

Across Alberta, municipalities are stepping up to raise concerns about recent changes to AISH and the new Alberta Disability Assistance Program (ADAP).

In the past several weeks, four municipalities have passed formal Notices of Motion urging the Government of Alberta to reconsider its approach:

Edmonton

On January 27, 2026, a Notice of Motion brought forward by Councillor K. Tang was carried unanimously (12–0). Council called on the Mayor to advocate to the Province to:

- Pause implementation of the changes
- Undertake meaningful and accessible consultation
- Publicly report on the social and economic impacts before proceeding

Council emphasized its responsibility to elevate community voices and protect vulnerable residents, noting the impact these changes could have on individuals and municipal services.

Lethbridge

City Council unanimously passed a motion calling on the Province to:

- Immediately pause implementation
- Conduct meaningful and accessible consultation
- Provide a public report outlining the social and economic impacts of the changes

Council expressed concern about the Bill 12 amendments, including the lack of clear definitions, the absence of appeal rights for ADAP placement, and the fact that benefit amounts can be changed by regulation — regulations that are not yet public. They also noted the lack of meaningful consultation with persons with disabilities and community partners. The City affirmed its support for adequate financial support that lifts people with disabilities out of poverty and does not create new barriers to work.

<https://lethbridgeherald.com/news/lethbridge-news/2026/02/25/motion-passed-to-request-paused-implementation-of-adap-program/>

Claresholm

Council passed a motion calling for a pause to changes to the disability assistance program, reflecting concerns raised within the community.

<https://claresholmlocalpress.ca/2026/council-calls-for-pause-to-changes-to-handicapped-assistance-program/>

Camrose

City Council also addressed the issue in its February 23, 2026, meeting highlights, demonstrating that this concern is being raised across communities of all sizes.

[Council Meeting Highlights - February 23, 2026 | City of Camrose](#)

What This Means

Momentum is building. Municipal councils — large and small — are recognizing that changes to AISH and ADAP will have real impacts on their residents and local services.

What You Can Do in Your Community

You can encourage your municipal council to take similar action:

1. **Request a meeting and/or send letter** to your local Councillor and Mayor.
2. **Ask for a Notice of Motion** urging the Province to pause implementation, conduct meaningful consultation, and publicly report on impacts.
3. **Provide background materials** outlining concerns about definitions, appeal rights, regulatory changes, and lack of consultation.
4. **Mobilize community members** to write to Council or speak during public delegations.
5. **Share examples** from Lethbridge, Edmonton, Claresholm, and Camrose to demonstrate that other municipalities are already taking leadership.

Change happens when communities organize and speak with a clear, collective voice. Municipal advocacy sends a strong signal to the Province that residents expect transparency, consultation, and protections that uphold dignity and economic security.

If you would like support drafting a motion, preparing speaking notes, or connecting with others in your region, please reach out.

Together, we can ensure disability policy in Alberta reflects fairness, accountability, and meaningful consultation.

Sincerely,