

# Notes to Council



August 2011

## AUMA

### Approved

- AUMA supports the Government of Alberta's decision to defer the \$15 fee for motor vehicle searches to January 2012. AUMA to ask they continue to press for legislative changes and propose amendments to the access agreements to require a minimum notice period of 12 months on any future fee changes.
- Thanking the Minister of Environment for the response to the 2010 resolution on Renewable Power Incentive Program in Alberta, and ask that AUMA be engaged as the Province moves forward with implementation of the Climate Change Strategy.
- Addressing the Government of Alberta's responses to resolutions by:
  - writing to Municipal Affairs accepting their response to the Resolution: Support for an Accredited Professional Planning School in Alberta
  - stressing the importance of continuing to look for opportunities to promote professional planning accreditation.
  - writing to the Minister of Transportation, rejecting the response to the Resolution: Funding for Water Lines as it does not address the issues raised by the resolutions.
  - thanking Municipal Affairs for the response to the resolution on Crown Land Sales/Use of Public Land to Municipalities for Public Works and stressing the importance of selling land to municipalities at a nominal rate.
  - Regarding the resolution on Registration of Abandoned Wells, AUMA will and stress the importance of the registration of abandoned wells for municipalities and request that the Government of Alberta consider this matter in light of the redesign of the system on the Land Titles Office. AUMA will also pursue dialogue with the Law Society of Alberta and Environmental Law Society of Alberta on the issue of Abandoned Wells.
- A website page for Inter-municipal Cooperation including examples of intermunicipal agreements will be developed
- A meeting with the Alberta Law Reform Institute and the City Managers of Edmonton and Calgary will be set up to further understand their position on the issue of Reform of Joint and Several Liability for Municipalities.
- Naomi Finseth chosen as the recipient for the Women in Municipal Government Bursary.
- A survey on Women in Municipal Government was included in the delegate package at the AUMA 2011 Convention.
- Concept approved for the development of a module related to the Women in Municipal Government being forwarded to the EOEP Board for consideration.
- A letter to the Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness for his response to the Healthy Alberta Communities Policy Paper acknowledging the rural physician program will be sent. The letter will emphasize that incentives are not sufficient since smaller/remote local governments cannot afford to fund incentives to attract and train health care professionals.; Writing to Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) outlining the need to hold another consultation session in Alberta on immigration, and offer AUMA's help in planning and promoting the session.

### Appointments

- Gary Smith appointed to the Investment Committee.
- Mayor Martin Shields appointed as AUMA's representative on the Alberta Water Council's Riparian Land Conservation Management Project Team.
- Stanley Wong appointed to the AMSC Board of Directors.
- Dell Wickstrom appointed to the Gas Technical Council.

### Other

- Administration to prepare a proposal to have registration fees for the 2012 Mayors' Caucuses.
- Administration to prepare a report on communication/coordination between provincial government departments.
- Municipal Sustainability Awards for 2010
  - The Innovators Communities Award be presented to the City of Red Deer.
  - The Visionary Communities Award be presented to the Town of Morinville.
  - The Founders Communities Award be presented to the Town of Hinton.
  - The Leadership Award to be presented to Les Quinton of Black Diamond.
- Awards for dedicated CAO for 2011 to Dwight Stratford, Town of Strathmore and Bernie Kreiner, Town of Hinton.
- AUMA Board to continue with the Local Matters Campaign with a strong voice for a real change in the relationship between the Provincial Government and municipalities.
- AUMA to make a charitable donation of \$1500.00 on behalf of Premier Stelmach as recognition of his time as Premier.

- The topic for the Infrastructure & Energy Committee Session be Energy with a focus on sharing the content of the material provided by Don Thompson at the President's Summit
- Thanking the ADM of Local Government Services, Municipal Affairs for attending the August Municipal Governance Committee meeting, and to invite him to attend the Committee meeting in January.
- Administration to attend the next stakeholders meeting on the Alberta Public Safety and Law Enforcement Training Initiative on September 14, 2011 and will provide a follow up report to the AUMA Board and administration on the feedback and information provided at that meeting
- Requesting further information on the consultation process with municipalities CEO of Alberta Health Services.
- Administration to investigate and prepare a report for the Board on non-refundable room deposit at convention.
- Administration to send a communiqué to the Mayors and CAOs clarifying AUMA's position on Oil Sands Revenue.