

# Notes to Council



December 2009

## AUMA

- **Canada-Wide Strategy for Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent** - Board approved communication with the Minister of Alberta Environment in order to:
  - Praise the work of the Department on the Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Waste Water Effluent, which will bring the rest of Canada in line with Alberta; and, acknowledge the role of AUMA in facilitating municipal input.
  - Request the Minister's support for a cost-shared national plan to meet requirements set out in the Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Waste Water Effluent, and acknowledge that in Alberta funds will be most needed in the area of monitoring and reporting.
  - Reaffirm the ongoing cooperation between Alberta Environment and AUMA in implementing the strategy, practically in regards to pollution prevention measures, full-cost recovery for water services, and monitoring.
- **AUMA Board approve Dennis Evans to the 2009/2010 Small Communities Committee**
- **Update on Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System** - Board approved support for a common radio system within Alberta subject to the costs not being downloaded to Municipalities and further that AUMA agree that the first priority be radio communication to ensure guaranteed communication for emergency services however that the Government continue the expanded the initiative to eventually include data transmission to emergency providers.
- **EcoAction Calculator Mayors Challenge** - Board approved the use of the EcoAction Calculator as the basis of a Mayors Challenge of Alberta Municipalities and Citizens.
- **Letter of December 11, 2009 Minister of Municipal Affairs RE: 2010/11 Provincial Budget** - Board approved thanking the Minister of Municipal Affairs for his correspondence of December 11, 2009 and his commitment to provide, "roughly the same" municipal funding support in the 2010/11 provincial budget as in 2009/10, and his further commitment that "similar levels of funding as in 2009/10 for programs" such as MSI (including AMIP), MPAG and the Family and Community Support Services program will remain available.
- **MSI Program and 2010 Provincial Budget** - Board approved that in addition to thanking the Minister for his December 11, 2009 letter regarding what to expect in the 2010 Provincial Budget, to register the following concerns:
  - The total amount of MSI for 2009 and what is expected for 2010, is substantially less than what was announced in 2007
  - The streamlining of municipal grants from 77 down to a much lower number of programs could mean cancellation of grants, with no replacement of those monies in a different program
  - The movement of the final year of AMIP monies to the MSI means that AUMA Members will be allocated monies on a different formula from what was supported under AMIP
  - While it has been suggested that there will be no major adjustments of grants for smaller communities in Budget 2010, this leads AUMA to ask if there will be some adjustments for larger Municipalities
  - The MSI was to be used to support the sustainable provision of core Municipal infrastructure and services. This priority use of the funds, and overall municipal autonomy, is eroded when provincial officials suggest that it be used to fund community groups.
- **Mayors' Caucuses in February 2010 – MLA Breakfast – February 11/10** - Board approved an MLA Breakfast on Thursday, February 11, 2010.
- **Mayors' Caucuses in February 2010** - Board approved rescinding the original motion and approve a 2010 budget adjustment to increase membership fees by 5% (current budget 3%) for 2010. The increased revenue to be applied to hold 2010 Mayors Caucus and an MLA Breakfast.
- **RFD – Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Sustainability Strategy Working Group Terms of Reference** - Board approved rescinding the original motion and that AUMA Administration will participate in Municipal Affairs Municipal Sustainability Strategy Working Group to address the first two core questions.
  - Administration to bring back the results of the Municipal Sustainability Working Group efforts to the AUMA Board for their consideration and further, to ask the AUMA Board if we should continue participation at the Working Group to address core questions 3 and 4.
  - CEO to bring to the working group proposed terms of reference adjustments that broadens the range of solutions that will help address core questions 3 and 4 in the Terms of Reference; and
  - Board to request that the Working Group and the Minister be advised of our position, with the CEO forwarding all our work related to restructuring Municipalities, from different revenue sources, dissolutions, grants, legislation etc. and that the President's letter clearly outline the need for the Terms of Reference, to be adjusted to use all types of tools to support viable Municipalities.

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## **APEX**

- **Status of APEX Plan Amendments** - Board accepts that the Plan Text amendments have been approved by the Regulator; and Administration to work on the layout and process of how the amendments are to be reflected in filed documents.
- **Directors and Officers Due Diligence Report** - Board approved the development of a Director's and Officer's Due Diligence schedule to the 2010 Initiatives.

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## **AMSC**

- **Election to the Board** – Board approved that President Darren Aldous be nominated to Chair the AMSC Board and that Director Glenn Taylor be nominated Vice-Chair to the AMSC Board.
- **AON Consulting, Amendment to Group Insurance Benefits Program Services Agreement** – AMSC Board approved extension of the contract until June 30, 2012 for the Support Services Agreement in order to assist with the implementation of the Human Resources review implementation.
- **NavRisk Project Contract Changes** - AMSC Board approved administration execute an amendment to the David Corp. contract for software improvements.

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## **AMSCIS**

- **Declaration of 2009 Shareholder Dividend** – The AMSCIS Board approve a dividend to AMSC of \$1,345,000.00