




**Wednesday, February 18, 2009**

**Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation  
and  
AUMA Executive Committee**



**Outline**

- 1. The Economy in 2009: Working Together for Alberta**
- 2. Throne Speech and Municipalities**
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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
- Investment in public infrastructure (e.g.: parks, recreation) should be now
- Jobs lost in the private sector can be redeployed to 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.*