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Outline

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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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Rural Development and Municipalities 2010

We appreciate Ministry contributions to:

- Business Vitality Initiatives Project
- First Impressions Community Exchange
- Municipal Sustainability Planning Initiative
- AUMA represents hundreds of small, rural communities across the Province – they are concerned with a downturn in the economy, and support diversification of rural economies.

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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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Thank-you 2010

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

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

Thank-you for your time and consideration.

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