

Report Card on 2022 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' Convention where ABmunis regular members vote on submitted resolutions. When a resolution is adopted by members, ABmunis takes action to develop and implement advocacy strategies 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.

More information can be found on ABmunis [Resolutions webpage](#).

About this Report Card

Adopted resolutions are considered active for three years.

This Report Card summarizes the status of all 2022 resolutions, which are considered active at the time of this report.

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 Provincial-Municipal Revenue Sharing</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of St. Albert City of Airdrie <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Committee 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to increase the size of the funding pot of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) starting in 2024, and to grow it at a 1:1 ratio linked to provincial revenue as partners in economic prosperity and the provision of public services and infrastructure to Albertans.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions Despite the joint advocacy by ABmunis and RMA, the Government of Alberta did not will increase the size of the starting funding pot when the program launched in Budget 2024. However, the Government of Alberta amended the <i>Local Government Fiscal Framework Act</i> in 2023 to remove the 50 per cent cap on the revenue index factor calculation. This means that going forward, the funding pot will grow annually at the same rate as provincial revenues.</p> <p>Despite the removal of the 50 per cent cap, the past reductions in provincial infrastructure funding and the low starting amount of \$722 million for LGFF Capital means it could still take 20 years for LGFF Capital to reach historical funding levels, excluding the impact of inflation and population.¹ The long-term trend of declines in infrastructure funding continues to be one of our members' top priorities and as such, ABmunis will maintain a high level of engagement on this issue to ensure provincial leaders are well informed about how LGFF Capital can be improved to support the future of Alberta's communities. Examples of ABmunis' actions to seek an increase in the LGFF Capital funding amount included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched a broad public communications campaign during the 2023 provincial election.

¹ LGFF Capital will replace the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI), which delivered an average of almost \$1.2 billion annually between 2010 to 2019 (including the Basic Municipal Transportation Grant). The 20-year estimate to return to that funding level is based on the average annual change in provincial revenues between 2008 and 2020, which was equivalent to a 1.8% average annual growth applied to a starting amount of \$722 million in LGFF Capital and the second-year amount of \$813 million.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused on the importance of LGFF Capital in our budget letter to the Minister of Finance in September 2023. • ABmunis Board sponsored the 2023 resolution, Adequate Level of Provincial Funding for Community Infrastructure, which clearly outlined the extent to which provincial funding for community infrastructure has declined over the last 12 years. • Launched an extensive media campaign in fall 2023 to increase awareness of how the decline in provincial infrastructure funding is impacting property taxes and local service levels and promoted how LGFF Capital funding needs to increase. • Hosted an online Townhall with members in November 2023 to communicate how members can support ABmunis' advocacy for LGFF Capital to start at \$1.75 billion. • Met with numerous ministers and senior administrative officials since 2022 to communicate the importance of provincial investments in community infrastructure to support economic development and attraction of people to Alberta's communities. • In fall 2024, ABmunis launched a new research project on municipal finances with the intent of informing Albertans and provincial leaders about the challenges facing municipal finances and the associated impacts for communities and Albertans. Initial findings are likely to be released by spring 2025.
B2	<p>Resolution Name Transportation Infrastructure Funding</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Airdrie ▪ City of St. Albert <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infrastructure 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta for the establishment of both a clear process to elevate and equitably fund municipal transportation infrastructure projects that are in alignment with the Building Forward Plan objectives and principles.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – Further action will be taken</p> <p>Government Response A response was received from the Government of Alberta on May 8, 2024, that highlighted investments that the Alberta Government makes in strategic transportation projects.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p>

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			<p>While ABmunis appreciates the investments that are made to support transportation projects throughout the province, there are still issues with aligning projects to achieve efficiency between municipalities and the province's long range capital plans. ABmunis will continue to advocate on this resolution through budget submissions and meetings with provincial ministers and staff.</p>
B3	<p>Resolution Name Operational Transit Funding for Small to Medium Sized Municipalities</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of Olds ▪ Town of Didsbury <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infrastructure 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to ensure sustainable and predictable operating funding opportunities be expanded under the new Rural Transit Fund for small to medium sized municipalities to begin their transit planning journey.</p> <p>FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to ensure the new Rural Transit Fund be expanded to include further operational funding, outside of the Active Transportation Fund and the Zero Transmission Fund for small to medium sized municipalities.</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>Government Response In a December 2022 letter, the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors communicated that in 2022, the Government of Alberta “urged the federal government to provide greater support for public transit by expanding eligibility under the Rural Transit Solutions Fund.”</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions In September 2023, FCM adopted a resolution to advocate that the Government of Canada expand the Rural Transit Solutions Fund to include operational funding outside of the Active Transportation Fund and Zero Transmission Fund, for small and medium sized municipalities.</p> <p>ABmunis staff met with Transport Canada regarding the Rural Transit Solutions fund in January 2024 to push for the inclusion of operating funding. Unfortunately, when the program guidelines were released later in 2024, they did not include operational funding as an eligible cost. ABmunis will continue to advocate for operational funding for transit to be included in other funding programs where possible.</p>
B4	<p>Resolution Name Grant Alignment with Provincial Regulatory Requirements</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to align grant funding and regulatory provisions through creating a one window approach for municipalities to remove barriers, reduce red tape, and improve the delivery of</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met—further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p>Government Response</p>

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	<p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Okotoks Town of High River <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability and Environment 	<p>government services at the municipal level across the province for all municipalities.</p>	<p>Alberta Environment and Protected Areas' (AEPA) response was received on September 24, 2023. Minister Rebecca Schulz specifically addressed the challenges in funding and regulatory approval of water and wastewater infrastructure projects split between AEPA and Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>AEPA's new Digital Regulatory Assurance System creates a streamlined application process for various AEPA functions and was cited as a way of addressing the resolution's concerns. However, this new system has not yet expanded to include water and wastewater infrastructure applications.</p> <p>This resolution aligns with ABmunis' ongoing advocacy on red tape reduction and streamlining regulations. Minister Schulz's response did not address the substance of our concern—namely how to move towards a one-window approach to applications.</p> <p>ABmunis Board raised the issue of the need to align grant funding and regulatory provisions with Minister Schulz at a November 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Alberta Municipalities has engaged KPMG to undertake some work related to all Alberta government grants to provide feedback on how the process can be improved for municipal applicants. Engagement for this project was completed in October 2024.</p>
B5	<p>Resolution Name Incentivizing Comprehensive Flood Management</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Airdrie Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo <p>ABmunis Committee</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for provincial incentives to better integrate stormwater management within and between municipalities.</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>Government Response</p> <p>The September 2023 response from Minister Rebecca Schulz, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, cited the province's commitment to flood management through increased funding for the Alberta Community Resilience Program, the Flood Recovery and Erosion Control Program, stand-alone grants, the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program and matching federal flood mitigation funding.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability and Environment 		<p>In 2022, the Government of Alberta commenced flood mapping studies for Hinton, Stettler, Vegreville, and Markerville. The Alberta Government continues to make progress on new flood mapping with draft studies and completed maps.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The response from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas does not address the policy suggestions to align development with flood risk management. This resolution aligns with our 2022 resolution B6 – Exemption of Stormwater Reuse from Licensing Requirements, and ongoing advocacy for stormwater management and urban flooding prevention.</p>
B6	<p>Resolution Name Exemption of Stormwater Reuse from Licensing Requirements</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Okotoks Town of High River <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability and Environment 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities urge Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) to exempt stormwater use from Licensing requirements provided that the stormwater use does not exceed the difference between pre and post development volumes.</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>Government Response Per a September 2023 letter, Minister Rebecca Schulz, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, agrees that reusing stormwater is an important strategy for increased water resiliency. She referred to the May 2022 amendment to the Stormwater Use Regulations allowing certain low risk stormwater ponds to be reused.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions On April 28, 2023, the province amended the stormwater reuse regulations to allow for 6,250 cubic meters to be diverted from stormwater ponds without a water license. This partially meets the intent of the resolution.</p>
B7	<p>Resolution Name Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Mayerthorpe 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) advocate on behalf of its member municipalities, including those who belong to a Growth Management Board, that the Government of Alberta enact legislation, and develop best practices, that provide clear guidance for Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs), and ensure reduced red</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>Government Response In spring 2024, Alberta Municipal Affairs engaged municipalities and municipal associations for input on the current ICF rules. Municipal</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of St. Albert ▪ ABmunis Committee ▪ Municipal Governance 	<p>tape and costs during the process to renew ICFs. This guidance should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide minimum core funding formulas to support fair and equitable frameworks; ▪ Define core minimum eligible costs, thereby reducing red tape and costs in facilitation, mediation and arbitration processes; and ▪ Define eligible services within transportation, water and wastewater, solid waste, emergency services, recreation, libraries and other services that benefit residents in more than one of the municipalities that are party to an ICF. <p>FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT ABmunis request the Government of Alberta amend the Municipal Government Act to mandate ICFs for municipalities that share a common boundary within Growth Management Boards, to foster intermunicipal and sub-regional collaboration and reduce red tape with respect to intermunicipal collaboration that is currently voluntary</p>	<p>Affairs has indicated that changes to ICF rules may be brought forward at the spring 2025 legislative session.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>In February 2023, ABmunis' Future of Municipal Government initiative led to the School of Public Policy releasing a report on Local Governance in Alberta: Principles, Options, and Recommendations.</p> <p>In March 2023, ICFs were a feature discussion at ABmunis' President's Summit. The report and feedback collected at the President's Summit led to ABmunis releasing Recommendations on the Future of Intermunicipal Collaboration, which was sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in October 2023.</p> <p>This resolution and the recommendations report served as the foundation for ABmunis' input into Municipal Affairs' spring 2024 consultation on ICFs.</p> <p>Building on ABmunis Future of Municipal Government project work on collaboration, the University of Alberta's Dr. Sandeep Agrawal and Cody Gretzinger analyzed 228 publicly accessible ICF documents and conducted interviews with municipal representatives. Their research finds that ICFs have clear benefits in terms of deepening collaboration and strengthening service provision. Their research also identifies challenges and suggests opportunities for improvement, which align with ABmunis Recommendations on the Future of Intermunicipal Collaboration. The Executive Summary of their research has been shared with Municipal Affairs to inform the province's legislative review.</p> <p>ABmunis is currently waiting for the results of the province's consultation to be released and anticipates potential amendments to the MGA will be introduced in the Spring 2025 sitting of the Legislature.</p>
B9	Resolution	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of	ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response

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	<p>Policing Fines and Penalties Revenue Sharing</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Mundare Town of Bruderheim Village of Chipman Town of Lamont <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Committee 	<p>Alberta to amend section 162 of the <i>Traffic Safety Act</i>, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter T-6 to distribute fines and penalties under the Act to those municipalities receiving policing services under the Provincial Police Services Agreement at the same percentage that these municipalities pay for policing and to distribute funds in a more expeditious manner.</p>	<p>Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>The ABmunis Board approved taking the following actions related to this resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share this resolution with Public Safety and Emergency Services when engagement on a new policing funding model begins and communicate the importance of sharing budget surplus equitably with municipal partners. Explore opportunities to partner with RMA on this resolution. <p>Engagement on a new police funding model is anticipated to begin in fall 2024. To date, RMA has not indicated whether it has interest in joint advocacy on this issue.</p>
B10	<p>Resolution Advancing Action on Alberta's Drug Poisoning Crisis</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Edmonton City of Wetaskiwin <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and Healthy Communities 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage municipalities, people with lived and living experience, front-line agencies, and other partners as part of a comprehensive drug poisoning prevention strategy that includes harm reduction and recovery approaches and offers increased investments to address the urgent needs; Increase its investments into affordable housing with ongoing wraparound services as part of an integrated approach for responding to the drug poisoning crisis for homeless populations with complex challenges; and Immediately reinstate the inclusion of neighborhood-level data in the Alberta Substance Use Surveillance System reporting to inform a data-driven response 	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</p> <p>Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a medium to high level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>Although the province continues to emphasize recovery as a key element in addressing addiction, both Mental Health and Addiction staff and the Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Council have acknowledged that harm reduction is a necessary part of the continuum of supports that the province seeks to provide. The Safe and Healthy Communities Committee met with the Chief of Staff for the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, and the Acting Deputy Minister of Mental Health and Addiction to emphasize the importance of harm reduction, as well as inquire about funding for harm reduction initiatives and links between recovery communities and homelessness prevention. ABmunis' 2023 election strategy also highlighted the need for a comprehensive plan to address these issues and support community health and safety.</p>

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		in providing resources to sustainably implement a comprehensive drug strategy.	
B12	<p>Resolution Municipal Identified Unique Housing Priorities</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Fort Saskatchewan Strathcona County <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and Healthy Communities 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to engage municipalities and housing management bodies regarding the Standardized Template for an Affordable Housing Needs Assessment to ensure data collected and used in the Template meaningfully captures each municipality's unique local context for housing needs, challenges, and barriers.</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 Safe and Healthy Communities Committee reviewed the Standardized Template to determine whether it could adequately capture each municipality's local housing context. The template was found to allow municipalities to enter additional data on distinct local attributes that may affect affordable housing needs in the area. However, smaller communities expressed concern about their capacity to complete the template and access provincial funding for affordable housing. These concerns were shared with the province.</p>

Category C:

Other issues of potential interest to municipalities in Alberta

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C1	<p>Resolution Name Cannabis Plant Limits (Medical Certificate) for Residential Properties</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village of Duchess 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities collaborate with the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to advocate for the Government of Canada to amend medical marijuana regulations to place a reasonable limit on the number of plants that can be grown in a residential property or within property in a residential zoned district to</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response intent partially met – further action will be taken at a low to medium level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The ABmunis Board approved taking the following actions with respect to this resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the ongoing federal legislative review process and review the associated reports and recommendations when they are released.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Brooks <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safe and Healthy Communities 	<p>preserve the health and safety of our communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities to partner with RMA on this resolution. <p>ABmunis administration submitted a copy of the resolution on cannabis plant limits to Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat and attended a January 23, 2023 Expert Panel session to speak on this issue. The Expert Panel tabled a report to Parliament in March 2024 with recommendations on potential amendments to the Cannabis Act. This report acknowledged that “municipalities and law enforcement have serious concerns about the abuse of the personal and designated production program, and how cannabis is diverted from this program into the illicit market” and recommended “limiting the ability of multiple individuals to grow plants at the same site.”</p> <p>To date, RMA has not responded to requests for joint advocacy on this topic.</p>
C2	<p>Resolution Equitable Provincial Charitable Gaming Model</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of St. Albert ▪ City of Airdrie <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economic Strategy 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities request that the Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance, and AGLC expeditiously act on the findings of the Charitable Gaming Review and 2021 What We Heard report by implementing a more equitable provincial charitable gaming model to promote the long-term competitiveness and sustainability of charitable organizations across Alberta.</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>Government Response On March 22, 2023 Premier Smith stated that the government is “looking very closely at the Ontario model” to “address the discrepancy” with an intent to “bring others up” rather than take money away from better off regions.</p> <p>In June 2023 responsibility for AGLC was transferred to the Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, ABmunis asked for a written update from the new Minister following his swearing-in in June 2023. On November 8, 2023 the Minister stated that he “100% agrees” changes need to be made and the government is seriously considering making the model more equitable across the province. In both March and June 2024 the province indicated that the need for reform remains on the Government of Alberta's radar however it is unlikely action will be taken any earlier than fall, 2024.</p>

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			<p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions In February 2023, ABmunis reached out to the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) to request they provide an update to ABmunis Economic Strategy Committee on the charitable gaming act review, progress on implementing recommendations and next steps. AGLC declined the request and instead referred the committee to the February 1, 2023 correspondence from the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance stating it contained “the most up-to-date and fulsome information.” In subsequent inquiries to the Ministry ABmunis has been informed that changes are being contemplated and legislation addressing the disparity could be introduced in fall, 2024.</p>
C3	<p>Resolution A Proposal to Review the Processes and Policies of the Natural Resources Conservation Board Concerning Confined Feeding Operations</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summer Village of Grandview ▪ Summer Village of Silver Beach <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sustainability and Environment 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to complete review through a public hearing of the policies and processes used by the National Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) in the approval of Confined Feeding Operations (CFOs) in order to enhance the transparency and fairness of the process and give all municipalities impacted by the approval a greater voice in the decision-making process.</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>Government Response In a September 2023 letter from Minister Rebecca Schulz, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas does not agree that a review of the NRCB's approval process is necessary. She refers to the available ways that municipal interests are considered under current practices.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The response from AEPA misunderstands the issues the resolution raises. Specifically, the current definition of 'directly affected party status' does not include adjacent municipalities potentially affected by confined feeding operations.</p> <p>Additionally, the Agricultural Operations Practices Act's purpose is to “ensure that the province's livestock industry can grow to meet the opportunities presented by local and world markets in an environmentally sustainable manner.” What's missing in this purpose statement is an acknowledgement that decisions must be made in the public interest. A common standard found in other legislation, but crucially missing here.</p>

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			<p>At the September 2024 meeting, the NRCB Policy Advisory Group convened, where the EAP addressed topics such as water conservation, water leases, drought, and other water-related concerns. There was also continued discussion about feedlots and their potential environmental impacts. AGI's input focused on recent developments and possible approvals for bio-digesters in the province. Bruce McLeod, Mayor of the Village of Acme and former ABmunis Board Director serves as the ABmunis representative on the NRCB Policy Advisory Group.</p>
C4	<p>Resolution Disparity in Electricity Distribution and Transmission Rates</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Grande Prairie ▪ Town of Drumheller <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infrastructure 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to eliminate the disparity in electricity pricing for transmission and distribution charges across the Province by adopting a model similar to British Columbia or Saskatchewan.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium engagement level.</p> <p>Government Response In a November 2022 response from the Minister of Affordability and Utilities, the Minister highlights that BC and Saskatchewan have more uniform rates because those provinces are “served by a single Crown Corporation, whereas Alberta’s grid is served by several regulated investor-owned utilities”.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions A number of current initiatives being undertaken by the Ministry of Affordability and Utilities suggests they are attempting to address this issue. The AESO engaged a number of industry representatives to discuss the future of the electricity generation market. ABmunis was able to participate as a representative of significant customer load. At ABmunis' Spring 2024 MLC the minister mentioned that they are looking at ways to address distribution and transmission charges. Also, after a recent policy change municipalities now have automatic standing at AUC regulatory proceedings and are eligible for cost recovery of costs they incur to participate in regulatory hearings.</p>
C5	<p>Resolution Traffic Safety Act Exemption for Angle Parking in Cul-de-Sacs</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to amend the <i>Traffic Safety Act</i> and Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation, Division 10, section 46(2) to allow for angle</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</p>

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	<p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Airdrie City of Calgary <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure 	<p>parking in cul-de-sacs in municipalities that pass bylaws allowing this practice.</p>	<p>Since the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors communicated in December 2022 that the ministry will consider the resolution during a future legislative review, ABmunis will continue to raise this issue with Alberta Transportation</p>
C6	<p>Resolution Attraction and Retention of Veterinarians to Small/Mid-sized Urban Municipalities Veterinary Practice</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Didsbury City of Brooks <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Strategy 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to endorse University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) programs that will help alleviate the veterinarian shortage crisis.</p> <p>FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities support UCVM by serving as a conduit for information on what municipalities can do to support attraction and retention efforts including participating in recruitment committees as appropriate.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p>Government Response The Government of Alberta has committed \$68.5 million to support the construction of the new Veterinary Learning Commons building at the University of Calgary's Spy Hill Campus. Construction began in December 2023 and is expected to be complete in the 2025-26 academic year. When complete, the number of veterinary medicine training seats will double to 100.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The Economic Strategy committee received a presentation from relevant parties – the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA), the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary (UCVM) and the Alberta Veterinary Technologists Association (ABVTA) - at their April 19, 2023 meeting. The parties are satisfied with the government's progress on the file to date.</p>

Category E: Emergent Resolutions

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
E1	<p>Resolution Name Victim Services Redesign</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Canmore Town of Tofield <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and Healthy Communities 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for Government of Alberta to halt the rollout of the new victim services model and initiate a new engagement process that fully involves municipalities of all sizes, ensures downloading to municipalities does not occur, explores how the current model could be maintained and adapted, and includes support for victims of tragedy.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met - further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The ABmunis Board approved sharing upcoming opportunities for engagement with members and request that the Safe and Healthy Communities Committee develop a submission for engagement that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporated the feedback shared by Peter Quinn, Executive Director of Bow Valley Victim Services, at the Safe and Healthy Committee's December 2022 meeting. Recommended equitable representation of larger and smaller municipalities on regional victim services boards. Recommended equitable access to victim services in all regions of Alberta. <p>The province ultimately declined to engage again with municipalities on the victim services redesign; however, ABmunis shared its concerns in meetings with both the Minister and department staff. Trent Forsberg, Director of Victim Services with Public Safety and Emergency Services presented at the Spring 2023 Municipal Leaders' Caucus. Mr. Forsberg noted the following frequently asked questions and responses in his presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will there be a reduction in the scope of services (non-criminal and tragic events)? No. There will be no reduction in the services currently provided. The new model has been designed to stabilize and improve programs above and beyond what is offered under the current governance structure. Will municipalities be forced to pay for the provision of victim services under this new model? No. The new regional model is

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			<p>designed and funded such that no supplementary funding will be required from any of the municipalities serviced by the zones. Municipalities that currently operate their own VSU's and that provide supplementary funding will continue to do so.</p>
E2	<p>Resolution Hydrogen Industry Support</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strathcona County ▪ ABmunis Board <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive Committee 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocates to the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada to increase their commitment to support and resource the current hydrogen initiatives in all of Alberta to assist Alberta and its innovative energy industry partners to become leaders in the developing hydrogen economy.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action will be taken at a low engagement level.</p> <p>Government Response Per a November 2022 letter, the Minister of Energy indicates that he is pleased to see municipalities taking an interest in the opportunity hydrogen presents. He summarized the provinces' hydrogen roadmap which was released in November 2021 including some of the actions being taken to implement the roadmap and some of the projects the province is supporting financially. He ends with a commitment to position Alberta as a world leader in the field and to continue pursuing actions to make that so.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The Economic Strategy Committee received additional updates from the Government of Alberta at their February 2023 and April 2023 committee meetings.</p>



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