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**Minister of Infrastructure
and
AUMA Executive**



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*Ahead.Together.***
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The Economy in 2009

- AUMA is prepared to strongly support the Government of Alberta as it responds to an economic downturn.
- We believe that both orders of government can partner in the good times , as well as the bad times, through a new, more mature relationship.



The Throne Speech

- Municipalities appreciate the focus on future to maintain confidence in Alberta
- We are ready with programs to leverage public infrastructure investments
- It is imperative that the integration of ambulance and emergency medical services be an immediate priority



2009 Provincial Budget Submission

- AUMA's Core Recommendation:
using the *Framework for a Provincial-Municipal Sustainability Partnership Agreement*, discuss with Alberta municipalities a new permanent relationship with objective-based, annual transfers.

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How will this help going forward?

- Allows for better planning, permanence and predictability for both orders of government
- Streamlines and simplifies complex government programs and processes
- Builds-in accountability measures to ensure key objectives are being met


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How would this help right now?

- In an environment of economic instability:
 - *Increases accountability*
 - *Improves reporting of results for dollars invested in municipalities*

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Future of Local Governance

In 2009, AUMA will:

- Review the current state of local governance;
- Develop clear options for more effective local governance;
- Consider the risks, benefits and incentives required for change; and
- Review examples of local government restructuring outside of Alberta.



Infrastructure and the Economy

- Costs of construction is decreasing
- Now is the time to investment in public infrastructure
- Jobs lost in the private sector can redeployed through investment in critical and important public infrastructure projects



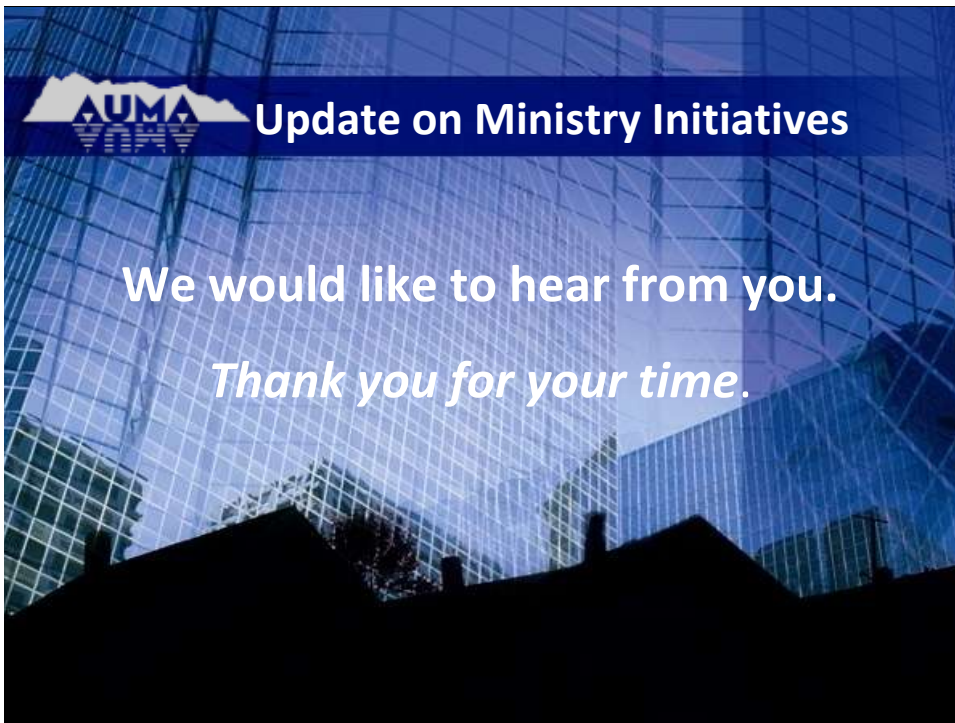
Upcoming AUMA Meetings and Events

President's Summit on the Future Role of Municipal Governance:

- April 30 to May 1, 2009
Red Deer.

2009 Annual Convention:

- November 4-6, 2009
Calgary.



Update on Ministry Initiatives

We would like to hear from you.

Thank you for your time.