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To the AUMA Annual General Meeting

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## **Presentation Outline**

- New Initiatives
- Alliances
- Future of Local Governance
- Relationship with Province
- Current Economic Realities
- Federal Stimulus program
- AUMA Leadership
- A Look Ahead






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## New Initiatives: Mayors' Caucuses

- Board initiated - to facilitate feedback from members on a regular basis
- Population-based - to distinguish and appreciate the diversity of members' voices
- Tremendous success - Three series of Caucuses – February, June and September 2009
- Two Mayors' Caucuses planned for 2010





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## Alliances: Strategic Alliance with AAMDC

- Very big win for both Associations, for all municipalities, and the citizens of Alberta
- Stronger, unified, voice in advocating municipal issues to both Federal and Provincial governments
- Collaboration and cooperation ensures best use of each Association's strengths and resources






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## Future of Local Governance:

- Draft Policy Paper on the Resolution Agenda
- Working with Municipal Affairs (MA) to define sustainability
  - Recommendations include:
    - *Creating Assessment Tools in the form of a Municipal Governance Toolkit to assist local governments*
    - *Working with MA to review incentive programs and build a made-in-Alberta solution to unsustainability*




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## Relationship with the Government of Alberta:

- Convention Theme Together Stronger - applies especially to AUMA's relationship with the Province
- AUMA's core recommendations for 2010 Provincial Budget focus on how the Government of Alberta can support municipal governments in achieving collective goal of economic recovery
- **\$\$Goal: Planning, Permanence and Predictability**





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## Current Economic Realities:

AUMA has responded to economic downturn:

- *With internal cost-containment measures\**
- *By continuing to advocate for changes that will provide municipal sustainability, e.g.*
  - Future of Local Governance
  - Strategic Alliance with AAMDC
  - Improved working relationship with Province

▪ \* *Note: 2008 Annual Report online ONLY as reported in Weekly Digest.*






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## Federal Stimulus Program:

- **Fact -** Municipal infrastructure investment will speed Alberta's economic recovery
- In 2009 AUMA successfully took leadership role in unblocking the provincial flow of federal stimulus money
- **2010 Budget Recommendations include:**
  - *Continued investment in municipal infrastructure via provincial/municipal transfers and partnerships*
  - *Timely federal/provincial/municipal partnerships*






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**AUMA Leadership:**

- Municipal Sustainability
- Federal Stimulus Program
- Working Protocol with AAMDC
- Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)
- Bills 202 (Municipal Auditor) & 203 (Election Expenses)
- Ambulance transition / Task Force on Policing / Social media




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**A Look Ahead:**

- Necessity is Mother of Invention – *Sudden recession sparked need for new thinking*
- New ideas have lead to new relationships
- New partnerships focus on prosperity again for all

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as your President in 2009

Enjoy the Convention!

