

2025 Resolution Status Update





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Introduction

The Resolution Status Update is divided into two sections.

- ◆ **Section 1** provides detailed information on the government response to the Spring 2025 resolutions and includes the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Board of Directors' reaction to the response as well as anticipated follow up.
- ◆ **Section 2** updates members by reporting on all active resolutions, grouped by advocacy area.

Definition of Terms

Following endorsement by RMA members, resolutions are sent to the appropriate level of government for response. Once a response is received, RMA labels the resolution with one of five indicators which determines the status of that resolution. The intention of providing a status for each resolution is to evaluate whether the government response meets the intent of the resolution. The status is not intended to reflect RMA's advocacy efforts on a resolution.

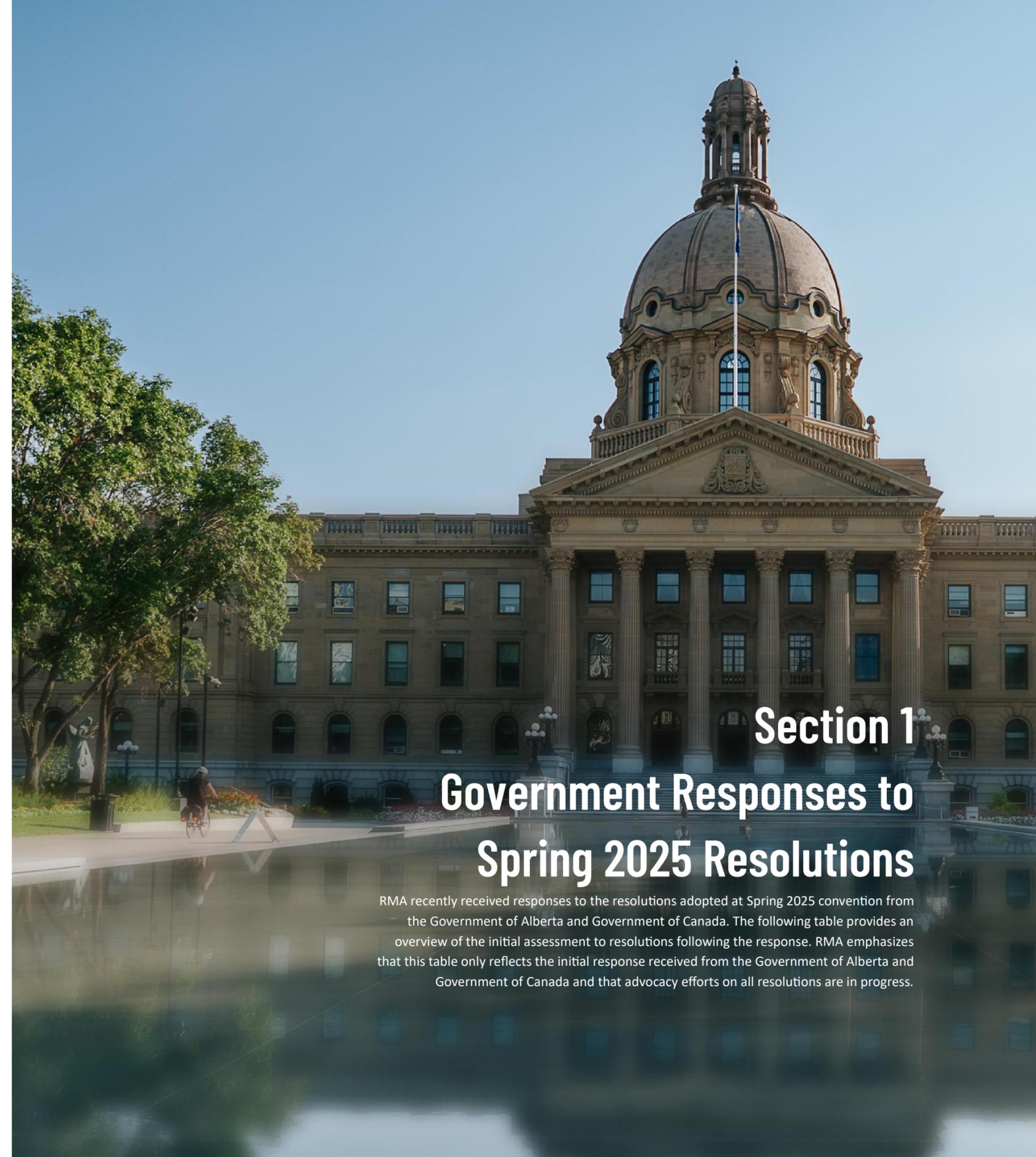
Below are the descriptions of all resolution ranking statuses.

STATUS	DESCRIPTION
● Accepted	Meets RMA criteria as outlined in a) the resolution and b) as per the expectations of the Board of Directors.
● Accepted in Principle	The development addresses that action is being taken to meet the intent of the resolution, but further action is required.
● Accepted in Part	Some resolutions include multiple 'asks' in the operative clause. This status indicates that one of the 'asks' has been met while others require further action.
● Intent Not Met	The intent of the resolution has not been met as outlined in the resolution or the current developments do not meet the approval of the Board of Directors.
● Incomplete Information	RMA has not received enough information to assign a status. Further follow up is required for RMA to make an informed decision on how to proceed.



Reactions at a Glance

#	RESOLUTION NAME	STATUS
1-25S	Requirement for Municipal Consultation Prior to Registration of Conservation Easement	● Intent Not Met
4-25S	Re-evaluation of Wetlands Policy to Streamline Road Construction and Improvements in Rural Alberta	● Intent Not Met
5-25S	Rural Participation on the Integration Council for Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System	● Intent Not Met
8-25S	Opposition to Water Act Amendments and Lack of Consultation	● Accepted in Part
9-25S	Water and Wastewater System Funding	● Intent Not Met
10-25S	Provincial Assistance for Fire Apparatus Replacement in Alberta	● Intent Not Met
11-25S	Opposition to the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act	● Intent Not Met
12-25S	Enabling Service of Offence Notices for Bylaw Matters via Ordinary Mail	● Accepted in Principle
14-25S	Public Interest Oil and Gas Company	● Incomplete Information
15-25S	Enhancing Access to Post-Secondary Education for Rural Alberta Students	● Intent Not Met
16-25S	Decentralize Provincial Offices to Stimulate Economic Growth	● Incomplete Information



Section 1 Government Responses to Spring 2025 Resolutions

RMA recently received responses to the resolutions adopted at Spring 2025 convention from the Government of Alberta and Government of Canada. The following table provides an overview of the initial assessment to resolutions following the response. RMA emphasizes that this table only reflects the initial response received from the Government of Alberta and Government of Canada and that advocacy efforts on all resolutions are in progress.



Resolution 1-25S:

Requirement for Municipal Consultation Prior to Registration of Conservation Easement

Summary

Resolution 1-25S calls for municipal consultation to be mandated through the amendment of the Conservation Easement Registration Regulation. Qualified organizations seeking to register a conservation easement on a given area of land are required to notify municipalities as per the Alberta Land Stewardship Act but are not required to consult with them.

Link to Full Resolution: [1-25S: Requirement for Municipal Consultation Prior to Registration of Conservation Easement – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas
- ◆ Inquired with the Conservation Land Registry to request data and learn more about existing conservation easements in Alberta

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The specific impacts to municipalities in relation to infrastructure disruption and maintenance, as well as land use and development planning, and how these impacts are measured
- ◆ Specific cases in other municipalities that highlight the issues presented in Resolution 1-25S

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA participated in Environment and Protected Areas’ Advisory Committee and Water Working Group
- ◆ RMA has discussed the resolution and broader perspectives on conservation easements with the Corvus Centre for Conservation Policy

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Explore possible regulation and/or legislation wording changes that would fulfill the operative clause of the resolution
- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further advocacy and policy change such as minister meetings and stakeholder engagement participation

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

The response from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas indicates that the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act* and associated Conservation Easement Registration Regulation are not expected to be changed to fulfill the requests of Resolution 1-25S. In March 2025, the regulation’s expiry date was extended to April 2030.

Resolution 4-25S:

Re-evaluation of Wetlands Policy to Streamline Road Construction and Improvements in Rural Alberta

Summary

Resolution 4-25S calls for changes to the wetland policy to remove restrictive barriers to road construction and improvements in rural Alberta, especially considering how vital road network maintenance is for rural communities and industries.

Link to Full Resolution: [4-25S: Re-evaluation of Wetlands Policy to Streamline Road Construction and Improvements in Rural Alberta – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Whether the Wetland Policy can be amended to remove restrictive barriers to road construction without amending the *Water Act*
- ◆ The specific links between geologic slumping in wetlands and road construction and/or improvements
- ◆ The specific discrepancies between the Government of Alberta's outdated wetland maps and the current landscape
- ◆ Expected costs municipalities incur due to wetland regulation barriers when seeking to construct or maintain roads

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA participated in Environment and Protected Areas' Advisory Committee and Water Working Group

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further advocacy and policy change such as minister meetings and stakeholder engagement participation

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

The response from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas highlights many of the policy changes implemented over the years to help streamline road construction and maintenance from requiring extensive approvals and assessments. However, the response does not consider amending any legislation and does not address the discrepancies in Government of Alberta maps and data.

Resolution 5-25S:

Rural Participation on the Integration Council for Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System

Summary

Members want RMA to be a voice for rural healthcare and to work to ensure rural voices are represented in shaping rural healthcare. Rural municipalities would like a rural generalist physician included on the Integration Council to represent rural Alberta's health interests.

Link to Full Resolution: [5-25S: Rural Participation on the Integration Council for Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Health
- ◆ RMA raised this request in a meeting with the Minister of Primary and Preventative Care
- ◆ Held meetings with the Rural Health Branch of Primary and Preventative Care
- ◆ Investigated opportunities for collaboration with ABMunis, which recently endorsed a similar resolution

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ The previous Minister of Alberta Health
- ◆ Alberta Primary and Preventative Care

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to the Integration Council's work, rural health interests will be informed by Regional Advisory Councils. RMA has established regular meetings with the Rural Health Branch of Primary and Preventative Care, which has provided an opportunity to learn more about the council's work and develop pathways for collaboration between the advisory councils and rural municipalities.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The minister's response denied RMA's request for a rural generalist to participate on the Integration Council
- ◆ As a result, RMA is working to ensure rural health interests are represented in other ways
- ◆ Whether there are opportunities to collaborate with the Rural Health Branch to promote rural interests, especially through health advisory councils

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will follow up on actions related to ongoing collaboration with Alberta Primary and Preventative Care
- ◆ Action items include building connections between rural municipalities and rural health advisory councils, setting up regular meetings with the Rural Health Branch, and reviewing all health announcements through a rural municipal lens

Resolution 8-25S:

Opposition to *Water Act* Amendments and Lack of Consultation

Summary

Resolution 8-25S calls for water management decisions made by the Government of Alberta to be reconsidered, given members concerns about lack of proper consultation with municipalities, especially concerning inter-basin water transfers. Concerns are also raised about water availability and its definitions in the *Water Act*, which members support enhancing through data-driven rainwater recording

Link to Full Resolution: [8-25S: Opposition to Water Act Amendments and Lack of Consultation – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas
- ◆ RMA conducted a [preliminary analysis](#) of Bill 7 (the *Water Amendment Act*) tabled in late 2025. Some key changes observed by RMA include:
 - New definitions for “return flows” and “water for reuse”
 - Expanded Director authority
 - A new “lower-risk” inter-basin transfer category
 - Major Basin Consolidation: combines Peace-Athabasca and Slave basins

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA participated in meetings with the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas during which Resolution 8-25S was a topic of discussion
- ◆ RMA participated in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the *Water Act* engagement process and provided written submissions pertaining to this resolution. RMA's submission for Phase 2 of the engagement is available [here](#)

Current Status: ● **Accepted in Part**

DID YOU KNOW?

During the 2025 *Water Act* review, the Government of Alberta proposed both positive and concerning changes to water management. Many of these were subsequently implemented through Bill 7. Many licensing procedures are proposed to be streamlined which promote efficiency, increase water availability and support rural economies. However, some changes, specifically to the Director’s authority, basin boundaries, and inter-basin transfers, may pose risks to rural water access and security. RMA continues to monitor the impacts of these new policy implementations to ensure rural municipal needs are met.

Resolution 9-25S:

Water and Wastewater System Funding

Summary

Resolution 9-25S calls on the Government of Alberta to restore and expand Water for Life Program (W4L) funding so that it supports not only new water and wastewater projects but also the repair and replacement of existing distribution systems. Many rural municipalities cannot afford these critical upgrades on their own, and current provincial funding levels fall short – threatening resident affordability, public health, and long-term rural sustainability.

Link to Full Resolution: [9-25S: Water and Wastewater System Funding – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors
- ◆ Assessed and identified the total cost to repair and restore rural water and wastewater infrastructure at approximately \$310 million
- ◆ Evaluated provincial W4L funding commitments and compared them against identified rural infrastructure needs
- ◆ Publicly raised concerns about implications that municipalities are responsible for delays or underutilization of W4L funding

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors

Current Status: ● **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

Through the W4L program, Alberta municipalities received \$33.4 million in grant funding for various projects in 2025, much less than the require \$334 million needed to repair all Alberta rural municipal water infrastructure to sustainable levels.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The extent to which alleged municipal failures to meet application or spending timelines influence provincial W4L funding decisions
- ◆ How application data provided by municipalities is interpreted and used by the minister and Cabinet in setting funding levels
- ◆ Whether and how qualification criteria for W4L could be updated to better reflect rural infrastructure realities
- ◆ The long-term fiscal impact of underfunding repair and restoration versus adequately funding infrastructure upfront

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue advocating for W4L funding levels that align with the estimated \$310 million required for rural water and wastewater infrastructure repair and restoration
- ◆ Push for expanded and more appropriate eligibility and qualification criteria for W4L funding
- ◆ Seek greater clarity and accountability around provincial claims related to municipal application timelines and fund utilization
- ◆ Maintain pressure on the GOA to reduce long-term municipal reliance on provincial grants by supporting sustainable, upfront infrastructure investment

Resolution 10-25S:

Provincial Assistance for Fire Apparatus Replacement in Alberta

Summary

In Resolution 10-25S, members want RMA to advocate for common sense fire apparatus replacement that is both safe and fiscally responsible. RMA should urge the Government of Alberta to provide rural municipalities and rural fire departments with more financial, technical and logistical support to maintain and replace ageing fire apparatus.

Link to Full Resolution: [10-25S: Provincial Assistance for Fire Apparatus Replacement in Alberta – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- ◆ Collaborated on rural fire department issues with the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association
- ◆ Collaborated with RMA Insurance to obtain Fire Underwriters Survey data

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Internal discussions with RMA Insurance
- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Alberta Fire Chiefs Association

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Examine the liabilities around fire apparatuses and the standard that requires replacement at a certain time
- ◆ Determine the extent do these standards align with the actual condition and effectiveness of fire apparatus
- ◆ Explore existing funding program limitations in meeting the need

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Develop an understanding of municipal costs related to existing replacement requirements and opportunities for savings linked to possible changes
- ◆ Explore existing fire apparatus funding programs
- ◆ Continue to collaborate with RMA Insurance

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

At present, years of service requirements for fire apparatus restrict use of vehicles and equipment to a limited time frame, irrespective of the equipment's condition, level of usage, and maintenance history. This requires municipalities to spend taxpayer dollars to replace expensive equipment that is still functional.

Resolution 11-25S:

Opposition to the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act

Summary

Resolution 11-25S calls for the withdrawal of the *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act* (the Act) due to the economic impacts of ambitious and inflexible net-zero policies. This resolution also urges the federal and provincial governments to highlight the beneficial impacts of carbon, particularly towards agricultural productivity and rural economic development.

Link to Full Resolution: [11-25S: Opposition to the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Energy and Minerals, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Energy and Natural Resources Canada

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA continues to learn more about the issues highlighted in Resolution 11-25S to best inform engagement and advocacy

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

The federal advocacy targets for Resolution 11-25S have not responded to RMA's initial letter and request to consider the issues presented in the resolution.

In November 2025, the Office of the Auditor General of Canada tabled its [report](#) reviewing the implementation of the Act and highlighting short-comings in meeting emissions reduction goals. However, the report did not include a review of impacts to rural and remote communities or considerations and recommendations on how best to amend the Act to minimize detrimental impacts to rural communities.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The specific ways in which the federal net-zero policy and other similar policies have negatively impacted rural communities
- ◆ If the removal of the Act is not possible, how could it be amended in collaboration with rural communities to eliminate negative disproportionate impacts

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further advocacy and policy change such as minister meetings and stakeholder engagement participation

Resolution 12-25S:

Enabling Service of Offence Notices for Bylaw Matters Via Ordinary Mail

Summary

Resolution 12-25S calls on the Government of Alberta to amend the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act (POPA)* to make it easier for municipalities to serve bylaw offence notices. This includes expanding the use of ordinary mail for service, allowing common municipal bylaw offences to be served by regular mail, and permitting municipalities to authorize mailed service in their bylaws when reliable address information is available.

Link to Full Resolution: [12-25S: Enabling Service of Offence Notices for Bylaw Matters via Ordinary Mail – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services and Alberta Justice
- ◆ Advocated to the Government of Alberta for legislative changes to allow safer and more efficient methods of delivering violation tickets
- ◆ Raised awareness of the safety, administrative, and financial burdens associated with current hand-delivery requirements
- ◆ Initiated research into alternative delivery methods and potential legislative updates

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Justice
- ◆ Alberta Courts and Justice Service

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Which alternative delivery systems for violation tickets and notices would be legally viable, efficient, and safe for rural municipalities.
- ◆ How current legislation could be amended to reduce administrative burdens and enforcement barriers.
- ◆ The operational and cost impacts of different delivery options for rural law enforcement.

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue working with the Alberta Justice and Alberta Courts and Justice Services to reduce administrative burdens and red tape.
- ◆ Further research and identify practical alternatives for delivering violation tickets and notice-related documents in rural areas.
- ◆ Develop and advocate for legislative language changes that enable safer, more efficient enforcement practices for rural municipalities.

Current Status:

- **Accepted in Principle**

DID YOU KNOW?

Peace officers across Alberta are legally required to confirm delivery of the ticket to the exact accused or charged individual - often this means "in-person." This is simple in urban areas where the accused is more likely to live in close proximity to law enforcement offices and stations, but difficult in rural areas where law enforcement are often responsible for individuals that live in hard-to-reach areas.

Resolution 14-25S:

Public Interest Oil and Gas Company

Summary

Resolution 14-25S calls on RMA to investigate the development of an oil and gas company that is mandated to operate within the guidelines of public interest. This proposed approach is intended to mitigate the ongoing unpaid oil and gas property tax issue without contributing to the loss of viable assets.

Link to Full Resolution: [14-25S: Public Interest Oil and Gas Company – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ Regarding the unpaid oil and gas property tax issue: formation of and participation in the Property Tax Accountability Strategy (PTAS)

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Internal discussions among RMA staff across the Advocacy, Business Services and Legal departments as to the process and feasibility of forming an entity described in Resolution 14-25S

Current Status:

- **Incomplete Information**

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The specific ways that a public interest company would help resolve the unpaid tax issue
- ◆ The implications that implementing a public interest company would have on RMA, municipalities and the industry at large
- ◆ Best approach on conducting further investigation and research

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue internal discussions and research towards investigating the development of a public interest oil and gas company

DID YOU KNOW?

In many ways, rural municipalities are very limited in securing tax recovery; although rural municipalities can seize and sell oil and gas assets, they cannot operate them. Furthermore, many oil and gas wells are old and carry with them significant liabilities that would render their sale insufficient for tax recovery. In general, the insolvency of oil and gas companies that are in arrears, whether they contain producing wells or not, leave municipalities with few regulatory tools to independently pursue meaningful tax recovery.

Resolution 15-25S:

Enhancing Access to Post-Secondary Education for Rural Alberta Students

Summary

RMA members want rural students who choose to pursue higher education to be free to do so with fewer barriers. This resolution calls on the Government of Alberta to implement a multi-faceted plan to reduce rural barriers to post-secondary education.

Link to Full Resolution: [15-25S: Enhancing Access to Post-Secondary Education for Rural Alberta Students – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Education, Alberta Advanced Education, and Alberta Technology and Innovation
- ◆ Released a video message in September 2025
- ◆ Conducted internal research and analysis on opportunities and barriers associated with rural access to post-secondary education

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The most effective way to engage with the range of government ministries and institutions to understand and overcome current barriers

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Multiple school boards and rural education interest groups

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Explore ways to communicate the benefits of rural education to key decision-makers

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

Most post-secondary institutions are located in large urban municipalities like Edmonton and Calgary. Data shows that rural students do indeed face barriers and that continued provincial population growth will increase pressure on current institutions and grow the importance of sustainable solutions to supporting rural access to post-secondary education.

Resolution 16-25S:

Decentralize Provincial Offices to Stimulate Economic Growth

Summary

Resolution 16-25S calls on the Government of Alberta to relocate some ministry offices from Edmonton to rural areas to help grow local economies.

Link to Full Resolution: [16-25S: Decentralize Provincial Offices to Stimulate Economic Growth – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to the Premier's Office, Service Alberta and Alberta Red Tape Reduction

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The complete picture of economic impacts on rural areas resulting from centralization of authority and special presence of service delivery in "urban" centres such as Edmonton

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Premier's Office
- ◆ Alberta Service Alberta
- ◆ Alberta Red Tape Reduction

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Once a response has been delivered by representatives of the Government of Alberta, RMA will seek to begin consultation on improving service delivery through decentralization

Current Status: • **Incomplete Information**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Alberta employs approximately 27,000 people, not including senior officials. Of these 27,000 people, approximately 60% work in Edmonton.



Section 2

Resolution Status Update

The following table is a summary of RMA's current resolutions excluding the resolutions adopted in Spring 2025, which are detailed in Section 1, and Fall 2025, some of which are still awaiting government responses. Recent developments on the resolutions are detailed below in the corresponding categories, and readers are reminded that although resolution statuses may remain unchanged, work on each resolution is ongoing. Each resolution has a three-year lifespan to reflect the nature of shifting government policy development and timelines associated with legislative changes and implementation.

Resolutions at a Glance

#	RESOLUTION NAME	STATUS
AGRICULTURE		
8-24S	Support for the Export of Live Horses for Slaughter	● Accepted in Principle
8-23S	Provincial Review of Agribusinesses and Agritourism	● Intent Not Met
BROADBAND AND CONNECTIVITY		
13-24F	Review of Broadband Funding Application Processes	● Intent Not Met
5-23S	Access to Mobile Wireless (Cellular) Services	● Intent Not Met
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
2-24F	Increased Funding Support for Rural Family and Community Support Services Programs	● Intent Not Met
19-24F	Exemption from Food Banks Canada's Standard of Excellence and Accreditation Requirements for Small and/or Rural Local Food Banks	● Intent Not Met
4-23F	Provincial Downloading of Operating Costs for Deteriorating Provincially Owned Housing	● Intent Not Met
9-23F	Review of Affordable Housing Funding Programs	● Intent Not Met
20-23F	Post-COVID Bridging Support for Small and Medium Community Facilities and Agricultural Societies	● Accepted in Part
10-23S	Victim Services Delivery Model	● Intent Not Met
12-23S	Casino Opportunities for Charitable Organizations	● Intent Not Met
15-23S	Capital Funding Support for Housing Management Bodies	● Intent Not Met
EMERGENCY SERVICES		
5-24F	Tax Credits for Volunteers Firefighting and Search and Rescue Volunteer Services	● Intent Not Met
1-24S	Declining Fire Department Services Across Rural Alberta	● Intent Not Met
7-24S	Establishing a Provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services (ESS)	● Intent Not Met
9-23S	Rural Fixed Wing Medivac Services	● Intent Not Met
3-23F	Minimum Standards for Adequate Ambulance Services in Rural Alberta	● Intent Not Met
ENERGY		
14-23S	Hydrogen Industry Support	● Accepted

ENVIRONMENT		
7-24F	Improved Water License Approval and Compliance Processes	● Accepted in Part
8-24F	Reinforcing Railway Fire Mitigation Procedures	● Accepted in Principle
11-24F	Enhanced Brushing Along Powerlines to Mitigate Wildfires	● Intent Not Met
16-24F	Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Amendment to Include Coyotes	● Intent Not Met
17-24F	Improved Grizzly Bear Management to Ensure Human, Livestock and Wildlife Safety	● Intent Not Met
2-24S	Water Apportionment Performance	● Intent Not Met
6-23F	Expediting the Implementation of an Alberta Flood Regulation	● Intent Not Met
7-23F	Strategy for Management of Wildland Fires Outside Forest Protection Area	● Intent Not Met

HEALTH AND SENIORS		
1-24F	Attraction and Retention Strategy for Rural Health Care Professionals	● Intent Not Met
10-24F	Full-Time (24/7) Home Care Support in Lodges/Supportive Living Accommodations	● Intent Not Met
ER1-24S	Government Support for Physician Assistants	● Accepted in Part
10-23F	Enhancing Home Care Services for Rural Residents in Alberta	● Accepted in Principle
17-23F	Sustainable Community Hospice Funding Model	● Intent Not Met
6-23S	Rural Access to Supports for Addiction, Homelessness and Mental Health	● Intent Not Met

MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE		
3-24F	Collection of Unpaid Municipal Property Taxes by Way of Royalties	● Intent Not Met
ER2-24S	Municipal Taxes Misrepresented as Municipal Franchise Fees	● Intent Not Met
4-24S	Maintaining Non-Partisan Municipal Elections	● Intent Not Met
5-24S	Legislation Consultation with Municipalities	● Intent Not Met
6-24S	Interim Funding for Lost Oil and Gas Revenue	● Intent Not Met
2-23F	Amendments to the Municipal Government Act – Section 619	● Intent Not Met
12-23F	Growth Management Board Voluntary Membership	● Accepted
ER1-23F	Limiting Third-party Services in ICF Agreements	● Accepted
1-23S	Enhanced Support for Receiving Municipalities in Dissolutions	● Intent Not Met

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
3-24S	Continued Support for Regional Economic Development Alliances	● Intent Not Met

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (cont.)		
5-23F	Municipal Involvement in Quasi-Judicial Agencies	● Accepted in Part
11-23F	Compensation Resulting from Regulatory Changes	● Incomplete Information
13-23F	Municipal Access to Open Data	● Intent Not Met
16-23S	Applied Research Associations Funding	● Intent Not Met
7-23S	Revision of the Alberta Land Stewardship Act to provide for an Expiration Date in Conservation Easement Agreements	● Intent Not Met

POLICING AND RURAL CRIME		
4-24F	Amend Municipal Government Act to Designate Police Funding Model Levy as Requisition	● Intent Not Met
12-24F	Accountability in the Establishment of an Independent Agency Police Service in Alberta	● Intent Not Met
14-24F	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Coverage for Community Peace Officers Under the Workers' Compensation Act	● Intent Not Met
15-24F	Member Committee to Understand the Criminal Justice System	● Accepted in Principle
8-23F	Implementation of Provincial Police Advisory Board	● Intent Not Met
11-23S	Reforming the Bail System to Address Rural Crime	● Intent Not Met

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE		
18-24F	Renewable Electricity and Grid Stability	● Intent Not Met
ER3-24S	Opposition to Federal Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate	● Accepted in Principle
1-23F	Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program Funding	● Intent Not Met
14-23F	Provincial High-Load Corridor Protection	● Intent Not Met
15-23F	Province-Wide Regulations for E-Scooters and Miniature Personal Electric Vehicles	● Intent Not Met
2-23S	Provincial Funding Stream for Non-Residential Infrastructure	● Intent Not Met
3-23S	Amendments to the National Building Code	● Accepted in Part

OTHER		
16-23F	Federal-Provincial Partnership to Counter the United States Inflation Reduction Act	● Intent Not Met
19-23F	Government of Alberta Ministry Changes	● Incomplete Information
4-23S	Strategic Direction for RMA	● Accepted
17-23S	Negative Impact of Bill C-21 on Albertans	● Intent Not Met
19-23S	Non-Profit Exemption from Federal Fuel Charge	● Incomplete Information

AGRICULTURE



Resolution 8-24S:

Support for the Export of Live Horses for Slaughter

Summary

Resolution 8-24S calls on RMA to oppose proposed federal restrictions on the export of live horses to ensure that this vital agricultural market is not negatively impacted. These changes are especially important considering Alberta slaughter facilities already have a well-established global market and supply of livestock.

Link to Full Resolution: [8-24S: Support for the Export of Live Horses for Slaughter – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Rural Economic Development Canada, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, and Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development Canada
- ◆ RMA has integrated this issue in federal advocacy positions and activities

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How impacts to the horse export industry are measured as a result of restrictive policies and bills such as Bill S-270 (inactive) and Bill C-355 (inactive)

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA continues to learn more about the issues highlighted in Resolution 8-24S to best inform engagement and advocacy

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue monitoring upcoming bills and proposed amendments to legislation

Current Status: • **Accepted in Principle**

DID YOU KNOW?

As of December 2025, Bill C-355 has failed to reach third reading and royal assent before the end of its session. This represents a positive legislative outcome for rural Alberta as agricultural producers of horses will not be required to navigate the restrictive regulatory barriers to ensure their products get to market, which were proposed in Bill C-355.

Resolution 8-23S:

Provincial Review of Agribusiness and Agritourism

Summary

Resolution 8-23S calls on RMA to advocate for more support for agribusiness and agritourism as an important part of strengthening rural economies. RMA has formed a joint provincial/municipal review of agribusiness and agritourism to enhance their value add to rural Alberta, with participation from the Government of Alberta.

Link to Full Resolution: [8-23S – Provincial Review of Agribusiness and Agritourism – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Alberta Forestry, Parks and Tourism, and Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Met with the Deputy Minister of Tourism and Sport in summer 2024
- ◆ Formed an agritourism strategy working group, which will produce a report and recommendations later in 2026

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA member representatives
- ◆ Agritourism industry representatives
- ◆ Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
- ◆ Alberta Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration
- ◆ Alberta Tourism and Sport

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The gaps in agritourism services and opportunities
- ◆ Opportunities for municipalities, the Government of Alberta, and industry to collaborate to grow the agritourism industry

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will undertake an agritourism working group leading to a strategy and report in 2026
- ◆ Based on the outcomes of the working group, RMA will advocate for implementation of key recommendations

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

There are amazing agribusinesses and agritourism opportunities and experiences all across rural Alberta! RMA looks forward to supporting rural agribusinesses and agritourism through an opportunity to work with stakeholders and the Government of Alberta.

BROADBAND & CONNECTIVITY



Resolution 13-24F:

Review of Broadband Funding Application Processes

Summary

Resolution 13-24F calls for increased broadband infrastructure investment and development in rural Alberta. This resolution also highlights the discrepancy in broadband service availability maps and actual service coverage in rural Alberta.

Link to Full Resolution: [13-24F: Review of Broadband Funding Application Processes – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Technology and Innovation, Innovation, Science and Industry Canada, and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Whether the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) eligibility will be updated to reflect more accurate, on-the-ground coverage assessments
- ◆ How mobile service providers conduct stakeholder consultation and engagement across the three levels of government

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA representation on the Cybera Board of Directors

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue following up with ministries and stakeholder to supportive a collaborative strategy development
- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further correspondence, engagement and advocacy

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

The response from the CRTC does not provide any clarity regarding the discrepancy between its broadband coverage compared to what is actually reported by rural municipalities. The response does state that the CRTC is working with service providers to improve accuracy yet does not acknowledge or seek to correct how eligibility for the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) relies on inaccurate broadband coverage maps.

Resolution 5-23S:

Access to Mobile Wireless (Cellular) Services

Summary

Resolution 5-23S calls for the CRTC to verifiably improve cellular coverage in rural Alberta to ensure the operation of businesses and timely emergency response. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) insists that rural Alberta regions have full cellular network coverage while rural municipalities assert that these reports often do not reflect reality for rural businesses, residents and communities.

Link to Full Resolution: [5-23S – Access to Mobile Wireless \(Cellular\) Services – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)
- ◆ Provided input into the CRTC's National Public Alerting System engagement in Fall 2025 highlighting:
 - Impacts of poor cellular coverage on rural community safety
 - Existing coverage gaps related to reporting and map accuracy that impact community services and municipal response

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Provided input towards the CRTC's National Public Alerting System engagement in Fall 2025

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Although the CRTC has invested \$17 million through the Broadband Fund to improve cellphone coverage in rural areas, none of these areas were located in Alberta. No further updates, including changes or acknowledgement of the inaccurate cellular coverage maps, have been shared by the CRTC otherwise.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Whether the CRTC has been addressing problems related to mapping and reporting inaccuracies
- ◆ How the CRTC measures cellular service coverage and reports to municipalities
- ◆ The specific ways in which lack of cellular services has impacted rural municipalities

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Follow up with the CRTC to seek clarity on progress concerning issues related to cellular network coverage
- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further correspondence, engagement and advocacy

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Resolution 2-24F:

Increased Funding Support for Rural Family and Community Support Services Programs

Summary

RMA members are seeking fair and reasonable FCSS funding that promotes and supports the availability of preventative social services for rural municipal residents. The Government of Alberta should increase funding to FCSS to keep up to population growth and inflation and reduce the requirement for municipal over investment.

Link to Full Resolution: [2-24F: Increased Funding Support for Rural Family and Community Support Services Programs – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services, Alberta Health Services, and Alberta Children and Family Services
- ◆ Advocating with ABMunis and the Family, Community, and Social Services Association
- ◆ Leveraging findings and recommendations in RMA's 2023 FCSS service delivery report, completed jointly with the University of Alberta's Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ ABMunis
- ◆ Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta
- ◆ Alberta Assisted Living and Social Services

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA's FCSS report is [available here](#). Recommendations, concerns, and key background information contained in this report continues to be relevant to RMA member concerns around insufficient FCSS funding today.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Municipal cost pressures associated with non-core FCSS service delivery
- ◆ Rural municipal over contributions and shared funding arrangements for regional FCSS delivery

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to advocate for increased funding for core FCSS operations



Resolution 19-24F:

Exemption from Food Banks Canada's Standard of Excellence and Accreditation Requirement for Small and/or Rural Local Food Banks

Summary

Resolution 19-24F calls on RMA to advocate for small rural municipalities to be exempted from Food Banks Canada's Standard of Excellence. This resolution highlights that it can be difficult for small rural food banks to attain Food Banks Canada's standard.

Link to Full Resolution: [19-24F: Exemption from Food Banks Canada's Standard of Excellence and Accreditation Requirements for Small and/or Rural Local Food Banks – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services, Food Banks Alberta, Food Banks Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-food Canada

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Food banks operations, governance, and funding
- ◆ The implications of the Standards of Excellence for rural food banks
- ◆ Food Banks Canada's decision to grant an exemption to northern food banks
- ◆ Clarity as to if and how the standards are binding for food banks

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Food Banks Canada
- ◆ Alberta Assisted Living and Social Services
- ◆ Food Banks Alberta

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to advocate for standards and requirements that reflect the unique capacity limitations and structures of small rural food banks

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

At present, rural food banks may receive services from both Food Banks Canada and Food Banks Alberta, who play different roles in supporting and regulating food banks.

Resolution 4-23F:

Provincial Downloading of Operating Costs for Deteriorating Provincially Owned Housing

Summary

Members want RMA to ensure any rural municipal capital and/or capital reserve contributions to housing management bodies are not the result of improper requisitioning or inadequate capital funding from the Government of Alberta. Resolution 4-23F proposes rural municipalities should not be responsible for Housing Management Board costs.

Link to Full Resolution: [4-23F: Provincial Downloading of Operating Costs for Deteriorating Provincially Owned Housing – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services
- ◆ RMA prepared a comprehensive rural affordable housing advocacy strategy to address this concern and related concerns identified in other resolutions
- ◆ Conducted two member surveys
- ◆ Prepared an affordable housing report to be released in 2026

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA members
- ◆ Seniors Lodge Review Panel

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA's member survey found that multiple RMA members have been requisitioned for capital costs and/or capital reserves over a period of five years. RMA looks forward to advocating for improved requisitioning practices and capital funding.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Whether members are requisitioned for and/or make financial contributions to Housing Management Board capital costs or capital reserves
- ◆ The extent to which municipalities are incorrectly requisitioned

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to analyze results of two member surveys and incorporate findings into a final report and recommendations for enhancing clarity in requisitioning processes

Resolution 9-23F: Review of Affordable Housing Funding Programs

Summary

Resolution 9-23F calls on the Government of Alberta to improve the Affordable Housing Partnership Program, ensure the creation of more affordable housing is a responsible use of taxpayer funds, and introduce a housing design catalogue.

Link to Full Resolution: [9-23F: Review of Affordable Housing Funding Programs – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services
- ◆ Conducted two member surveys
- ◆ Preparing an affordable housing report to be released in 2026
- ◆ Informed RMA members about the Government of Canada’s housing design catalogue release
- ◆ Hosted the Government of Alberta for an Affordable Housing Partnership Program webinar

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA members
- ◆ Alberta Assisted Living and Social Service

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How the Government of Alberta’s November 2025 Affordable Housing Partnership Program funding announcement will impact members

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to analyze results of two member surveys and incorporate findings into a final report

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA [has shared information](#) on the Government of Canada’s housing design catalogue. RMA encourages municipalities’ to share with us their thoughts and reactions to this resource and whether it could benefit housing in your municipality.

Resolution 20-23F: Post-COVID Bridging Support for Small and Medium Community Facilities and Agricultural Societies

Summary

Resolution 20-23F calls for adequate funding for agricultural societies and community facilities, particularly in relation to financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Members want RMA to advocate for more financial support from the Government of Alberta.

Link to Full Resolution: [20-23F: Post-COVID Bridging Support for Small and Medium Community Facilities and Agricultural Societies – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services, and Alberta Tourism and Sport
- ◆ Hosted the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies and the County of Barrhead to discuss agricultural societies and a community hall strategy at the Fall 2024 Convention
- ◆ Met with the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies to discuss priorities and joint advocacy opportunities

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies
- ◆ Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ RMA understands that the Government of Alberta has made several financial investments in agricultural societies, but that the capacity building component and financial investment in community facilities is lagging

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will continue to monitor investment in agricultural societies and advocate for enhanced investment and capacity building for community facilities

Current Status: • **Accepted in Part**

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2025, [35 agricultural societies received Government of Alberta funding](#) for capital projects. RMA recognizes that agricultural societies continue to provide an important function for rural communities and will continue to advocate for their sustainability and longevity.

Resolution 10-23S:

Victim Services Delivery Model

Summary

Resolution 10-23S supports the current model of victim services program delivery. RMA members oppose the Government of Alberta's plan to regionalize victim services delivery due to its potential implications for rural communities and victims of crime.

Link to Full Resolution: [10-23S – Victim Services Delivery Model – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services and, Alberta Justice
- ◆ Numerous meetings with the Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services and staff supporting Victim Services
- ◆ Exploring joint stakeholder advocacy
- ◆ Media availabilities to draw attention to the issue
- ◆ Development of member issue briefing on regionalized structure

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- ◆ Premier of Alberta
- ◆ Media
- ◆ Alberta Police Based Victims Service Association
- ◆ Local victim services associations
- ◆ Regional victim service entities formed under new model

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Clarity as to the service level outcomes and metrics used to measure the effectiveness of the new model in comparison to the previous local model

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will follow up on action items resulting from a meeting with Victim Services in November 2025, including learning more about public spending and reporting on the new delivery model
- ◆ RMA will seek to access and analyze this information, and use it to better understand how service delivery under the new regional model compares to the previous local model

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA looks forward to receiving more information and reporting from the Government of Alberta on how this model has been evaluated and will report back to RMA members when information is available.

Resolution 12-23S:

Casino Opportunities for Charitable Organizations

Summary

Resolution 12-23S calls for a more equitable charitable gaming model that distributes funds fairly to charitable organizations outside of Edmonton and Calgary. Rural charities receive disproportionately less charitable gaming funds from the AGLC. RMA wants to see the Government of Alberta and Alberta Gaming Liquor and Cannabis correct this.

Link to Full Resolution: [12-23S – Casino Opportunities for Charitable Organizations – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction
- ◆ Released an updated Charitable Gaming report in spring 2025 with multiple commonsense recommendations to support equitable distribution of charitable gaming funds
- ◆ Prepared a charitable gaming campaign to accompany the report
- ◆ Requested a meeting with the Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction to discuss changes to the model

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How best to continue to engage Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction to direct Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis to review and amend the current model

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to advocate for changes to the model based on RMA's existing report and recommendations
- ◆ Monitor the fiscal and operational impacts of the model on rural community organizations
- ◆ Monitor the impact of charitable gaming trends, including online gaming, in the revenue generated under the current model

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Based on 2023 data, charitable organizations in Edmonton and Calgary earned over \$40,000 per year from charitable gaming events. Organizations elsewhere in Alberta earned between approximately \$6,000 and \$27,000 per year.



Resolution 15-23S:

Capital Funding Support for Housing Management Bodies

Summary

Resolution 15-23S calls for seniors lodge capital funds to be appropriately sourced and funded. A lack of operational and capital funding from the Government of Alberta to housing management boards can have a detrimental impact on seniors lodges and lead to higher municipal funding requests.

Link to Full Resolution: [15-23S Capital Funding Support for Housing Management Bodies – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Affordability and Utilities, and Seniors, Community and Social Services
- ◆ RMA prepared a comprehensive rural affordable housing advocacy strategy to address this concern and related concerns identified in other resolutions
- ◆ Conducted two member surveys
- ◆ Preparing an affordable housing report to be released in 2026

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA members
- ◆ RMA participated on the Seniors Lodge Review Panel

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The residual effects underfunded affordable housing capital maintenance and renewal has on rural municipalities

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to analyze results of two member surveys and incorporate findings into a final report
- ◆ Continue to advocate for affordable housing operational and capital maintenance and renewal funding for housing management boards

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA surveyed members about their financial contributions to seniors lodge operating deficits and capital contributions. In 2024, the average responding member's operating deficit requisition was \$583,069. In addition, some respondents reported being incorrectly requisitioned for capital costs or contributions to capital reserves.

EMERGENCY SERVICES



Resolution 5-24F:

Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighting and Search and Rescue Volunteer Services

Summary

Resolution 5-24F seeks action from the Government of Alberta in supporting the attraction and retention of firefighting and search and rescue volunteers. RMA would like the Government of Alberta to advocate to the Government of Canada to increase the volunteer and paid on call firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services tax credit to \$10,000.

Link to Full Resolution: [5-24F: Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighting and Search and Rescue Volunteer Services – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services, Emergency Preparedness Canada, and Finance Canada
- ◆ RMA [released a report](#) on rural volunteerism that includes challenges faced by rural fire departments

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Fire Chiefs Association
- ◆ Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs

Current Status: ● Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Canada increased the firefighter tax credit from \$3,000 to \$6,000 in budget 2024. RMA continues to advocate for a further increase as well as other means to improve rural firefighter and search and rescue volunteer attraction and retention.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The extent to which existing tax benefits support volunteer firefighter and search and rescue volunteer attraction and retention
- ◆ The impact of an increased tax benefit to influence volunteer recruitment and retention

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will continue to seek opportunities to partner with the Government of Alberta in federal advocacy on this issue



Resolution 1-24S:

Declining Fire Department Services Across Rural Alberta

Summary

Resolution 1-24S calls on RMA to collaborate with government and community stakeholders to help ensure rural fire services have adequate training and equipment funding to sustain ongoing requirements and the recruitment of new volunteers. The Fire Underwriters Survey can complicate declining fire services in rural Alberta.

Link to Full Resolution: [1-24S: Declining Fire Department Services Across Rural Alberta – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services, and Emergency Preparedness Canada
- ◆ RMA hosted the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association for a workshop on Alberta Fire Services Core Competency Framework at the fall 2025 Convention
- ◆ Ongoing participation on an Alberta Fire Chiefs Association attraction and retention committee

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The impact of the Fire Underwriters Survey on municipal costs and equipment replacement requirements
- ◆ The attraction and retention strategies that are currently in practice

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Fire Chiefs Association
- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ RMA Insurance

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to partner with other stakeholders to seek changes to the Fire Underwriters Strategy
- ◆ RMA will continue to advocate to the Government of Alberta for enhanced training and equipment funding

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA continues to work with the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association to support rural fire departments and hosted their presentation on the Alberta Fire Services Core Competency Framework at the Fall 2025 Convention.

Resolution 7-24S:

Establishing a Provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services

Summary

Resolution 7-24S requests updates to the Government of Alberta’s existing Emergency Social Services Framework. Rural municipalities asked the Government of Alberta to provide more specific guidance around Emergency Social Services – including to better define what they consider as basic survival needs and which services are discretionary.

Link to Full Resolution: [7-24S: Establishing a Provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services and Public Safety and Emergency Services
- ◆ RMA [drafted a report](#) in response to the Government of Alberta’s updated 2025 Emergency Social Services Framework

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The Government released an updated Emergency Social Services Framework in 2025, which included changes that addressed the request of the resolution. RMA is currently planning to monitor implementation of the framework in future emergencies to determine its effectiveness

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA is currently waiting for the Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services response to RMA’s report and will develop next steps when a response has been received
- ◆ RMA will continue to advocate to the Government of Alberta for ongoing review of the Emergency Social Services Framework to ensure it supports effective municipal emergency response

Current Status: • Accepted

DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Alberta updated the Emergency Social Services Framework in 2025, with many of the updates aligning with the intent of Resolution 7-24S. The updated framework is [available here](#).

Resolution 9-23S:

Rural Fixed Wing Medivac Services

Summary

Resolution 9-23S calls on the Government of Alberta to ensure that air ambulance service providers are meeting their contractual obligations. The resolution emphasized the need to pursue airport upgrades to allow for continued service as an alternative to service discontinuation.

Link to Full Resolution: [9-23S – Rural Fixed Wing Medivac Services – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Health
- ◆ RMA requested the results of the air ambulance review of landing sites from the Government of Alberta
- ◆ RMA understands the review has not yet been released or is not publicly available

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Health
- ◆ Alberta Health Services
- ◆ Impacted RMA members

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Alberta Health Services approach to deciding to discontinue services at a site
- ◆ How changing fixed wing operating standards are addressed in the context of air ambulance contractual obligations
- ◆ If fixed wing services fall under Acute Care Alberta and/or emergency medical services because of the change in focus in healthcare
- ◆ The proportion of these services that are contracted verses operated provincially

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will continue to monitor for the review's release
- ◆ RMA will continue to advocate for the importance of timely air ambulance access in rural communities and adequate provincial funding for community airports

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA has made several efforts to check on the status of the review and/or obtain the final document, which was supposed to be complete in 2023. RMA will report on review findings when it becomes available.

Resolution 3-23F:

Minimum Standards for Adequate Ambulance Services in Rural Alberta

Summary

Resolution 3-24F calls on the Government of Alberta to ensure adequate ambulance staffing and reasonable response times in rural areas. Ambulances should be available across rural Alberta to provide reasonable and timely emergency responses.

Link to Full Resolution: [3-23F: Minimum Standards for Adequate Ambulance Services in Rural Alberta – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services
- ◆ Regular participation on the Alberta EMS Standing Committee
- ◆ RMA sat on the Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee prior to the standing committee
- ◆ Monitored health system restructuring for changes to EMS service levels and service delivery

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Health, now Alberta Acute Care
- ◆ EMS Standing Committee
- ◆ Participation on EMS Standing Committee subcommittee's including air ambulance services, dispatch, and Medical First Response

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Impacts on EMS as a result of health restructuring
- ◆ The outcome of current Government of Alberta efforts to resolve staffing shortages

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will continue to provide the rural perspective on the EMS Standing Committee and advocate for adequate ambulance staffing and reasonable response times in rural Alberta

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Bill 55, the *Health Statutes Amendment Act*, made changes to the *Emergency Health Services Act*. RMA continues to carefully monitor changes to the healthcare systems refocusing.

ENERGY



Resolution 14-23S: Hydrogen Industry Support

Summary

Resolution 14-23S calls for increased support and investment towards hydrogen energy in Alberta to support rural economic development and diversification. This resolution seeks to establish the province as a national and global leader in attracting hydrogen industry activity.

Link to Full Resolution: [14-23S – Hydrogen Industry Support – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Energy and Minerals
- ◆ Participated in webinars and information sessions regarding or containing discussions about the hydrogen economy

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA continues to learn more about the issues highlighted in Resolution 14-23S to best inform engagement and advocacy

Current Status:

- Accepted

DID YOU KNOW?

The [opening of the Calgary Region Hydrogen Hub](#), of which Wheatland County is a partner, represents a multi-stakeholder investment towards securing Alberta's position in the hydrogen economy by supporting economic development and energy diversification.



ENVIRONMENT



Resolution 7-24F:

Improved Water License Approval and Compliance Processes

Summary

Resolution 7-24F calls for water management policy improvements by requiring only Alberta Environment and Protected Areas to have decision-making authority on water licenses, that Temporary Diversion License applications follow the procedures and guidelines as specified by legislation and that every attempt is made to find alternative sources of water for industry use before resorting to freshwater.

Link to Full Resolution: [7-24F: Improved Water License Approval and Compliance Processes – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Energy and Minerals, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas and the Alberta Energy Regulator
- ◆ RMA conducted a [preliminary analysis](#) of Bill 7 (the *Water Amendment Act*) tabled in late 2025. Some key changes observed by RMA include:
 - New definitions for “return flows” and “water for reuse” that help limit freshwater use
 - Expanded Director authority
 - Increased public access to monitoring and reporting data

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA has participated in meetings with the Alberta Environment and Protected Areas during which Resolution 7-24F was a topic of discussion
- ◆ RMA participated in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the *Water Act* engagement process and provided written submissions pertaining to this resolution. RMA’s submission for Phase 2 of the engagement is available [here](#)

Current Status: ● **Accepted in Part**

DID YOU KNOW?

The First in Time, First in Right (FITFIR) priority system is how water is managed between user groups in Alberta and only a few jurisdictions in North America. FITFIR means that the oldest water licensees have priority rights to water, especially in times of shortage. This may present challenges for rural municipalities if industrial licensees, with considerably high water demand have seniority over some municipal or individual licenses. With that said, the establishment of water sharing agreements, particularly during the 2024 drought season, took a proactive approach to water sharing between stakeholders to prevent the FITFIR priority system from being applied to the significant detriment of some rural water users during acute water shortage periods.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Occurrences of industry non-compliance with legislation concerning Temporary Diversion License approvals
- ◆ How newly implemented monitoring and reporting procedures as part of Bill 7 will improve public transparency and trust
- ◆ Further clarity on AER’s screening criteria for decision-making concerning industry fresh-water use and how this criteria was and will be communicated to stakeholders and the public

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Conduct research on ecosystem, municipal and economic impacts resulting from proposed and newly implemented water policy changes
- ◆ Continue seeking opportunities for advocacy and policy change such as minister meetings and stakeholder engagement participation
- ◆ Develop a member-facing resource analyzing Bill 7 in more detail, highlighting rural-specific impacts



Resolution 8-24F:

Reinforcing Railway Fire Mitigation Procedures

Summary

Resolution 8-24F calls for the provincial and federal governments to work collaboratively with railway companies to expand fire suppression resources and strategies. Railway activity has been identified as a contributor to wildfires, particularly in remote and densely forested regions.

Link To Full Resolution: [8-24F: Reinforcing Railway Fire Mitigation Procedures – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, Alberta Forestry and Parks and, Alberta Emergency Management Agency
- ◆ This resolution was sent to Emergency Preparedness Canada, Transport Canada and, Energy and Natural Resources Canada

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Inquired with CN and CPKC on the status of following trains and other fire suppression strategies and resources

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Data on the effectiveness of following trains in improving wildfire spread and damage outcomes in rural and remote communities
- ◆ Further details on fire suppression strategies and resources developed and implemented by railway companies such as costs, future implementations and the status of discussions with different levels of government
- ◆ Whether following trains and other fire suppression strategies were referenced and supported in the Alberta Wildfire Mitigation Strategy

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Follow up on inquiry with CN and CPKC and incorporate relevant learnings into resolution reporting
- ◆ Follow up with the Government of Alberta regarding the status of the Alberta Wildfire Mitigation Strategy
- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further advocacy and policy change such as minister meetings and stakeholder engagement participation

Current Status: • **Accepted in Principle**

DID YOU KNOW?

CN Rail's firefighting train fleet was further expanded in 2025 with new firefighting stand-alone railcars that carry 25,000 gallons of water each. RMA will continue to monitor the effectiveness of these fire suppression strategies for rural regions and municipalities.

Resolution 11-24F:

Enhanced Brushing Along Powerlines to Mitigate Wildfires

Summary

Resolution 11-24F calls for increased powerline brushing initiatives and procedures in remote regions and highly forested areas to help minimize wildfire risk and mitigate wildfires in rural communities. This resolution also calls for a comprehensive review of powerline right-of-way widths across the province to help support wildfire mitigation through vegetation management.

Link to Full Resolution: [11-24F: Enhanced Brushing Along Powerlines to Mitigate Wildfires – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Forestry and Parks and Alberta Affordability and Utilities
- ◆ Conducted preliminary research on powerline-caused fires in Alberta

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Inquired with various electricity distribution companies to learn about the status of their respective vegetation management initiatives
- ◆ RMA continues to learn more about the issues highlighted in Resolution 11-24F to best inform engagement and advocacy

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Alberta response from Environment and Protected Areas indicates collaborative work underway with power line operators to help minimize ignitions in forested areas.

Although an average of 75 wildfires in Alberta per year were attributed to powerlines between 2006 and 2024, this number increases to an average of 86 between 2019 and 2024, suggesting the issue has worsened in recent years.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How successful wildfire mitigation resulting from implementing powerline brushing and vegetation management is best measured
- ◆ Whether there are specific areas of the province where brushing is sub-standard
- ◆ The commitments and details of the standing wildfire agreements between the Government of Alberta and powerline operators referenced in the government response

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue conducting research and information-gathering to evaluate the effectiveness of identified vegetation management and brushing programs
- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further advocacy and policy change such as minister meetings and stakeholder engagement

Resolution 16-24F:

Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Amendment to Include Coyotes

Summary

Resolution 16-24F calls for coyotes to be included in the Wildlife Predator Compensation Program as a compensable species to support livestock producers that are forced to incur significantly high costs due to coyote predation. Growing coyote populations are placing a greater strain on rural livestock producers.

Link to Full Resolution: [16-24F: Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Amendment to Include Coyotes – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and Alberta Environment and Protected Areas
- ◆ Participated in webinars and information sessions that provide overviews of proposed legislative changes to wildlife management

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Whether existing wildlife and coyote predation techniques are effective for rural municipalities and why

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA continues to learn more about the issues highlighted in Resolution 16-24F to best inform engagement and advocacy

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Request third-party reviews of the Wildlife Predator Compensation Program referenced in Alberta Forestry and Parks' response
- ◆ Compile existing research to assist with communicating key issues and messaging

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

[A 2017 study](#) on Agriculture and Livestock predation in Alberta found that among survey respondents, 74% reported that coyote was the species of most concern when asked about impacts and loss to livestock. [Another study](#) on the subject notes that Alberta's original Livestock Predator Compensation Program covered coyotes until they were removed in 1981, likely due to provincial austerity measures, despite coyote predation accounting for the majority of compensation claims. Both research papers highlight the concerns raised by producers and the significant impacts on livestock due to coyote predation.

Resolution 17-24F:

Improved Grizzly Bear Management to Ensure Human, Livestock and Wildlife Safety

Summary

Resolution 17-24F calls for the development of a grizzly bear management plan that is properly funded and enforced and administrated by Conservation Officers and problem wildlife specialists. These proposed initiatives would help address the risks to livestock, property and human safety posed by problem bears in rural Alberta.

Link to Full Resolution: [17-24F: Improved Grizzly Bear Management to Ensure Human, Livestock and Wildlife Safety – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Forestry and Parks
- ◆ Participated in webinars and information sessions that provide overviews of proposed legislative changes to wildlife management

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Response limitations placed on Conservation Officers in relation to whether an incident takes place in a provincial park or other defined land
- ◆ Problem bear occurrence statistics and how they inform government decision-making

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA continues to learn more about the issues highlighted in Resolution 17-24F to best inform engagement and advocacy

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Request problem bear occurrence data from the Government of Alberta to help inform key messaging development
- ◆ Compile existing research to assist with communicating key issues and messaging
- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further correspondence, engagement and advocacy

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Along with the response from Alberta Forestry and Parks, the response from Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services points to the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement services stating that this agency is well-resourced and equipped to minimize and address human-grizzly bear encounters. However, the government response does not commit to increasing support or funding for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Officers.

Resolution 2-24S: Water Apportionment Performance

Summary

Resolution 2-24S supports the Government of Alberta retaining a greater share of the South Saskatchewan River according to the terms of the 1969 Master Agreement on Apportionment. This policy change would be aligned with the Government of Alberta's stated goal of increasing water availability in the province.

Link to Full Resolution: [2-24S: Water Apportionment Performance – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Environment and Protected Areas

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Whether the outcomes of the dam and river feasibility studies referenced in Environment and Protected Areas response have been implemented in the Government of Alberta's water retention strategies

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA continues to learn more about the issues highlighted in Resolution 2-24S to best inform engagement and advocacy

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further correspondence, engagement and advocacy

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta has always allowed at least 50% of the natural flow to the province of Saskatchewan, and has frequently allowed at least 75% of the natural flow to the province of Saskatchewan. Historically, even when Alberta has consumed water at a level matching provincial needs while still allowing a minimum of 50% of the natural flow to leave the province, there is still a large surplus that remains. This is water that could otherwise be used during drought periods or severe shortage. With a more concerted effort to maximize Alberta's share of the water, particularly at large government-owned reservoirs and diversions, Alberta should be able to retain a greater portion of its share of the water in drought years to reduce the impact of drought without detriment to downstream regions in Saskatchewan.

Resolution 6-23F: Expediting the Implementation of an Alberta Flood Regulation

Summary

Resolution 6-23F calls for a collaborative stakeholder approach to flood management in rural Alberta. RMA would like to work with the Government of Alberta to develop flood management regulations that would commit sufficient resources and funding for rural municipalities seeking to conduct proactive flood management.

Link to Full Resolution: [6-23F: Expediting the Implementation of an Alberta Flood Regulation – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How recent funding provisions towards flood mitigation can be complemented with strategic flood management implementations
- ◆ How various flood mapping completed recently is informing decision-making at both levels of government, particularly without the presence of a regulation

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA participated on Alberta Environment and Protected Areas Advisory Committee and Water Working Group

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further correspondence, engagement and advocacy

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Drought and Flood Protection Program (DFPP), launched in March 2024, provides municipalities with critical funding to implement flood management and prevention projects. However, policy and regulatory changes are also required to ensure municipalities can adequately carry out flood management and fulfill all the asks of this resolution.

In late 2025, the Government of Alberta announced that \$25 million will be allocated towards the DFPP as part of the five-year, \$125 million funding commitment.

Resolution 7-23F:

Strategy for Management of Wildland Fires Outside Forest Protection Area

Summary

Resolution 7-23F calls for the formation of a multi-stakeholder working group to develop a collaborative long term wildfire management strategy outside the Forest Protection Area. Non-Forest Protection Area (FPA) regions have experienced an increase in extreme wildfire events in recent years, all while non-FPA municipalities operate under resource and budgetary limitations.

Link to Full Resolution: [7-23F: Strategy for Management of Wildland Fires Outside Forest Protection Area – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to the relevant provincial ministries and organizations: Forestry and Parks, Environment and Protected Areas, Municipal Affairs, ABMunis, Alberta Fire Chiefs Association
- ◆ Formed the Wildfire Working Group (WWG) and developed a final report of 31 recommendations sent to specific stakeholders
- ◆ Provided input towards the Provincial Fire Level of Service engagement emphasizing the need to provide meaningful resources and funding to rural municipalities required to meet emergency service provision standards

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA engaged and collaborated with a wide range of municipal, provincial, and industry stakeholders to develop the WWG final report.
- ◆ Provided input to the Provincial Fire Level of Service engagement to Municipal Affairs in July 2025
- ◆ Follow up meetings with relevant ministry departments to collaboratively action some of the WWG recommendations

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ What legislative and/or policy changes may need to be implemented to fulfill the recommendations of the WWG
- ◆ Government priorities in relation to implementing the various WWG recommendations

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue following up with ministries and stakeholders to supportive a collaborative strategy development
- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further correspondence, engagement and advocacy

Current Status: • **Accepted in Part**

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA sent the final WWG report and relevant recommendations to a variety of government ministries and stakeholders, seeking a commitment from them to collaborate with RMA to make progress on implementation. Various ministries have provided responses and expressed a willingness to work together with RMA and other stakeholders to action the recommendations of the WWG report. RMA has since appointed representatives to the Provincial Fire Liaison Committee and the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Advisory Committee. RMA also met with Environment and Protected Areas and has committed to reaching out to relevant organizations as part of advocacy efforts regarding the WWG recommendations.



HEALTH & SENIORS



Resolution 1-24F:

Attraction and Retention Strategy for Rural Healthcare Professionals

Summary

Resolution 1-24F seeks to promote rural communities' interest in funding RhPAP and actioning the Rural Health Action Plan. The Government of Alberta should invest in the Rural Health Action Plan and the Rural Health Professions Action Plan's (RhPAP) work to help alleviate the rural healthcare worker shortage.

Link to Full Resolution: [1-24F: Attraction and Retention Strategy for Rural Health Care Professionals – RMA](#)

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Health, Seniors, Community and Social Services, Alberta Mental Health and Addiction and Alberta Advanced Education
- ◆ Accessed publicly available information to gauge rural municipal investment in attraction committees and other efforts (i.e. hiring healthcare staff, subsidizing or owning clinic space or housing)
- ◆ Evaluated rural hospital closures

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Primary and Preventative Health Services

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

Released in 2024, the Rural Health Action Plan (RHAP) includes initiatives in five areas: workforce, models of care, prevention and wellness, access, and community care. While the GOA has undertaken some action in relation to the RHAP, RMA is continuing to monitor progress and advocate for action on the various priority actions contained within the strategy, especially in relation to workforce.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How best to engage the Government of Alberta given health system changes and new health ministers
- ◆ The impact of rural hospitals closures and service disruptions on rural communities

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will work to answer questions about hospital closures and service disruptions
- ◆ RMA will continue to carefully monitor the implementation of Alberta's refocused healthcare system and implications on frontline rural healthcare worker staffing



Resolution 10-24F:

Full-Time (24/7) Home Care Support in Lodges/Supportive Living Accommodations

Summary

Resolution 10-24F calls for updated care and resource access for seniors in rural seniors lodges and supportive living facilities. More supports for seniors will enable them to remain in their accommodation for longer.

Link to Full Resolution: [10-24F: Full-Time \(24/7\) Home Care Support in Lodges/Supportive Living Accommodations – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services, Health, and Alberta Health Services
- ◆ Participated on the Seniors Lodge Review Panel
- ◆ Collected essential background information on seniors lodge funding and governance

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Changes to seniors care and living options under the restructured Ministry of Assisted Living and Social Services
- ◆ Funding in mixed use facilities (i.e. Alberta Health Services in a seniors lodge)

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Seniors Lodge Review
- ◆ Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Undertake a review of the Seniors Lodge Review final report and share results with members
- ◆ Continue to advocate to the Government of Alberta for updated care and resources in seniors lodges

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

The final report from the Seniors Lodge Review is [available here](#). The report includes several recommendations that, if implemented, would contribute to progress on Resolution 10-24F. RMA plans to continue to advocate for action on the report, including direct involvement on recommendations related to municipalities.

Resolution ER1-24S:

Government Support for Physician Assistants

Summary

Resolution ER1-24S seeks government action to expand the presence of Physician Assistants in rural communities as a means to strengthen rural healthcare, while encouraging the Government of Alberta to maintain their increased level of support. Rural municipalities would like to see more Physician Assistants employed in rural Alberta to help alleviate the rural healthcare worker shortage and training seats created.

Link to Full Resolution: [ER1-24S: Government Support for Physician Assistants – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Health and Alberta Advanced Education
- ◆ RMA discussed the resolution at an RhPAP presentation

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Training program enrollment growth and successes
- ◆ Benefits of reserved training seats for rural students

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Advanced Education
- ◆ Previous Minister of Alberta Health

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Engage the University of Calgary where the Physician Assistant Program is offered
- ◆ Continue to monitor the Physician Assistant training program and benefits to rural communities

Current Status: • **Accepted in Part**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Alberta introduced a Physician Assistant Training Program at the University of Calgary in 2024. To date, none of these positions have been reserved for rural applicants.

Resolution 10-23F:

Enhancing Home Care Services for Rural Residents in Alberta

Summary

Resolution 10-23F seeks continued improvements to home care access for rural residents to continue to bolster their ability to age in place. More supports for seniors will lead to stronger rural communities.

Link to Full Resolution: [10-23F: Enhancing Home Care Services for Rural Residents in Alberta – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, Seniors, Community and Social Services
- ◆ Monitored the implementation of new healthcare pillars
- ◆ Met with the Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services to discuss rural healthcare
- ◆ Reviewed public details on the Assisted Living Framework

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How the ministries of Assisted Living and Social Services and Primary and Preventative Health Services currently collaborate to support home care
- ◆ RMA is seeking to access the full version of the Government of Alberta’s Assisted Living Framework

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Primary and Preventative Health Services

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to monitor home care service announcements under Assisted Living Alberta
- ◆ Remain engaged on the implementation of the Seniors Lodge Review
- ◆ Reevaluate following the release of RMA’s affordable housing report

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Seniors Lodge Review found enhanced services, such as home care, may make seniors lodges more livable. RMA will continue to carefully monitor the implementation of the recommendations in the seniors lodge review, including changes to level of care and available services.

Resolution 17-23F:

Sustainable Community Hospice Funding Model

Summary

Resolution 17-23F seeks more support from the Government of Alberta to introduce a sustainable operational funding model for the many programs and care services rural hospices offer. Access to end-of-life care close to home is essential for rural Albertans.

Link to Full Resolution: [17-23F: Sustainable Community Hospice Funding Model – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, Seniors, Community and Social Services
- ◆ RMA released a report with a series of recommendations to better support rural hospice operations
- ◆ Met with the Minister of Health
- ◆ Explored stakeholder joint advocacy

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Monitor the implementation of new healthcare pillars and the role of hospice support in strengthening the “continuing care” pillar
- ◆ Assess the willingness of the Government of Alberta to implement some or all of RMA’s recommendations related to enhancing rural hospice service provision

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Health
- ◆ ABMunis
- ◆ Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association
- ◆ Alberta Independent Residential Hospice Alliance

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will continue to advocate for government action on this issue, particularly in conjunction with the Government of Alberta’s newly formed rural health policy team

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA’s hospice report is [available here](#). The report includes six recommendations related to rural hospice access, government collaboration with local hospice societies, and the need for a sustainable hospice funding model.

Resolution 6-23S:

Rural Access to Supports for Addiction, Homelessness and Mental Health

Summary

Resolution 6-23S calls on the Government of Alberta to provide adequate funding to address rural addiction, homelessness and mental health challenges. RMA members would like to see the Government of Alberta better fund rural municipalities and community organizations outside of Edmonton and Calgary to address rural addictions, homelessness and mental health.

Link to Full Resolution: [6-23S – Rural Access to Supports for Addictions, Homelessness and Mental Health – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Health, Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services, and Alberta Mental Health and Addiction
- ◆ RMA sent a letter to the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction requesting more information and a seat on a 2024 homelessness advisory panel. The panel was formed in late 2024, without an RMA representative

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Mental Health and Addiction
- ◆ Alberta Assisted Living and Social Services

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The extent to which Recovery Alberta meets rural Alberta's mental health and addiction needs
- ◆ The status and expected outcomes of the homelessness advisory panel
- ◆ How rates of homelessness are tracked, especially outside of large cities, and how this information informs provincial funding and operational decision-making

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to monitor the implementation and rollout of Recovery Alberta to ensure rural Alberta is being well served
- ◆ Continue to advocate for government to apply a rural lens to homelessness funding and policy development

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Recovery Alberta was legally established in 2024. RMA continues to monitor the implementation and changes to Recovery Alberta Services to ensure the needs of rural communities are met.



MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE & FINANCE



Resolution 3-24F:

Collection of Unpaid Municipal Property Taxes by Way of Royalties

Summary

Resolution 3-24F calls on the Government of Alberta to require oil and gas companies to pay municipal property taxes as a condition of receiving or maintaining the right to develop these resources. For example, the Government of Alberta may offset uncollectible taxes by sharing a portion of royalty revenues with municipalities.

Link to Full Resolution: [3-24F: Collection of Unpaid Municipal Property Taxes by Way of Royalties – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs (MA), Alberta Energy and Minerals (EM) and the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)
- ◆ Organized and established the Property Tax Accountability Strategy (PTAS) Working Group with MA and EM to develop recommendations to eliminate loopholes allowing non-payment of taxes by oil and gas companies

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ The PTAS Working Group consists of Municipal Affairs, Energy and Minerals, and RMA, with input provided by the AER
- ◆ RMA frequently engages with members on this issue to maintain a current understanding of the issue.

Current Status: ● **Intent Not Met**

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ What components of the current tax-collection legislative framework are functioning effectively, and where are the deficiencies
- ◆ What enforcement mechanisms are available to regulatory bodies – such as the AER – and how are these tools currently being applied in practice
- ◆ How effective are the existing tax-collection enforcement mechanisms in securing payment from oil and gas operators
- ◆ What legislative or regulatory changes could strengthen the tax-collection framework and improve industry compliance
- ◆ How effectively are regulatory bodies operating in their oversight and enforcement roles with respect to municipal tax arrears

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA continues to make progress on the PTAS Working Group, which was established to investigate the operations of the current tax collection framework in Alberta and look for improvements
- ◆ RMA will share finding from the PTAS Working Group, which will be jointly released, in the future

DID YOU KNOW?

Rural Municipalities across Alberta were owed approximately \$253.9 million in unpaid oil and gas municipal taxes in 2024. The problem is escalating: \$43 million in unpaid oil and gas municipal taxes was added in 2023, and another \$67.8 million was added in 2024. This does not include amounts subject to tax repayment agreements or amounts written off.



Resolution ER2-24S:

Municipal Taxes Misrepresented as Municipal Franchise Fees

Summary

Resolution ER2-24S calls on the Government of Alberta to require all public utility providers – such as electricity and gas companies – to clearly and accurately itemize all distributor-imposed fees on customer bills, including municipal taxes and franchise fees. This is an important step to ensure municipal taxes are accurate and transparent.

Link to Full Resolution: [ER2-24S: Municipal Taxes Misrepresented as Municipal Franchise Fees - RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Affordability and Utilities

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Alberta Affordability and Utilities

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

Electricity generated from wind power has surged from just 3.742 GWh in 2003 to 9718.0 GWh in 2023 – making it Alberta’s second-largest source of electricity behind natural gas. As new methods of electricity generation are introduced, complexities may be introduced into the billing process. Clearly itemizing distributor-imposed charges, including municipal taxes and franchise fees, helps ensure transparency and accuracy for both customers and municipalities as Alberta’s electricity system continues to grow.

Resolution 4-24S:

Maintaining Non-Partisan Municipal Elections

Summary

Resolution 4-24S requests the Government of Alberta to not introduce partisan politics into local government elections. RMA should also advocate for amendments to the *Local Authorities Election Act* that explicitly ban any form of political party involvement in local elections – including party endorsements of candidates, direct or indirect party donations, or any other partisan influence.

Link to Full Resolution: [4-24S: Maintaining Non-Partisan Municipal Elections - RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ RMA provided feedback to the Government of Alberta related to Bill 20, which introduced local political parties in Edmonton and Calgary as a pilot project, with an emphasis that government has not provided clarity as to the policy intent of introducing political parties or considered impacts in rural and small urban communities.
- ◆ RMA conducted a comprehensive analysis of the relevant sections of *Bill 50*, which amended election rules to introduce municipal parties and increase the funding limits for parties and their candidates

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

In the 2025 municipal elections – the first year political parties were permitted in Alberta – only three of Edmonton’s 13 elected candidates and six of Calgary’s 15 were affiliated with a political party. In Edmonton, however, two of the party-affiliated officials disaffiliated after the election, leaving Edmonton city council with just one party-affiliated member.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Affordability and Utilities contends that past amendments to the *Electric Utilities Act* and *Gas Utilities Act* ensure stronger regulatory oversight on this issue; this has yet to be confirmed
- ◆ The total impact of the apparent misrepresentation by electricity companies by presenting charges that were not negotiated to the consumer, and presenting charges to the consumer that appear to imply municipal involvement when there is none

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ New changes are being introduced through Bill 8 and Bill 12, 2025 – these will be evaluated for any positive momentum on this issue
- ◆ Continue to contact the government on this issue and advocate for proper and effective regulatory changes

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ What, if any, effect political parties had in the 2025 Calgary and Edmonton municipal elections
- ◆ How government is evaluating the impact of political parties in the Edmonton and Calgary elections in 2025, and how they will apply these findings to determining whether to expand political parties provincially, eliminate political parties, or maintain their presence in Edmonton and Calgary only
- ◆ What, if any, effect the increased funding allowances had on the results of the 2025 Calgary and Edmonton municipal elections
- ◆ The likely outcomes/impacts of introducing municipal political parties and increasing funding limits in rural municipalities

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA is continuing to advocate for the removal of political parties from municipal elections
- ◆ RMA is advocating for fairer and more balanced approaches to campaign funding that promote democratic norms
- ◆ RMA is continuing to request data and information from the Government of Alberta as to their evaluation of the pilot carried out in Edmonton and Calgary in 2025

Resolution 5-24S:

Legislation Consultation with Municipalities

Summary

The resolutions calls on the Government of Alberta to amend the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* to require the Minister to provide municipalities advance notice of any provincial actions that will reduce municipal revenue or increase municipal costs. This requirement would not apply to legislation or actions that affect the entire province generally rather than municipalities specifically.

Link to Full Resolution: [5-24S: Legislation Consultation with Municipalities – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ All engagements that occur between RMA and government bodies are relevant to this resolution – RMA expects that there will be significant involvement and input required from municipalities; these have not always materialized

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ What is the scope of “meaningful consultation,” and how should practice of this consultation take place or operate
- ◆ The Government of Alberta’s willingness to enhance consistency in how they engage with municipalities

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to advocate for a rural voice at the discussion table on operations that affect rural municipalities, while advocating for continued and strong local autonomy
- ◆ Continue to voice clear expectations for how the Government of Alberta should engage with RMA and municipalities, including timelines, background information, etc.

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Ontario, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and the Yukon all have statutory mechanisms that mandate a significant level of open communication and consultation between the respective provincial governments and municipalities.

Resolution 6-24S:

Interim Funding for Lost Oil and Gas Revenue

Summary

Resolution 6-24S calls on the Government of Alberta to restore the Well Drilling Equipment Tax Regulation (WDET) and eliminate the 35% assessment reduction on low-producing wells. Rural municipalities incur infrastructure costs to support new oil and gas industry operations. The WDET, or alternatively equivalent funding, would enable municipalities to recover some of the infrastructure costs incurred.

Link to Full Resolution: [6-24S: Interim Funding for Lost Oil and Gas Revenue – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs (MA) and Alberta Energy and Minerals (EM)
- ◆ Engaged with the MA, EM, and the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)
- ◆ Included lost WDET revenue and the 35% assessment reduction as a component of the 2024 “Below the Drill” campaign, which highlighted the municipal fiscal impacts of provincial policy decisions to subsidize oil and gas operating costs

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Alberta Energy

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

The WDET was cancelled in response to pressures from both the 2019 oil crash and COVID pandemic. The Government of Alberta has firmly refused to return to implementation of the WDET now that oil has increased in price and the pandemic is over. Exacerbating the issue is unpaid oil and gas municipal taxes which continues to rise. Rural Alberta municipalities lost \$332 million in municipal tax revenue between 2021 and 2023 alone because of unpaid oil and gas municipal taxes.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The local fiscal impacts of the WDET elimination and the assessment reduction on rural municipalities.
- ◆ If and how the Government of Alberta measures the impacts of the two policy decisions on industry competitiveness, and how this is weighed against municipal fiscal impacts

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to advocate for adequate industry contributions to municipal infrastructure and services, both in relation to new development and aging assets

Resolution 2-23F:

Amendments to the Municipal Government Act – Section 619

Summary

This resolution calls for changes to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) that ensure Alberta regulators align their decisions with municipal land use plans related to agricultural lands, municipal infrastructure, existing land use, and impacts on local projects. Specifically, the resolution seeks to amend s. 619 of the MGA to integrate the changes.

Link to Full Resolution: [2-23F: Amendments to the Municipal Government Act – Section 619 – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Formed a Member Committee on Quasi-Judicial Agencies, which produced a final report recommending that regulators be required to align approval decisions with municipal land use plans
- ◆ Advocated for changes to AUC’s Rule 007, which guides the approval of renewable energy projects, to require the AUC to ensure projects align with municipal land use plans as a condition of approval
- ◆ Collaborated with the Natural Resources Conservation Board to develop recommended legislative changes to better align confined feeding operation approvals with municipal land use plans

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Alberta Utilities Commission
- ◆ Natural Resources Conservation Board
- ◆ Ministry of Affordability and Utilities

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The direction the Government of Alberta intends to take regarding municipal involvement and influence in regulatory approval processes
- ◆ Assessing how proposed changes to Land-Use regulations, such as the changes to Rule 007, may affect the relationship between provincial regulators and municipal land use planning bylaws, especially given the authority granted by section 619 of the MGA

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue advocating for changes that better integrate municipal statutory land use planning into provincial regulatory decision-making
- ◆ Encourage and support member municipalities to leverage changes made to Rule 007 providing more influence to local land use plans
- ◆ Seek reforms that better recognize municipalities as unique and impacted stakeholders, rather than relying solely on voluntary or encouraged consultation approaches

Current Status: ● **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

The MGA is one of Alberta’s oldest statutes, originally drafted in 1968. Through numerous amendments that have refined its operation as the province has modernized and grown, it has become one of the most extensive pieces of legislation affecting Albertans on a daily basis. It governs key areas such as municipal taxation, land and property rights, and intermunicipal collaboration.

Resolution 12-23F:

Growth Management Board Voluntary Membership

Summary

Resolution 12-23F calls on the Government of Alberta to remove mandatory growth management boards from the *Municipal Government Act*. If the Government of Alberta does not eliminate them, RMA should push for changes that make participation in growth management boards voluntary instead of mandatory.

Link to Full Resolution: [12-23F: Growth Management Board Voluntary Membership – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ RMA has voiced concerns with the impact of Growth Management Boards (GMBs) on rural land use planning and service deliverability
- ◆ Prior to the resolution being passed, RMA released a report in February 2023 titled *Seeking Balance: Voting Inequalities in Alberta’s Growth Management Boards*. The report included several recommendations to address voting inequities in the board structure.
- ◆ RMA organized an engagement session with rural municipalities that were former GMB members; the intention of the session was to allow members to share their experience

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ RMA members that formerly belonged to GMBs

Current Status: ● **Accepted**

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How municipal collaboration can be balanced with local autonomy in the post-GMB context
- ◆ The impact of Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks which have moved in to replace the now-defunct GMBs

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ In late 2024, the Government of Alberta eliminated mandatory GMBs, as per the resolution’s request
- ◆ RMA will continue to monitor the effects of a post-GMB context and the effects of Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks on intermunicipal agreements and collaboration

DID YOU KNOW?

There were two major GMBs in Alberta, one each for the communities that surrounded and included Calgary and Edmonton. RMA members sat on both GMBs before their eventual defunding. Both GMBs still technically exist in legislation but participation is no longer mandatory.

Resolution ER1-23F:

Limiting Third-Party Services in ICF Agreements

Summary

Resolution ER1-23F seeks legislative clarity that third-party services are excluded from Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs). The resolution also supports limitations on funding demands to ensure that rural municipalities do not incur a disproportionate amount of costs resulting from ICFs

Link to Full Resolution: [ER1-23F: Limiting Third-Party Services in ICF Agreements – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Released a [Member Engagement Guide](#) on Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs)
- ◆ Recommended to the Government of Alberta to clarify which third-party services are to be addressed through ICFs

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ ABMunis and various other relevant advocacy groups
- ◆ Member Municipalities

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Bill 50 was released in April 2025; this Bill changed many aspects of the *Municipal Government Act* and ICFs
- ◆ Bill 50 clarified several matters related to this resolution including:
 - Core areas that must be covered under an ICF
 - third party agreements should be addressed outside the ICF process
 - strict rules on inclusion of municipal services
- ◆ RMA continues to monitor the effects of these changes

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA has advocated to the Government of Alberta and Municipal Affairs for clarity on other effects of Bill 50 such as the removal of municipal council codes of conduct
- ◆ RMA is continuing to monitor for further developments, but considers this resolution “Accepted” based on Bill 50’s changes to the MGA

Current Status: • **Accepted**

DID YOU KNOW?

Bill 50 made several updates to ICFs that align with RMA’s advocacy. It reintroduced five mandatory services for arbitration, emphasized data-backed decision-making, and clarified that third-party services like policing and libraries cannot be included.

Resolution 1-23S:

Enhanced Support for Receiving Municipalities in Dissolutions

Summary

Resolution 1-23S call on the Government of Alberta to review financial compensation, timelines, processes, and other provincial supports provided to municipalities that absorb dissolved neighbouring municipalities, to ensure these supports reflect the immediate and ongoing needs of the receiving municipality.

Link to Full Resolution: [1-23S: Enhanced Support for Receiving Municipalities in Dissolutions – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Reviewed relevant legislation such as the *Municipal Government Act*
- ◆ Collected and analyzed relevant information to create the [Post-Dissolution Impacts Study](#) in 2024
- ◆ Recommended to Municipal Affairs to implement a guidebook and resource directory for absorbing municipalities
- ◆ Recommended to Municipal Affairs to implement a sustainability monitoring and supports program for “at-risk” RMA members
- ◆ Engaged Municipal Affairs on the topic of developing relevant indicators to improve the viability assessment and prevent unviable municipalities

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ RMA members

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta has seen many municipalities dissolve. As of today, there are 106 communities that previously held some form of urban municipality status before being amalgamated into the surrounding rural municipality.

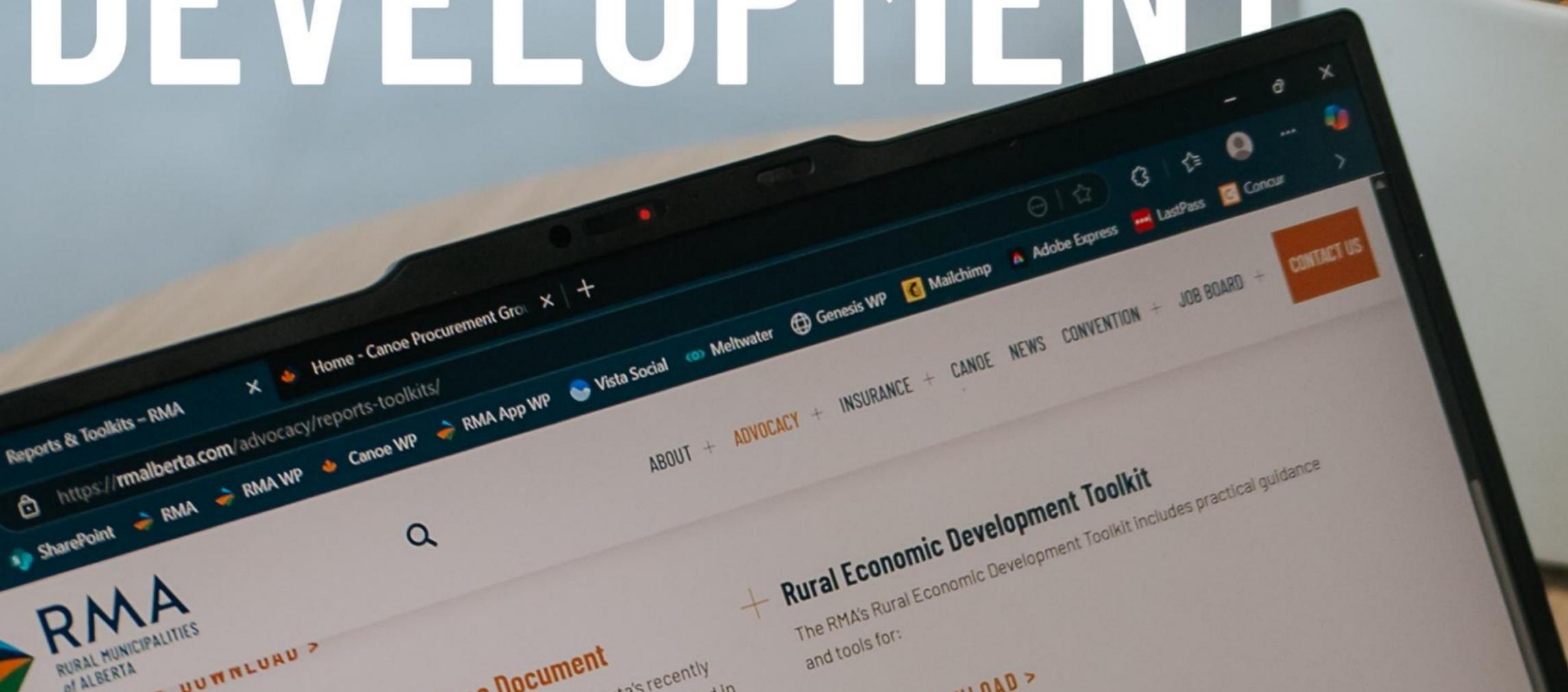
What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The effects – both long- and short-term – on municipalities that are forced to absorb a dissolving municipality
- ◆ How to best update the viability review and post-dissolution process to better consider and mitigate impacts and risks to absorbing rural municipalities.

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA continues to engage with Municipal Affairs in the analysis and development of viability indicators
- ◆ RMA continues to advocate to Municipal Affairs to improve general processes to prevent unviable municipalities long before indicators demonstrate probable issues
- ◆ RMA continues to advocate for measures that improve municipal viability
- ◆ RMA continues to advocate for increased financial support for absorbing municipalities when a municipality does become unviable

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



Resolution 3-24S:

Continued Support for Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDAs)

Summary

Resolution 3-24S requests a commitment from the Government of Alberta to clarify the purpose of REDA's and support their contributions to rural economic activity, while also ensuring REDA's have access to the required funding to do their work. Sustainable long-term funding for REDAs would ensure they meet a consistent purpose that can help promote rural economic development.

Link to Full Resolution: [3-24S: Continued Support for Regional Economic Development Alliances – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services, Alberta Health, and Alberta Health Services
- ◆ Released a [Rural Economic Development Toolkit](#) and hosted a series of rural economic development webinars
- ◆ Met with the Premier of Alberta and the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Premier of Alberta
- ◆ Various REDAs

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

REDAs operate across Alberta, with significant funding and capacity support from rural municipalities. REDAs play an important role in maintaining a long-term, ongoing regional economic development presence in rural areas.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The Government of Alberta's vision as to the role of REDAs in supporting rural economic development
- ◆ How and to what extent REDAs support rural economic development

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA has plans to update a previous rural economic development report to highlight rural Alberta's contributions to the provincial GDP
- ◆ RMA will continue to advocate for a reversal of the Government of Alberta's decision to eliminate REDA operating funding in 2027



Resolution 5-23F:

Municipal Involvement in Quasi-Judicial Agencies

Summary

Resolution 5-23F calls on RMA to work with the Government of Alberta to improve coordination and municipal engagement in quasi-judicial agency processes. More specifically, RMA would like to see increased accountability, participation and transparency for municipalities involved in project approval and hearing processes across provincial quasi-judicial agencies.

Link to Full Resolution: [5-23F: Municipal Involvement in Quasi-Judicial Agencies – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to the following provincial ministries and agencies: Municipal Affairs, Energy and Minerals, Agriculture and Irrigation, Affordability and Utilities, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) and the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB)
- ◆ Formed the Quasi-Judicial Agencies Member Committee (QJAC) in 2023 and developed the [final report](#) and [technical report](#)
- ◆ Provided submissions as part of the AUC Rule 007 inquiry and developed a corresponding [member guide](#)

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Sent follow up letters to the quasi-judicial agencies – most recently to the NRCB regarding amendments to the Agricultural Operations and Practices Act (AOPA)
- ◆ Meetings with the AUC
- ◆ Meetings with the NRCB
- ◆ Meetings with RMA members to learn about emerging relevant issues firsthand

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Details about reclamation security requirements following the June 2025 release of the Renewables Code of Practice
- ◆ How the NRCB intends to update legislation such as AOPA to align with current day contexts and challenges

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue engagement and meetings with ministries, RMA members and the quasi-judicial agencies
- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further advocacy and policy change such as minister meetings and stakeholder engagement participation

Current Status: • **Accepted in Part**

DID YOU KNOW?

The AUC's rule 007 inquiry concluded in February 2024 and resulted in several wins for rural municipalities pertaining to this resolution including:

- ◆ Municipal participation rights automatically granted for hearing proceedings
- ◆ Municipalities are eligible to request cost recovery for participation
- ◆ Securities continue to be required for proposed developments

Resolution 11-23F:

Compensation Resulting from Regulatory Changes

Summary

Resolution 11-23F calls on the Government of Alberta to implement a process to review all current and future laws for any negative financial impacts on private property owners. The resolution also requests that government implement recommendation six from the Special Committee on Real Property Rights and to compensate private property owners affected by changes to the *Historical Resources Act*.

Link to Full Resolution: [11-23F: Compensation Resulting from Regulatory Changes – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Justice and Alberta Arts, Culture and Status of Women

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Justice
- ◆ Alberta Arts, Culture and the Status of Women

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The rules and regulations surrounding compensation for deprivation of use of real property
- ◆ This relationship with certain tribunals such as the Land and Property Rights Tribunal and the recommendation
- ◆ The effects that are causing strife and disenfranchisement for landowners based on their reliance on tribunals while seeking legal remediation

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will continue to seek a response to the resolution from the Government of Alberta
- ◆ RMA will continue to advocate for the core tenants expressed in this resolution in other areas of policy advocacy
- ◆ RMA will continue to monitor implementation and other action related to the Special Committee on Real Property Rights recommendations

Current Status: • **Incomplete Information**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Special Committee on Real Property Rights (SCRPR) was formed to address various issues related to property rights and ownership in Alberta. This included examining the adequacy of legal remedies for property owners deprived of their use, expanding real property rights, and ensuring adequate expropriation processes. The SCRPR developed six recommendations. Recommendation six states: "That the Government develop a comprehensive compensation structure by which owners of real property are compensated if regulatory changes result in the removal of reasonable uses of real property."

Resolution 13-23S:

Municipal Access to Open Data

Summary

Resolution 13-23S calls on the Government of Alberta to continue providing Open data to municipalities. The resolution highlights the many barriers to Open data access that rural municipalities must navigate as well as the alternative approaches rural municipalities have been required to implement in order to ensure Open data access

Link to Full Resolution: [13-23S – Municipal Access to Open Data – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction and Alberta Technology and Innovation
- ◆ Action related to Wildfire Working Group (WWG) Recommendation 11 encourages increased access to open data on fire behavior to support municipal decision-making during emergency responses

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How municipalities measure access to open data, and what specific data would be most valuable
- ◆ Impacts in municipal decision-making outcomes when open data is not available

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Engaged with Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction in relation to opportunities to enhance municipal access to existing provincial data sources
- ◆ Met with Alberta Environment Protected Areas concerning WWG Recommendation 11 and open data access for emergency responses

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ The RMA will engage with members to develop a better understanding of what data municipalities require access to and will use this information to follow up with the Government of Alberta
- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further correspondence, engagement and advocacy
- ◆ Follow up on previous ministry meetings

Current Status: • **Accepted in Part**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Alberta response indicates an awareness of the need for improved access to Open data and a commitment to continue to utilize Alberta's Technology and Innovation Strategy to advance this priority. The ministry also welcomed feedback and specific opportunities from municipalities, which aligns with the RMA's goal of increased communication between levels of government. In Budget 2024-2025, \$10 million was allocated towards addressing data constraints for upcoming unspecified programs. Furthermore, the 2025-2026 provincial budget allocates \$7.5 million towards the implementation of the Data Strategy, which outlines the government's vision for publicly beneficial open data through the Ministry of Technology and Innovation.

Resolution 16-23S:

Applied Research Associations Funding

Summary

Resolution 16-23S calls for increased and sustainable operational funding for Applied Research Associations (ARAs) to help support the agricultural sector. ARAs are non-profit organizations that generate locally specific and unbiased agricultural research, provide capacity-building resources by enabling learning opportunities, facilitate partnerships between community members and stakeholders, and help drive innovation in the agricultural sector.

Link to Full Resolution: [16-23S Applied Research Associations Funding – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Advanced Education, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and Alberta Technology and Innovation

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Alternative funding approaches being considered by ARAs and the Government of Alberta
- ◆ Whether there is any consideration towards expanding ARA funding to cover operational costs in addition to project costs

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA continues to learn more about the issues highlighted in Resolution 16-23S to best inform engagement and advocacy

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further correspondence, engagement and advocacy

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

Although Budget 2025 does not allocate funding from 2025-2026 onwards, the Government of Alberta announced in June 2025 a one-time grant of \$3.2 million to invest in Agri-research through twelve Applied Research Associations. As this announcement represents a one-time allocation rather than a long-term funding commitment, RMA will continue advocating for more sustainable funding and support for Applied Research Associations.

Resolution 7-23S:

Revision of the Alberta Land Stewardship Act to provide for an Expiration Date in Conservation Easement Agreements

Summary

Resolution 7-23S calls for amendments to the Alberta Land Stewardship Act to include 40-year expiration dates for conservation easements. This proposed change would enable increased flexibility in land use planning and development and maximize the potential value of land within municipalities

Link to Full Resolution: [7-23S – Revision of the Alberta Land Stewardship Act to provide for an Expiration Date in Conservation Easement Agreements – RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas
- ◆ RMA participated in a Government of Alberta engagement on various land conservation tools in late 2024

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Members and stakeholders from various sectors on this issue, including several land stewardship organizations concerned about the impacts that placing an expiration date on easements may have on the protection of land

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

In July 2025, the Government of Alberta announced the launch of two new private land conservation programs with the intention of providing more investment and funding towards shorter term and temporary conservation easements. While this change may not represent the implementation of an expiry date for conservation easements, it suggests that the Government of Alberta recognizes the inflexibility of the current system, particularly for rural economic development, and is seeking to address it in alternative ways.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How would existing conservation easement expiry dates vary by region and surrounding land use across Alberta?

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Follow up on Government of Alberta engagement from 2024
- ◆ Request a response from AEPA concerning the resolution





POLICING & RURAL CRIME

Resolution 4-24F:

Amend Municipal Government Act to Designate Police Funding Model (PFM) Levy as Requisition

Summary

Resolution 4-24F calls on the Government of Alberta to ensure the PFM can be listed as a requisition on municipal tax bills. This would serve as a positive step in creating accountability and transparency between local governments, the Government of Alberta, and taxpayers.

Link to Full Resolution: [4-24F: Amend Municipal Government Act to Designate Police Funding Model Levy as Requisition](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- ◆ RMA recommended the PFM cost be listed as a requisition when engaged on the PFM in summer 2025
- ◆ Released multiple PFM member resources
- ◆ RMA is actively analyzing the updated PFM

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ PFM Engagement Consultant

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The function of the new PFM and how it will impact rural municipalities

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ As changes to the PFM do not include listing the PFM as a requisition, RMA will continue to advocate in support
- ◆ This resolution will continue to provide a key position on RMA's PFM advocacy

Current Status: ● Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA's PFM member [resources are available here](#). Given that the PFM will continue to require municipalities to make significant cost contributions to policing with no linkage to local service levels, it is crucial that municipalities are enabled to uphold transparency to local taxpayers in terms of why they are required to contribute to policing costs.



Resolution 12-24F:

Accountability in the Establishment of an Independent Agency Police Service in Alberta

Summary

Resolution 12-24F calls on the Government of Alberta to provide clarity related to the formation of the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service and its impacts on policing in rural areas. A police service – like the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service – should have only been introduced with majority municipal support. The Government of Alberta should provide full ASPSP financial transparency.

Link to Full Resolution: [12-24F: Accountability in the Establishment of an Independent Agency Police Service in Alberta](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution and separate requests for information were sent to Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- ◆ Established regular meetings with the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)
- ◆ RMA is closely monitoring the implementation of the ASPSP
- ◆ Reviewed policing recommendations from the Alberta Next Panel
- ◆ Provided input on legislative developments enabling ASPSP formation, emphasizing the need for transparency and local accountability

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Sheriffs Police Service
- ◆ Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- ◆ RCMP

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ RMA is working to answer many unanswered questions related to Bill 49 and Alberta Sheriffs Police Service – details [available here](#).

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to advocate for clarity as to ASPSP governance, service delivery standards, costs, and alignment/co-existence with RCMP

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA prepared an Alberta Sheriffs Police Service member resource [available here](#). RMA is actively engaged with the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service and will update members on any news in a timely fashion.

Resolution 14-24F:

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Coverage for Community Peace Officers (CPOs) Under the Workers' Compensation Act

Summary

Resolution 14-24F seeks to ensure community peace officers (CPOs) receive the same presumed post-traumatic stress disorder protections as first responders under the *Workers Compensation Act*. CPOs are first responders who deserve the same protections as other first responders.

Link to Full Resolution: [14-24F: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Coverage for Community Peace Officers Under the Workers' Compensation Act](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services and Jobs, and Alberta Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration
- ◆ Partnered with ABMunis and the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers
- ◆ Prepared an infographic to raise awareness
- ◆ Prepared ministerial letters and a submission
- ◆ Held minister and stakeholder meetings

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ ABMunis
- ◆ Internal discussions with Canoe Benefits
- ◆ Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers
- ◆ United Nurses of Alberta
- ◆ Government of Alberta and the Workers Compensation Board

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How to obtain the Government of Alberta's request for data on:
 - Community Peace Officer's incidence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder claims and psychological injury claims
 - Community Peace Officer's employer benefit usage
 - Support from other CPO employers

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Work with resolution advocacy partners
- ◆ Meet minister requests as appropriate
- ◆ Continue to advocate for legislative changes

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Check out this [infographic highlighting the issue](#). RMA is pleased to have been able to jointly advocate with ABMunis and the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers. Thank you to those organizations that have sent letters of support.

Resolution 15-24F:

Member Committee to Understand the Criminal Justice System

Summary

Resolution 15-24F calls on RMA to form a member committee to support rural municipalities' understanding of rural crime and the criminal justice system from a rural municipal perspective. The resolution directs the committee to develop solutions and advocacy approaches to criminal justice changes for rural communities.

Link to Full Resolution: [15-24F: Member Committee to Understand the Criminal Justice System](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ RMA has prepared the Terms of Reference for the member committee
- ◆ Member recruitment and committee work will begin later in 2026

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Evaluate committee member applications
- ◆ A comprehensive overview of the criminal justice system as it pertains to rural municipalities

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA members

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA looks forward to implementing the committee and sharing results with members in 2026

Current Status: ● **Accepted in Principle**

DID YOU KNOW?

The criminal justice member committee will begin in 2026. RMA will continue to share information on the committee's work and the member committee application as it becomes available.

Resolution 8-23F:

Implementation of Provincial Police Advisory Board

Summary

Resolution 8-23F calls on the Government of Alberta to ensure rural municipalities and rural policing interests are represented on the Provincial Police Advisory Board. The Provincial Police Advisory Board should ensure small rural communities served by the RCMP, under the Provincial Police Service Agreement, have fair representation.

Link to Full Resolution: [8-23F: Implementation of Provincial Police Advisory Board](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- ◆ RMA participated on the Interim Police Advisory Board until it last met in spring 2025
- ◆ RMA appointed two board members to the Provincial Police Advisory Board (PPAB) in 2024

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ When the PPAB will begin meeting and how frequently the board will meet
- ◆ Which other PPAB members will be participating
- ◆ Currently, no information is available on PPAB governance, resourcing, engagement with individual municipalities, or other crucial operational details

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- ◆ RCMP

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA plans to assign two representatives to the PPAB as per the Police Governance (Ministerial) Regulation
- ◆ RMA will use their presence on the PPAB to emphasize the need for the PPAB to properly engage with rural and small urban municipalities and represent their priorities in provincial police priority-setting

Current Status: ● **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA submitted RMA board member names for participation on the Provincial Police Advisory Board to the Government of Alberta in late 2024. RMA is still awaiting details on the board's operational and governance details as well as when the mandate will begin.

Resolution 11-23S:

Reforming the Bail System to Address Rural Crime

Summary

Resolution 11-23S calls on the Government of Alberta to revise the existing bail structure to help make rural communities safer. Rural municipalities would like to see the Government of Alberta use provincial powers to make it more difficult for offenders to obtain bail.

Link to Full Resolution: [11-23F: Compensation Resulting from Regulatory Changes](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services and Justice
- ◆ Monitored Government of Alberta developments
- ◆ Co-signed a letter with western Canadian municipal associations asking the Government of Canada to reform the federal bail system

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How to integrate this resolution with RMA's Criminal Justice Committee's work

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Other western Canadian municipal associations
- ◆ Government of Canada
- ◆ Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA is carefully monitoring the implementation of Alberta's new ankle monitor program and the Government of Canada's *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act*

Current Status: ● Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Alberta introduced an ankle monitoring program for high-risk offenders in 2024. RMA will continue to monitor relevant changes through 2026. RMA looks forward to better understanding the *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act* and incorporating the bail function into Criminal Justice Committee work.





TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolution 18-24F:

Renewable Electricity and Grid Stability

Summary

Resolution 18-24F calls for more grid stability by mandating that renewable energy developments should have a minimum amount of on-demand electricity for use by the province's electrical grid. These issues are especially important given that the province's electricity grid increasingly relies upon renewable energy.

Link to Full Resolution: [18-24F: Renewable Electricity and Grid Stability](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Affordability and Utilities and the Alberta Utilities Commission

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ What are the multi-stakeholder implications of defining minimum electricity contribution thresholds by the size of a given development
- ◆ How do the different types of renewable energy present differences in implementing the minimum electricity contribution threshold
- ◆ How will AESO's redesign of the Restructured Energy Market (REM) help fulfill the asks of this resolution

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA continues to learn more about the issues highlighted in Resolution 18-24F to best inform engagement and advocacy

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue monitoring the outcomes of the REM redesign and implementation of the mandatory Day-Ahead Market (DAM)
- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further correspondence, engagement and advocacy

Current Status: • **Intent Not Met**

DID YOU KNOW?

In June 2025, the AESO announced that new large load projects such as data centres will be subject to a collective 1200-Megawatt limit until at least 2027 due to a lack of grid capacity to support the load requirements of this emerging sector. While this decision is beyond the scope of the resolution, it does demonstrate the need for significant growth in Alberta power generation and transmission infrastructure, which could be at least partially supported by a requirement that new renewable energy facilities provide a minimum amount of electricity to the grid.

Resolution ER3-24S:

Opposition to Federal Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate

Summary

Resolution ER3-24S calls for the amendment or withdrawal of the federally imposed Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandate. The ZEV will negatively affect the light vehicles that rural Albertans and businesses rely on, thereby disproportionately impacting rural and northern communities.

Link to Full Resolution: [ER3-24S: Opposition to Federal Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Natural Resources Canada and Rural Economic Development Canada
- ◆ Rural Economic Development Canada forwarded the resolution to Environment and Climate Change Canada; RMA has not received a response

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA continues to learn more about the issues highlighted in Resolution ER3-24S to best inform engagement and advocacy

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How the initial ZEV mandate targets will be adjusted, especially considering the mandate is currently paused
- ◆ Details surrounding the 60-day review of the mandate and its process
- ◆ How rural needs and capacities will be considered towards future iterations of the ZEV mandate

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue seeking out opportunities for further correspondence, engagement and advocacy

Current Status: • **Accepted in Principle**

DID YOU KNOW?

Recently, the [Government of Canada announced a pause on the ZEV mandate](#), including the removal of the 2026 target and a commitment to launching a 60-day review of the overall regulation. While this policy change represents needed relief for rural Albertans and a promising step in the right direction, it is important that the regulation review is comprehensive and inclusive of rural municipalities and industries. This would ensure that vital rural industries and rural livelihoods are not disproportionately impacted by unbalanced emissions reduction mandates.

Resolution 1-23F:

Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program Funding

Summary

Resolution 1-23F calls on the Government of Alberta to substantially increase the funding available for the Local Road Bridge Program (LRBP) stream in the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP). Local roads and bridges provide critical infrastructure for both Alberta residents and provincial industries. Provincial funding support is critical to address the infrastructure deficit.

Link to Full Resolution: [11-23F: Compensation Resulting from Regulatory Changes](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC)
- ◆ Released the [Infrastructure Deficit Project Report](#) in 2024 explaining associated costs and real impacts of the government's continued failure to fund rehabilitation and improvement projects for rural infrastructure including roads and bridges
- ◆ On-going conversations with TEC and Municipal Affairs on the issue of infrastructure deficit and the need for improved funding models
- ◆ Engaged TEC in 2025 to begin addressing allocation funding models for STIP

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors
- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Roads and bridges are essential for the transportation of goods and services across Alberta. Without a large increase in STIP funding, rural municipalities will likely be unable to cover the remediation cost, and their condition will deteriorate – this will have an immediate impact on Alberta's economy. Budget 2024 announced a slight increase to STIP of \$500,000 for the 2024 fiscal year for a total of \$44.5 million, with a total of \$111 million allocated over the next three years. However, funding remains inadequate – RMA found that it would cost \$11.99 billion to repair all rural municipal roads and \$2.29 billion to repair all rural bridges.

Resolution 14-23F:

Provincial High-Load Corridor Protection

Summary

Resolution 14-23F calls on the Government of Alberta to work with municipalities to protect and coordinate the provincial high-load corridor network to support industries that require the movement of high loads

Link to Full Resolution: [14-23F: Provincial High-Load Corridor Protection](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC)
- ◆ Reviewed and responded to the Government of Alberta's (TEC) response regarding the High-Load Corridor (HLC) network
- ◆ Met with representatives from TEC in 2024 to discuss the continued protection of HLCs
- ◆ RMA has advocated for broader review and protection of high-load corridors beyond the Edmonton region

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors
- ◆ Direct engagement with member municipalities that are directly affected by the HLC

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Development of Alberta's HLC began in 1985 and now includes approximately 5,000 km of Alberta's provincial highway network; there are around 150,000 oversize and overweight permits issued annually for use of these HLCs.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Aside from the direct impact of a severe lack of funding, RMA is researching specific potential short- and long-term impacts on provincial and local economies resulting from deteriorating roads and bridges
- ◆ RMA would like to better understand opportunities to determine funding priority for the limited funding and redirect the infrastructure funding narrative to better support rural infrastructure as a result of their high economic output

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA has launched the "Closing the Gap" campaign building on the findings of the *Infrastructure Deficit Project*. Closing the Gap is intended to raise government and public awareness of the issue and drive a collaborative solution
- ◆ RMA plans to release a toolkit to assist RMA members in promoting the findings of the *Infrastructure Deficit Project* to the public and help advocate to Government of Alberta for improved funding methods for local infrastructure projects

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ RMA is seeking greater clarity on how and when tangible improvements to the protection of high-load corridors will occur across the province
- ◆ RMA wants to better understand whether the Edmonton Region Network Study (ERNS) will lead to concrete policy, mapping, or corridor protection changes, and how those outcomes may be applied elsewhere in Alberta
- ◆ RMA is also working to better understand local member concerns and challenges related to HLCs to ensure they are clearly communicated to the province

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue collaboration with TEC to monitor progress on the ERNS and advocate for stronger protection of HLCs
- ◆ Support improved communication between its members and the provincial government regarding local HLC issues
- ◆ RMA will track outcomes and results, and continue advocacy until measurable improvements in HLC protections are achieved

Resolution 15-23F:

Province-Wide Regulations for E-Scooters and Miniature Personal Electric Vehicles

Summary

This resolution asks the Government of Alberta to work with municipalities and the public to develop consistent, province-wide rules for the operation and personal use of e-scooters and other small personal electric vehicles. Although e-scooters and miniature personal electric vehicles are available for purchase across Alberta, the absence of province-wide legislation has led to varied municipal approaches to keeping members of the public safe.

Link to Full Resolution: [15-23F: Province-Wide Regulations for E-Scooters and Miniature Personal Electric Vehicles](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC)
- ◆ Considered and assessed the issue raised in the resolution regarding the acceptance and regulation of personal miniature electric vehicles
- ◆ Reviewed TEC's response related to micromobility legislation and pilot projects
- ◆ RMA has positioned itself as a provincial advocate and conduit for rural municipalities on this issue, and recently met with TEC staff to discuss the possibility of regulatory changes to enable greater local control over the use of e-scooters.

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Clarity on the outcomes of the provincial review of the e-scooter pilot project and broader micromobility legislation
- ◆ RMA wants to better understand how and when updated legislation or a permanent framework for micromobility will be developed
- ◆ RMA is also looking to understand how rural municipalities will be engaged for future consultations on micromobility regulation

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Monitor the release of the government's promised findings from the micromobility review
- ◆ Advocate for meaningful engagement with rural municipalities in the development of any permanent micromobility framework
- ◆ Continue to track progress and maintain the resolution's status until concrete actions or outcomes are delivered by the province

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

E-scooters first arrived in Alberta in 2019, with Calgary and Edmonton receiving permission from the Government of Alberta to conduct pilot projects for shared rentals. These projects were a success and continue to operate to today.

Resolution 2-23S:

Provincial Funding Stream for Non-Residential Infrastructure

Summary

Resolution 2-23S seeks the establishment of a dedicated funding model that would enable long-term investment in capital infrastructure. Capital infrastructure plays a critical role in supporting industrial economic development in rural Alberta and should be funded appropriately as a result.

Link to Full Resolution: [2-23S – Provincial Funding Stream for Non-Residential Infrastructure](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to the following provincial ministries: Municipal Affairs (MA), Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC), and Infrastructure
- ◆ Released a series of [Infrastructure Deficit Project Reports](#) in 2024 that explained the associated costs and real impacts of the government's continued failure to fund rehabilitation and improvement projects for rural infrastructure including utilities, roads, and bridges
- ◆ On-going conversations with TEC and MA on the issue of the infrastructure deficit and the need for improved funding models
- ◆ Engaged TEC in 2025 to begin addressing allocation funding models for STIP
- ◆ Provided feedback to TEC on development of new Integrated Water Program, with an emphasis on need to make funding available for non-residential water projects

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Infrastructure does not deteriorate in a linear fashion – deterioration increases exponentially when repairs do not occur over time. While there may be little initial change in a project's condition, if infrastructure is not properly protected, the deferred investment may lead to a dramatic and quick reduction in both condition and value. Maintaining Infrastructure at a higher condition level is the most cost-effective method for preserving infrastructure. Unfortunately, available financing through programs such as STIP and LGFF have declined since 2017.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Government hesitancy in funding critical infrastructure in rural communities
- ◆ Methods of narrowing down project priority and ensuring that funding reaches those projects
- ◆ Approaches to better communicating the local, regional and provincial benefits of capital projects focused on supporting industrial development

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA is planning to release further information related to the *Infrastructure Deficit Project*, including the [Closing the Gap](#) infrastructure deficit campaign
- ◆ RMA plans to release a toolkit to assist RMA members in promoting the findings of the *Infrastructure Deficit Project* and advocating to government for improved funding methods for local infrastructure projects
- ◆ RMA is continuing to provide feedback to TEC in relation to the creation of the Integrated Water Program.

Resolution 3-23S:

Amendments to the National Building Code

Summary

Resolution 3-23S calls on the Government of Alberta to advocate at the federal level regarding the potential negative impacts on Albertans that may result from proposed National Building Code changes. The 2025 National Building Code revisions introduced building code direction that prioritized greenhouse gas emissions reductions. RMA will continue to advocate for and participate in building code engagements.

Link to Full Resolution: [3-23S Amendments to the National Building Code](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Monitored and assessed national and provincial developments related to greenhouse gas (GHG) objectives in building and construction codes
- ◆ Participated in provincial code review processes, providing input alongside other municipal, industry, and safety stakeholders
- ◆ Reviewed and evaluated the Government of Alberta’s response and actions related to the adoption of energy efficiency requirements in Alberta’s building codes

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Municipal Affairs
- ◆ Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes (CBHCC), indirectly through Alberta’s participation in national code development
- ◆ Safety Codes Council and other municipal, industry, and technical stakeholders involved in building code development

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ RMA is seeking to better understand how national GHG objectives and net-zero-related requirements may influence future editions of Alberta’s building codes
- ◆ RMA wants clarity on the extent of provincial flexibility to diverge from national model codes, particularly regarding net-zero emissions requirements
- ◆ RMA is also working to understand the implications of energy efficiency tiers on rural municipalities, including impacts on affordability, capacity, and implementation

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will continue advocating for increased flexibility in Alberta’s building codes, particularly regarding net-zero emissions requirements
- ◆ RMA will remain engaged in national and provincial code development discussions to represent rural municipal interests
- ◆ RMA will monitor future code updates and assess whether changes better align with the intent of the resolution

Current Status: • **Accepted in Part**

DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta has the power to tweak Canada’s National Building Code to fit local needs. While the National Model Codes aim for consistency across the country, Alberta can adopt “tiers” of energy efficiency so buildings can be safer and more energy-efficient without forcing everyone to go fully net-zero all at once. These tiers will allow Alberta to customize the energy blueprint for homes while still keeping an eye on national standards.



OTHER



Resolution 16-23F:

Federal-Provincial Partnership to Counter the United States Inflation Reduction Act

Summary

Resolution 16-23F calls on the Government of Alberta to start a meaningful dialogue with the federal government to explore ways to work together on challenges from the US *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA) and the risks it poses to Alberta's agriculture sector. RMA should also push for a joint task force to assess how the IRA affects Canadian producers.

Link to Full Resolution: [16-23F: Federal-Provincial Partnership to Counter the United States Inflation Reduction Act](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Agriculture and Irrigation Canada; Agri-food Canada; and Alberta Jobs, Economy and Trade
- ◆ RMA has monitored the US *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA) and its potential impacts on Alberta's agricultural sector
- ◆ RMA assessed government responses from Alberta Jobs, Economy, and Trade regarding programs, supports, and conservation initiatives intended to counter U.S. competitive advantages
- ◆ RMA evaluated political and legal developments related to the IRA and subsequent U.S. legislation (*One Big Beautiful Bill Act* (BBB))

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Alberta Jobs, Economy and Trade
- ◆ Agriculture and Irrigation Canada
- ◆ Agri-food Canada

Current Status: ● Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

The IRA is projected to reduce US emissions by 32-42% below 2005 levels by 2035. A part of the IRA functions to address agricultural practices that – if executed – will likely significantly cut emissions from agriculture-related sources; however, specific reductions from the sources within the field of agriculture are not detailed.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ The ongoing competitive impact of U.S. tax incentives and programs on Alberta producers
- ◆ RMA wants clarity on how provincial and federal programs in Canada can mitigate these disadvantages
- ◆ RMA is monitoring U.S. legislative changes, including the BBB, to assess how these shifts affect the competitive landscape for Canadian agriculture

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will continue advocating for Alberta's agricultural sector, to ensure it can compete despite US subsidies
- ◆ RMA will work with all levels of government to encourage policy development that supports Canadian producers
- ◆ RMA will monitor the implementation and impacts of U.S. legislation (IRA and BBB) and any federal-provincial responses to adjust advocacy strategies accordingly



Resolution 19-23F:

Government of Alberta Ministry Changes

Summary

Resolution 19-23F calls on the Government of Alberta to report on the costs of ministry reorganizations or name changes. As these changes have occurred regularly in past years and may be considered an ineffective use of ministry budgets, the Government of Alberta should minimize these organizational changes.

Link to resolution: [19-23F: Government of Alberta Ministry Changes](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to the Government of Alberta's Executive Council
- ◆ RMA has reviewed and contextualized the summarized historical changes to various provincial ministries, including Alberta Jobs, Economy and Trade; Alberta Arts, Culture and Status of Women; Alberta Immigration and Multiculturalism; Alberta Tourism and Sport; and Alberta Forestry and Parks
- ◆ RMA has assessed the status of this resolution in light of the lack of government response
- ◆ RMA has committed to ongoing advocacy for this resolution by seeking further opportunities for correspondence and input

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ RMA has not received a response from the Executive Council
- ◆ Accordingly, RMA has not had an opportunity to engage directly with the Government of Alberta on this issue
- ◆ RMA may engage with member municipalities to track impacts of ministry changes

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Underlying factors and implications behind the practice of expanding and restructuring ministries
- ◆ How the shifting structure of ministries impacts policy and decision-making in areas relevant to this resolution
- ◆ Clarifying government priorities and responses related to the issues covered by Resolution 19-23F

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to advocate by seeking government correspondence and opportunities for input
- ◆ Monitor ministry changes and structure to understand potential implications for policy and municipal interests
- ◆ RMA will update the resolution status once a government response is received and more information is available

Current Status: • **Incomplete Information**

DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta has one of the most frequently reshuffled cabinets in Canada. Between 2015 and 2023, several ministries were renamed, merged, or split more than a dozen times – sometimes with entire portfolios like “Tourism and Sport” or “Forestry and Parks” appearing and disappearing in just a few months. This kind of change can make it challenging for citizens and politicians to keep track of who is responsible for what.

Resolution 4-23S:

Strategic Direction for the RMA

Summary

Resolution 4-23S directs RMA to develop a member-driven strategic direction and plan to guide the organizations activities. RMA is pleased to have accepted this member resolution and to continue improving the quality of advocacy and business services available to rural municipalities.

Link to resolution: [4-23S – Strategic Direction for the RMA](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ Drafted strategic direction
- ◆ Drafted vision: “Strong, uniquely rural communities and resilient rural lands that support and drive Alberta.”
- ◆ Drafted mission: “Strengthening rural Alberta through effective advocacy and valued services.”
- ◆ Drafted Values:
 - Leading in a proactive, solutions-focused and accountable manner
 - Being relationship-focused and fostering collaboration
 - Interacting with civility as a non-partisan and respectful organization
 - Communicating with intention and integrity
 - Continuously improving as an innovative organization

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ RMA regularly monitors member feedback and input and uses this information to inform strategic and operational decision-making policy

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Our commitment is to represent and serve RMA members today and into the future.

Current Status: • **Accepted**

DID YOU KNOW?

RMA has been active since 1909, representing Alberta's 69 counties and municipal districts. RMA aims to help rural municipalities achieve strong, effective local government through advocacy and various services, including insurance and procurement. The organization is committed to strengthening rural Alberta communities and has a strategic plan that reflects the diverse needs in its members.

Resolution 17-23S:

Negative Impact of Bill C-21 on Albertans

Summary

Resolution 17-23S directs RMA to advocate for rural recreational access to hunting with firearms. As changes to firearms legislation in the *Firearms Act* could restrict firearms usage, RMA members want RMA to continue to advocate for rural recreational firearm opportunities.

Link to resolution: [17-23S – Negative Impact of Bill C-21 on Albertans](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Justice Canada
- ◆ Monitored the implementation of Bill C-21

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ Where in rural Alberta gun owners may surrender their prohibited firearms
- ◆ The Government of Alberta’s proposal to exempt police from participating in the surrender/buyback program

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Justice Canada

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ Continue to monitor the implementation of Bill C-21 and similar federal legislation
- ◆ Monitor the implementation of the firearms surrender/buyback program

Current Status: • Intent Not Met

DID YOU KNOW?

Bill C-21 passed on December 15, 2023. RMA remains engaged on public safety legislation at the provincial and federal levels.

Resolution 19-23S:

Non-Profit Exemption from the Federal Fuel Charge

Summary

This resolution asks the Government of Canada to change the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (GGPPA) so that registered non-profit organizations can apply to be exempt from the federal fuel charge. RMA will also ask the federal government to follow through on its earlier commitment to support non-profit organizations by letting them receive some of the money collected from the federal fuel charge to help cover their rising operating costs.

Link to resolution: [19-23S – Non-Profit Exemption from Federal Fuel Charge](#)

What actions has RMA taken?

- ◆ This resolution was sent to Finance Canada
- ◆ Advocated for amendments to the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (GGPPA) to exempt natural gas and propane used in agricultural production
- ◆ RMA staff have engaged informally with the federal government to ensure a rural perspective is considered in discussions about carbon tax exemptions

Who has RMA engaged with?

- ◆ Government of Canada, to represent rural perspectives on carbon tax exemptions
- ◆ No provincial ministries, provincial boards, or organizations have responded to requests for engagement on this resolution

Current Status: • Incomplete Information

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2021, the Supreme Court of Canada found the GGPPA constitutionally valid after a challenge lead by the Government of Alberta. Alberta – alongside Ontario and Saskatchewan – argued that fuel charges and pricing mechanisms for greenhouse gas emissions were outside Federal authority. The Court found that the GGPPA affected limits on the emission of pollutants from the consumption of fossil fuels, and not the fossil fuels themselves. As this pollution crossed interprovincial and international borders, regulating the pollutants fell squarely into the constitutional and regulatory authority of the Federal Government. This allowed the GGPPA to survive as created.

What information is RMA trying to better understand?

- ◆ How the federal repeal of the consumer fuel charge and modifications to the GGPPA affect rural Albertans, particularly agricultural operations
- ◆ RMA seeks clarity on non-profit access to Low Carbon Economy Fund (LCEF) funding given the fuel charge repeal
- ◆ Monitor future implications for carbon pricing on rural communities and agricultural competitiveness

What will RMA do moving forward?

- ◆ RMA will continue to work with the federal government to ensure rural municipalities’ voices are included in any carbon pricing discussions
- ◆ RMA will monitor the impact of the fuel charge repeal and LCEF allocations on rural municipalities and non-profits
- ◆ RMA will update the resolution status once a formal government response is received from the Provincial or Federal government, or as further developments occur

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