

Notes to Council



September 2008

AUMA

- Mr. Roger Rosychuk, Manager of Finance for the City of Edmonton has been reappointed to the Special Forces Pension Board, as the AUMA representative.
- Retired Vermilion Mayor, Judy Woyewitka, reappointed to the Peer Network.
- Mayor Glenn Taylor to represent AUMA at ARHCA AGM Convention.
- Letter of support will be prepared for the Chair of the Alberta Economic Development Authority indicating that AUMA endorses the AEDA report on *Rural Connectivity in Alberta*.
- Communication will be sent to the Alberta Solicitor General, indicating that the policing funding forwarded by the Federal Government should be distributed to local communities based on demonstrated need and set criteria for use on their priorities.
- That AUMA contact Alberta's Minister of Municipal Affairs indicating disappointment with the response to AUMA's 2007 MSI Report, but that AUMA is hopeful that the work on the *Provincial/Municipal Sustainability Partnership Agreement* will lead to the adoption of many AUMA principles discussed in the MSI report, and careful consideration of those principles proposed in the Sustainability Partnership Agreement. Also indicate that AUMA will be continuing on this initiative, including the presentation of the agreement for approval at convention, expecting that the province will ultimately be able to support this approach.
- Members will be asked to consider passing a council motion to send a letter to their Member of Parliament in support of Bill C-219.
- The City of Grande Prairie will be informed that an outstanding resolution is going to the 2008 Convention with respect to opening up the Capital Finance Authority Act for Seniors, and AUMA will await the outcome of that discussion.
- Board approved putting forth consideration with an amendment to the Municipal Government Act to clarify that an assessed person capable of appealing an assessment under Section 461 does not include a tenant of the property under appeal, and approved the Request for Decision dated August 18, 2008, with a firmer date suggested for Phase 2 of the project. Board also approved seeking clarification from the Federal and Provincial representatives as to the NDCC requirements of their agreements and ensure an appropriate communication to the membership.
- That AUMA contact the Minister of Environment, expressing appreciation for the correspondence around the *AUMA Policy Statement on Sustainability and the Environment*, and indicating that AUMA will follow-up on particular items with the relevant Alberta Environment officials.
- Board approved and endorsed the Urban Municipal Action on Climate Change Environmental Scan and approved administration working with Alberta Environment and other key stakeholders towards implementing the Scan's recommendations. Administration to provide a further report on the proposed AUMA role in 2009 and research LEED standards with demonstrated cost effectiveness.
- Board approved contact with the Minister of Industry, the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women and Minister for La Francophonie, and the Chairman of the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission asking that an Order in Council be prepared to exempt municipal election candidates from the provisions of the National Do Not Call Legislation.
- Board approved the resolutions of the two documents generated at the special AUMA Ambulance Workshops for presentation at the AUMA Convention in the Ambulance Session. Administration to work with Alberta Health to bring resolution to the issues identified in the report and communicate results to members.
- Board approved continuing support of local decision-making regarding the use of provincial funds, and that all transfers from the Government of Alberta be used towards initiatives that are prioritized locally; and a letter will be prepared to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that the Government of Alberta continue to support NGO's and local community organizations without encouraging the use of MSI fund for said organizations, such that MSI funds can be used to support the sustainable provision of core municipal infrastructure and services.
- Administration to nominate individuals to the proposed Land Use Regional Advisory Councils.
- A request to be prepared for Minister of Health and Wellness that AUMA be involved in reviewing draft template contracts to be used by Alberta Health Services in engaging EMS providers; requesting a full engagement/consultation with municipal governments to outline the Provincial Government's EMS transition implementation plan and obtain input from municipal governments; that AUMA gain access to the provincial business plan the moment it has ministerial approval and that it be immediately distributed to all AUMA members; that AUMA is building a baseline of information on the service level; and that AUMA is building a contract template with legal principles for municipalities operating ambulance.
- Board adopted the Provincial/Municipal Sustainability Partnership Agreement, as approved, after Convention be used as the input to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' consultations on a new accountability framework.

- Letter of support to be sent to the Alberta Massage Therapists Society, Massage Therapist Association of Alberta and Remedial Massage Therapists Association supporting their efforts to gain regulation of the profession of massage therapy under the Health Professions Act.
- Board approved the Alberta Environment: Energy and Environment Scenario Planning Interview and Workshop; and that Mayor Glenn Taylor attend as the AUMA representative.
- Board approved aligning goals with the Province's 80/20 Too Good to Waste Strategy.
- Board accepted the advice/comments provided by Committee to the Water Allocation Committee.
- Board approved Mayor Bruce Rowe as the continuing AUMA Representative on the Alberta Recreational Coordinating Committee.