



Addendum to  
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Handbook

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## **AUMA RESOLUTION 2007.EXT.02**

### **SUMMER VILLAGE OF WEST COVE PROVINCIAL GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUMMER VILLAGES IN ALBERTA**

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**WHEREAS** the Summer Village of West Cove has a major concern regarding provincial grants that are available to summer villages in Alberta;

**AND WHEREAS** the provincial government has excluded or singled out summer villages from receiving the same funding as other municipalities in Alberta;

**AND WHEREAS** the financial burden on summer villages in Alberta has increased greatly with more and more people moving to summer villages to make it their permanent residence, the need for infrastructure also has increased due to increased population and government regulations of sewage, water, roads and recreation facilities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association take a position that all municipalities are equal and must have the same funding regardless as to whether they are a city, town, village or summer village;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the AUMA lobby the government to ensure that summer villages receive the same level of funding as other municipalities in Alberta.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The grants that have become available to summer villages are less than other municipalities in Alberta. Summer villages are required to pay the same taxes as other municipalities e.g. School tax, property tax. Some property owners are required to pay tax in two places if they are not permanent residents of a summer village. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation (AIT) provides summer villages with 1/10 the base level all other municipalities receive - \$50,000.00 base as compared to \$500,000.00 base over 5 years. In the current Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) summer villages were again singled out to receive 50 per cent of the base that other municipalities received. We ask that all municipalities support this resolution as you never know what level could be next to be singled out.