency Social Services Framework. The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) developed an FAQ document to address these concerns, which was shared with the committee in draft form via email. Committee feedback was passed along to AEMA and ABmunis administration will: • Work with AEMA to distribute and promote the FAQ document once it is finalized. • Work with AEMA to incorporate information on the Framework into the EOEP course on emergency management currently under development.
B15	Creation of a Wildfire Prevention Committee Sponsors ▪ Town of Hinton ▪ Town of Coronation	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.	Government Response In March 2025, the Minister of Municipal Affairs announced the launch of a Provincial Fire Liaison Committee (PFLC). ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis Board of Directors has appointed Erin Stevenson, Councillor for the City of Spruce Grove, as ABmunis' representative to the PFLC. At its June 2026 meeting, the Policing, Justice and Emergency Management committee identified the need for senior municipal administrators to be represented on the PFLC. ABmunis administration is working with the Office of the Fire Commissioner to broaden PFLC membership to include municipal administration.

Other Resolutions

Finance and Economy			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B5	Small and Remote Municipalities Need Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDAs) to Thrive Sponsors - Town of Mayerthorpe - Town of Coalhurst	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. 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.	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. 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 2026-27 a minimum of 50 per cent of JET's funding is required to be directed to projects." ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action to be taken at a medium level of engagement. 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 to move away from providing operating funding to REDAs.
Infrastructure and Environment			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B17	Federal Funding for Compressed	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to work with the Government of	Government Response A response was received from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors in December 2024. The response highlighted federal support

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	Natural Gas and Clean Diesel Buses Sponsors - City of Red Deer - Town of Innisfail	Canada to return to a federal funding program that accepts purchases of compressed natural gas and clean diesel buses until 2035, which will allow municipalities to transition their fleets in an efficient and realistic manner.	for transit projects through the Canada Public Transit Fund and the Zero Emission Transit Fund. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement. 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.
B19	Goldfish Infestation and Emergency Approval of Powder-Form Rotenone Pesticide Sponsors - Town of Sylvan Lake - Town of Bently	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.	Government Response Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) is concerned by the disruption of access to liquid rotenone. In December 2023, EPA submitted a data package requesting Emergency Use Registration for powder rotenone to Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency for consideration. The federal agency felt exposure was not within acceptable limits to allow the emergency use registration to proceed, citing that powders create substantially increased risk for exposure to applicators compared to liquid formulations ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent met – no further action needed. ABmunis' Notes and Actions Administration sent a letter to Health Canada's Pest Management Information Services department to express our shared concerns—alongside those of our members and the EPA—regarding the significant risk posed by invasive aquatic species and the unavailability of liquid-form Rotenone. We received a response spring 2025. Although Health Canada still considers the powder form of this chemical too dangerous, chemical producers have since resumed manufacturing a liquid form, which became available to municipalities in June 2025. Due to the availability of liquid form, no further action is needed.

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C4	Increase Capital Funding for Accessible Playgrounds for All New, Replacement or Renovated Alberta Public Schools with K-6 Programming Sponsors - City of Spruce Grove - Village of Amisk	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.	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. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement. 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.
C3	Fires on Frozen Lakes Sponsors - Town of Sylvan Lake - Summer Village of Jarvis Bay	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.	Government Response In a letter received this spring, the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas responded to our resolution, stating they will take this resolution under consideration on how best to regulate the use of raised container fires on frozen lakes. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Accept the governments response – No further action will be taken. ABmunis' Notes and Actions n/a

Policing, Justice and Emergency Management

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B9	Preventative Psychological Services Support for Municipal First Responders and	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	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).

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	Emergency Dispatchers Sponsors - City of St. Albert - Town of Mayerthorpe	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.	Municipalities can also use Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Operating funding and Fire Services Training Program funding to support their local fire services. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions The ABmunis Board directed staff to take the following actions: - 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. These actions are now complete.
C8	Review of Provincial Animal Protection Act Sponsors - City of Airdrie - Town of Didsbury	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.	Government Response 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.” In May 2025, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation announced they were reviewing the Animal Protection Act and Animal Protection Regulation and considering legislative updates to bring them in line with other Alberta legislation, other Canadian jurisdictions, and accepted business practices. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response

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			Intent met – no further action will be taken. ABmunis' Notes and Actions Bill 22, the Animal Protection Amendment Act, was passed in spring 2026. This bill gives peace officers better tools to protect animals from distress and ensure compliance with the legislation, with amendments that: • Reflect current definitions related to distress, animal care duties and abandonment. • Address gaps for responding to animals in distress, including authority to issue and follow up on corrective action orders. • Expand the types of locations and businesses that can be inspected to include boarding and grooming facilities so peace officers can assess animals in more places where they are present. • Strengthen penalties for offenders under the act, increasing maximum fines from \$20,000 to \$250,000 and introducing potential jail terms, up to 12 months, for serious offences. • Align the Animal Protection Act with other Canadian jurisdictions and allow the enforcement of prohibition orders issued in other provinces and territories. • Expand the availability of prohibition orders and provide guidance to the court to ensure orders are effective. • Create statutory powers to inspect for compliance and address violations. ABmunis administration will continue to monitor the bill and share any opportunities for engagement in regulatory development.
B7	Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System Equipment Funding Sponsors ▪ Town of Strathmore	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).	Government Response 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.”

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	- Town of Mayerthorpe - Village of Rockyford		ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will not be taken. ABmunis' Notes and Actions 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.
C5	Doubling Speed Fines in Playground Zones and School Zones	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government 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.	Government Response 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: - 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. “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.” ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will not be taken. 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.

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			In considering ABmunis' advocacy prioritization framework, this resolution is deemed a low priority as: • 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. • 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.
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