

## Council Members' Updates on Agency and Initiative Appointments – B2

### Update: Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)

#### Initiative Title: Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)

##### City Council Lead(s):

- Councillor T. Caterina: Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Infrastructure & Energy Committee
- Councillor M. Banga: Board of Directors
- Councillor M. Walters: Municipal Governance Committee

##### Department Lead(s):

- M. Brostrom (City Administration): Sustainability and Environment Committee
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#### Objective:

The City of Edmonton continues to work with the AUMA on proactive identification and advocacy of City priorities and issues of shared interest. Both parties continue to collaborate and share information on issues of mutual benefit.

#### Key outcomes, projects or activities and their status as of July 4, 2017:

- **Summer Mayor's Caucus, June 15, 2017, Okotoks - highlights:**
  - The President provided updates to attendees on various items including federal infrastructure funding, Municipal Sustainability Initiative, climate change, police funding, workplace legislation, and changes to the Municipal Government Act.
  - Further discussions occurred on Welcoming and Inclusive Communities (WIC) as well as impacts of the upcoming legalization of marijuana and next steps from the recent AUMA member survey.
- **Spring Mayors' Caucus, March 7-8, 2017, Edmonton:**
  - Presenters included Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, the Honourable Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks, and the Honourable Brian Mason, Minister of Transportation and Minister of Infrastructure.
  - The Ministers provided timely updates on the phase out of coal and measures to support affected communities and the implementation of the climate change strategy and the use of the carbon levy.
  - Minister Mason confirmed that infrastructure investment continues to be a key focus and confirmed that the phase 2 federal infrastructure funding will be advanced through bilateral agreements in spring 2018 and will bring \$8 billion for capital projects.

- **MGA Amendments:**

- City Administration continues to work on the implementation of the new legislative requirements under the MGA.
  - City Administration completed a comprehensive review of Bill 8 and provided an information report regarding the impacts of Bill 8 on the City to City Council on April 25, 2017.
  - The proposed amendments in Bill 8 follow provincial consultation with municipalities and stakeholders on the MGA Discussion Guide that was released in November 2016.
  - Bill 8 addressed some of the recommended changes requested in Edmonton's submission in response to Bill 21 such as Parental Leave and Tax Receipts. However, Bill 8 is silent on most of the City's asks in the area of assessment and taxation.

- **Legalization of Cannabis Survey:**

- The AUMA invited municipalities to provide their feedback via a survey by June 7.
- City Administration responded to the survey, recognizing these are still early days in our understanding of the impacts to our municipality of this new regime.

**Future Steps:**

- As a result of the municipal elections this fall, the AUMA Annual Convention is scheduled to take place November 22 - 24 in Calgary.
- The City provided no resolutions for consideration and further discussion.

**Evaluation and Recommendation:**

- Edmonton elected officials will continue to represent the municipality on the AUMA board and various other sub-committees going forward.
- The City will continue to work with the AUMA in advancing municipal priorities and areas of shared interest.