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# Elected Officials Professional Development Committee Report

Featuring a Panel Discussion  
November 22, 2017

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# Session Agenda

- Committee Members
- Committee Mandate
- 2017 Activities
- Facilitated Panel Discussion
- Q&A

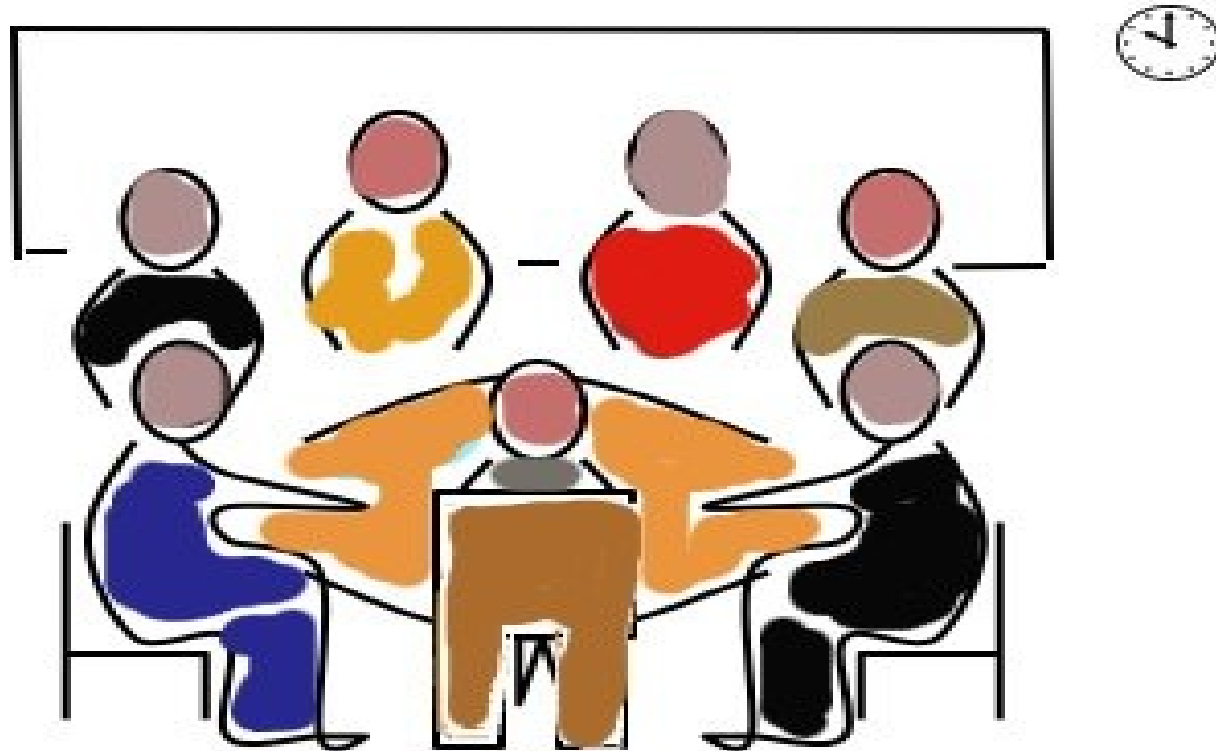


# Committee Members

Name	Municipality
Chair Councillor Cathy Heron	City of St. Albert
Councillor Mike Walsh	Town of Penhold
Councillor Ted Chistensen	Town of Banff
Councillor Taneen Rudyk	Town of Vegreville
Councillor Tammy Strang	Town of Edson
Deputy Mayor Gail Smith	City of Chestermere
Elaine Vincent Chief Administrative Officer	Town of Okotoks
Phyllis Forsyth Chief Administrative Officer	Summer Village of Norglenwold



# Committee's 2017 Mandate



# Panelist Discussion



# Question 1:

- Elected officials often have to balance competing interests when making decisions. What strategies and approaches did you take to manage those and did you have successes you could share?



## Question 2:

- Given that being an elected official is very busy what strategies did you use or do currently you use to balance your work commitments with your life commitments.



# Question 3:

- Social media plays a large role in governance in today's society. Do you have any tips to share with how to manage social media





# Question 4:

- Given the recent changes to the MGA, we all know that as municipalities we will be working more closely with our neighbours-do you have strategies or examples of how we can do this successfully?



# Question 5:

- What was your biggest learning as an elected official that you could share with the group? Additionally, was there any formal or informal training that you undertook for your role? Would you suggest this ?



# Question 6:

- What is the best way to engage with community members? How do you engage members or groups whose voices may get lost in the crowd?





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# Thank you!



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We believe that municipalities need stable and predictable funding to support their social, economic, cultural, environmental, and governance objectives. We also believe that the roles and responsibilities of municipal governments must be recognized and respected by both the provincial and federal orders of governments, and advocate for that recognition and respect. We work to ensure that everyone—at every level of government—understands that municipal governments are accountable to their citizens and are trusted to act in the best interest of their respective communities.

AUMA works to engage our members and develop strategic partnerships between all orders of government to meet municipal needs. Although many urban municipalities share common challenges, such as the need to fund core services and maintain infrastructure, we also understand the diverse and complex nature of our membership. That's why we're committed to developing solutions that respect differences.

Whether it's building and leveraging strategic partnerships, building capacity through the development of resources and tools, or developing efficient, effective business solutions, we never lose sight of the fact that every municipality is unique.

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