



**January 16, 2008**

**Presentation to:  
Minister of Environment,  
The Honourable Rob Renner**

**Presentation by:  
AUMA Executive Committee**



## **Meeting Topics**

1. Introductions
2. AUMA's 2008 Provincial Budget Submission Core Recommendation and Ahead.Together
3. AUMA Special Assignments for 2008
4. Climate Change Strategy and Municipal Governments
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6. AUMA's 2008 Provincial Budget Submission Supplementary Recommendations



## Core Recommendations – AUMA's Provincial Budget Submission

### **THAT the Government of Alberta:**

Establish a Formal Provincial-Municipal Agreement that includes a Permanent Transfer Arrangement and a Partnership/Engagement Arrangement.

Implementing this recommendation moves us Ahead.Together...



## Ahead.Together

### **A New Provincial-Municipal Partnership Agreement:**

- **Planning** – a new relationship would account for the long-term horizon of municipal planning and the large upfront costs associated with large municipal projects.
- **Permanence** – a new funding relationship would allow municipal revenues to follow the economic fate of the province as a whole.
- **Partnership** – municipalities are on the frontlines of Alberta's boom, and should stand side by side with the province in managing the challenges of tomorrow and the growth of today.



## AUMA Special Assignments: 2008

1. Transit
2. Integrating Government (municipal government form, levels, orders, regional, amalgamation)
3. Affordable Housing
4. Police
5. MSI (formula, provincial agreement, plan, reporting, related implications [e.g. other funding programs, education tax])
6. Ambulance



## Climate Change Strategy and Municipal Governments

- AUMA Administration has had initial meetings with Alberta Environment Staff to discuss developing a Municipal Action Plan to compliment the forthcoming Provincial Action Plan.
  - Waiting for release of Provincial Action Plan before moving forward.
- Immediate and effective actions can be taken in areas such as land use, water conservation, energy conservation, waste reduction, buildings, infrastructure and transportation.



## Climate Change Strategy and Municipal Governments

- Actions taken by municipalities to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change provide economic and social co-benefits
  - For example LRT expansion will reduce emissions, enhance competitiveness of Alberta's two major cities and surrounding areas, as well as provide an affordable means of transportation for citizens.
- Secondment from Alberta Environment, Lauren Baldwin, joins AUMA January 21<sup>st</sup> to help create a water conservation plan that will compliment and enhance any climate change plan developed.
- Municipalities are ready to take action. The sooner a plan is in place the sooner municipalities can help the Government meet its goals.




## 2007 Convention Resolutions

### 2007.A.2 Surface Water And Ground Water Used For Injection Flooding Of Oil Fields

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AUMA requests that the Government of Alberta implement an immediate moratorium on new water licenses for deep well flooding with fresh groundwater, in settled areas of the province where groundwater **is and may be** required for human consumption; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AUMA request the Government of Alberta to implement a 1 year timetable for the cancellation of existing water licenses that allow deep well flooding with fresh groundwater, in settled areas of the province where groundwater **is and may be** required for human consumption; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AUMA draft a petition based on these two clauses and send it out to municipalities who **want to participate**, so that the will of the people can be expressed on this vital issue.



## 2007 Convention Resolutions

**2007.B.1. Energy Conservation and Efficiency Fund**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AUMA** request the Government of Alberta collaborate with the Association in developing an AUMA administered comprehensive energy conservation and efficiency fund for municipal operations.




## 2007 Convention Resolutions

**2007.C.ii.1 Increasing Septage Receiving Capability**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AUMA** request the Government of Alberta to expand the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership with more funding to improve the septage receiving capability at new and existing facilities; and


**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT AUMA** approach the Association of Municipal Districts and Countries (AAMDC) and the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association (AOWMA) to join in the advocacy effort.



## 2007 Convention Resolutions

**2007.C.ii.6 Support For Municipal Climate Change Initiatives**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request that the Government of Alberta take immediate action on climate change by providing financial support to municipalities that have developed local action plans to address climate change.



## 2007 Convention Resolutions

**2007.EXT.05 Water for Life Funding**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request that the Government of Alberta amend the Water for Life funding initiative to provide for equity in the ability to develop for both urban and rural municipal governments.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request that the Government of Alberta review all funding grants and initiatives applying to both urban and rural municipalities to ensure that equity exists for both urban and rural municipal governments.



## 2007 Convention Resolutions

**2007.C.iii.1 Cumulative Effects of Development**

- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request the Government of Alberta develop a policy and regulatory framework which factors cumulative economic, social, environmental and health impacts of multiple developments in the approval process.



## 2007 Convention Resolutions

**2007.C.iii.3 Visual Pollutants and Vehicle Emissions**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association requests the Government of Alberta to develop and implement province-wide standards to regulate gross polluting vehicles and visible vehicle emissions.



## 2007 Convention Resolutions

### 2007.C.iv.1 Products Sales Restrictions

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association urge the Government of Alberta to impose a provincial sales restriction on cosmetic fertilizer-herbicide combination products for use by homeowners within municipalities by completing all the requirements necessary to support this action, including consultation with stakeholders.



## 2007 Convention Resolutions

### **POLICY PAPER 2007.3 Municipal Sustainability Initiative-Affordable Housing-Light Rail Transit**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) adopt the recommendations contained in the following Policy Papers:

- Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI): Analysis and Recommendations
- Affordable Housing Initiative: Analysis and Recommendations
- **Towards a Light Rail Transit Program: Analysis and Recommendations**



## Supplementary Recommendations – AUMA's Provincial Budget Submission

In looking at the **governance dimension of sustainability**, AUMA recommends that:

- The Government of Alberta allocate funding to assist municipal governments with the transition to full cost accounting for water.



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**Environmental sustainability is vital to long-term well-being of Alberta communities and their inhabitants. It is recommended that:**

- The Government of Alberta provides tax credits or other incentives that will make power generated from renewable sources of energy competitive with power generated from traditional energy sources.




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- The Government of Alberta continue its work on the *Water for Life Strategy*, by funding the initiative over the long term (e.g.: next 10 years) and provide ongoing financial assistance to regions that are developing Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans.
- The Government of Alberta provide training and technology to municipalities in order that they can meet municipal conservation performance targets by ensuring that all water use is measured (full metering), and full cost accounting represents all charges associated with water usage.



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- The Government of Alberta extend Alberta's product stewardship programs to include high volume municipal waste streams (i.e. packaging, cardboard, paper products) and that any funding derived from such programs be redirected to municipalities to sustain and expand local recycling programs.



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- The Alberta Government to amend applicable building codes to the equivalency of Built Green Alberta standards for new homebuilders, to ensure the future reduction of energy, water, waste, greenhouses gases, and the health and wellness of new home occupants are met.



## Ministry Activities Update

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