

Report Card on 2021 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 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.

About this Report Card

Adopted resolutions are considered active for three years. This Report Card summarizes the status of all 2021 resolutions, which are still active at the time of reporting.

Note: References to "AUMA" are in reference to ABmunis former name, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, which was the association's name when the resolutions were adopted.

Category B:

Issues Related to Alberta Municipalities' Strategic Initiatives

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
B1	<p>Resolution Name Creating Jobs Through Remediating and Redeveloping Brownfields</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Calmar City of Medicine Hat <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability and Environment 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA call on the Government of Alberta to immediately implement all recommendations from the 2011 Brownfield Redevelopment Working Group. The first priority is to provide financial incentives to support municipalities in conducting environmental site assessments.</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AUMA ask the Government of Alberta to create a red tape reduction task force making recommendations on removing barriers for local government and the private sector to discover, investigate, remediate, and redevelop brownfields.</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AUMA advocate the Government of Alberta develop a policy to manage old reclamation certificates deemed null and void and re-define the Orphan Well Association mandate to support legacy sites.</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AUMA call for a provincial brownfield tax incentive program that matches the province's education tax with municipal property tax to encourage eligible property owners to clean up brownfield properties.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met—further action will be taken at a low level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis received a response from Minister Jason Nixon (Alberta Environment and Parks) on February 23, 2022. The response directed ABmunis to available funding through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, the Canada Community Building Fund, and the ability of municipalities to incent brownfield development through deferring or exempting of municipal taxes.</p> <p>The Minister did not feel the Orphan Well Association was an appropriate program for legacy contaminated sites when a responsible party exists but acknowledged that Alberta Environment and Parks continues to review Alberta's contaminated sites to improve remediation and to create a liability management framework.</p> <p>This resolution builds on ABmunis' previous work and advocacy on brownfield redevelopment. Further background can be found on our Brownfield Redevelopment Hub. ABmunis will pursue implementation of its recommendations within the context of our red tape reduction, economic development, and assessment and taxation related initiatives.</p> <p>Brownfields remain a barrier to developing economically important parcels of land. It is an important issue but has been ranked 'low' due to other board priorities that are more pressing in the short term, including water issues and the Extended Producer Responsibility transition.</p>
B2	<p>Resolution Name</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA request the Government of Alberta provide</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Accepts government response—no further action required</p>

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	<p>Provincial Commitment to Transition to an Extended Producer Responsibility for Household Hazardous Waste Program</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ABmunis Board <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sustainability and Environment 	<p>bridge funding to support household hazardous waste (HHW) collection until a permanent EPR household hazardous waste program is in place.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>On May 11, 2023, ABmunis received notification that additional HHW bridge funding for 2023-2024 will be sought by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas to cover costs until the Extended Producer Responsibility transition is complete. For more context on this priority initiative, visit ABmunis' Waste Management Hub.</p>
B3	<p>Resolution Name</p> <p>Advocacy on Financial Measures</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Calgary ▪ Town of Okotoks <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive Committee 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association continue to advocate to the Government of Alberta for municipal finance reform, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The expansion of revenue tools to reduce reliance on property taxes as opportunities allow; • The expansion of property tax flexibility as opportunities allow; • The expansion of revenue tools to non-property related activities as opportunities allow; • The development of non-residential property sub-classes that are efficient and easily administered to allow municipalities a tool for targeted financial relief; <p>AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT to support our advocacy, the AUMA, in collaboration with Alberta's municipalities, and if possible, the Government of Alberta undertake research studies and/or collect information on:</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</p> <p>Intent not met - further action will be taken at a high level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>The Minister of Municipal Affairs responded to this resolution in March 2022 by acknowledging that "municipalities, like all governments, are facing fiscal pressures; however, the Government of Alberta does not agree that the solution to these challenges is to create additional taxation tools. The province believes that governments need to look for ways to reduce red tape, incentivize economic activity and make strategic choices about where limited tax dollars should be spent."</p> <p>ABmunis' advocacy efforts have been successful in leading to the implementation of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) wherein future funding amounts will be linked to changes in the Government of Alberta's revenue so that LGFF infrastructure funding will grow with Alberta's economy over the long term.</p> <p>In regard to provincial downloading, ABmunis released data in September 2023 that demonstrates that between 2017 and 2022, the Government of Alberta downloaded an estimated \$384 million in</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of e-commerce and the new models of goods and services delivery on municipal economies and finances; and Identifying a comprehensive list of services and associated costs redirected to municipalities. 	<p>operational costs onto municipalities by reducing grant funding or not indexing funding to inflation. It should be acknowledged that this figure does not account for all costs such as municipalities having to supplement provincial services such as emergency medical response and affordable housing.</p> <p>In 2024, ABmunis plans to host a webinar series featuring economists and finance specialists to discuss global trends and what revenue tools may benefit municipalities to be resilient in the face of future pressures.</p> <p>Given the complexity of this issue and its linkages to other resolutions, ABmunis will approach this issue with a high level of engagement with members to define priority financial tools, measures, and targeted outcomes and then engage the Government of Alberta.</p>
B5	<p>Resolution Name Expansion of Authority to Support Affordable Housing</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Okotoks Town of Canmore <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Governance 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA advocate for the Government of Alberta to make amendments to the Municipal Government Act to provide additional financial tools, through expansion of the local improvement tax process, that enable individuals to increase affordable housing options, such as secondary suites and accessory buildings.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met - further action will be taken.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The Minister of Municipal Affairs responded to this resolution in March 2022 by stating that the Government of Alberta is working on "...a number of initiatives that will speed up development, reduce red tape, and strive toward home affordability throughout Alberta. Careful consideration of any new taxation tools to increase housing stock would be required before the government would enact any changes..."</p> <p>Similar to Resolution B3, the Government of Alberta has shown no support to-date to expand financial tools for municipalities. This resolution aligns with ABmunis' broader work focusing on the financial health of municipalities, future economic trends, and reviewing what financial tools will set Alberta's communities up for long-term viability and growth.</p>
B6	<p>Resolution Name Police Funding Model</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA also advocate for the Government of Alberta to treat the Police Funding Model requisition to</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken.</p>

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	<p>Accountability & Transparency</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village of Stirling ▪ Town of McGrath <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipal Governance 	<p>municipalities like the education and housing authority requisitions by mandating their inclusion on assessment and tax notices provided to property owners.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>The March 2022 response from the Minister of Municipal Affairs stated that "...if the MGA was amended so that policing costs could be collected through a special tax or through a separate tax requisition and tax rate, this would add red tape and require greater administrative effort by municipalities". The Minister also communicated that the current process provides flexibility for how a municipality pays their police funding model invoice.</p>
B7	<p>Resolution Name</p> <p>Regional Centre Funding</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Grande Prairie ▪ City of Lethbridge <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipal Governance 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA advocate for a dedicated funding stream for municipalities who serve as regional service centres.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</p> <p>Intent not met – further action will be taken.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>The response from the Minister of Municipal Affairs in March 2022 focused on the Government of Alberta's intention to provide Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital funding to municipalities and that it would entertain any proposals where the LGFF Capital allocation formula could dedicate funding for regional service centres.</p> <p>ABmunis proposals on the LGFF Capital allocation formula to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta and the Minister of Municipal Affairs focused on the need for population to represent a high proportion of formula weighting, which indirectly supports regional centres due to their higher and often growing population. At the same time, the Government of Alberta's plan has involved reducing LGFF Capital to only \$722 million when municipalities previously received an average of \$1.1 billion to \$1.2 billion annually. As such, ABmunis' Board has focused the majority of its advocacy efforts to seek an increase in the starting amount of LGFF Capital instead of asking for other new funding programs. ABmunis awaits the release of the province's 2024 budget to determine next steps for advocacy on capital funding.</p>
B8	<p>Resolution Name</p> <p>National Flood Insurance Strategy</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA advocate for the Government of Alberta to participate in and contribute to the work of the National Task Force on Flood Insurance and</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</p> <p>Intent not met – further action will be taken.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p>

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	<p>and Community Resilience Advocacy</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Lac La Biche County <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure 	<p>Relocation, with the goal of developing a national high-risk residential flood insurance program and to secure sustainable, long-term funding for provinces, Indigenous communities and municipalities for flood mitigation programs, projects and initiatives that increase overall community resiliency.</p>	<p>The work on the national flood insurance program is being driven by Public Safety Canada at the federal level. The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) is representing Alberta in these discussions. ABmunis has been given regular progress updates on this work by the AEMA when they are able to share information publicly.</p>
B9	<p>Resolution Name</p> <p>Improved Provincial-Municipal Emergency Collaboration and Communication</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Calgary Town of Okotoks <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association urge the Government of Alberta to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work collaboratively with municipalities and their emergency management organizations on conducting a comprehensive lessons-learned review of the COVID-19 pandemic response and incorporate those lessons in an improved Provincial emergency response and communications plan; Commit that going forward Alberta's municipalities and their emergency management organizations will be treated as trusted and valued partners in Provincial emergency response; and Establish an advisory group of municipal emergency management organizations and other key stakeholders to better advise and support the Government of Alberta's decision making and emergency order drafting and to improve emergency communications, coordination, and collaboration. 	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response</p> <p>Intent not met – further action will be taken.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions</p> <p>The response from the provincial government indicated that the province feels there is adequate integration between municipalities and the province when it comes to emergency collaboration and communications. Through advocating for better collaboration, ABmunis has become involved in the development of a long-range planning tool that the Alberta Emergency Management Agency will introduce to municipalities in 2024.</p>

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B10	<p>Resolution Name Provincial Broadband Strategy</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ABmunis Board ▪ Summer Village of West Cove <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infrastructure 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT AUMA advocate for the Government of Alberta to immediately engage municipalities and other stakeholders in developing a provincial broadband strategy with measurable goals, concrete actions and a dedicated budget that recognizes broadband as an essential utility.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken. [NOTE: Due to the province's actions, ABmunis' Infrastructure Committee will re-evaluate the rating of this resolution at its April 2024 meeting.]</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis was very encouraged by the release of the province's broadband strategy in early 2022. Subsequent announcements of funding for broadband projects demonstrates the Alberta Government's recognition of the importance of this issue. To further support members as they apply for funding, ABmunis has released a broadband toolkit.</p>
B11	<p>Resolution Name Mental Health and Wellness for Public Safety Personnel</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Saskatchewan ▪ City of Wetaskiwin <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safe and Healthy Communities 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request that the Government of Alberta work cooperatively with public safety personnel organizations and allied stakeholders to research, develop and implement evidence-based solutions to address mental health and wellness of public safety personnel in the Province of 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>ABmunis' Notes and Actions While it is encouraging that the province has a designated program to support mental health for public safety personnel, it is not clear that there is adequate funding to support all public safety personnel in all regions of the province. The Alberta Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provincial Advisory Committee made several recommendations on improving working conditions for first responders, including providing mental health supports, along with other actions to support staff recruitment and retention. Although these recommendations were accepted, it is unclear when and how the province will implement them. Additionally, predictable, ongoing funding for service providers would be preferable to one-time annual grants. Lastly, all Albertans continue to face barriers to accessing mental health supports and services, including lack of transportation, lack of local services providers, and lack of health insurance to cover mental health services. Accordingly, ABmunis highlighted this issue in meetings with the Minister and AHS EMS staff; our monitoring of the implementation of Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee recommendations; our 2023 election strategy; and our analysis of the 2023 Budget.</p>

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B12	<p>Resolution Name Alberta Health Services Emergency Dispatch – Independent Review</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Red Deer ▪ Town of McGrath <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safe and Healthy Communities 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA advocate to the Government of Alberta and the Minister of Health to undertake an independent third-party review of the AHS emergency ambulance dispatch system and to investigate the increase in response times and the technical outages that have occurred since the ambulance dispatch transition began in the Province of Alberta in 2009.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken at a medium to high level of engagement.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions In January 2022, in response to ABmunis and RMA advocacy, Alberta Health announced plans to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish a provincial emergency medical services advisory committee to provide immediate and long-term recommendations to the Minister of Health, which are to be made public by September 2022; • develop and start implementing a 10-point plan to add capacity to EMS; and • take steps to engage a consultant to conduct a third-party review of Alberta's provincewide EMS dispatch system. <p>On January 16, 2023, the Minister of Health announced the release of the Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee's final report and PwC's Alberta Emergency Medical Services Dispatch Review. During a press conference, the Minister stated that the province has accepted all of the recommendations in both reports.</p> <p>In April 2023, AHS released its EMS operating plan for 2023-24. This plan was developed using input from the Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee report, the PwC Alberta EMS dispatch review, and other reports and engagement. The plan identified the projects that will be implemented over the next 12 months in priority sequence to have the greatest impact on improving response time. The plan will also form the basis of what AHS reports on and how the agency is accountable to Albertans.</p> <p>Taralyn Elwood, Councillor for the Village of Alberta Beach, represents ABmunis on the Alberta EMS Standing Committee, so ABmunis will continue to monitor EMS in 2024 and have regular touch points with AHS staff to learn about progress.</p>

Category C:

Other issues of potential interest to municipalities in Alberta

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C1	<p>Resolution Name Advocacy for a National Early Learning and Care Program</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Lethbridge City of Spruce Grove <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Strategy 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA advocate to the Provincial Government for a National Early Learning and Care Program that will be high-quality, inclusive, affordable, and accessible, developed with significant long-term sustained funding and which will create a Canada-wide early-learning and child-care system.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met – further action required.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions ABmunis administration has been in regular contact with the Government of Alberta to stress the importance of this issue to members, including ensuring applicability in small and remote communities. Administration has regularly touched based and expressed a desire to engage where possible to see additional progress made.</p> <p>In November, 2023 the province began targeted engagements with child care service providers on the implementation of an early learning and child care funding formula. Those efforts will be expanded in 2024.</p> <p>The actions announced by the Government of Alberta to date largely support the intent of the resolution and administration will carefully monitor the implementation of the agreement over the next three years.</p>
C2	<p>Resolution Elder Model Care</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Strathmore Town of Okotoks <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and Healthy Communities 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association encourage the Government of Alberta to create and develop an elder care model in our province that will offer client directed services focused on standards of care.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions In December 2021, the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos was appointed Minister of Health Canada and mandated with negotiating agreements with provinces and territories to support efforts to improve the quality and availability of long-term care homes and beds. This mandate item includes working with provinces and territories to improve infection prevention and control measures, identifying shared principles, and developing national standards and a Safe Long-Term</p>

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			<p>Care Act to ensure seniors get the care they deserve. The Minister is also tasked with working with the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development, and Disability Inclusion Canada to train up to 50,000 new personal support workers and raise their wages. It's not clear whether provinces would be compelled to adopt and enforce the standards in federal legislation, or whether they would have the option of drafting their own revised standards.</p> <p>On March 28, 2022, Bill 11, the <i>Continuing Care Act</i>, was tabled in the Legislature. This bill will replace six pieces of legislation and six regulations, some dating back to 1985, and give more authority to the Minister of Health to monitor and enforce compliance in long-term care, supportive living, assisted living, home care, and palliative care. The bill was tabled in response to a 2021 MNP report on facility-based continuing care containing 42 recommendations.</p> <p>Recommendations included shifting to more home care and increasing the hours of care provided to facility residents, which would mean hiring nearly 6,000 full-time equivalent staff at a potential cost of \$410 million. The review projected the demand for continuing care services to grow by 62 per cent by 2030. New regulations and standards associated with the bill were anticipated to be established by spring 2023. Bill 11 has been criticized by Friends of Medicare, who note the lack of provisions in the bill to address staff-to-patient ratios, mandate minimum care hours, or improve care and working conditions.</p> <p>The ABmunis Board approved taking the following actions regarding the province's response to the resolutions related to seniors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to learn about their advocacy on this issue and any provincial/territorial associations that could be advocacy partners on this issue. • Request a meeting with Healthy Aging Alberta representatives to explore opportunities for joint advocacy and municipal action.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the passage of Bill 11 in the Legislature and promote and participate in opportunities to provide input on the development of associated standards and regulations. Monitor federal budgeting and activities related to the development of national long-term care standards and a Safe Long-Term Care Act. <p>These actions were completed prior to the resolution's expiry.</p>
C3	<p>Resolution Long Term Care</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Strathmore Town of Okotoks <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and Healthy Communities 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association urge our provincial government to petition the Government of Canada to make long term care and home care “medically necessary” services under the terms of the Canada Health Act.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions In December 2021, the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos was appointed Minister of Health Canada and mandated with negotiating agreements with provinces and territories to support efforts to improve the quality and availability of long-term care homes and beds. This mandate item includes working with provinces and territories to improve infection prevention and control measures, identifying shared principles, and developing national standards and a <i>Safe Long-Term Care Act</i> to ensure seniors get the care they deserve. The Minister is also tasked with working with the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development, and Disability Inclusion Canada to train up to 50,000 new personal support workers and raise their wages. It's not clear whether provinces would be compelled to adopt and enforce the standards in federal legislation, or whether they would have the option of drafting their own revised standards.</p> <p>On March 28, 2022, Bill 11, the <i>Continuing Care Act</i>, was tabled in the Legislature. This bill will replace six pieces of legislation and six regulations, some dating back to 1985, and give more authority to the Minister of Health to monitor and enforce compliance in long-term care, supportive living, assisted living, home care, and palliative care. The bill was tabled in response to a 2021 MNP report on facility-based continuing care containing 42 recommendations. Recommendations included shifting to more home care and</p>

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C4	<p>Resolution Tobacco Industry Health Cost Recovery Fee</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of Strathmore ▪ Town of Okotoks <p>ABmunis Committee</p>	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA advocate to the Alberta government to use the Crown's Right of Recovery Act to establish a five percent (5%) levy on all Alberta revenues collected by major tobacco and vaping manufacturers and importers. Funds collected would be redirected to support effective programs and strategies to reduce and prevent tobacco and vaping use in Alberta.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will not be taken.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions The Crown's Right of Recovery Act extends to the province of Alberta a "direct and distinct action against a manufacturer to recover the Crown's cost of health services caused or contributed to by a tobacco-related wrong" (Section 42). Although every province in Canada has enacted legislation permitting them to sue tobacco companies, only British Columbia, New Brunswick, and Ontario have filed lawsuits. As</p>

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Category E: Emergent Resolutions

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E1	<p>Resolution Name Responsibility of Ambulance Service Delivery</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Airdrie City of Chestermere Town of Strathmore Town of Turner Valley <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and Healthy Communities 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA advocate for the Government of Alberta to immediately consult with municipalities and the Health Sciences Association of Alberta to develop a plan to make urgently needed improvements to the delivery and performance of the ambulance system where municipalities are recognized and compensated for the role they play in support of the provincial health care system.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent partially met - further action will be taken.</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions In addition to the joint letter that ABmunis and RMA sent to Alberta Health, the two municipal associations developed shared 'Principles for an Alberta Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System' to guide future advocacy efforts.</p> <p>The union representing Alberta paramedics, the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (or HSAA), referred to in this resolution, began issuing media releases in the fall of 2021 highlighting a shortage of available ambulances and the longer-than-usual response times. Representatives of ABmunis and HSAA (various Board members, committee members and staff) met virtually in March 2022 to discuss the state of EMS in Alberta. ABmunis positions are aligned with HSAA in most areas, however one notable difference is HSAA supports centralized dispatch. They point to a lack of resources (i.e. not enough ambulances, paramedics and supports) as the cause of current issues with EMS.</p>

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			<p>On January 16, 2023, the Minister of Health, announced the release of the Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee's final report and PwC's Alberta Emergency Medical Services Dispatch Review. During a press conference, the Minister stated that the province has accepted all of the recommendations in both reports. The advisory committee's final report contains 53 recommendations, 10 of which were previously approved in May 2022 and prioritized for implementation. The majority of the report's recommendations align with RMA and ABmunis' joint principles; however, the recommendations that have been prioritized for implementation do not reflect the principles of sustainability, patient- and community-centred care, and accountability and transparency.</p> <p>Planned actions for 2023 based on the recommendations in the two reports include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More ambulances and paramedics 2. Safe timely transfer of care from EMS to emergency departments 3. Transferring non-urgent 911 calls to Health Link 4. EMS assess, treat and refer guidelines 5. Non-ambulance transfer policy and process <p>In April 2023, AHS released its EMS operating plan for 2023-24. This plan was developed using input from the Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee report, the PwC Alberta EMS dispatch review, and other reports and engagement. The plan identified the projects that will be implemented over the next 12 months in priority sequence to have the greatest impact on improving response time. The plan will also form the basis of what AHS reports on and how the agency is accountable to Albertans.</p> <p>ABmunis will continue to monitor the implementation of the EMS operating plan in 2023-24 and have regular touch points with AHS EMS staff to learn about progress.</p>
E2	Resolution Provincial Health	IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA contact the Premier and the Minister of Health	ABmunis' Notes and Actions

#	Resolution Information	Active Clause	Status and ABmunis' Actions
	<p>Restriction Decisions</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lac La Biche County <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Committee 	<p>of the Government of Alberta to advocate for provincial health restrictions and decisions to be made by the provincial government and not downloaded onto municipalities.</p>	<p>Alberta Municipalities consistently facilitated and advocated for improved communication and coordination with the provincial government on pandemic response and recovery.</p>
E3	<p>Resolution Alberta Supports and Children's Services Closure to Walk In Clients</p> <p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Westlock <p>ABmunis Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and Healthy Communities 	<p>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the AUMA advocate for the Alberta government to immediately resume walk in services for Alberta Supports and Children's Services and include municipalities as part of a consultation process to better serve Albertans at the local level.</p>	<p>ABmunis' Rating of the Government's Response Intent not met – further action will be taken</p> <p>ABmunis' Notes and Actions At ABmunis' Spring 2022 Municipal Leaders' Caucus, the Minister of Community and Social Supports committed to re-open Alberta Supports offices, which occurred in April 2022.</p> <p>In response to the resolution's other priorities, ABmunis Board approved in April 2022 for ABmunis to make improved access and availability of critical social supports a key priority in ABmunis' advocacy related to the 2023 provincial election. ABmunis' subsequent "Think Alberta, Vote Local" election campaign highlighted the need for improved access to provincial supports and services. This campaign encouraged people to ask candidates "Who has the plan?" on three key municipal priorities: community building (infrastructure), community safety (including policing), and community health (including Emergency Medical Services, mental health services, and social services). While Alberta Supports and Children's Services offices remain open, access issues continue to be a concern for many municipalities, as evidenced by a 2023 resolution on Rural Access to Supports for Addictions, Homelessness, and Mental Health.</p>



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