



## 2026 ABMUNIS RESOLUTIONS

### **Council / Governance Issue**

The deadline for submitting the proposed resolution to the Alberta Municipalities for consideration at the Fall 2026 convention is May 31, 2026.

### **Recommendation**

That a recommendation be forwarded to Council for approval and submission of the proposed ABMunis resolution regarding creation of a province-wide income-qualified home energy-efficiency program as presented.

### **Background and Considerations**

Submitting a resolution for debate at the ABmunis' 2026 Convention is a strong way to highlight the issue and, if supported by most municipal members, empowers Alberta Municipalities to take action.

The ABmunis' *Guide to Submitting a Resolution in 2026* is attached for reference. According to the guide a resolution must:

- Focus on an issue that affects municipalities at a regional or provincial level,
- Be approved by the sponsoring municipality's council, and
- Be seconded by a council from another municipality with a different population size.

The deadline to submit 2026 resolutions is May 31, 2026.

Administration has drafted a resolution to be submitted to Alberta Municipalities for inclusion in the 2026 Resolution Handbook that advocates for a province-wide, income-qualified home energy-efficiency program.

Such a program would serve to improve the affordability of household utilities for low-income Albertans by providing free home energy assessments and no-cost energy efficiency upgrades. It recognizes that rising energy costs place added pressure on residents with limited incomes and that many existing programs are not accessible to renters or those unable to pay for upgrades upfront.

A provincially delivered program would help ensure consistent access across Alberta, reduce administrative demands on municipalities, and support community resilience, affordability, and long-term sustainability.

### **Current Policy or Bylaw Analysis**

n/a

## **Municipal Comparisons**

There are similar income-qualified home energy-efficiency upgrade programs currently operating in Canada offering free home energy assessments and no-cost, direct-install energy efficiency upgrades to participants. Efficiency Manitoba introduced the *Canada Greener Home Affordability Program* (CGHAP) in 2025 to qualified participants in Manitoba with funding from Natural Resources Canada. Within Alberta, the City of Calgary's *Home Upgrades Program* is currently available to homeowners and renters within the city.

## **CAO Comments**

Committee direction is requested.

## **Attachment(s)**

1. Town of Okotoks 2026 Resolution - Draft
2. Alberta Municipalities' *Guide to Submitting a Resolution in 2026*

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