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Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Update – November 2020

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The City of Calgary (The City) is an active member within the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and this briefing memo is a monthly update to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (IGA) on their activities and The City's work within the AUMA on provincial issues.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

AUMA Board Update

- The AUMA Board met on October 22 and 23, 2020. Board orientation was conducted and the AUMA appointed volunteers to their Standing Committees and their external and internal boards.
- AUMA Board discussed and approved the priorities for the AUMA Standing Committees for the 2020-2021 year. These include:
 - For the Executive Committee's advocacy priorities to work on in 2021 are:
 - The New Local Government Fiscal Framework;
 - Federal Infrastructure Funding programs in cooperation with the Infrastructure & Energy Committee; and
 - Red Tape Reduction & investigating 'Alternative Service Delivery' options with the Government of Alberta.
 - Infrastructure & Energy Committee will focus on:
 - Federal Infrastructure Funding programs;
 - Broadband;
 - Assets Management;
 - Energy Issues; and
 - Identifying and elevating issues related to economic development or recovery to the Economic Resiliency and Recovery Taskforce.
 - Municipal Governance will focus on:
 - The 'Future of Municipal Governance' project;
 - Province's new assessment model;
 - Province's on-going MGA Review;
 - Municipal-Indigenous Relations;
 - Monitor impact of changes to Local Authorities Elections Act (LAEA); and
 - Identifying and elevating issues related to economic development or recovery to the Economic Resiliency and Recovery Taskforce.
 - Safe and Healthy Communities will focus on:
 - Justice and Policing systems including...
 - The Police Act Review;
 - Advising the Alberta Police Advisory Board;
 - Participating in the Provincial Police Service consultation;

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- Advocating for adequate funding of provincial victim services units.
 - Improvements to Mental Health & Addictions system;
 - Monitor implementation of Provincial and Federal Affordable Housing strategies;
 - Advocacy on root-causes of crime, health, and social issues and support community recovery from COVID-19 pandemic;
 - Welcoming and inclusive communities; and
 - Identifying and elevating issues related to economic development or recovery to the Economic Resiliency and Recovery Taskforce.
- Sustainability and Environment will focus on:
 - Modernizing Alberta's Recycling Regulatory Framework through...
 - Advocacy on EPR (focus on paper & packaging);
 - Advocacy for a permanent agriculture plastics recycling program;
 - Preparing input into federal single-use plastics policy; and
 - Expansion of current recycling programs.
 - Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation;
 - Continued red rape reduction; and
 - Identifying and elevating issues related to economic development or recovery to the Economic Resiliency and Recovery Taskforce.
- The majority of AUMA's priorities are in alignment with Council's direction.
- Also discussed the draft 2021 AUMA Committee Calendar.

Other Events

AUMA Executive Committee had their annual meeting with the City of Edmonton's Council on October 21, 2020.

Motion 510, submitted by Stony Plain-Spruce Grove MLA Searle Turton, requesting the Government of Alberta to examine implementing a Province-wide Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program passed unanimously in the Alberta Legislature on October 26, 2020. The successful passage of the motion was due in no small part to the on-going advocacy of The City and the AUMA on this issue, led by Councillor Demong and City of Calgary Waste and Recycling Services. AUMA staff will follow up with the Ministry of Environment regarding their possible next steps on the issue.

Upcoming AUMA Events

- The Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) is holding their fall convention on November 3 to November 4, 2020. AUMA will have observers at their virtual convention.
- The next AUMA Executive meeting is set for November 19, 2020.
- The next AUMA Board meeting is set for November 26, 2020.