



2008/2009

Mayor's Caucus - 2,501-10,000 Population

Thursday, February 5th, 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	Colleen	Powell	Town of Athabasca
Mayor	Brian	Schulz	Town of Barrhead
Mayor	Melodie	Stol	Town of Blackfalds
Mayor	Rick	Schow	Town of Cardston
Mayor	Lance	Colby	Town of Carstairs
Mayor	Kim	Craig	Town of Coaldale
Mayor	Phil	McCracken	Town of Crossfield
Councillor	Jason	Brander	Town of Didsbury
Mayor	Bryce	Nimmo	Town of Drumheller
Mayor	Greg	Pasychny	Town of Edson
Mayor	Louise	Krewusik	Town of Grande Cache
CAO	Dean	Krause	Town of High Level
Mayor	George	Schmidt	Town of High Level
Town Manager	Larry	Baran	Town of High Prairie
Councillor	Ian	Duncan	Town of Hinton
Mayor	Judy	Dahl	Town of Olds
Mayor	Iris	Callioux	Town of Peace River
Mayor	Larry L.	Henkelman	Town of Ponoka
Mayor	George	Bohne	Town of Raymond
Mayor	Dale	Barr	Town of Rimbey
Councillor	Sheila	Mizera	Town of Rocky Mountain House
Mayor	Karina	Pillay-Kinnee	Town of Slave Lake
Mayor	Glenn	Andersen	Town of St Paul
Mayor	James	Hunter	Town of Stettler
Mayor	Kevin	Edwards	Town of Three Hills
Mayor	Richard	Coleman	Town of Vegreville
Mayor	Bruce	Marriott	Town of Vermilion
Mayor	Trevor	Thain	Town of Whitecourt



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

Mayor Lloyd Bertschi, AUMA President – Morinville (for selected discussions)

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

Councillor Karen Ann Bertamini, Towns South - Drumheller [2008/2010]

Alderman Ric McIver, V.P. & Director, Cities Over 500,000 - Calgary [2007/2009] (Arrived: 11:25A)

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

Mayor Glenn Taylor, V.P. & Director, Towns West - Hinton [2008/2010]

*Acting Chair: 9:10 AM – 10:39 and 12:33 PM to 3:36 PM

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) - 12:33 PM – 12:57 PM

Staff:

John McGowan – AUMA Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

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

Sue Welke – AUMA Director, Policy & Advocacy

Lauren Baldwin – AUMA Senior Project Coordinator - Water Conservation Initiative

Tasneem Ali – AUMA Administration Assistant

Gary Williams – AUMA IT Manager

Rose Dacyk – AUMA Executive Assistant to Executive Officer-Policy and Legal

David Johnson – AUMA Director, Client Development

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

**1. Call to Order the Mayors Caucus Meeting for Municipalities 2,501 – 10,000 in
Edmonton, Alberta**

By AUMA Vice President and Acting Chairman, Mayor Glenn Taylor at 9:10 AM

2. Welcome and Orientation To Mayor's Caucus Meetings

By AUMA Vice President and Acting Chairman, Mayor Glenn Taylor

Roundtable Introductions

Clickpad Overview

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

3. AUMA Action Items



RFD – EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Transition

Presentation - EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Transition

By AUMA Director, Councillor Karen Anne Bertamini – 9:20 AM – 9:45 AM

0902 – MMC01 – COLEMAN (Town of Vegreville)

THAT the Mayors' Caucus receive the update on the EMS Transition, for Information.

CARRIED

Clikapad Questions Mayors' Caucuses – EMS Transition – Feb '09

Do you receive the Update on the EMS Transition for information?

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 27 / No – Zero

Are you satisfied with the EMS Transition documents that AUMA has delivered to you?

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 24 / No – 2

RFD – MGA Assessment

Presentation – MGA Assessment

By AUMA Vice President and Acting Chairman – Glenn Taylor – 9:45 – 10:20 AM

0902 – MMC02 – CALLIOUX (Town of Peace River)

THAT the AUMA Board consider the comments forwarded by the February, 2009 Mayors' Caucus on the attached Overview on Assessment presentation.

CARRIED

Refreshment Break – 10:25 – 10:34 AM

RFD – Climate Change

Presentation – Climate Change

By AUMA Director, Councillor John Trefanenko – 10:34 AM – 10:58 AM

Introduction of AUMA Research Assistant (Advocacy) – Brad Park

0902 – MMC03 – THAIN (Town of Whitecourt)

THAT the AUMA Board approve the approach proposed in the presentation on the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan.

CARRIED



Clikapad Question Mayors' Caucuses – Climate Change – Feb '09

1. Do you agree with the approach proposed in the presentation on the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan?

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 21 / No – 3

Presentation - Mayors Caucus Orientation

By AUMA President and Chairman, Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – 10:58 AM – 11:18 PM

RFD - Future of Local Governance

Presentation - Future of Local Governance

By AUMA President and Chairman, Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – 11:18 AM – 11:55 AM

Introduction of AUMA Director, Policy and Advocacy – Sue Welke

0902 – MMC04 – DAHL (Town of Olds)

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?

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 25 / No – 2

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

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 8 / No – 18

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

Clikapad Vote:

Re-voting after clarification of the question

Yes – 4 / No – 21

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

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 17 / No – 6



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?

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 27 / No – Zero

Lunch 11:55 AM - 12:33 PM

“Acting Chair” – Vice President, Mayor Glenn Taylor @12:33 PM

4. Presentations

Rural Communities Programs- Alberta Municipal Affairs

By Janice Romanyshyn – Director of Municipal and Grants and Information Service –
Alberta Municipal Affairs - 12:33 PM – 12:57 PM

- Municipal Grants and Information Services
- Three key funding programs:
 - Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)
 - 2009 Funding
 - 2009 Municipal Allocations
 - MSI information on Municipal Affairs Website; with Guidelines, Application 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
- Jurisdictional scan has been done – continuous improvements in the process - measures and objective
- Key Dates Calendar – Reporting deadlines of GOA Municipal Financial Assistant Program
- Municipal Financial Assistance Handbook
- Flexible to support key programming initiatives.
- Competing interest among Municipalities for this funding.



5. AUMA Action Items (continued)

RFD - Policing

Presentation - Policing Task Force

By AUMA Vice President and Director, Alderman Ric McIver - 12:58 PM – 2:15 PM

0902 – MMC05 – DUNCAN (Town of Hinton)

THAT the AUMA Board consider the comments forwarded by the February, 2009 Mayors' Caucus on the attached draft Policing Policy Paper, as the Board deliberates on approving the final Paper.

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?

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 13 / No – 11

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

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 9 / No – 15

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

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 26 / No - Zero

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

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 21 / No – 5

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

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 20 / No – 6



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?

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 15 / No – 11

FUNDING

The Province should fund Police:

Clikapad Vote:

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

Answer: 12

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

Answer: 6

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

Answer: 3

- 4. None of the above**

Answer: 4

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

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 18 / No – 4

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

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – Zero / No – 24

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

Clikapad Vote:

- 1. Each one-third (Federal/Provincial/Municipal)-[OR]**

Answer: 5

- 2. Federal and Province only: 50% each-[OR]**

Answer: 3

- 3. Federal and Provincial: 40% each; Municipal: 20%-[OR]**

Answer: 6



- 4. Federal: 20%; Provincial: 30%; Municipal: 50%-[OR]
Answer: 3
- 5. Federal: 50%; Provincial: 40%; Municipal: 10%-[OR]
Answer: 7
- 6. Other
Answer: 1

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?
Clikapad Vote:
Yes – 25 / No – Zero
- b) Is this statement correct as it relates to your own community?
Clikapad Vote:
Yes – 18 / No – 7

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)?
Clikapad Vote:
Yes – 13 / No – 11
- 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?
Clikapad Vote:
Yes – 24 / No – Zero
- 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.?
Clikapad Vote:
Yes – 24 / No – 2



Do you support that Rural Communities should also pay towards the cost of policing?

Clikapad Vote:

Yes – 25 / No – 1

Refreshment Break – 2:15 PM – 2:30 PM

RFD - Provincial Municipal Partnership - Ahead Together Campaign

Presentation - Provincial Municipal Partnership - Ahead Together

By AUMA Vice President and Chairman, Mayor Glenn Taylor – 2:30 PM – 2:58 PM
0902 – MMC06 – CALLIOUX (Town of Peace River)

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

CARRIED

6. Presentations (continued)

Presentation - Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Impact

By AUMA Vice President and Director, Mayor Darren Aldous - 2:58 PM – 3:05 PM

Polled the Group regarding MSI Q&A and the questionnaire will be distributed by mail and in the Weekly Digest.

Presentation – Water Conservation and Efficiency Plan

By AUMA Vice President and Director, Mayor Darren Aldous – 3:05 PM – 3:17 PM

Sharing Services

By AUMA Director, Councillor John Trefanenko - 3:17 PM – 3:26 PM

7. Mayors' Action Items

RFD - AMSC/Nexen Service Fee for Streetlights – Town of Drumheller

By Mayor Bryce Nimmo – Town of Drumheller - 3:26 PM – 3:36 PM

0902 – MMC07 – NIMMO (Town of Drumheller)

THAT the Mayors' Caucus recommend to the AUMA Board that the Government of Alberta approve a regulation allowing for only one street light meter per Municipality.

CARRIED



Wrap up and Overview to Mayors' Caucus Meetings, Process and Format
By AUMA President and Chairman, Mayor R. Lloyd Bertschi – 3:36 PM – 3:38 PM

Clikapad Questions
Today's Session Mayors Caucus of Value?

Clikapad Vote:
Yes – 23 / No – Zero

Are you planning to attend the subsequent Mayor Caucus sessions?

Clikapad Vote:
Yes – 21 / No – 2

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:
Yes – 23 / No – Zero

6. Adjournment at 3:42 PM

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

Secretariat Coordinator
John McGowan, CEO
February 5th, 2009