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## President's Update

Welcome to the June Mayors Caucus

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## AUMA/AAMDC Protocol Agreement

2010

▪ AUMA and AAMDC signed a working protocol agreement last year in order to:

- ✓ stronger, united advocacy voice
- ✓ gain a more strategic position

▪ Wins:

- ✓ Municipal Sustainability Strategy Working Group
- ✓ Support on Bill 203
- ✓ Support for 4 year terms for elected officials



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## Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

AUMA, AAMDC, Alberta Environment and Alberta Municipal Affairs have partnered to develop a Municipal Climate Change Action Centre which will:

- Support municipalities in decreasing green house emissions and increasing energy efficiency
- Include a website with tools, resources and promising practices specifically relevant to Alberta municipalities
- Provide support for municipalities in climate change and/or energy planning, completing energy audits, implementing new technologies etc.



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## Common Ground Initiative

- Did you know that:

- 78% of all Aboriginal people live off-reserve
- 61% of the non-reserve Aboriginal population lives in urban areas, and
- 50% of the Aboriginal population is under the age of 25

- AUMA and ANFCA are exploring how to move the Common Ground initiative to the next phase.

- If you want to discuss the partnership and initiative further contact Sue Welke [swelke@auma.ca](mailto:swelke@auma.ca)



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## High Speed Rail

- AAMDC has invited AUMA to partake in their study of the impacts of High Speed Rail on rural Alberta
- The Study has four phases: Defining the rural impact zones; define range of impacts and related magnitudes; potential impacts, constraints and long-term planning; and Ensuring HSR plans address rural needs, minimize impacts.
- AUMA has not decided on participating and would like member feedback.

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## EcoAction Challenge

- This Challenge is being made by the citizens of Airdrie to all the citizens of Alberta's municipalities.
- The citizens of Airdrie want others to match or beat their ability to make simple changes that will improve the environment in their daily lives.
- To learn more, visit the AUMA website and click on the EcoAction Challenge Button!



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## Business Vitality Index

- AUMA was successful in a funding proposal to Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development through the Rural Community Adaptation Program to facilitate the Business Vitality Initiative (BVI) in 6 communities.
- The BVI measures the business-friendliness of a community, compares the results to other communities, helps communities come up with strategies for improvement and launches communities into action.
- If you are interested in learning more, speak to Sue Welke or Zoreh Saher.

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## Municipal Sustainability Plans

- Municipal Sustainability Planning is an opportunity for municipalities to look long-term at the communities they want to become and take proactive steps to move there by developing a plan that includes 5 dimensions of sustainability: environment, economy, social, cultural, and governance.
- To learn more:
  - contact Joanne McGill at [jmcgill@auma.ca](mailto:jmcgill@auma.ca)
  - Visit the AUMA MSP microsite: <http://msp.auma.ca>



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## Running for Municipal Office?

AUMA has included a number of resources on running for municipal office on its homepage.



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## Upcoming Events



### AUMA Convention & AMSC Tradeshow

- Tuesday November 23 to Thursday November 25
- Edmonton Shaw Conference Centre
- Game On! *Stronger. United.*

### AMSC Swing into Summer Golf Tournament

- June 23 at the Innisfail Golf Course.

*See you there!*

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