

Welcome!

Spring 2025 Municipal Leaders Caucus

Thursday, March 6



Land acknowledgement

Alberta Municipalities respectfully acknowledges that we live, work, and play on the traditional and ancestral territories of many Indigenous, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We acknowledge that what we call Alberta is the traditional and ancestral territory of many peoples, presently subject to Treaties 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 and Six Regions of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

We acknowledge the courageous and resilient community leadership of Indigenous leaders, of all ages, Knowledge Keepers, and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We make this acknowledgement as an act of reconciliation, gratitude, and commitment to pursuing an inclusive, collaborative, and respectful path towards building strong communities.





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Executive Search

Agenda for Thursday, March 6

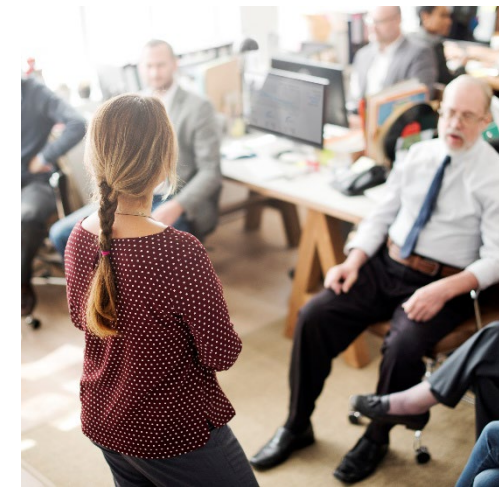
9:35 a.m.	Minister of Municipal Affairs' Remarks and Q&A
10:15 a.m.	Update from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
10:25 a.m.	Update from Rural Municipalities of Alberta
10:35 a.m.	Break
10:50 a.m.	The Trump Card: Predicting the Impacts of an Unpredictable Presidency
11:50 a.m.	Opposition Critic's Remarks
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Municipal Breakout Sessions
2:20 p.m.	Resources for the 2025 Municipal Election
2:35 p.m.	Ministers Dialogue Session
3:40 p.m.	Break
4:00 p.m.	Resolutions
4:25 p.m.	Requests for Decision
4:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Networking Reception sponsored by RMRF

Welcome Dana!



Respectful Environment

- We foster an environment of mutual respect and open-mindedness
- Everyone brings unique experiences and perspectives
- We all want the best solutions and outcomes for our communities, province, and nation
- Respectful dialogue is key to finding the path forward
- We are community leaders and our residents expect us to model best behaviours



Code of Conduct

- ABmunis is committed to providing a welcoming, inclusive, and harassment-free environment for all President's Summit participants
- Behaviors that are **not** acceptable at the President's Summit include:
 - Harassment or intimidation based on gender, race, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, ethnicity, age, religion, or any other legally protected characteristic
 - Sexual harassment or intimidation, including unwelcome sexual attention, stalking (physical or virtual), or unsolicited physical contact
 - Shouting down or threatening President's Summit participants
- Any President's Summit participant found violating these rules may have their registration revoked and be asked to leave the President's Summit, without a refund, at the discretion of the CEO or designate

Minister of Municipal Affairs

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Rural Municipalities of Alberta

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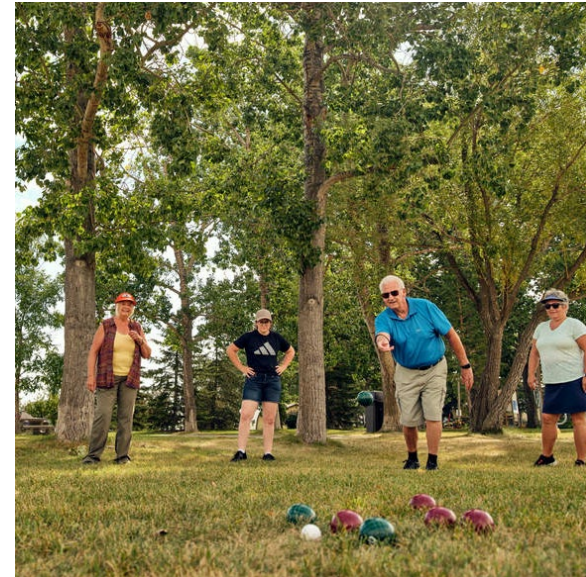
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The Trump Card: Predicting the Impacts of an Unpredictable Presidency



Opposition Critic's Remarks

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Municipal Breakout Sessions

Municipal Type	Breakout Room
Villages	Centennial (lobby level)
Towns	Ballroom
Cities	Devonian (lobby level)
MDs & Counties	Your choice!



Towns Breakout Session

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ABmunis Towns Representatives



Scott Akkermans
DIRECTOR, TOWNS
SOUTH
COUNCILLOR,
TOWN OF COALHURST



Krista Gardner
DIRECTOR, TOWNS
WEST
COUNCILLOR,
TOWN OF CALMAR



Trina Jones
DIRECTOR, TOWNS
EAST
COUNCILLOR,
TOWN OF LEGAL

Priority Issues for Towns

- Infrastructure funding
- Emergency management
- Communicating with the public

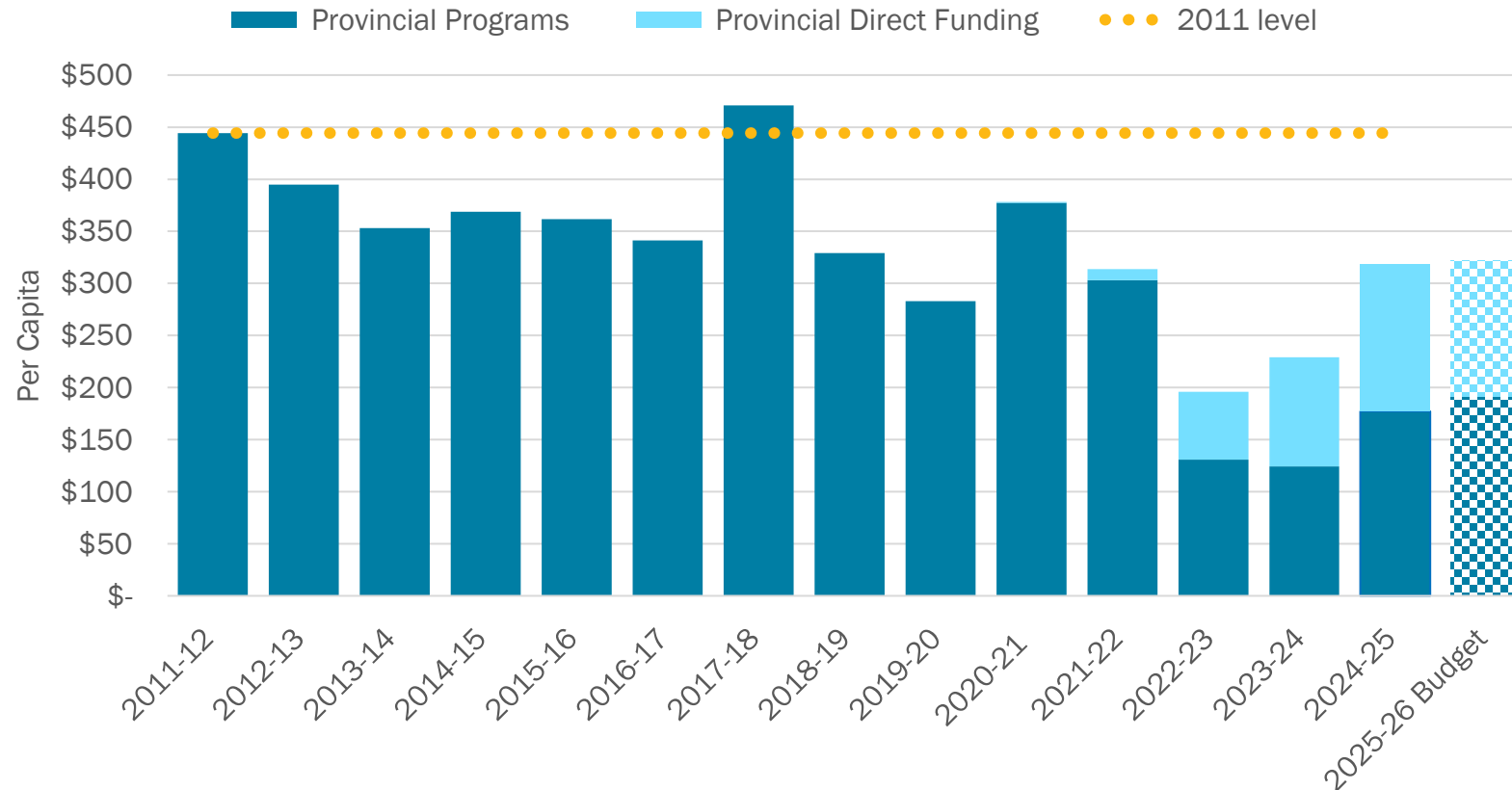


Per capita infrastructure funding has fallen from \$444 per Albertan in 2011 to \$318 per Albertan in 2024

Provincial Funding for Municipal Infrastructure - Per Capita

(Actuals/estimates for 2011-2024 and budgeted figures for 2025)

(Excludes federal funding that flows through the Government of Alberta)



Figures are sourced from the GoA Government Estimates reports and represent reported actuals (2011-2016 and 2018-2020) and year-end estimates (2017 and 2021-2024) and budgeted figures for 2025.

Provincial Program Funding

- Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital
- Local Growth and Sustainability Fund
- Water for Life
- Municipal Water Wastewater Partnership
- Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program
- First Nations Water Tie-In Program
- Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program
- Alberta Community Transit Fund
- GreenTRIP
- Municipal Stimulus Program
- MSI Capital (including BMTG)

Direct Funding Outside a Program

- Calgary and Edmonton LRT
- Calgary Rivers District & Events Centre
- YYC Rail Connection
- Edmonton 50 St.
- Edmonton Yellowhead Trail
- Edmonton Terwillegar Expansion
- Edmonton Ray Gibbon Drive Expansion
- Edmonton Downtown & Coliseum Site Improvement
- Lethbridge Waterline Expansion
- Red Deer Regional Airport Expansion
- Capital Region Wastewater Treatment
- Sundre Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Designated Industrial Zone Pilot Project

Figures exclude federal funding that flows to municipalities through the Government of Alberta.

Emergency Management

- Municipal Wildfire Working Group
- Provincial Wildfire Mitigation Strategy
- Wildfire Task Force for High-Risk Communities



Communicating with the Public

- Convention 2024
- President's Summit 2025
- EOEP course on Public Engagement

Visit eoep.ca to register!



Question 1

Are you planning to run again in this year's municipal election?

Why or why not?



Question 2

What is one thing that you are proud of accomplishing in your last term?

If you are running again, what is one thing you hope to accomplish in your upcoming term?

If you are not running again, what is one thing you would like to see Council accomplish?



Question 3

What is the most important thing you think that someone running for Council for the first time should know?



Thank you!

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Resources for the 2025 Election

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ABmunis' Fostering a Culture of Respect Plan

Pre-Election

- Host information sessions and create content to educate Albertans about serving on council.

After the October 2025 Election

- Create a guide on best practices for council and the CAO to build a positive and constructive relationship.
- Create a toolkit for councils to self-assess their conduct.
- Host training on:
 - How to run a meeting and manage conflict.
 - Social media for elected officials.
 - Refresher training at the mid-point of the council term.
- Create a video for municipalities to educate new staff about council's role.

What is one thing Albertans who are thinking about running for council should know?



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Videos on a Day-in-the-Life of a Councillor

Pre-election

- What potential candidates should know
- What Albertans should know about elected officials
- Best part of serving on council
- Time commitment
- Experience on a council meeting day
- Duties outside council meetings
- Impact on family
- Importance of working as a team

[Running for Municipal Office | Alberta Municipalities](#)



Information for Albertans and Candidates

Pre-election

- In conjunction with RMA, host 20 live webinars explaining:
 - Benefits of serving on council
 - What council can and can't do
 - Roles of council vs. administration
 - Power of the mayor vs. a councillor
 - Day-to-day experience and impact on family
- Webinars will feature elected officials and will be customized based on different sizes and types of municipalities.
- Create brochures that municipalities can offer to residents and candidates (e.g. difference between orders of government).

Provincial Resources

Pre-election

- [Videos for Candidates](#)
 - What do I need to know about municipalities and governance?
 - What are the different roles in a municipality?
 - What can I expect and what is expected of council members?
 - How do I run for elected office?
- **A Candidate's Guide for Running for Municipal Office**
 - *In progress – date of release to be advised*

Provincial Resources

Pre-election

New documents explain what municipalities need to know about the [changes to the Local Authorities Election Act](#) following the October 2024 proclamation of Bill 20:

- Eligibility and disqualification criteria
- Nomination deposits
- Objecting to an elector
- Special ballots
- Voter vouching
- Voter identification
- Third party advertising
- Campaign financing
- And 9 others!

New Orientation Requirements

Post-election

Part A

Before or on the same day as the first organizational meeting after the election

- Role of municipalities
- Municipal organization and function
- Roles and responsibilities of council
- Roles and responsibilities of councillors
- Code of conduct
- Roles and responsibilities of the CAO and staff

Part B

Before or on the same day as the first regularly scheduled council meeting after the election*

- Key municipal plans, policies, and projects
- Budgeting and financial administration
- Public participation
- Any other topic prescribed by the regulations

**Council may pass a resolution to extend the time for Part B training by up to 90 days.*

EOEP's Munis 101 Course Offerings

Post-election

Date in 2025	Day	Location	Time
October 25	Saturday	Online	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
October 26	Sunday	Online	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
October 27	Monday	Online	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
October 30	Thursday	Fort Saskatchewan	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
November 1	Saturday	Lethbridge	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
November 1	Saturday	Grande Prairie	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
November 2	Sunday	Olds	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
November 14-15	Friday & Saturday	Calgary, ABmunis Convention	Friday 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am – noon
November 17	Monday	Edmonton, RMA Convention	8:30 am – 4:00 pm

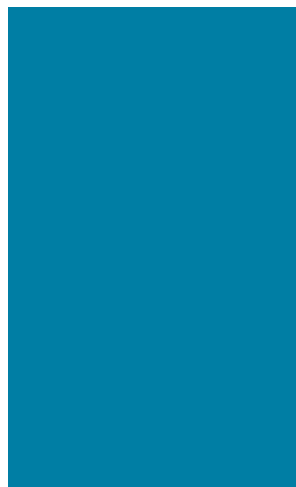
Toolkit for Council and CAO Relations

Post-election

- Building trust
- Communications styles
- Information sharing with the mayor versus the rest of council
- Best practices for a constructive working relationship

Other Future Education and Resources

- New EOEP course on Council's Role in Employment of the CAO!
 - Available at our 2025 Convention in Calgary.
- Training on running meetings and managing conflict.
- Managing social media.
- Toolkit for councils to self-assess their conduct.



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Ministers Dialogue Session

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Coffee break sponsored by:

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Recruiting Leaders

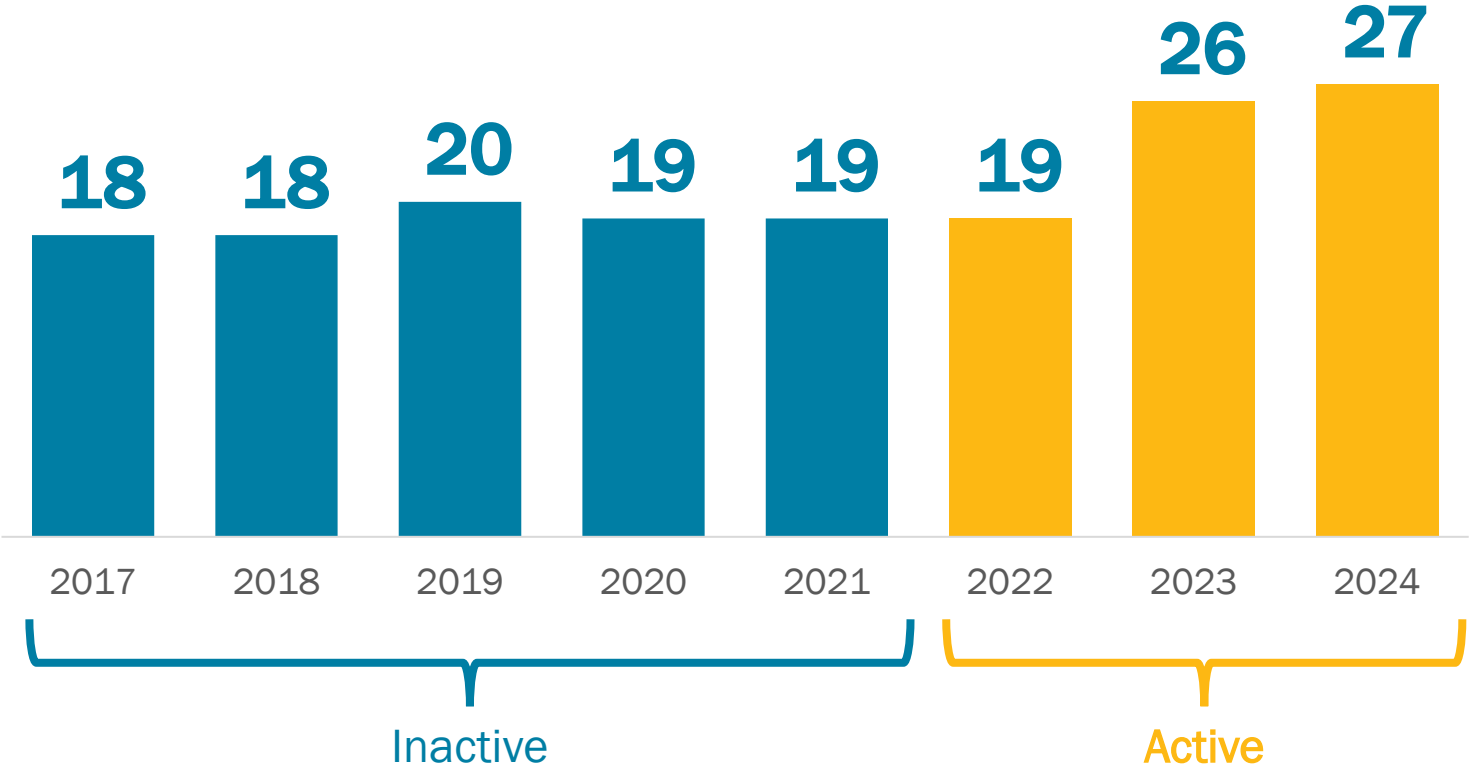
Resolutions

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Members have submitted a higher number of resolutions in the last two years

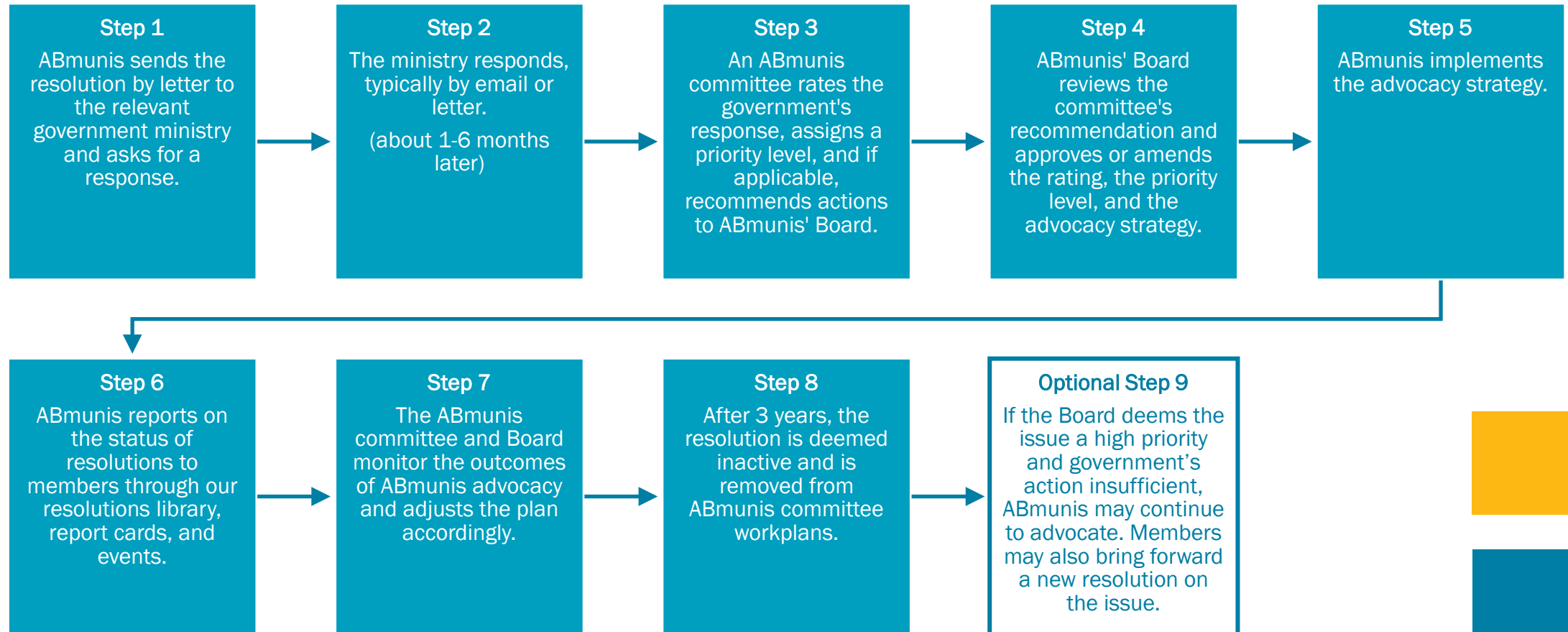
Number of Resolutions Submitted by ABmunis Members
(excludes withdrawn resolutions)



Changes to our Resolutions Policy

1. Gave delegates 1.5 minutes instead of 2 minutes to speak to a resolution. The mover still has 2 minutes to make opening remarks.
2. Clarified that the resolution mover does not get the opportunity to make closing remarks if there is no debate on the resolution.
3. Added a process to end debate on a resolution:
 - If eight members have debated a resolution, the Resolutions Chair must call for a vote on whether debate should continue.
 - If the vote passes, debate will continue for up to eight more speakers.
 - If the vote fails, members will proceed to vote on the resolution.

What happens after members adopt a resolution?



The importance of the issue will determine our advocacy effort

Priority of the Resolution Issue

ABmunis Advocacy Actions

- Send a letter(s)
- Monitor outcomes
- Collaborate with other organizations
- Conduct research
- Meet with a minister(s) or senior officials
- Strike an ad hoc working group
- Meet with the Premier
- Engage media
- Conduct a social media campaign
- Support members to take specific actions
- Other initiatives

Low Priority



Medium Priority (may involve a combination of)



High Priority (may involve a combination of)



How does ABmunis set a resolution's priority level?

- Does the issue align with ABmunis' strategic initiatives?
- Is the issue exclusive to the jurisdiction of municipalities?
- Does it impact most of ABmunis' members?
- What will be the impact on members?
- Does the issue support or counter the government's agenda?
- What are the timelines?
- Can ABmunis can add value to the issue?
- Does ABmunis have capacity to respond effectively?
- What are the chances of success?

What if a resolution isn't the right option?

- Meet with your MLA
- Use the Minister Dialogue sessions at our events (if the issue is a regional/provincial topic)
- Contact the department
- Speak with an ABmunis Board member
 - Email - president@abmunis.ca
- Check with ABmunis administration
 - Email – resolutions@abmunis.ca



Advocacy Win

Lower Interest Rates for Municipalities

2023 Resolution by City of St. Albert and City of Airdrie

THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance to implement measures to restore the policy that permitted municipalities to obtain loans with lower interest rates, as was provided prior to 2021, to allow for improved financial flexibility to encourage municipalities to fund capital projects and save taxpayer dollars.



Advocacy Win

Funding for Growing Municipalities

2023 Resolution by City of Airdrie and City of Leduc

THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to actively partner with municipalities absorbing the population growth required to support a vibrant, diverse and thriving provincial economy through the creation of a dedicated funding program to support the capital investment pressures of growth.



Advocacy Win

Wastewater Task Force

Recommendations

Environment and Protected Areas' new municipal policies and procedures manual includes many recommendations from ABmunis' 2022 Wastewater Innovation Task Force.



Advocacy Win

Transit Funding

The Government of Canada will launch the Canada Public Transit Fund in 2026 influenced by ABmunis resolutions on:

- Permanent Transit Funding (2020)
- Operational Transit Funding for Small to Medium Sized Municipalities (2022)
- Federal Funding for Compressed Natural Gas, Hydrogen and Clean Diesel Buses (2024)



Status of Other Resolutions

Searchable
Resolutions
Library

Report Card
by year

Access both resources on our ABmunis.ca website
at [Advocacy Resources > Resolutions](#)



Match-Making for 2025 Resolutions

1. What is your name and municipality?
2. What is your population category?
 - Less than 2,500
 - 2,500 – 10,000
 - Over 10,000
3. What is your issue?

If you are interested in helping to sponsor the resolution, please identify yourself.



Sponsoring a Resolution

Notify ABmunis staff if you are considering any resolution topic

Email resolutions@abmunis.ca

Access resources on our ABmunis.ca website at [Advocacy Resources > Resolutions](#)

Review our Guide for 2025 Resolutions

Submit your resolution by June 30

Member Requests for Decision

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Process for today

1. Sponsor of the RFD presents the issue
2. Members may comment or ask questions
3. Vote on whether to adopt the RFD
 - Only elected officials from Regular Member municipalities may vote
 - An RFD is approved if 51% or more vote in favour
4. If approved, ABmunis Board determines the level of priority that we assign to the issue and what advocacy strategy we take



Mentimeter voting

If you are an elected official of a Regular Member municipality, please go to:

www.menti.com

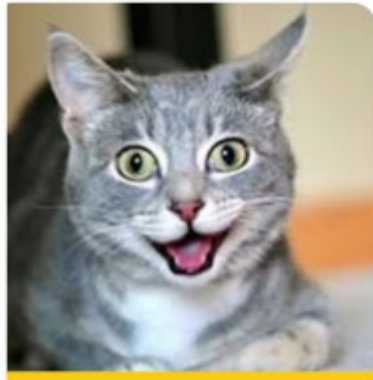
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Test Vote

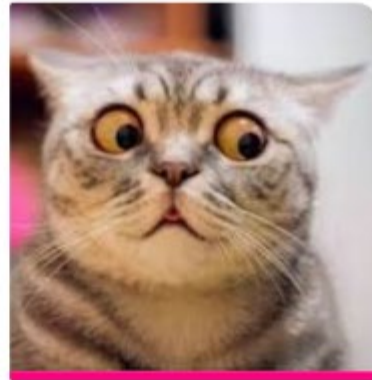
Which of these internet famous cats best represents your current mood?



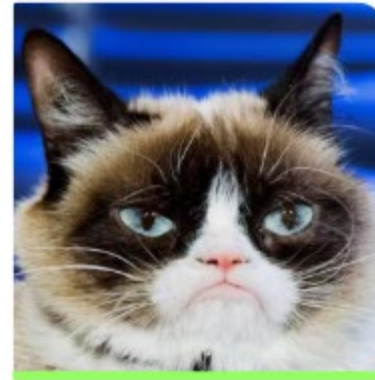
Option 1



Option 2



Option 3




Option 4

RFD #1: Sponsored by Town of Vegreville

Expand Powers of Bylaw Enforcement Officers to Remove Vehicles

THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to amend section 1(1)(ff) of the Alberta *Traffic Safety Act* to expand the definition of a peace officer to include “a Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed under the *Municipal Government Act* for the purpose of Section 77(1)(c) and 160(1) of this Act” so that bylaw enforcement officers have the power to remove vehicles that are in contravention of a municipal bylaw.



RFD #2: Sponsored by Town of Vegreville

Self-Pay Option for Community Peace Officer Induction Program

THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to reconsider the decision to not allow students to self-fund their training in the Community Peace Officer Induction Program.



Status of 2024 MLC RFDs

Advocate for predictable, long term operational funding for Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDAs)
(Town of Mayerthorpe)



The response from the Minister of Jobs, Economy, and Trade is they are moving towards a competitive, project-based funding model and that no other economic development organization in Alberta receives direct operating funding.

Advocate for an increase in the provincial capital grant amount for each new physical childcare space that is created for licensed childcare.
(Municipality of Jasper)



On January 29, 2025 the Governments of Canada and Alberta unveiled the Building Blocks Capital Grant Program, a two-year \$53-million grant to support the construction and renovation of non-profit and public child-care spaces.

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Networking Reception Sponsored by:



REYNOLDS MIRTH
RICHARDS & FARMER

See you tomorrow morning!



Thursday, March 6

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Networking reception sponsored by
RMRF in Ballroom foyer

Friday, March 7

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Hot buffet breakfast

9:00 AM

Program begins