



Standing Committee on Building Communities
Report to AUMA Convention
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Session Agenda

- 2009 Committee Members
- 2009 Committee Report
- Guest Presenter
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- Questions and Ideas

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Committee Members

- Helen Rice, Alderman – City of Grande Prairie (Chair)
- Karen Ann Bertamini, Councillor – Town of Drumheller
- Bob Clark, Mayor – Village of Boyle
- Linda Sloan, Councillor – City of Edmonton
- Sharon Clarkson, Councillor – RM of Wood Buffalo
- Paula Evans, Councillor – Town of Athabasca
- Gail Taylor, Alderman – City of Wetaskiwin
- Bill Martens, Councillor – Town of Coaldale
- Douglas Lagore, City Manager – City of Spruce Grove
- Craig Curtis, City Manager – City of Red Deer
- Garth Sherwin, City Manager – City of Lethbridge
- Robert Stoutenberg, Town Manager – Town of Stettler





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Committee Mandate

- Emergency Services (police, fire, ambulance, emergency planning)
- Affordable Housing
- Community Economic Development
- Infrastructure
- Governing and managing dramatic community changes
- Social Dimension of Sustainability
- Employment and Immigration in communities
- Parks, Recreation, Cultural Library and Arts







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Mandate Letter from AUMA President

The Building Communities Committee will have a specific responsibility for the following:

- Safe Communities
 - Police
 - Fire
- Ambulance
- Affordable Housing





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Priorities and Achievements – Safe Communities

- **Task Force on Policing** –provided input and direction on the 2009 Policy Paper on Policing
- **Ambulance** – followed the ambulance transition throughout its first 6 months, developed tools for members, surveyed members and made submissions to AHS and GOA.
- **First Responders Radio Communication System** – monitoring role





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Priorities and Achievements – Affordable Housing

- Provincial Plan to End Homelessness – analyzed and provided input.
- 2008 Affordable Housing Policy Paper – advocated the recommendations with both the provincial and federal governments.




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Priorities and Achievements – Infrastructure

- Protocol with Alberta Construction Association has yielded a database of public sector construction projects.
- Advocacy with Government of Canada officials led to a more timely release of infrastructure funds
- AUMA representative on Building Canada Fund
- Promoted the new version of the Municipal Infrastructure Management System (MIMS)
- Provided a committee member to the TRAVIS Fees Committee, and informed members of the TRAVIS Multi-jurisdiction Service (keeping track of overweight vehicles).





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Priorities and Achievements – Social Dimension of Sustainability

- Working with FCSS Association of Alberta as they strategize on presenting the value of FCSS to social sustainability.
- Common Ground project with the Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association continues.
- Explored better linkages with the Alberta Inter-City Forum on Social Policy.



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Priorities and Achievements – Employment and Immigration

- Provides feedback to AUMA's Welcoming and Inclusive Communities (WIC) initiative.





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Priorities and Achievements – Parks, Recreation, Library and Arts

- Continue to work with Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) via Protocol of Cooperation
- Through resolutions process, advocated for more funding for libraries, and showed support for libraries especially in an economic downturn
- Urban Parks resolution before the 2009 Convention.

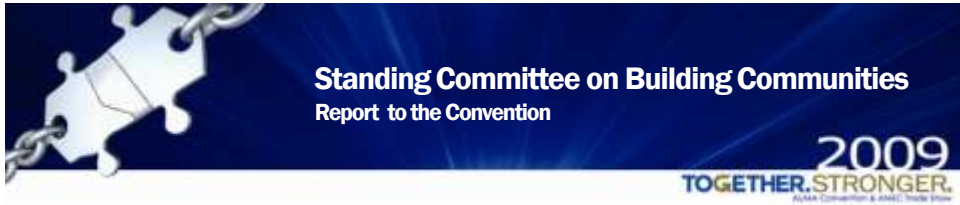


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Guest Presenters





THANK YOU!

Please provide your ideas and ask questions!

