

COUNCIL – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 2 May 2022

Subject: 2022 Alberta Municipalities Resolutions Submission

Boards Routed Through: N/A

Date: N/A

Issue:

Council is being asked to review and consider three resolutions for submission to Alberta Municipalities (AM) for consideration and debate at the 2022 AM Convention.

Background:

Alberta Municipalities represents more than 275 urban municipalities containing 85% of Alberta's population. Annually, AM conducts a call to members for the submission of resolutions that propose solutions to wide-spread challenges faced by urban municipalities. Resolutions must address a topic of concern affecting municipalities on a regional or provincial level and must be approved by the council of the sponsoring municipality and seconded by an additional municipal council.

All resolutions go through an extensive vetting process by the AM and its sub-committees. Resolutions that meet all of the criteria and guidelines are brought to the floor of the annual AM Convention for debate and vote. Resolutions that receive majority support (more than 50%) are then actioned on by the AM.

In the past, resolutions have been brought forward in all areas of municipal government responsibility – grants and funding, policing, physical and mental health, social challenges, infrastructure, recreation, affordable housing, economy and investment.

The deadline for submitting resolutions for consideration at the 2022 Alberta Municipalities Convention is May 31, 2022.

Sponsoring Resolutions

Administration placed a call out to Council and senior staff for resolution ideas in March 2022. Attached are the following three draft resolutions created for Council's consideration and input:

- Traffic Safety Act Exemption for Angle Parking in Cul-de-Sacs

- Enacting Community Revitalization Levies
- Incentivizing Comprehensive Flood Management

Traffic Safety Act Exemption

Angle parking in cul-de-sacs is not allowed under the *Traffic Safety Act*, Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation. The City of Airdrie, like the vast majority of Alberta municipalities, currently enforces the angle parking restriction in cul-de-sacs in response to complaints and ease of access to garbage, recycling and organics bins.

The resolution calls on AM to advocate to the Government of Alberta to amend the *Traffic Safety Act* and Rules of the Road Regulation, Division 10 Section 46 (2) to allow for angle parking in cul-de-sacs in municipalities that pass bylaws allowing this practice.

Enacting Community Revitalization Levies (CRL)

A CRL is a funding initiative that allows a municipality to redirect a portion of the provincial education tax revenues coming from a designated revitalization area and direct them to proposed municipal expenditures in that area. The Province placed a moratorium on the enactment of CRLs in 2014.

This resolution calls on AM to advocate to the Government of Alberta for the reinstatement of CRL legislation.

Incentivizing Comprehensive Flood Management

Flood relief is extraordinarily expensive for all levels of government. Effective, comprehensive storm water management planning at the municipal level helps to reduce both the frequency and severity of flooding.

The resolution calls on AM to advocate to the Government of Alberta for provincial incentives to enhance storm water management within and between municipalities.

Alignment with South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and AirdrieONE:

Active participation in AM's advocacy process aligns with provisions outlined in both the Socially Sustainable Communities and Governance sections in AirdrieONE:

"Our community is healthy and provides ample opportunity for social interactions and meeting people's needs."

"For Governance, the focus is on how local government can, in collaboration with Airdrie citizens, embrace sustainability in their decision-making, investments and actions."

All of the resolutions debated at the 2022 AM Convention will call on AM to advocate on behalf of their member municipalities to provincial and/or federal governments to address required changes to legislation, programs and services that may have a direct impact on laws, funding and service levels for Airdrie residents. Actively participating in this process allows Airdrie to advance priority issues.

Boards Routed Through:

N/A

Alternatives/Implications:

Council has three sets of alternatives to consider with regards to the 2022 AM Resolutions:

Traffic Safety Act Exemption for Angle Parking in Cul-de-Sacs

1. Council can choose to sponsor the Traffic Safety Act Exemption for Angle Parking in Cul-de-Sacs resolution.
2. Council can choose to not sponsor this resolution.
- 3: Council can choose to require additional information from staff.

Enacting Community Revitalization Levies

1. Council can choose to sponsor the Enacting Community Revitalization Levies resolution.
2. Council can choose to not sponsor this resolution.
- 3: Council can choose to require additional information from staff.

Incentivizing Comprehensive Flood Management

1. Council can choose to sponsor the Incentivizing Comprehensive Flood Management resolution.
2. Council can choose to not sponsor this resolution.
- 3: Council can choose to require additional information from staff.

Communications Plan:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council sponsors:

1. the Traffic Safety Act Exemption for Angle Parking in Cul-de-Sacs resolution;
2. the Enacting Community Revitalization Levies resolution; and
3. the Incentivizing Comprehensive Flood Management resolution.

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Attachments:	#1: Traffic Safety Act Resolution – DRAFT #2: Enacting Community Revitalization Levies Resolution – DRAFT #3: Incentivizing Comprehensive Flood Management Resolution – DRAFT
Appointment:	N/A