

2020 Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Resolutions

Proposed by the City of Edmonton

Recommendation

That the draft resolutions set out in Attachments 1, 2 and 3 of the June 22, 2020, Communications and Engagement report CR_8381, be approved for advancement to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association for consideration at its 2020 Annual Convention.

Executive Summary

The report presents three resolutions initiated by the City of Edmonton for consideration at the 2020 Alberta Urban Municipalities Association annual convention.

Report

Each year, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association invites member municipalities to submit Council-approved resolutions for consideration at the Association's annual convention. Advancing resolutions to the annual convention provides an opportunity for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and its member municipalities to influence advocacy and policy matters at the provincial level.

As in past years, Administration notified City Council of the opportunity to submit resolutions. Members of City Council have since identified a number of resolutions they are interested in advancing to the upcoming Alberta Urban Municipalities Association annual convention and requested Administration's support in drafting the resolutions.

Three resolutions on the following Council advocacy priorities: provincial support for addressing housing and homelessness, new fiscal framework and permanent transit funding, are outlined in Attachments 1, 2 and 3 of the June 22, 2020, Communications and Engagement report CR_8381.

In addition, at the June 9, 2020, City Council meeting, Councillor M. Banga gave notice that he would make a motion on a proposed resolution calling for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's consideration to condemn the Province of Quebec's Bill 21: *Banning of Religious Symbols*. This pending motion will also be dealt with at the June 22/23, 2020, City Council meeting.

All the draft resolutions must be approved by City Council and submitted to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association by June 30, 2020. The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's updated Resolutions Policy requires a resolution that is sponsored by a single member's Council to be seconded by another member's Council. The municipalities identified below have indicated an interest in seconding the City of Edmonton's draft resolutions; the resolutions will be advanced for approval by the seconder's Council according to the following schedule:

- Provincial support for addressing housing and homelessness - to be seconded by the City of Grande Prairie is scheduled for their Corporate Services Committee meeting on June 23, 2020 and City Council meeting on June 29, 2020.
- Fiscal framework - to be seconded by the City of Red Deer is scheduled for their June 24, 2020 Council meeting.
- Permanent Transit Funding - to be seconded by the City of St. Albert is scheduled for their Council meeting on June 29, 2020.

Similarly, the resolution on Bill 21: *Banning of Religious Symbols* is to be seconded by the City of Calgary and is being scheduled for their Council approval by the deadline.

While there is preliminary indication of support by the seconders for the resolutions as drafted, there is the possibility that their Councils may wish to make minor changes to the wording of any of these resolutions before approval. However, should any changes to the substance of the resolutions set out in Attachments 1, 2, and 3 be proposed, these would need to return to Edmonton City Council for approval.

The deadline for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's receipt of the Council-approved resolutions is June 30, 2020. The annual convention is scheduled for September 23 - 25, 2020. All resolutions accepted by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association will be voted on by members at the convention in the fall. The format of the 2020 convention is yet to be determined due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Next Steps

Following approval by the Councils of the mover (the City of Edmonton) and the respective seconder, each approved resolution would be submitted to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association by the deadline of June 30, 2020 and presented jointly by the mover and seconder for members' consideration at the 2020 annual convention.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): The City of Edmonton has a resilient financial position.			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
The City of Edmonton's resilient financial position enables both current and long-term service delivery and growth.	The diversity of the City's revenue sources and the sustainability of funding sources for capital priorities and operations.	The % share of property taxes relative to the City's total revenue is decreasing.	No target at this time
Edmontonians have what they need to succeed	The total of Edmonton households' expenditures on transportation and housing as a percentage of average total expenditures per household.	The two categories make up the two largest spending categories for households. Edmonton households spend on average 33.8% of their household income on transportation and housing costs.	No target at this time
Edmontonians have what they need to succeed	The percentage of Edmonton households that spend more than 30% of the average monthly before-tax household income on monthly average housing expenditures.	24.1% of Edmonton households spend more than 30% on housing expenditures. The 30% threshold indicates when housing costs become a burden for families as defined by Statistics Canada.	No target at this time
Edmontonians have what they need to succeed	The percentage of Edmonton households living in inadequate and/or unsuitable housing.	3.3% of Edmontonians are living in inadequate and/or unsuitable housing as defined by Statistics Canada.	No target at this time
Edmontonians have what they need to succeed	Homelessness represents Edmontonians who are experiencing chronic homelessness as measured by the number of homelessness per 100,000 population.	There are 193 homeless persons per 100,000 population in Edmonton.	No target at this time
Edmonton has an accessible and varied transportation system moving people, goods and services efficiently.	Public Transport System per 100,000 population	There are 311 km of LRT and bus networking in Edmonton per every 100,000 Edmontonians.	No target at this time

Risk Assessment

Risk Element	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Score (with current mitigations)	Current Mitigations	Potential Future Mitigations
Risks if not approved						
Financial	Inconsistent funding from other orders of government will impact City budgets	5 Almost Certain	3 Major	15 High	Different funding scenarios are considered to support planning efforts	Long-term funding strategies will be subject to future program and resource allocation decisions by Council
Political Influences	Other orders of government can change funding goals over time. Any funding changes will have an impact on the City's ability to complete capital projects as planned.	3 Possible	3 Moderate	9 Medium	City participation in the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the FCM forums provides opportunities to undertake joint advocacy with other municipalities	Additional City advocacy efforts can occur through City Charter collaboration and table discussions with the Provincial government
Risks if approved						
Political Influences	Other Municipal Councils do not support these resolutions. This will impact the City's ability to advocate on these issues through Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and other venues.	2 Unlikely	3 Moderate	6 Low	City continues its direct advocacy with the other orders of government.	Explore additional advocacy opportunities and partners..

Attachments

1. Provincial Support for Addressing Affordable Housing and Homelessness
2. Fiscal Framework
3. Permanent Transit Funding

Others Reviewing this Report

- M. Persson, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- G. Cebryk, Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- J. Meliefste, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- K. Armstrong, Deputy City Manager, Employee Services
- R. Smyth, Deputy City Manager, Citizen Services
- S. McCabe, Deputy City Manager, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development
- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor