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The Honourable Lloyd Snelgrove
President of the Treasury Board
and
AUMA Executive

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AUMA's Budget Submission 2010

Introduction

- 2010 Provincial Budget must account for a smaller provincial economy.
- AUMA's Submission is based on 4 principles:
 1. keeping an eye on spending,
 2. protecting programs and services while keeping taxes low,
 3. investing in infrastructure, and
 4. promoting the province on the world stage.

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AUMA's Provincial Budget 2010

AUMA's Core Recommendation:

1. Transition from the current municipal grant system to a permanent system of annual transfers with outcomes-based reporting on provincial, local and joint priorities.
2. Cap Education Property Tax Dollars at \$1.2 Billion as previously promised.
3. Stimulate the economy by continued investments in municipal infrastructure, through transfers and partnerships.

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Supplementary Budget Recommendations 2010

Social Sustainability

- Police: The provincial policing grant (MPAG) does not reflect policing service costs.
- The grant declines from about \$48/capita at 5000 population to about \$16/capita for larger cities.
- Policing costs at all levels are increasing at a faster pace than population inflation while MPAG has only increased to match population growth.
- AUMA recommends that the Government of Alberta reviews with AUMA, options for police funding with a view to finding a new equitable formula.

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Supplementary Budget Recommendations 2010

Social Sustainability

- Seniors in Communities:
 - AUMA recommends that since municipalities are picking up the deficits, AUMA urges the Government to address the ongoing costs associated with an increase in the senior population by establish a specific ongoing fund for Seniors' Services designed to support aging in place.

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Supplementary Budget Recommendations 2010


Environmental Sustainability

- Engage municipalities in developing a comprehensive Provincial Transit Strategy for the planning, funding and implementation of many forms of transit, for example: conventional and para-transit buses, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), commuter rail, Light Rail Transit (LRT) and high speed rail.

Governance Sustainability

- Support AUMA with a Municipal Governance Toolkit and work with the Association to review incentive programs, and build a “made-in-Alberta” incentive solution that would encourage municipal governments to change if their sustainability assessment showed that they should make operational changes or restructure.

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Timing of the Provincial Budget Announcement 2010

- AUMA requests that the Government consider February as the fixed Provincial Budget announcement month, and if that is impossible, that the Government of Alberta provide municipal governments with their education requisition funding requirements no later than the end of February each year.

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Upcoming Events 2010


Mayors' Caucuses

February 10 at the St Albert Inn (St Albert)
February 11 at the Matrix Hotel (Edmonton)

MLA Breakfast

February 11 at the Matrix Hotel (Edmonton)
7:30am – 9:00am


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We Would Like to Hear from You 2010

- We would like to hear about your Ministry's upcoming initiatives.

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Thank-you

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AUMA appreciates all opportunities to collaborate with the Government of Alberta in working towards innovative, safe, healthy, environmentally sustainable and efficient province.

Thank-you for your time and consideration.

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