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Overview:

- Principles-Based Legislation
- Local Authority Election Act
- Update on AUMA's work on Water
- Municipal Accountability Action Plan
- Canadian European Trade Agreement (CETA)

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Principles-Based MGA

- ▶ 2011 AUMA Initiative
- ▶ Development of a policy paper that asks:
 - ▶ What are the implications of a principles-based MGA for municipalities?
- ▶ Principles versus Rules
- ▶ This paper will be exploratory and will be circulated prior to the 2011 annual Convention.

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Local Authorities Election Act

- ▶ 2011 AUMA Initiative
- ▶ Task Force to review LAEA and make recommendations to the GOA on:
 - ▶ 4 year terms for municipal officials;
 - ▶ change date of general election to spring;
 - ▶ tax credits/deductions for contributions to local government; and
 - ▶ other concerns.

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Update on AUMA's work on Water

- ▶ All municipalities with water licences need to use Alberta Environment's online Water Use Report or WUR system.
- ▶ The infrastructure leakage index or ILI target asks municipalities to use the American Water Works Association water audit software;
- ▶ however, this software is only reliable for municipalities with over 3000 service connections, BUT updates to the software are expected this summer
- ▶ Have question? Need guidance? AUMA can help. Contact AUMA to find out how.

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Municipal Accountability Action Plan

- ▶ Municipal Affairs had asked for AUMA's feedback on their Municipal Accountability Action Plan
- ▶ AUMA is concerned with parts of the plan:
 - ▶ rotating **Municipal Corporate Reviews**;
 - ▶ **information portal** for public access to municipal financial information;
 - ▶ and the releasing recommendations made in audit **management letters**.

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Canadian European Trade Agreement (CETA)

- ▶ AUMA is writing to the provincial Minister of International and Inter-governmental Affairs and the federal Minister of International Trade (with a copy to the FCM President), outlining the following AUMA concerns with the CETA:
 - ▶ Municipal procurement must not be given away to the EU in a trade agreement that does not equally benefit municipal governments in Canada;
 - ▶ AUMA supports water and health and related infrastructure being excluded from international trade agreements;
 - ▶ Municipal governments should have representatives at the table in any trade negotiations that can have an affect on municipal governments

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Thank you

- ▶ AUMA appreciates the opportunity to meet with administrators.
- ▶ We want to hear from you!
- ▶ Please contact AUMA with comments, questions and concerns.
- ▶ www.auma.ca

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