



COUNCIL – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	16 May 2022
Subject:	2022 Alberta Municipalities Resolutions Submission - Infrastructure Funding and Seconding Resolutions
Boards Routed Through:	N/A
Date:	N/A

Issue:

Council is being asked to review an additional resolution and three seconding 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

Airdrie City Council passed a motion during the May 2, 2022 regular Council meeting to sponsor the following resolutions:

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

During review of these resolutions, Council discussed the need for a transparent and certain process for the funding of transportation infrastructure projects within provincial highway rights-of-way. Administration is bringing forward a resolution for Council's further consideration.

Sponsoring Resolution - Transportation Infrastructure Funding Resolution

In 2021 the Government of Alberta released the Building Forward: Alberta's 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan outlining how the Government of Alberta invests in planning, constructing, renewing and maintaining infrastructure over the long term. Unfortunately, the Building Forward plan does not provide a clear process to elevate or fund municipal transportation projects that are in alignment with the Province's strategic objectives and principles.

The resolution calls for a clear process and predictable funding contributions for key municipal transportation projects that improve access and safety to provincial road networks.

Seconding Resolution – Expansion of the Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit

Airdrie City Council is being asked by the City of St. Albert to consider seconding a resolution that asks the Government of Alberta to expand the current Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit beyond the current eligibility of the identified seven municipalities to enable all low-income Albertans to potentially access this funding to support appropriate housing on a temporary basis, which would assist Albertans to stabilize and improve their situation during the economic recovery.

Seconding Resolution – Equitable Provincial Charitable Gaming Model

Airdrie City Council is being asked by the City of St. Albert to consider seconding a resolution that asks the Ministry of Finance and Alberta Treasury Board, and AGLC to 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.

Seconding Resolution – Provincial-Municipal Revenue Sharing

Airdrie City Council is being asked by the City of St. Albert to consider seconding a resolution that asks the Government of Alberta to increase the size of the funding pot of the Local Government Fiscal Framework 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.

Draft copies of the sponsoring and seconding resolutions are attached to this report.

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 four sets of alternatives to consider with regards to the draft Alberta Municipalities resolutions:

Transportation Infrastructure Funding Resolution

Council has three alternatives to consider with regards to the Transportation Infrastructure Funding Resolution:

1. Council could choose to sponsor the resolution.
2. Council could choose to not sponsor this resolution.
3. Council could choose to require additional information from staff.

Expansion of the Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit Resolution

Council has three alternatives to consider with regards to the Expansion of the Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit Resolution:

1. Council could choose to second the resolution.
2. Council could choose to not second this resolution.
3. Council could choose to require additional information from staff.

Equitable Provincial Charitable Gaming Model Resolution

Council has three alternatives to consider with regards to the Equitable Provincial Charitable Gaming Model Resolution:

1. Council could choose to second the resolution.
2. Council could choose to not second this resolution.
3. Council could choose to require additional information from staff.

Provincial-Municipal Revenue Sharing

Council has three alternatives to consider with regards to the Provincial-Municipal Revenue Sharing Resolution:

1. Council could choose to second the resolution.
2. Council could choose to not second this resolution.
3. Council could choose to require additional information from staff.

Communications Plan:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Sponsors the Transportation Infrastructure Funding Resolution for submission to Alberta Municipalities, and
2. Seconds the City of St. Albert's resolution on the Expansion of the Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit; and
3. Seconds the City of St. Albert's resolution on an Equitable Provincial Charitable Gaming Model; and
4. Seconds the City of St. Albert's resolution on a Provincial-Municipal Revenue Sharing.

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Attachments:	#1: Transportation Infrastructure Funding Resolution
-	DRAFT
	#2: Temp Rental Assistance Benefit Resolution – DRAFT
	#3: Charitable Gaming Model Resolution – DRAFT
	#4: Provincial-Municipal Revenue Sharing Resolution –
	DRAFT
Appointment:	N/A