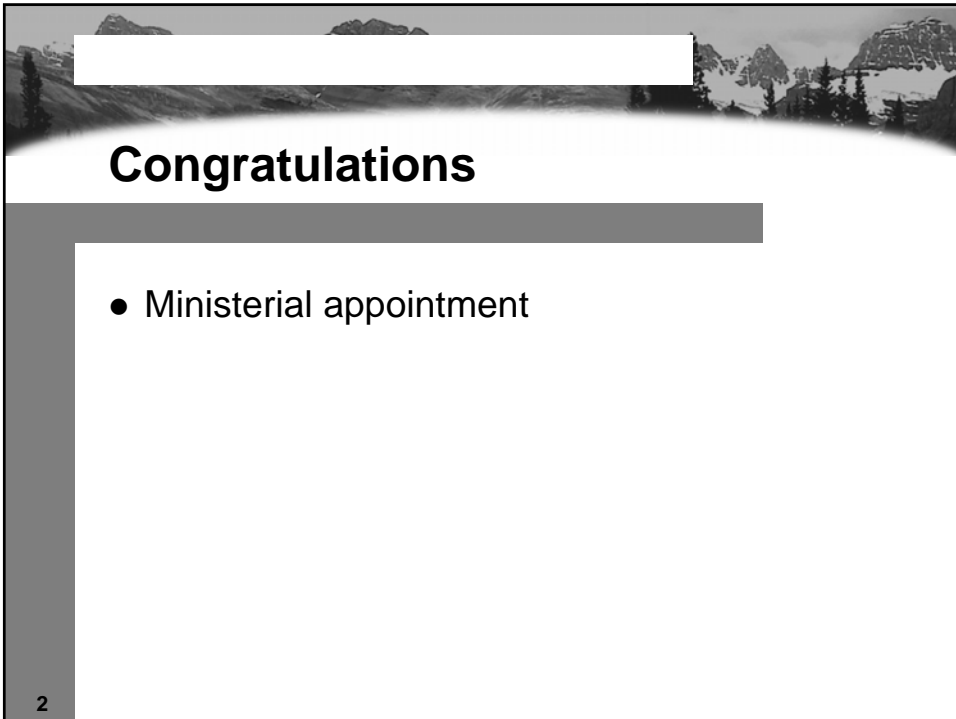


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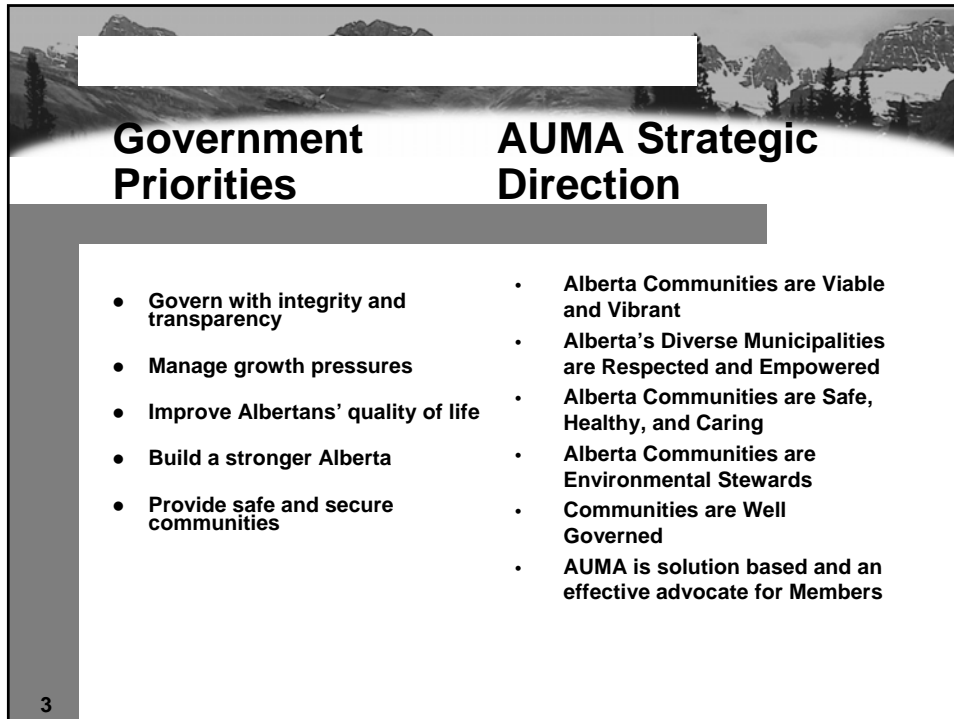
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Congratulations

- Ministerial appointment

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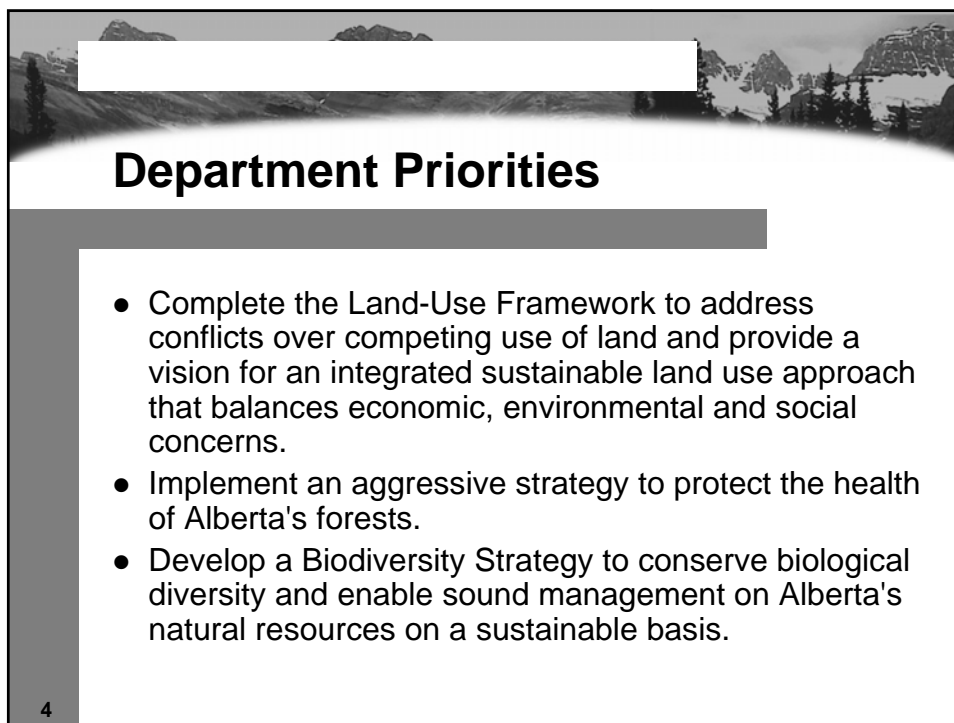
Government Priorities

- Govern with integrity and transparency
- Manage growth pressures
- Improve Albertans' quality of life
- Build a stronger Alberta
- Provide safe and secure communities

AUMA Strategic Direction

- Alberta Communities are Viable and Vibrant
- Alberta's Diverse Municipalities are Respected and Empowered
- Alberta Communities are Safe, Healthy, and Caring
- Alberta Communities are Environmental Stewards
- Communities are Well Governed
- AUMA is solution based and an effective advocate for Members

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Department Priorities

- Complete the Land-Use Framework to address conflicts over competing use of land and provide a vision for an integrated sustainable land use approach that balances economic, environmental and social concerns.
- Implement an aggressive strategy to protect the health of Alberta's forests.
- Develop a Biodiversity Strategy to conserve biological diversity and enable sound management on Alberta's natural resources on a sustainable basis.

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AUMA Priorities

- Finalizing the work of the Minister's Council and implementing Council recommendations;
- Encouraging a comprehensive review of the *Municipal Government Act*, to incorporate the changes proposed by AUMA in our 2005 MGA review;
- Municipal Sustainability Planning Initiative;
- Education/Training Program for Elected Officials (joint project of AUMA, AAMDC and Municipal Affairs and Housing);
- Building Member capacity through creation of joint Tool Kits with AAMDC (citizen engagement, collaborative regional strategies, technology/e-government); and
- Advocating resolutions adopted by the membership...Ministers received 2006 Policy Statements in January, and are asked to respond to AUMA resolutions.

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Provincial Budget 2007 – AUMA Submission: Achieving Municipal Sustainability

Core Recommendation 1:

That the Government of Alberta reduce the Education Property Requisition of the property tax in the 2007 budget, and that the Government of Alberta, through a statement by the Premier of Alberta, encourage municipal governments to take up the resulting tax room.

Core Recommendation 2:

That the Government of Alberta provide a defined share of some or all of the following provincial taxes to municipal governments, beginning in 2007:

a) provincial income tax; b) fuel tax; c) provincial gaming; d) renewable resource royalties; and

e) any other revenues, including but not limited to vehicle registration, liquor and tobacco sales

and that the revenue-sharing arrangements be enshrined in legislation.

Core Recommendation 3:

That the Government of Alberta retain \$600 million per year in its capital fund for the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program (AMIP) until such time as the municipal infrastructure deficit is eliminated.

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Provincial Land Use Planning Framework – Efforts to Date

- Land use planning and transition zones is a key issue for AUMA.
- AUMA provided two presentations at the 2006 Spring Regional Sessions – Land Use Policies, and Regional Strategies
- AUMA was invited as a key stakeholder in provincial consultations regarding the Provincial Land Use Framework
- An AUMA Discussion Paper was issued prior to the AUMA 2006 Convention, and presented in an Executive Briefing at the Convention
- AUMA asked for written feedback from members and held Briefing/Feedback Sessions at which the membership could further define land use and multi-jurisdictional planning challenges and solutions

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Provincial Land Use Planning Framework – Future Activities

- March 2007: AUMA will submit a Paper to the Provincial Land-Use Framework process .
- June 19-20 2007: AUMA President's Summit on land use planning and multi-jurisdictional planning.
- November 2007: AUMA Convention will consider a resolution and Policy Paper on this topic.

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Working Relationship

- AUMA's 2005 MGA Review calls for effective engagement of municipal governments, whenever legislative and other Government of Alberta changes will impact municipal governments;
- Our Goal is to have an effective positive business relationship between the Government of Alberta and the AUMA.