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Future of Local Governance

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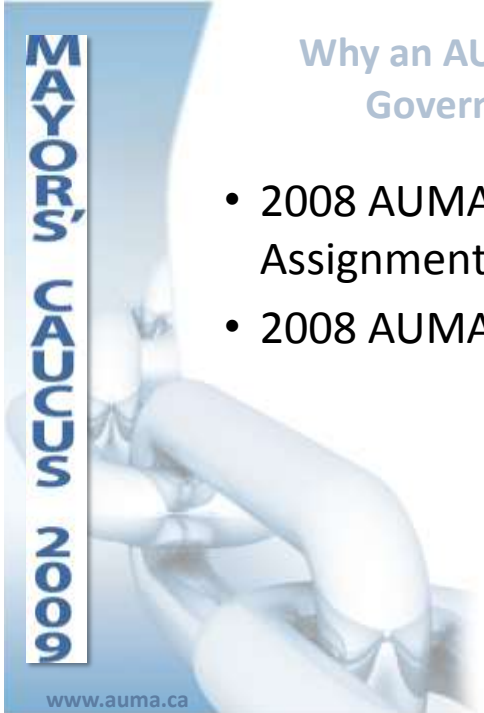
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Outline

1. Why an AUMA Future of Local Governance Initiative?
2. Work to Date.
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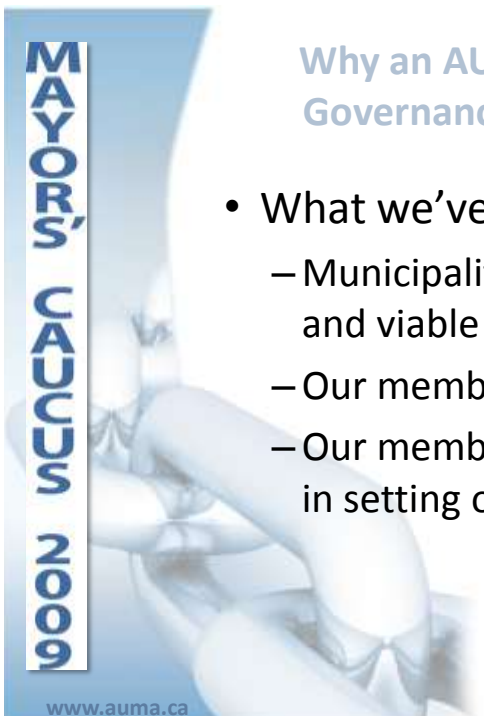
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Why an AUMA Future of Local Governance Initiative?

- 2008 AUMA Board Special Assignment.
- 2008 AUMA Convention.

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Why an AUMA Future of Local Governance Initiative? (cont.)

- What we've heard:
 - Municipalities must be sustainable and viable in order to survive.
 - Our members have reacted.
 - Our members want to be leaders in setting out their own future.

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Work to Date

- Background Research Paper
- Online Survey
- President's Summit Discussion Paper
- President's Summit
- President's Summit Proceedings document

What's in the DRAFT Policy Paper?

- Alberta municipal governments will integrate, deliver and advance:
- democratic governance,
 - environmental stewardship,
 - Cultural vibrancy,
 - economic and financial security, and
 - social inclusiveness
- to ensure sustainable Alberta communities.

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What's in the DRAFT Policy Paper?

- An autonomous order of government.
- Self-determination.
- Sustainable and adequate revenue.
- Citizens must decide.
- Definitions of urban/rural not relevant.
- No single governance model.

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What's in the DRAFT Policy Paper?

- Sustainable Local Governance means...
- Effective, and Efficient.
- Community Confidence.
- Community Support.
- Accountability System.

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What's in the DRAFT Policy Paper?

- **Sustainable Local Governance means...**
- **Strong inter-governmental coordination and cooperation.**
- **Resources or Adequate Access to Resources.**

Recommendations to AUMA

- "Package of legislative amendments"
- Advocate legislative change.
- Municipal Governance Toolkit:
 - Assessing sustainability,
 - Measuring performance,
 - Link planning to action and performance, and
 - Transitioning to a new governance model.



Recommendations to AUMA

- Support our municipal governments with new tools.
- Support the development of Elected Officials.
- Invite AAMDC to participate.

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Recommendations to the Government of Alberta

- Support the AUMA Policy Paper on the Future of Local Governance.
- Provide an opportunity for municipal governments to have input into our future.
- Support the development of the Toolkit.
- Build a “Made in Alberta” incentive.

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Recommendations to the Government of Alberta

- Provide incentives for restructuring.
- Enact a new Provincial-Municipal Partnership Agreement that is outcome-based.
- Provide annual, adequate transfers to municipalities.
- Amend the *MGA* to remove the distinction between rural and urban municipalities.

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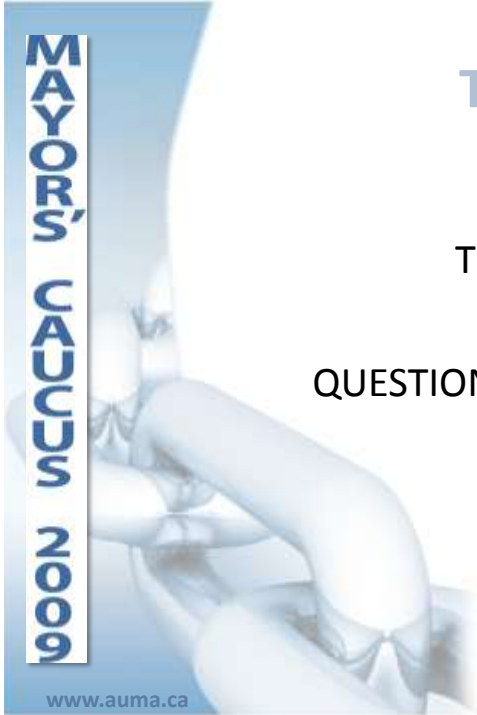
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Next Steps

- Prepare Policy Paper for Convention.
- AUMA/AAMD&C Board to Board discussion.
- Rural/Urban Administrators meeting.
- Task Force evolving to develop toolkit.

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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