

Women in Municipal Government Committee

Date: Wednesday, November 4



Women in Municipal Government Committee
Report to the Convention

Session Agenda

- Committee Membership
- 2009 Report
Councillor Linda Osinchuk
Committee Chair
- Introduction of Presenter
Mayor Anita Gillard
- Presentation
Kim Berube
Owner & Publisher, Real Woman on the Run
Magazine
- Questions and Ideas



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Committee Members

- Councillor Linda Osinchuk Strathcona County
- Councillor Linda Sloan City of Edmonton
- Mayor Anita Gillard Village of Clive
- Councillor Jacqueline Biollo Town of Beaumont
- Councillor Elaine Sorochan Town of Two Hills
- Councillor Chip Olver Town of Banff
- Councillor Naydene Lewis Town of Okotoks





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Committee Mandate

The Women in Municipal Government Committee is accountable to the AUMA Board for recommending activities designed to raise awareness of the importance of women in municipal government and to strengthen the participation of women in the democratic process.





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Committee History

- In 2006-2007 FCM supported the formation of a task force with the goal of increasing women's participation in municipal government
- Three Councillors worked to further this work in Alberta and held a series of workshops across the province
- AUMA responded to the issue by forming the Women in Municipal Government Committee in 2007
- Survey on Women in Politics administered by the Committee shed more light on the realities faced by women in municipal government and informed the continued work of the committee





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Priorities and Achievements

- **Communicate women in municipal government issues and initiatives to the AUMA membership**
 - Committee web page established (access through www.auma.ca and clicking on Toolkits and Initiatives on the left side of the page)
 - Quarterly newsletter produced
 - Articles published in AUMA Weekly Digest






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Priorities and Achievements (cont.)

- **Build on the related work of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities**
 - Regular dialogue established between Committees
 - Joint meeting held in June
 - During the joint meeting a 1-day session on Women in Politics to be held prior to the FCM 2011 convention was proposed.




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Priorities and Achievements (cont.)

- **Identify, categorize & prioritize emerging issues & opportunities related to women in municipal government**
 - Completed and distributed results of Women in Politics Survey
 - Increased communication with other Board Committees to provide a 'women in municipal government lens'.





Priorities and Achievements (cont.)

- **Establish and strengthen the structure and procedures of the Committee**
 - Adopted Terms of Reference
 - Adopted Operational Plan
 - Increased Committee membership to ensure regional representation



Thank You!

