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## Minister of Finance and Enterprise and AUMA Executive



## Outline

1. The Economy in 2009: Working Together for Alberta
2. Throne Speech and Municipalities
3. AUMA's 2009 Provincial Budget Submission: *Ahead.Together.*
4. Future of Local Governance
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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.
- Costs of construction are now decreasing, and investment in public infrastructure should now rise.
- 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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## 2009 Provincial Budget

- Thank you for your annual invitation to the Budget Lock-Up.
- AUMA has forwarded 20 Questions on the Provincial Budget to the Department. AUMA and its members greatly appreciate your Department's coordination of answers to our 20 Questions.



## 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.



## 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.*