





Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
AUMA Convention & AMAE Trade Show

Committee Membership

▪ Mayor Glenn Taylor – Chair	Hinton
▪ Mayor Iris Callioux	Peace River
▪ Mayor Richard Coleman	Vegreville
▪ Mayor Julia King	Penhold
▪ Mayor Bruce Rowe	Beiseker
▪ Alderman Jim Stevenson	Calgary
▪ Councillor Dave Thiele	Edmonton
▪ Councillor Valerie Tradewell	Slave Lake
▪ Mr. Julian deCocq	Cochrane
▪ Ms. Jill Floen	Calgary
▪ Mr. Brian Hamblin	Camrose
▪ Mr. Matthew Wispinski	Edmonton




Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention


2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
AUMA Convention & AMAE Trade Show

Committee Mandate

The Municipal Governance Committee is accountable to the AUMA Board for prioritizing issues and making solution-based recommendations with respect to the following areas of municipal interest:

- Roles, resources and fundamental powers of municipalities (MGA)
- Intermunicipal relations (dissolution, amalgamation, partnerships)
- Land Use Planning
- Taxation
- Assessment
- Citizen Participation
- Convention resolutions






Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
AUMA Convention & AMAE Trade Show

Committee Priorities and Achievements - 2009

- **Land Use Planning:** Committee tracked and provided feedback on Bill 36 (*Land Stewardship Act*), had numerous presentations from Provincial representatives, nominated Regional Advisory Council representatives, directed Notices to Members and provided assistance to the AUMA representative from Wood Buffalo on that RAC.





Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
AUMA Convention & AMAE Trade Show

Committee Priorities and Achievements – 2009 (continued)

- **Land Use Planning (continued):** Committee oversaw and recommended AUMA protocol with UDI (an outstanding matter since 2005), and oversaw and reported on a Member survey on the Provincial process regarding the sale of Crown lands.







Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
ALMA Convention & AMEC Trade Show

Committee Priorities and Achievements – 2009 (continued)

- **Assessment and taxation:** Committee oversaw and reported on Member survey regarding tenant appeals of assessment, proposed MGA amendments to solve the issue, and also provided input to Province on its consultations regarding the Well Drilling Equipment Tax.





Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
ALMA Convention & AMEC Trade Show

Committee Priorities and Achievements – 2009 (continued)

- **Assessment and taxation (continued):** Committee also reviewed, provided direction on and recommended adoption of three policy reports, two on the current state of assessment in Alberta and what remedies to the system are recommended, and a report on the Provincial collection of Education Tax.






Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
ALMA Convention & AMEC Trade Show

Committee Priorities and Achievements – 2009 (continued)

- **Assessment and taxation (continued):** Lastly, Committee provided feedback to the Province on recommendations of the Forest Industry Sustainability Committee which could unfairly impact on the property tax assessment system, and oversaw an Update to Members on the Canada West Foundation document regarding “Problematic Property Tax”.





Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
ALMA Convention & AMEC Trade Show

Committee Priorities and Achievements – 2009 (continued)

- **Future of Local Governance:** Committee was the oversight body in 2009 for the President’s Summit and subsequent report to 2009 Convention on the topic of the Future of Local Governance, and reviewed and advised on various reports, feedback and presentations.





Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
OHMA Convention & OHAC Trade Show

Committee Priorities and Achievements – 2009 (continued)

- **Resolutions:** Committee completed its annual task of reviewing all proposed Convention resolutions, and categorizing them prior to their submission to Convention.




Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
OHMA Convention & OHAC Trade Show

Committee Priorities and Achievements – 2009 (continued)

- **Legislation and Regulations:** Committee reviewed and provided advice on a number of important pieces of legislation in 2009, including Bill 19 (*Land Assembly Project Area Act*), Bill 23 (MGA amendments on assessment), Bill 202 (Municipal Auditor General) and Bill 203 (Election Finance and Contribution Disclosure).





Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
OHMA Convention & AMEC Trade Show

Committee Priorities and Achievements – 2009 (continued)

- **Legislation and Regulations (continued):** As well, Committee had two consultations with Provincial official who oversees legislative amendments, about upcoming *Municipal Government Act* reviews, and reviewed and provided advice on the report arising from the 2008 Convention request to study four year municipal terms and spring elections.



Standing Committee on Municipal Governance
Report to the Convention

2009
TOGETHER.STRONGER.
OHMA Convention & AMEC Trade Show

The End!

THANK YOU!

