

# Notes to Council



May 2010

## AUMA

### Approved RFDs

- Preparing a submission to the newly established Alberta Council of Competitiveness which outlines municipal suggestions and concerns about the current competitiveness of Alberta's municipalities.
- Writing to Honourable Vi Toews, Federal Minister of Public Safety, regarding investing in the rebuilding municipal infrastructure after damages are incurred through a natural disaster.
- Writing to the Treasury Board President in appreciation of the efforts to simplify the application and reporting.
- Approved the resolution encouraging all municipalities in Alberta to join the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD). This will be presented as an AUMA-sponsored resolution to the 2010 Convention.
- Writing to the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, stating support for an accredited planning school in Alberta. A 2010 Convention resolution requesting the Government of Alberta support an accredited planning school in Alberta will be brought forward.

### Appointments

- Mayor Martin Shields selected as AUMA representative to the Spatial Data Warehouse External Committee.
- President Darren Aldous appointed to the newly established Transmission Cost Monitoring Committee.

### Other

- CEO entering into further discussions on a Terms of Reference with the Executive Director of Alberta School Boards Association, for a Council of Local Governments.
- Approved Administration working with Alberta Recreation and Parks Association under the Protocol of Cooperation.
- Thanking the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Bill 9 legislation, and requesting to be closely involved in further consultations.
- Forwarding the Assessment Task Force Policy Paper to the 2010 AUMA Convention for approval.
- A presentation on the Assessment Task Force will be prepared for the June Mayors Caucuses.
- Writing a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs restating our position on four year terms.
- Municipal Governance Standing Committee to ensure that the new Franchise Agreement include a requirement for the franchise holder to provide energy use information to the municipality by user category.
- Releasing the Draft Water Conservation Planning Guide/Toolkit for Member comment and use.
- Request that the Minister of Health be engaged in the development of an Emergency Medical Sustainable Capital Assets Strategy.
- Writing to the Solicitor General to express frustration with the lack of progress on equitable Police Funding in Alberta.