



June 2010

CEO's Welcome and Update

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Update on Past RFDs

2010

- 1) RFD on Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy (Drumheller)**
 - **AUMA is taking action by examining this issue in partnership with Alberta Environment, Municipal Affairs, and AAMDC.**
- 2) RFD on Intermunicipal Governments (Forestburg)**
 - **AUMA is taking action by conducting a survey of members and research.**

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Update on Tangible Capital Assets

- As TCAs are incorporated into municipal financial reporting, the financial statements change substantially.
- Municipalities may be concerned that they are in non-compliance with the MGA due to the need to claim amortized costs as an expense with TCA accounting.
- A Ministerial Order and the Municipal Finance Clarification Regulation was issued in 2008 confirming that budgets are still balanced on a cash basis.
- Since amortization is a non-cash expense, it does not put a municipality into a deficit under the legislation.



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Changes to AUMA Resolution Process

Changes to the Resolution Process have been adopted by the AUMA Board and will take effect **beginning in 2011**

1. AUMA has increased latitude for extending the resolution deadline.
2. The annual call for resolutions may include information on key issues identified in the AUMA strategic or business plan.
3. The annual call for resolutions will also include information on alternatives to convention resolutions available during the year (i.e. RFDs at Mayors Caucus or RFDs to the Board).

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Changes to AUMA Resolution Process 2010

AUMA has introduced new Resolution Categories:

1. **AUMA Strategic/Business Plan Priorities**
 - Addresses matters related to implementing the AUMA strategic and/or business plans.
2. **Provincial Scope**
 - Addresses matters of significance to all/most municipalities.
3. **Targeted Scope**
 - Addresses matters of significance to all/most municipalities located in one area of the Province or municipal members of a similar size.

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4. **Endorsement Requests**
 - Addresses requests of regular Members to endorse positions they are taking without any advocacy action by AUMA.
5. **Non-Municipal Matters**
 - Addresses matters outside of municipal jurisdiction and therefore are not appropriate for presentation to the convention.

While AUMA's Municipal Governance Committee will continue to be responsible for the categorization or resolutions, the idea here was to make the categorization simpler and more user-friendly.

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Resolutions not debated at convention due to lack of time.

- These resolutions will be considered by the Board of Directors following the convention.
- The Board may choose to ask sponsoring municipality to make a presentation or request advice from a Standing Committee.



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AUMA's Financial Update

- For 2010 the AUMA and its related companies are operating profitably and very close to budget.
- Our Energy, Employee Benefits, and General Insurance categories continue to grow and prosper.
- Our Aggregated Investment Service line – MuniFunds, is in the start-up phase however starting to grow with the attention to due diligent and good net returns.
- AUMA now owns two properties: the Saskatchewan Dr. location is leased out for 10 years and we are just finishing the upgrades to our new building and expect to have it fully leased in 2011.
- Currently, AMSC continues to be profitable; however, AMSC is paying for the new building and its upgrades which reduced the dividends to AUMA.



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- AUMA has been careful to:
 1. keep membership fee increases in step with inflation (3.6%),
 2. plan for the expected dividend reduction, and
 3. keep these Mayor Caucus sessions at no-charge.
- But in order to meet these 3 goals, the AUMA advocacy team has had to tackle costs and curtail a few initiatives for the 2010 year.

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Thank you



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