

**Council Members' Updates on Agency and  
Initiative Appointments – B16  
InterCity Forum on Social Policy**

**Committee Title:** InterCity Forum on Social Policy  
**City Council Lead(s):** Councillor Esslinger  
**Department Lead(s):** Citizen Services, L. Brenneis / J. Kain

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**Objective:**

The Inter-City Forum on Social Policy (ICFSP) is a vehicle for information-sharing, networking and advocacy for and among Alberta cities and other major urban areas. Its purpose is to address social policy, program and service issues that are of concern to Alberta urban municipalities. Membership is comprised of Alberta Cities and major urban areas with a population over 10,000 and includes one person from the municipal council and one senior staff from each municipality. In addition, there is a representative from AUMA, FCSSAA and Government of Alberta.

**Key outcomes, projects or activities as of June 2017:**

- The ICFSP met on May 12, 2017
- ICFSP members met with Tim Weiss, Special Advisor, Climate Change, Minister Phillips Office. Members discussed the new carbon tax and the impact on municipalities and voluntary sector organizations.
- ICFSP committee had a presentation on the Government of Alberta Information Sharing Strategy. The vision for the information sharing strategy is to improve service delivery to Albertans through increased collaboration and co-ordination across the Government of Alberta and service delivery partners.
- The ICFSP committee hosted a presentation on the community economic development sector building strategy. Courtney Hare, Public Policy Manager with Momentum, provided an overview of community economic development (CED) including several municipal examples. Municipalities were invited to become involved in a proposed provincial CED network.
- Municipalities participating in ICFSP discussed the opioid crisis and actions that they were taking to address the issue.
- ICFSP members discussed legalization of marijuana. AUMA will be soliciting input from members on societal issues that they may then submit to federal and provincial governments on topics such as age of consumption, availability of edibles, etc.