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# A BOARD NEWS

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Councillor Jim Stevenson VP & Director, Cities over 500,000 City of Calgary

## AUMA Board Business

#### Successful Wildrose Meet and Greet

AUMA's Executive Committee had a well attended meet and greet session with the Wildrose Party, October 7. Given their high degree of interest, an information package relating to our MGA submission was forwarded to them. Also, information on linear taxes will be circulated, which was requested.

#### Mid-size cities meeting

AUMA President Lisa Holmes attended the mid-size cities meeting in Cold Lake. AUMA was invited to provide briefings on a number of advocacy topics and projects.

The agenda for the meeting included topics such as working with the new provincial government, MGA review, LAEA, Alberta Community Partnerships grants, ambulance service levels and dispatch, school reserves, asset management, provincial minimum wage impacts, and AMSC retirement services.

#### Newly Elected Provincial Government Engagement

After the first phase of engaging with government partner and members, the second phase of the project focuses on extending the relationship further by building credibility through fulfilling some of the expectations and providing support, as discussed during the first phase.

During the second or extend phase, AUMA will discuss specific highpriority AUMA interests to the new government. Initiating discussions about overcoming obstacles will also take place to navigate through conflicting interests and areas of policy misalignment. The goal is to transform the current relationship into a mutually respected and empowered governmentto-government partnership.

# Symposium on Linear Taxation reforms

AUMA will be holding a symposium on linear taxation reforms in January.

AUMA will be preparing a research paper that outlines the current state of linear tuxation and issues related to sharing, and key issues facing urban municipalities.

The first part of the symposium will present the discussion paper and ask AAMDC and the provincial government to outline their current position or expectation.

The second part of the session will be a closed session for mermbers to develop a comprehensive position on the sharing of linear taxation to submit to government.

Sessions will be held in Leduc, Red Deer and Lethbridge.

#### Status of Women's Task Force

AUMA will be forming a task frorce on the status of women.

Chaired by the AUMA President, this committee will comprise of five elected officials and one CAO from AUMA membership.

The goal of the task force is to make recommendations to the AUMA Board on opportunities for municipalities to link to the provincial government's new department on the Status of Women and to address the convention resolution on missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

### **Board appointments**

The following appointments have been approved by the AUMA Board of Directors:

#### **AUMA** Board

President, Mayor Lisa Holmes, Morinville, Chair

VP, Director, Cities over 500,000, Councillor Tony Caterina, Edmonton

VP, Director, Cities over 500,000, Councillor Jim Stevenson, Calgary

VP, Cities up to 500,000, To be appointed

VP, Director, Towns West, Mayor Maryann Chichak, Whitecourt

VP Villages & Summer Villages, & Director, Villages East, Mayor Jenelle Saskiw, Marwayne

Director, Cities over 500,000, Councillor Andre Chabot, Calgary

Director, Cities up to 500,000, Councillor Barry Morishita, Brooks

Director, Cities up to 500,000, Councillor Helen Rice, Grande Prairie Director, Cities up to 500,000, Councillor Cathy Heron, St Albert

Director, Towns East, Nichole Adams, Town of Athabasca

Director, Towns South, Mayor Kim Craig, Coaldale

Director, Villages South, Mayor Cliff Ayrey, Longview

Director Villages West, Deputy Mayor Charlene Smylie, Wabamun

Director, Summer Villages, Mayor Peter Pellatt Sundance Beach

Director, Cities over 500,000 To be appointed

#### AMSC Board

Lisa Holmes - Chair Barry Morishita Helen Rice Maryam Chichak Jenelle Saskiw Cliff Ayrey Elaine Noel-Bentley Ron Helmhold Shelley Miller Al Mondor Stanley Wong

#### Infrastructure and Energy Standing Committee

Tony Caterina – Chair Jenelle Saskiw Andre Chabot Chris Warwick Mark Missal Kevin Nagoya Merete Heggelund Marty Paradine Trina Jones

#### Safe and Healthy Communities Standing Committee

Jenelle Saskiw - Chair Nichole Adams Bill Martens Joyce Bell Tammy Burke Dave Anderson Alan Martens Randy Patrick Buck Buchanan

#### Sustainability and Environment Standing Committee

Maryam Chichak – Chair Cathy Heron Melodie Stol Horacio Galanti Sharlene Brown Stephen Lindop Betty Osmond Michael Simpson Mark Brostrom

## Small Communities

Cliff Ayrey – Chair Charlene Smylie Barb Sjoquist Karen St. Martin David Dubauskas David Nadeau Barb Michel Margaret Plumtree

#### Municipal Governance Standing Committee

Jim Stevenson - Chair
Edmonton Board Director
Barry Morishita
Susan Chow
Julian deCocq
Bill Given
Richard Ireland
Brenda Rauckman
Bill Elihott
Glenn McLean
David Connauton

#### Elected Officials Professional Development Committee

Helen Rice - Chair Barry Morishita Brennan FitzGerald Lynda Phelan Jackie Peterson Cathy Needham June Boyda

## Audit and Finance

Kim Craig – Chair Peter Pellatt Rob Coon Michael Michin Ron Grainger AMSC Board Member APEX Board Member

#### Investment Advisory Committee

Maryann Chichak – Chair Kim Craig Ron Liteplo Arron Brown Bill Rogers AMSC Board Member APEX Board Member

#### APEX Board

Helen Rice - Chair Reappointment of independant board members:

- Robert Kallir
- Monica Norminton

#### External board appointments

#### Upcoming events

Mayors' Caucus March 9-11, in Edmonton 2016 Annual Convention and AMSC Trade Show, October 5-7, in Edmonton.