

## **COUNCIL – AGENDA REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** 19 September 2022

**Subject:** ABMunis Resolutions Summary and Review 2022

**Boards Routed Through:** N/A

**Date:** N/A

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### **Issue:**

Council is being asked to review and provide recommendations on eighteen resolutions that will be debated and voted on at the 2022 Alberta Municipalities Annual Convention.

### **Background:**

One of the main functions of the Alberta Municipalities (ABMunis) is advocacy services. ABMunis advocates on behalf of its members to both the provincial and federal governments on key issues affecting municipalities in Alberta. There are provisions allowing for priority and emerging issues to be brought forward at any time during the year, but the vast majority of issues are presented in the form of resolutions at the annual convention.

The annual resolution process allows one or more member municipalities to submit a resolution on a municipal issue or opportunity that they deem important, outlining specific actions that need to be taken to resolve the priority matter. Not all issues affect all members equally nor will all ABMunis members support all resolutions.

ABMunis annual resolution process begins in early spring with a call for resolutions from member municipalities. Municipalities can individually sponsor a resolution or work together with like-minded jurisdictions to submit a group supported resolution. Each resolution then goes through extensive reviews. At any time throughout the process a resolution can be returned to the sponsoring municipality so that deficiencies can be corrected. It is also possible for the Alberta Municipalities Municipal Governance Committee to reject a resolution. Once resolutions have been deemed appropriate for submission they are assigned to a category and included in the annual Resolutions Book. This document is then distributed to member municipalities prior to the annual convention.

ABMunis encourages councils to review the resolutions prior to the convention. This allows voting members who attend the convention to know the wishes of their fellow council members, understand the impacts of proposed resolutions on their municipality and determine

how they can best influence discussions during the resolution sessions. On any given issue, Airdrie City Council voting members can support resolutions as presented, can propose an amendment, or can choose to speak to why they do not support a resolution.

Holding discussions prior to the convention provides Council members who are not attending the resolutions session with an opportunity to provide their input, determine who will speak on behalf of Airdrie City Council during the debate and propose pre-drafted amendments. ABMunis resolution guidelines require that all amendments be submitted in writing during the resolution session. Discussion in advance allows all of City Council to participate in the drafting of the amendment.

Each Council member who attends the convention is provided with the opportunity to vote. When consensus is not reached at the Council level, individual votes may cancel one another out. Effectively leaving the municipality in a neutral position on potentially important and impactful issues.

### Sponsoring Resolutions

City of Airdrie Council reviewed and supported the submission of four resolutions for consideration at the 2022 ABMunis Convention:

- B2 – Transportation Infrastructure Funding
- B5 – Incentivizing Comprehensive Flood Management
- C5 – Traffic Safety Act Exemption for Angle Parking in Cul-de-Sacs
- Enacting Community Revitalization Levies (CRL) – Withdrawn due to Government of Alberta changes to legislation allowing municipalities to submit new CRL applications

In addition, Airdrie City Council supported seconding three resolutions sponsored by the City of St. Albert:

- B1 – Provincial-Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B11 – Expansion of the Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit – Withdrawn due to Government of Alberta announcement expanding the rent assistance benefit to 80 additional communities on August 5, 2022
- C2 – Equitable Provincial Charitable Gaming Model

At the 2022 Alberta Municipalities Convention Airdrie City Council members in attendance will be provided with an opportunity to introduce Resolutions B2, B5 and C5 and to speak in favour of Resolutions B1 and C2. Council will need to decide which elected member in attendance will speak to each of these resolutions.

### Resolutions Review

The 2022 Resolutions Book, along with a summary of the resolutions are attached. Staff will present an overview of each resolution, administrative comments and recommendations during the Council presentation. Council is encouraged to discuss the resolutions, propose amendments where applicable and determine collectively where Airdrie stands on each matter.

## **Alignment with South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and AirdrieONE:**

Active participation in the ABMunis 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 resolutions debated at the Alberta Municipalities Convention call on ABMunis 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 will assist Airdrie in advancing high priority issues.

## **Boards Routed Through:**

N/A

## **Alternatives/Implications:**

Council has two alternatives to consider with respect to the 2022 ABMunis Resolutions review:

1. Council can accept this report for information and leave it to Council members attending to review and decide how they will participate and vote at the ABMunis Convention.
2. Council can review the eighteen resolutions, discuss and determine a consensus decision on how voting delegates will participate, including proposing amendments, and voting on behalf of City Council at the 2022 ABMunis Convention. This alternative would have Council presenting a unified front when voting at the convention.

## **Public Engagement and Communications Plan:**

N/A

## **Recommendation:**

That Council reviews the eighteen resolutions, discusses and determines a consensus decision on how voting delegates will participate, including proposing amendments and voting on behalf of City Council at the 2022 ABMunis Convention.

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Attachments:	#1: 2022 Resolutions Book Version 1 #2: 2022 ABMunis Resolutions Summary and Recommendations
Appointment:	N/A