



2008/2009

Mayor's Caucus – Under 2500 Population

Wednesday, February 4th, 2009 – 9:00 AM

Marriott River Cree Hotel – Edmonton, Alberta

MINUTES

Registered/Present

	First Name	Last Name	Municipality <i>(alpha)</i>
Mayor	Richard	Ireland	Municipality of Jasper
Mayor	Alice	Solesbury	Summer Village of Yellowstone
Mayor	Kathy	Hunter	Summer Village of Castle Island
Councillor	Peter	Watson	Summer Village of Grandview
Councillor	Eli	Gushaty	Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay
Mayor	Ralph	Johnson	Summer Village of Itaska Beach
Mayor	Debra	Oakley	Summer Village of Ross Haven
Mayor	Liz	Turnbull	Summer Village of Silver Sands
Mayor	Sandi	Benford	Summer Village of Southview
Mayor	Peter	Pellatt	Summer Village of Sundance Beach
Mayor	Anne	Morrison	Summer Village of Sunset Point
Councillor	Douglas	Tudor	Summer Village of Parkland Beach
Mayor	Gordon	Harris	Summer Village of West Cove
Mayor	Colleen	Powell	Town of Athabasca
Mayor	Bob	Cambridge	Town of Bashaw
Mayor	Leona	Hanson	Town of Beaverlodge
Mayor	Joan	Dickau	Town of Bentley
Councillor	Tyler	Bray	Town of Black Diamond
Mayor	Lin	VanDusen	Town of Bon Accord
Mayor	Alan	Hyland	Town of Bow Island
Mayor	Lance	Colby	Town of Carstairs
Mayor	Garry	DeVloo	Town of Castor
CAO	Michael	Yakielashek	Town of Castor
Mayor	Dennis	Cassie	Town of Coalhurst
CAO	Kim	Hauta	Town of Coalhurst
Councillor	Mark	Stannard	Town of Coronation
Mayor	Lenard	Calon	Town of Daysland
Mayor	Helen	Posti	Town of Eckville
Mayor	Margaret	Tardif	Town of Falher



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Mayor	Leora	MacKinnon	Town of Fox Creek
Mayor	Anita	Miller	Town of Hardisty
Deputy Mayor	John	Pioker	Town of Hardisty
Mayor	Frank	Dusome	Town of Irricana
Mayor	Bud	James	Town of Killam
Mayor	Steven	Sharun	Town of Lamont
Mayor	Sunni-Jeanne	Walker	Town of Manning
Mayor	Doug	McDermid	Town of Mayerthorpe
Mayor	Dave	Gursky	Town of Millet
Councillor	Ben	VanDeWalle	Town of Morinville
Mayor	Julia	King	Town of Penhold
Councillor	Carrie	Fischer	Town of Redwater
Mayor	Mel	Smith	Town of Redwater
CAO	Thelma	Rogers	Town of Sedgewick
Mayor	Helen	Whitten	Town of Sedgewick
Mayor	Claude	Lagace	Town of Sexsmith
Mayor	Theresa	Sandul	Town of Spirit River
Mayor	Kevin	Edwards	Town of Three Hills
Mayor	Nabil	Chehayeb	Town of Tofield
Mayor	Barry	Kletke	Town of Trochu
Mayor	Dona	Fluter	Town of Turner Valley
Mayor	Mark	Kussman	Town of Two Hills
Mayor	Norm	Adolphson	Town of Valleyview
Mayor	Curtis	Peterson	Village of Alix
Mayor	Muriel	Fankhanel	Village of Alliance
Mayor	Jerry	Iwanus	Village of Bawlf
Mayor	Walter	Stefanik	Village of Big Valley
Mayor	Bob	Clark	Village of Boyle
Councillor	Jim	Giancola	Village of Boyle
Councillor	Don	Radmanovich	Village of Boyle
Councillor	Pam	Germain	Village of Chauvin
Councillor	Val	Gramlich	Village of Chauvin
Mayor	Jim	Palmer	Village of Chipman
Mayor	Anita	Gillard	Village of Clive
Mayor	Bob	Manny	Village of Delburne
Mayor	Lorne	Klevgaard	Village of Edberg
Mayor	Barbara	Sjoquist	Village of Edgerton
CAO	Terry	Tiffen	Village of Edgerton
Councillor	Micheal	Wilbeboer	Village of Edgerton
Councillor	Peter	Miller	Village of Forestburg
Mayor	Frank	Herle	Village of Galahad



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Mayor	Johnnie	Doonanco	Village of Glendon
Mayor	Annon	Hovde	Village of Linden
Mayor	Ivor	McCorquindale	Village of Longview
Councillor	Donna	Dolany	Village of Lougheed
Mayor	John	Larson	Village of Lougheed
Councillor	Verner	Thompson	Village of Mannville
Mayor	Jenelle	Saskiw	Village of Marwayne
Mayor	Edward	Sosnowski	Village of Myrnam
Mayor	Bernadette	Hebert	Village of Nampa
Mayor	Sharon	Haselwood	Village of New Norway
Mayor	Paul	Goldade	Village of Nobleford
Mayor	James	McTavish	Village of Rosalind
Mayor	Elisabeth	Kuz	Village of Ryley
Mayor	Scott	Hayes	Village of Spring Lake
Mayor	Larry	Nilsson	Village of Stirling
Mayor	Brian	McGaffigan	Village of Strome
Mayor	Shelly	Hanasyk	Village of Thorhild
Mayor	Allan	Gee	Village of Thorsby
Councillor	Teresa	Fritz	Village of Warburg
Mayor	May	Metke	Village of Warburg

Attending 2008/2009 AUMA Board of Directors (President, then alpha order)

Mayor Lloyd Bertschi, AUMA President – Morinville

Mayor Darren Aldous V.P. & Director, Villages West - Breton [2008/2010]

Mayor Bob Clark, Director, Villages East - Boyle [2008/2010]

Deputy Mayor Reg Pointe, Director, Summer Villages - S.V. Yellowstone [2007/2009]

Mayor Bruce Rowe, Director Villages South - Beiseker [2007/2009]

Councillor John Trefanenکو, Director, Towns East - St. Paul [2007/2009]

Guests:

Greg Weiss – Covus Business Advisors

Janice Romanyshyn – Director of Municipal and Grants and Information Service –
Alberta Municipal Affairs (for selected discussion) - 12:50 PM – 1:15 PM

Staff:

John McGowan – AUMA Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Wendy Graden – AUMA Executive Officer - HR Shared Services & Corporate

Bruce Thom – AUMA Executive Officer - Policy and Legal

Sue Welke – AUMA Director, Policy & Advocacy

Rachel Bocock – AUMA Senior Policy Analyst (Advocacy)

Lauren Baldwin – AUMA Senior Project Coordinator - Water Conservation Initiative

Tasneem Ali – AUMA Administration Assistant

Ashley Nealon – AUMA Research Assistant - Shared Services



Gary Williams – AUMA IT Manager
Rose Dacyk – AUMA Executive Assistant to Executive Officer-Policy and Legal
David Johnson – AUMA Director, Client Development
Loreen Lennon – AUMA Senior Director, Corporate Services
Danielle Ferguson - AUMA Executive Assistant to Senior Director, Corporate Services
Lorrie Law – AUMA Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order the Mayors Caucus Meeting for Municipalities under 2500 in Edmonton, Alberta

By AUMA President and Chairman, Mayor Lloyd Bertschi at 9:00 AM

2. Welcome and Orientation To Mayor's Caucus Meetings

By AUMA President and Chairman, Mayor Lloyd Bertschi

Clikapad overview

By AUMA Executive Assistant to Senior Director, Corporate Services, Danielle Ferguson

Presentation Outline

By AUMA Director, Deputy Mayor Reg Pointe

3. AUMA Action Items

RFD - Future of Local Governance

Presentation - Future of Local Governance

By AUMA Director, Deputy Mayor Reg Pointe - 9:05 AM – 10:00 AM

0902 – SMC01

THAT the Mayors Caucus receive the update on the Future of Local Governance Initiative Report, as per discussion today.

CARRIED

Clikapad Questions Mayors' Caucuses – Future of Local Governance – Feb '09

Do you think that Municipal governance in Alberta has to change in order to meet the challenges of the future?

Answer: Yes 60 – No 9

Do you think that the Government of Alberta will act to make changes to Municipal Government form within the next year?

Answer: Yes 23 – No 39

Do you feel that a system of regional Government and Municipal Government would be viable in Alberta?

Answer: Yes 26 – No 42



Do you believe it is possible to maintain a unique community identity within a larger Municipality than the one you are part of today?

Answer: Yes 45 – No 24

AUMA's goal in the Future of Local Governance Initiative is to examine more effective forms of governing Municipalities/communities. Do you agree with this goal?

Answer: Yes 67 – No 5

Are you prepared as an individual to make the changes necessary to maintain the sustainability and viability of your community?

Answer: Yes 65 – No 4

RFD - Water Conservation

**Presentation - Municipal Water Conservation and Efficiency Plan
By AUMA Director, Mayor Darren Aldous - 10:00 AM – 10:40 AM
0902 – SMC02**

THAT the Mayors' Caucus receive the update on Municipal Water Conservation and Efficiency Plan.

CARRIED

Clikapad Questions Mayors' Caucuses – Water Conservation – Feb '09

Is your Municipality starting a water conservation plan?

Answer: Yes 27 – No 37

Is your Municipality searching out and detecting leaks?

Answer: Yes 35 – No 29

Has your Municipality implemented water efficiency rebates?

Answer: Yes 6 – No 58

Does your Municipality have bylaws requiring the use of water efficient fixtures?

Clarification of question, to include all "existing" or "new" -

Answer: Yes 11 – No 58



Water RFD Questions

One proposed target for the AUMA Municipal Water Conservation and Efficiency Plan is:

80% of AUMA Municipalities calculate their baseline Infrastructure Leakage Index and identify ways to reduce leaks by December 2010.

Do you support with this target?

Answer: Yes 50 – No 17

Another target for the AUMA Municipal Water Conservation and Efficiency Plan is:
80% of AUMA members produce water conservation plans by December 2010.

Do you support this target?

Answer: Yes 47 – No 13

The final short-term target proposed for the AUMA Municipal Water Conservation and Efficiency Plan is:

80% of Municipalities take action to improve the uptake of low flow fixtures in Alberta residences by December 2010.

Do you support this target?

Answer: Yes 52 – No 17

Refreshment Break – 10:40 AM – 10:50 AM

RFD - Policing - Safe Communities

Presentation - Policing Task Force

By AUMA Director, Mayor Bob Clark - 10:50 AM – 11:45 AM

0902 – SMC03

THAT the Mayors' Caucus receive the update on Policing – Safe Communities report.

CARRIED

Policing RFD Questions

OVERSIGHT

Do you agree with the proposed Task Force findings that:

Police Commissions/ Policing Committees/ the Province (as the case may be) adequately oversee police in Alberta?

Answer: Yes 35 – No 34



Police Commissions and Policing Committees currently have the right responsibilities, and their appointment processes result in getting the best people?

Answer: Yes 24 – No 35

The Provincial Government should not make any appointments to these bodies, but should leave them in the hands of local representatives?

Answer: Yes 48 – No 19

The matter of establishing Policing Committees should be left as a discretionary decision of local communities?

Answer: Yes 62 – No 8

For ALL appointments of RCMP detachment commanders, regardless of rank or lateral transfer, meaningful consultation should be required with local officials?

Answer: Yes 37 – No 34

Every RCMP detachment commander should be required to establish an RCMP Advisory Committee in the absence of there being in place a mechanism like a Policing Committee?

Answer: Yes 56 – No 12

FUNDING

The Province should fund Police:

- 1. At cost equivalent to the first 5000 pop plus \$50/cap.**

Answer: 20

- 2. At \$50/cap to all paying Municipalities**

Answer: 12

- 3. At \$50/cap as above plus \$20/cap for over 50,000 pop**

Answer: 14

- 4. None of the above**

Answer: 17

Do you support that every Municipality (including counties), regardless of size, should pay towards the cost of policing?

Answer: Yes 23 – No 46

Does the Province currently, adequately, address “shadow” populations in its financing process?

Answer: Yes 5 – No 39



The percentage of policing costs, which should be paid by each order of Government is:

1. Each one-third (Federal/Provincial/Municipal)-[OR]
Answer: 1
2. Federal and Province only: 50% each-[OR]
Answer: 24
3. Federal and Provincial: 40% each; Municipal: 20%-[OR]
Answer: 7
4. Federal: 20%; Provincial: 30%; Municipal: 50%-[OR]
Answer: 1
5. Federal: 50%; Provincial: 40%; Municipal: 10%-[OR]
Answer: 25
6. Other
Answer: 12

CONTINUUM OF POLICING

Number of Officers

- a) The Task Force findings are that there are not enough police officers in Alberta. Do you agree with this statement?
Answer: Yes 62 – No 7
- b) Is this statement correct as it relates to your own community?
Answer: Yes 56 – No 13

Do you agree with the proposed Task Force findings that:

- a) There is appropriate cooperation and integration between the various law enforcement agencies in Alberta (bylaw/sheriffs/local police/ RCMP)?
Answer: Yes 26 – No 41
- b) There still needs to be better methods developed to overcome jurisdictional and governance obstacles, which hinder achievement of the objective of having officers with the right amount of training available to deal in a timely fashion with offences?
Answer: Yes 64 – No 3
- c) The Province itself should provide, at its cost Province-wide, the specialized policing services such as murder investigations in smaller communities, drug enforcement, organized crime enforcement, integrated child exploitation enforcement etc.?
Answer: Yes 63 – No 8



EMS (Emergency Services) Transition

Discussion

By AUMA Director, Mayor Bob Clark and AUMA President and Chairman, Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – 11:45 AM – 11:47 AM

0902 – SMC04

THAT the Mayors Caucus receive the EMS Transition report, as information.

CARRIED

RFD - Provincial Municipal Partnership - Ahead Together Campaign

Presentation - Provincial Municipal Partnership - Ahead Together

By AUMA President and Chairman, Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – 11:47 AM – 12:00 PM

0902 – SMC05

THAT the Mayors Caucus approve proceeding with the AheadTogether Communications Plan for 2009, as per discussion today.

CARRIED

Lunch 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM

4. Presentations

Rural Communities Programs- Alberta Municipal Affairs

By Janice Romanyshyn – Director of Municipal and Grants and Information Service – Alberta Municipal Affairs - 12:50 PM – 1:15 PM

- Municipal Grants and Information Services
- 2009 Funding
- 2009 Municipal Allocations
- MSI Website; with Guidelines, Forms, Projects accepted by the Minister
- Municipal Sponsorship Program –
 - 2008/2009 Budget - \$14.7 million
 - Conditional Funding availability
 - Improve Municipal Governance
 - Three components; base grant, interMunicipal bonus, priority bonus
- Regional Partnership Initiative; exploration, implementation
- Accountability Framework Mandate
- Key Dates Calendar – Reporting deadlines of GOA Municipal Financial Assistant Program
- Municipal Financial Assistance Handbook



Presentation - Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Impact

By AUMA Director, Mayor Bruce Rowe - 1:15 PM – 1:25 PM

Introduction of Greg Weiss, Corvus Business Solutions, Facilitator – 1:25 PM – 1:40 PM

Open Microphone Discussion:

- What good things have come, or will be coming to your Municipality as a result of your MSI funding?
- What is your Municipality doing, or could be doing to ensure the provincial Government gets the right message about the importance of the MSI program?

Presentation - Municipal Sustainability Planning (MSP) Initiative

By AUMA Staff, AUMA Director, Policy & Advocacy - 1:40 PM – 1:55 PM

Greg Weiss, Corvus Business Solutions, Facilitator – 1:55 PM – 2:15 PM

Open Microphone Discussion:

- Long Term Planning

Sharing Services

By AUMA Director, Mayor John Trefanenko - 2:15 PM – 2:20 PM

Refreshment Break – 2:20 PM – 2:40 PM

5. Mayor's Action Items

RFD - Municipal Viability – Summer Village Itaska Beach

By Mayor Ralph Johnson – SV Itaska Beach - 2:40 PM – 3:15 PM

0902 – SMC06

THAT the Mayors Caucus approve AUMA working with ASVA (Alberta Summer Villages Association) in consulting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to consider the viability of all Municipalities, with a population under 2005, as per discussion today.

CARRIED

Clikapad Vote:

Answer: Yes 54 – No 12



RFD-Changes in Building Codes - Affect on Small Communities - Town of Sexsmith

By Mayor Claude Lagace – Town of Sexsmith - 3:15 PM – 3:25 PM
0902 – SMC07

THAT the Mayors Caucus approve AUMA reviewing the new standards proposed for the building codes and keep in mind the impact on the small communities and not just the large cities. Keeping in mind, that building materials are a big factor in fire suppression, proposing the minimum side yard setbacks remain at 4 feet and not be increased to 6 feet in Municipalities protected by volunteer Fire Departments.

Motion by AUMA Director, Mayor Darren Aldous to:

Refer the recommendation, back to Administration for a report, to next Mayor Caucus session.

CARRIED

RFD- Municipal Incentives for Attracting Doctors - Town of Sexsmith

By Mayor Claude Lagace – Town of Sexsmith – 3:25 PM – 3:30 PM
0902 – SMC08

THAT the Mayors Caucus approve AUMA, on behalf of Small Communities, advocate to the Province that they provide incentives to attract doctors to Small Communities.

Motion by AUMA Director, Mayor Darren Aldous to:

Refer the recommendation, back to Administration for a report, to next Mayor Caucus session.

CARRIED

Wrap up and Overview To Mayor's Caucus Meetings, Process and Format
By AUMA President and Chairman, Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – 3:35 PM – 3:40 PM

Clikapad Questions

Did you find today's Mayors Caucus Session, of value?

Clikapad Vote:

Answer: Yes 54 – No 3

Are you planning to attend the subsequent Mayor Caucus sessions?

Clikapad Vote:

Answer: Yes 53 – No 4

Is the AUMA Board providing the right leadership in the initiatives identified at the 2008 Convention and the RFD's in today Agenda?

Clikapad Vote:

Answer: Yes 49 – No 3



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AUMA Small Communities Standing Committee

By AUMA Director, Mayor Bruce Rowe – 3:40 PM – 3:45 PM

Thanks to the Committee

6. Adjournment at 3:45 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McGowan', is written over a horizontal line.

Secretariat Coordinator

John McGowan, CEO

February 4th, 2009