

Notes to Council



January 2008

AUMA

- The use of a consent agenda was approved. Consent agendas allow the board to group standard, regular or routine items under one heading and “pass” that package with just one vote.
- A new rating system for the AUMA board's self-assessment survey was approved.
- Michael Robinson, Norbert Van Wyk, Laurence Waring and Don Figol have been appointed to the APEX Board of Directors.
- Notice to be sent to members on the First Responders Radio Communication System to anticipate capital costs for new radio systems
- An updated report on RCMP negotiations will also be sent to members.
- Letter to be sent to the Premier commending the FCM report on municipal infrastructure. The letter will request that the Province assess where Alberta stands with respect to the state of municipal infrastructure in relation to the national findings, and indicating AUMA's availability to assist in the collection of data as requested.
- A similar letter will be drafted to the Federal Minister of Finance and Prime Minister of Canada emphasizing the need for trilateral cooperation to address the infrastructures deficit and the FCM President will be copied on both letters.
- A new 2008 convention session will outline both the positives and negatives of P3s.
- Letter to be sent to the Minister of Justice in regards to the need for sufficient time to implement new integrated management systems, the need to address alcohol abuse as well as drug abuse and to provide increased funding for prevention programs.
- Letter to be sent to the Minister of Justice requesting that action be taken on the report of the Crime Reduction and Safe Communities Task Force. A copy of the AUMA policy on Police funding will also be forwarded
- An impact statement about the municipal costs of the transition to Tangible Capital Assets accounting will be prepared and sent to the Government of Alberta in advocating for specific funds to municipalities for the transition to TCA accounting.
- AUMA will support *in principle* the KPMG Report on Balanced Budget legislation and that the AUMA should be involved in the drafting of the legislation.
- Letter to be sent to the Workers' Compensation Board, indicating AUMA's support for the AMHSA's 2008 Business Plan and that AMSHA will be copied on that letter.
- Martin Shields appointed to the Provincial Advisory Committee on Tobacco Reduction.
- Letter to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing confirming earlier advice that it supports immediate legislative changes which would address any safety concerns related to spatial separation between buildings, fire safety system requirements for multi-family buildings and engineered floor systems exposed to fire, but urging the Minister not to enact any rules or changes to the Alberta Building or Fire Codes which are going to require implementation at the expense of municipalities.
- Letter to be sent to the Minister requesting AUMA be represented on the Provincial Homeless Secretariat in order to represent smaller urban communities.