

Report Card on 2025 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 2025 resolutions, which are considered active at the time of reporting.

Finance and Economy			
Strategic Initiative: Property Taxes Reimagined			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B1	Removal of the Provincial Property Tax from the Municipal Tax Bill Sponsors: - Town of Rocky Mountain House - Town of Mayerthorpe	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to assume direct responsibility for the collection of provincial education property taxes, thereby relieving municipalities of this obligation and ensuring a more transparent approach to education funding.	Government Response On April 17, 2026, the Minister of Municipal Affairs responded by letter indicating that: - The Government of Alberta welcomes dialogue on the collection of provincial education property taxes as this issue was raised at the Alberta Next Panel. - Some municipalities have raised questions about the costs that municipalities incur to collect the tax on behalf of the province, but the province does not intend to reimburse municipalities for these costs given the minimal nature of these additional costs incurred when the municipality is also collecting municipal property tax. - Municipalities are encouraged to communicate clearly with residents that education property tax is a provincial tax. 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 response to comments made by the Premier and ministers at our 2026 Annual Convention, at our Spring 2026 MLC, ABmunis confirmed that we will not advocate for the province to collect all property taxes and spoke about opportunities and challenges to increase transparency between municipal and provincial property tax. ABmunis has started to explore options to improve transparency by meeting with: - Alberta Assessors Association in November 2025 - Alberta Municipal Taxation Professionals Association in January 2026

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			ABmunis has published a pamphlet and a short paper that municipalities can use to explain the education property taxes to residents.
B2	Municipal Accommodation Tax Implementation in Alberta Sponsors: - City of Airdrie - Town of Fox Creek	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to amend the Municipal Government Act to establish a provincial framework that enables municipalities to implement Municipal Accommodation Taxes through local bylaws, with municipalities having the authority to determine tax rates, collection methods, and revenue allocation based on local infrastructure and tourism development needs while adhering to provincial standards for transparency and accountability.	Government Response On April 17, 2026, the Minister of Municipal Affairs responded by letter stating that the Government of Alberta has no plan to enable a local accommodation tax because of the existing tax burden for accommodations in Alberta which includes: 5% GST collected by the federal government 6% tourism levy collected by the Alberta government 1-3% destination marketing fee that is voluntarily charged by some accommodation providers to fund their local destination marketing organization. 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 After this resolution was adopted, the province increased its tourism levy on hotel stays from 4% to 6%, which took effect April 2026. This resolution relates to our work on Property Taxes Reimagined to call for a conversation on what services municipalities should be responsible for and ensuring municipalities have adequate revenue tools. Further research on municipal accommodation taxes will be undertaken through that project.

Health and Social Wellbeing

Strategic Initiative: Affordable Housing and Homelessness

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B6	Access to Seniors Housing Programs Sponsors	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to engage Alberta Municipalities, member municipalities, and related	Government Response ABmunis is awaiting a response from the government on this resolution.

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	- City of Stirling - Town of Coalhurst	organizations in reviewing the Affordable Housing Partnership Program to ensure it supports all sizes of communities throughout Alberta so that seniors can age in place close to support networks.	ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response To be determined. ABmunis' Notes and Actions n/a
Health and Social Wellbeing			
Strategic Initiative: Access to the Healthcare System			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
C4	Rural Participation on the Integration Council for Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System Sponsors - Town of Sundre - Town of Mayerthorpe	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate on behalf of rural and remote communities that the Government of Alberta immediately appoint a separate and dedicated general practitioner (GP) Generalist as a voting member to the Health System Integration Council and within the new health board leadership structure to ensure that those who serve Albertans who live in rural and remote communities have an appropriate and continuous voice for their health care.	Government Response A response was received from the Government of Alberta in February 2026 stating that government will not be expanding the Integration Council at this time, but that rural and remote communities will have stronger voices in the refocused health system via the fourteen Regional Advisory Councils (RACs). The response further highlighted the Rural Health Branch within the Ministry which applies a rural lens to government policies and initiatives. Also, the response invited applications to the RACs. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Accepts government response – no further action will be taken. ABmunis' Notes and Actions n/a
C5	Midwifery as an Option of Care for All Albertans Sponsors - Village of Hussar - Town of Strathmore - City of Grande Prairie	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to develop a comprehensive midwifery strategy that focuses on retention, increased access province wide, and funding that follows the patient for a more well-rounded course of care by giving midwives more autonomy over the structure of midwifery care.	Government Response In the February 2026 response from the Government of Alberta, they did not directly address the resolution but instead highlighted existing initiatives and clarifying that Primary Care Alberta (PCA) is the agency responsible for the administration and governance of the midwifery workforce in Alberta. The response highlighted that Alberta is investing \$10 million over three years to implement the Alberta Midwifery Strategy aimed at strengthening the workforce in Alberta and that the government is prioritizing retention and attraction of midwives to rural communities.

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			ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met - further action will be taken at a low to medium level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions The ABmunis Board has directed staff to: • Invite representatives from the College of Alberta Midwives and Alberta Association of Midwives to meet with the Health and Social Wellbeing Committee. • Provide updates to members on the resolution and information on midwifery through the Weekly and potentially integrate into other health related webinar or convention session. In July 2026, the Health and Social Wellbeing Committee hosted the Alberta Association Midwives to better understand barriers and opportunities related to midwifery services and inform future advocacy. ABmunis also participated in the Rural Health Collaborative Group hosted by the Government of Alberta, supported new health care research partnerships, and is planning a health-focused deputy minister panel for the 2026 Convention.
Infrastructure and Environment			
Strategic Initiative: Asset Management			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B5	Improving Infrastructure at Alberta's Community Airports Sponsors ▪ Town of Spirit River ▪ City of Lloydminster	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to raise the annual Community Airport Program funding under the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program to \$15 million, make more projects eligible for funding, extend funding to all community airport operators, and increase provincial cost-sharing based on need.	Government Response The Government of Alberta acknowledged that the Community Airport Program (CAP) has funding limitations and does not cover all capital infrastructure required for airport operations, while highlighting recent increases in program funding and its ongoing role in supporting community airports. The province emphasized the importance of community airports to regional connectivity and emergency response, noting their critical role in wildfire suppression efforts and the annual contributions made by Alberta Wildfire through leases and landing

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			fees. The government also indicated that future Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program funding allocations would be considered through the budget process and reiterated its commitment to supporting municipal airport infrastructure and exploring opportunities to strengthen these assets across the province. 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 ABmunis considers the resolution as intent not met as the Government of Alberta was unable to dedicate more funding to STIP for community airports. Airports continue to require higher levels of funding to maintain operations and the annual \$3.5 million is no longer adequate to support municipalities. With recent issues in municipalities such as Spirit River, Ponoka, Two Hill and Oyen, there is a clear need for messaging to be delivered to the province for increases in funding. ABmunis will continue to work with the Government of Alberta to demonstrate the need for an increase in funding through STIP.
Infrastructure and Environment			
Strategic Initiative: Housing			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B7	Enhancing Housing Opportunities and Affordability Across Alberta Sponsors - Town of Coalhurst - Town of Mayerthorpe	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to undertake fundamental policy changes aimed at improving access to a diverse range of housing options and enhancing housing affordability across the province through but not limited to:	Government Response The Government of Alberta reported continued progress on housing supply, with record levels of residential construction and significant growth in housing starts across major municipalities. The ministry is pursuing measures to reduce red tape and streamline development processes, including reviewing permit timelines, building code requirements, and the off-site levy framework. Legislative changes and stakeholder engagement efforts have focused on increasing

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	1. Streamlining Regulations and Reducing Red Tape: Conducting a comprehensive review of provincial policies, regulations, and application processes related to housing development to identify and eliminate unnecessary barriers and inefficiencies, thereby accelerating project timelines and reducing costs. 2. Enhancing the New Home Buyer Protection Act: Actively reviewing and updating the New Home Buyer Protection Act and its regulations, including the new home buyers' warranty program, to address identified shortcomings, prevent circumvention, and ensure robust protection for homebuyers across all municipalities. This review should include consideration of the financial stability and accountability of warranty providers. 3. Improving the Safety Codes System: Examining the availability and accessibility of qualified safety codes officers across the province and exploring potential legislative, process (i.e. remote inspections) or regulatory amendments to ensure timely and consistent inspections, regardless of a municipality's size or location. 4. Re-evaluating Funding Models for Affordable and Seniors' Housing: Conducting a thorough and ongoing review of existing funding formulas for affordable housing and seniors' housing to ensure equitable access for all municipalities, regardless of size, and to better align funding with the diverse housing needs of communities across Alberta. This review	housing affordability, accelerating approvals, and supporting innovative housing options. The province has also introduced enhanced consumer protections for new homebuyers and committed additional funding for affordable and seniors' housing, while exploring reforms to lodge funding to improve fairness for municipalities. 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 considers the resolution partially addressed as the Government of Alberta's response demonstrates progress on reducing regulatory barriers, increasing housing supply, amending the New Home Buyer Protection Act, and investing in affordable and seniors' housing. However, key elements remain unresolved, including warranty provider accountability, access to qualified safety codes officers, the use of remote inspections, and a broader review of housing funding models to ensure equitable access for municipalities of all sizes. Further advocacy will be conducted on these outstanding issues, particularly those affecting smaller and rural municipalities.
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		should consider the unique challenges and opportunities faced by smaller communities.	
Policing, Justice and Emergency Management			
Strategic Initiative: Emergency Management			
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B3	Extended Lifespan of Fire Apparatus in Municipalities Sponsors - Town of Sexsmith - City of Brooks	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta, the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other relevant bodies to review and amend policies requiring the mandatory pump recertification of fire apparatus every 20 years in accordance with the National Fire Code of Canada and the effect on insurance premiums for residents based on the Fire Underwriters Survey Technical Bulletin Insurance Grading Recognition of Used or Rebuilt Fire Apparatus, with consideration for the unique needs and financial circumstances of municipalities and their residents. FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities recommend that fire apparatus replacement be based on usage, condition, and maintenance records rather than a fixed time frame, allowing municipalities to retain and maintain their equipment for longer periods without compromising safety or compliance with standards.	Government Response Municipal Affairs acknowledges the request made during the engagement for additional funding, such as grants for firefighting apparatus and monetary support from the province. On February 24, 2025, Municipal Affairs announced the creation of the Provincial Fire Liaison Committee to strengthen local fire services with more support for training, response planning, and greater collaboration. The committee is made up of partner ministries, municipalities, First Nations, Metis Settlements, and fire service representatives from across the province. The Provincial Fire Liaison Committee is a platform for discussing how to improve and support the fire service in Alberta, including fire apparatus lifespans. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partly met – further action will take place at a medium level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions 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.

Other Resolutions

Finance and Economy			
#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
C3	Increasing Funding for Alberta's Libraries Sponsors - Town of Stettler - City of Calgary	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to update the per capita rate component of the Public Library Operating Grant formula to \$6.94 per person, an increase of \$1.34 per person to reflect inflationary increases and commit to indexing the population-based grant using the rate of inflation and the most recent population statistics of the Alberta Municipal Affairs Population Estimate List.	Government Response On April 17, 2026, the Minister of Municipal Affairs responded by letter promoting previous funding increases in 2023 including a 10 per cent increase in total funding and a formula adjustment that increased funding for every library board by at least 5 per cent in 2023. The Minister's response does not explain why Budget 2026 continues to use the 2019 population data for allocating library funding but reinforces that the province continues to face a budget deficit. This resolution called for a \$6.7 million increase in funding. The province's 2026-27 budget increased by \$178,000 compared to the 2025-26 budget. 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 RMA adopted the same resolution in fall 2025. This issue relates to our Property Taxes Reimagined initiative regarding declining levels of provincial funding (per capita) and the need to talk about how local services should be funded long term.
C6	Canada Consumer Carbon Tax Program (Rebates or Exemptions for Municipalities) Sponsors City of Red Deer	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to work with the Government of Canada to ensure municipal governments are exempt from any future replacement of a consumption-based carbon tax or at minimum, expand the eligibility of Canada	Government Response On June 23, 2026, the Honourable Jason Nixon, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance responded by stating that, "The federal consumer carbon tax was eliminated in April 2025. If a similar tax is implemented in the future, government will review the exemptions provided and determine an appropriate course of action at that time." ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response

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	Town of Olds	Carbon Tax rebates to include municipal governments.	Accepts government response – no further action required. ABmunis' Notes and Actions n/a
C8	Reducing Barriers to Post-Secondary Education for All Alberta Students Sponsors - Village of Duchess - City of Brooks	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to provide dedicated funding for the development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a comprehensive Pathway to Post-Secondary Education Strategy that will: 1. Identify barriers impacting equitable rural, remote and urban student access to all post-secondary opportunities, including barriers related to housing and overall affordability of post-secondary education; 2. Offer targeted scholarships, bursaries, and financial aid to alleviate the economic burdens faced by rural, remote and underrepresented students, additionally provide financial support for intern students to complete practicum placements away from their usual place of residence; 3. Enhance outreach and support efforts to communities outside of metropolitan regions to increase awareness of available post-secondary opportunities; 4. Provide targeted support for academic preparation, to ensure prospective rural, remote and small urban students meet university prerequisites; 5. Improve technological and broadband infrastructure to improve accessibility to online learning;	Government Response On May 14, 2026, the Honourable Myles McDougall, Minister of Advanced Education, responded by letter citing that: • Alberta Education has a regional stewardship policy in its Roles and Mandates Policy Framework for Alberta's Adult Learning System. • Alberta Student Aid offers loans and Budget 2026 provides \$107 million in scholarships and awards. • Non-repayable bursaries are available for graduates in high demand fields who complete their term of service in a rural or remote community. • Alberta's Broadband Strategy is being implemented with 81 projects currently in progress to bring high-speed internet to approximately 136,000 homes. • The new draft Career Education and Financial Literacy curriculum for Grades 7 to 10 introduces earlier and more intentional opportunities for career planning. • Dual credit programs are available to high school students to earn credits for post-secondary studies. • The province is increasing the number of graduates from Alberta medical schools by sixty annually, with the additional graduates being trained in Grande Prairie and Lethbridge because research shows that graduates with experience in rural practice are more likely to practice in a rural location after graduation. • The province is increasing the number of seats available for students to pursue apprenticeship education. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a low level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions

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		6. Establish local and community-based mentorship and guidance programs for students; and 7. Promote collaboration between municipalities, school boards, and community organizations to support the transition to post-secondary education for rural, remote and small urban students.	ABmunis is sending a follow up letter to Alberta Advanced Education requesting information on: - the Alberta Government's plans to support Albertans from rural and remote areas to access housing while attending post-secondary education. - how municipalities from rural and remote regions can help promote the financial supports that are available to pursue post-secondary education in Alberta.
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Health and Social Wellbeing

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
C7	Increased Eligibility and Funding for the Alberta Affordability Grant for Licensed Child Care Programs Sponsors - Town of Hinton - Town of Nanton - Town of Sylvan Lake	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for increased eligibility and funding for the Alberta Affordability Grant for licensed child care, to ensure better access to high-quality, affordable child care in Alberta.	Government Response The Government response acknowledges receipt of the resolution and states that the Ministry will review the resolution and that they will consider its implications in the Ministry's work. 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 The ABmunis Board has directed staff to engage opportunistically through existing channels with the federal government or support the province in doing so.

Infrastructure and Environment

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B4	Funding for Sport and Recreation Facilities Sponsors - Town of Nanton - Town of Innisfail	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to either (i) amend the Active Communities Initiative to make municipalities eligible and increase the budget for application or (ii) create a new annual or bi-annual funding program for municipalities, that enables them to	Government Response ABmunis is awaiting a response from the government on this resolution. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response To be determined. ABmunis' Notes and Actions

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		effectively leverage their available capital reserves and local partnerships for new and existing recreation infrastructure for the benefit of their communities.	n/a
C1	Electricity Distribution Costs Sponsors - City of Grande Prairie - Town of Drumheller	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to review distribution regulations and eliminate the disparity in electricity pricing for distribution charges through an equalization model and more equitable cost sharing across Alberta to build an economically consistent approach that address affordability and catalyzes province-wide economic development.	Government Response The Minister of Affordability and Utilities acknowledges Alberta Municipalities' concerns about disparities in electricity distribution rates, noting that higher costs in rural areas are largely driven by the need to maintain extensive infrastructure across sparsely populated regions. The government is reviewing policy options to address these disparities while supporting rural community sustainability and maintaining affordability as a priority. It also plans to work with regulators and industry stakeholders to better manage system costs and ensure rates remain safe and reasonable. Recent legislative and regulatory changes aim to improve efficiency, assign costs based on causation, and reduce pressure on ratepayers by maximizing use of existing transmission infrastructure. ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met - with further action being taken at a medium level of engagement. ABmunis' Notes and Actions Staff is continuing to work on this issue with the level of engagement determined by the Board and Committee.



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