



COUNCIL - AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 17 September 2024

Subject: Alberta Municipalities 2024 Resolutions Review

Directorate: Strategic Growth and Investment

Issue:

Airdrie City Council is being presented with an overview of feedback and vote recommendations on the twenty-seven resolutions that will be debated at the 2024 Alberta Municipalities Annual Convention. In addition, Council is being asked to endorse vote recommendations to provide direction to elected voting delegates attending the 2024 Convention.

Policy / Council Direction:

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 assists Airdrie in advancing high priority issues.

Background:

Alberta Municipalities (ABMunis) represents more than 275 urban municipalities containing 85% of Alberta's population. Annually, ABMunis 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 a sponsoring and seconding municipal council.

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

New this year is the requirement for the sponsoring, or "mover" municipality, and the "second" municipality to be from at least two of the following categories:

- Less than 2,500 population
- Between 2,500 and 10,000 population
- Greater than 10,000 populations

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. This year twenty-seven resolutions will be debated and voted on at the fall convention by elected officials in attendance.

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.

Collecting feedback prior to the convention provides Council members who are not in attendance 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.

Councillor Petrow and Councillor Spearman are attending the 2024 ABMunis Convention and will be participating in the resolution debate/voting session on September 26th.

Sponsoring Resolutions

City of Airdrie Council reviewed and supported the submission of two resolutions for consideration at the 2024 ABMunis Convention:

- B6 – Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding Increase
- C8 – Review of Provincial Animal Protection Act

At the 2024 Alberta Municipalities Convention Airdrie City Council members in attendance will be provided with an opportunity to introduce Resolutions B6 and C8.

Resolutions Review

During August Airdrie subject matter experts were asked for input and vote recommendations. A summary of this feedback was circulated to Airdrie City Council along with a survey to collect input from Council. The 2024 Resolutions Book, along with a summary of the resolutions, input from subject matter experts and recommendations, along with Council feedback collected in the online survey are attached.

Administration will present an overview of key resolutions and observations during the Council presentation and highlight any resolutions where consensus was not reached.

Administration Recommendation:

That Airdrie City Council endorses recommendations on the 2024 ABMunis resolutions as presented and determines a position on those resolutions where consensus was not reached during feedback collection.

Alternatives/Implications:

1. Airdrie City Council could choose to accept this report for information and leave it to Council members attending to review and decide how they will participate and vote at the 2024 ABMunis Convention.

2. Airdrie City Council could choose to request additional information from staff on the information collected and resolution vote recommendations.

Budget Implications:

No budget implications. Existing resources were utilized to conduct this review. All costs associated with participation at the 2024 ABMunis Convention have been previously budgeted.

Communications and Engagement:

Intergovernmental Services is working with Corporate Communications to determine the best way to highlight Council advocacy initiatives including involvement in the ABMunis resolutions process.

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Attachments:	#1: 2024 Resolutions Book-Version 1, July 29 , 2024(1).pdf #2: 2024 ABMunis Resolutions SME Input.docx #3: 2024 ABMunis Resolutions Recommendations for Council Consideration. docx