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## **Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Update - AUMA 2021 Convention**

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### **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 and regarding our joint advocacy.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### **The AUMA Fall Convention & Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 2021 November 17 to 19 – Summary Overview**

The AUMA hosted its first in-person convention in two years at the Edmonton Convention Centre and was attended by 1,177 delegates. Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the convention and all attendees followed the Government of Alberta's Restriction Exemption Program (REP). The AUMA offered a virtual option for delegates to attend convention remotely this year by broadcasting a majority of the proceedings online and allowing delegates to vote remotely. However, all of Calgary's delegates attended in-person.

Ten council members attended the AUMA convention including Mayor Gondek (along with her Chief of Staff, Stephen Carter), Calgary's newly appointed AUMA Board members Councillor Peter Demong and Councillor Jennifer Wyness along with two members of City Administration from Intergovernmental and Corporate Strategy (ICS). Mayor Gondek met with Minister McIver, attending councillors participated in AUMA education session, AUMA elections and resolution session with City Administration in support.

Nineteen resolutions were submitted by AUMA member municipalities and 18 were passed (details enclosed further within this Briefing).

The AUMA unveiled a new brand at the 2021 Convention. Going forward the AUMA will be known as 'Alberta Municipalities'. AUMA bylaws need to be amended to reflect the new name.

Mayor of St. Albert, Cathy Heron defeated Councillor Andre Chabot for position of AUMA President. Airdrie Mayor Peter Brown was elected as a Director for Cities up to 500,000.

Premier Kenney addressed the convention on Friday, 2021 November 19 highlighting the collaborative relationship the Government of Alberta has with Alberta's municipalities, the struggles with the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and the recent investments in the Alberta economy. The Premier expressed optimism in the future of the province. Thirteen Government of Alberta ministers attended the convention and participated in the AUMA's Minister Dialogue session.

Newly elected Member of Parliament (MP) for Calgary-Skyview, George Chahal, and Edmonton Centre MP Randy Boissonnault, Minister for Tourism and Associate Finance Minister, also attended a portion of the convention.

## **The Premier of Alberta, the Hon. Jason Kenney's Address**

Key highlights and messages from the Premier's address:

- The Premier highlighted past co-operation with Alberta's Municipalities including supporting Mayor Nenshi and The City of Calgary's request for continued financial support towards the Low-income Transit Pass in the 2021 budget.
- The Premier stated that Alberta's GDP has contracted from \$365 billion in 2014 to \$320 billion in 2021, however, unemployment has dropped substantial from last year's high and forecasts project 6.7 per cent growth for Alberta in the coming year.
- Premier highlighted the opportunity for a Provincial Police Force and the developing hydrogen economy may have for Alberta.
- Premier listed a number of recent economic investments in the technology and film sectors (many within Calgary) and called on Alberta's municipalities to work with the Government of Alberta on economic development, "hunting as a pack" in a "Team Alberta" approach.

## **Minister Dialogue Sessions**

Key highlights from the Minister Dialogue sessions:

- Asked about what is happening with the work of the 2018-2019 Police Act Review, Minister Madu stated changes to the Police Act will come when the Bill is ready.
- Minister Nixon was asked about the closure of Swan Hills Hazardous Waste Facility and how hazardous waste would be handled going forward. Minister stated the Swan Hills facility had reached the end of its life and that household hazardous waste would be included within the development of the new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program, who's enabling bill, Bill 83, is currently in the Legislature and expected to pass in early December.
- Regarding the new Affordable Housing strategy, Minister Pon stated the Government of Alberta will sell underused assets to re-invest in housing stock; Transfer assets and develop partnerships to increase housing stock and keep deep subsidy programs to ensure "no one is left behind."

## **AUMA Convention Resolution Session**

Nineteen resolutions were presented to the AUMA delegates this year. A summary of the results of the voting on the individual resolutions is enclosed at the end of this Briefing. All but one of the submitted resolutions passed and will now become advocacy and policy issues for AUMA Board and Administration to work on in the new year. AUMA staff are integrating the passed resolutions into their 2021-2022 work plans.

The City submitted two resolutions this year, both were passed with substantial support from the AUMA membership. Councillor Carra introduced The City's two sponsored resolutions. The Town of Okotoks seconded The City's resolutions. The resolutions were:

- *2021.B3 - Advocacy on Financial Measures* regarding integrating several of The City of Calgary's Financial Task Force recommendations into the AUMA's current advocacy on municipal financial reform with the Government of Alberta.
- *2021.B9 - Resolution 2021.B9: Improved Provincial-Municipal Emergency Collaboration and Communications* requesting a comprehensive review of the pandemic response in cooperation with the Government of Alberta and Alberta's municipalities.

There was strong majority support from AUMA delegates for other resolutions that are in alignment with Council's key advocacy positions. These were:

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- *Resolution 2021.B5: Expansion of Authority to Support Affordable Housing*
- *Resolution 2021.B8: National Flood Insurance Strategy and Community Resiliency Advocacy*
- *Resolution 2021.B12: Alberta Health Services Emergency Ambulance Dispatch – Independent Review*
- *2021.E1 Responsibility of Ambulance Service Delivery*

Submission of resolutions for the fall 2022 September 21 to 23 Alberta Municipalities Convention hosted in Calgary, Alberta will open near the end of Q1 2022 with a deadline expected to be 2022 June 30.

## **AUMA 2021-2022 Board Elections**

The 2021-2022 AUMA Board is as follows:

### Alberta Municipalities President and Chair

Cathy Heron, Mayor, City of St. Albert

### Director, Cities over 500,000

Andrew Knack, Councillor, City of Edmonton

Keren Teng, Councillor, City of Edmonton

Peter Demong, Councillor, City of Calgary

Jennifer Wyness, Councillor, City of Calgary

### Director, Cities up to 500,000

Tyler Gandam, Mayor, City of Wetaskiwin

Dylan Bressey, Councillor, City of Grande Prairie

Peter Brown, Mayor, City of Airdrie

### Director, Towns

East: Trina Jones, Deputy Mayor, Town of Legal

West: Janet Jabush, Mayor, Town of Mayerthorpe

South: Tanya Thorn, Councillor, Town of Okotoks

### Director, Villages

East: Jocelyne Lanovaz, Councillor, Village of Mannville

West: Angela Duncan, Deputy Mayor, Village of Alberta Beach

South: Bruce McLeod, Mayor, Village of Acme

### Director, Summer Villages

Mike Pashak, Mayor, Summer Village of Half Moon Bay

## **Members of AUMA 2021-2022 Executive Committee**

The 2021-2022 AUMA Executive Committee membership is as follows:

AUMA President Cathy Heron, Mayor, City of St. Albert

Director, Cities over 500,000 for Edmonton Andrew Knack, Councillor, City of Edmonton

Director, Cities over 500,000 for Calgary Peter Demong, Councillor, City of Calgary

Director, Cities up to 500,000 Tyler Gandam, Mayor, City of Wetaskiwin

Director, Towns Tanya Thorn, Councillor, Town of Okotoks

Director, Villages Angela Duncan, Deputy Mayor, Village of Alberta Beach

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<b>AUMA RESOLUTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS and RESLUTS</b>			
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>CATEGORY: PROVINCIAL SCOPE</b>			
2021.B1	<b>Creating Jobs Through Remediating and Redeveloping Brownfields</b>	Support	Passed
2021.B2	<b>Provincial Commitment to Transition to an Extended Producer Responsibility for Household Hazardous Waste Program</b>	Support	Passed
2021.B3	<b>Advocacy on Financial Measures</b>	Support - City of Calgary Sponsored Resolution	Passed
2021.B4	<b>Online Voting for Municipal Elections</b>	Support	Failed
2021.B5	<b>Expansion of Authority to Support Affordable Housing</b>	Support	Passed
2021.B6	<b>Police Funding Model Accountability &amp; Transparency</b>	No Recommendation	Passed
2021.B7	<b>Regional Centre Funding</b>	Support	Passed
2019.B8	<b>National Flood Insurance Strategy and Community Resiliency Advocacy</b>	Support	Passed
2021.B9	<b>Improved Provincial-Municipal Emergency Collaboration and Communications</b>	Support - City of Calgary Sponsored Resolution	Passed
2021.B10	<b>Provincial Broadband Strategy</b>	Support	Passed
2021.A11	<b>Mental Health and Wellness for Public Safety Personnel</b>	Support	Passed
2019.A12	<b>Alberta Health Services Emergency Ambulance Dispatch – Independent Review</b>	Support	Passed
<b>Category C: Other issues of potential interest to Alberta</b>			
2019.C1	<b>Advocacy for a National Early Learning and Care Program</b>	Support	Passed
2021.C2	<b>Elder Care Model</b>	Support	Passed
2021.C3	<b>Long Term Care</b>	Support	Passed
2021.C4	<b>Tobacco Industry Health Cost Recovery Fee</b>	Support	Passed
<b>CATEGORY: Emergent</b>			
2021.E1	<b>Responsibility of Ambulance Service Delivery</b>	Support	Passed
2021.E2	<b>Provincial Health Restriction Decisions</b>	Support	Passed
2021.E3	<b>Alberta Supports and Children’s Services Clouse to Walk in Clinic</b>	Support	Passed