

**MINUTES of the  
SIXTY FIRST (62<sup>nd</sup>) ANNUAL CONVENTION of the  
URBAN MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN  
Held at the TRAVELODGE HOTEL IN SASKATOON, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

PRESENT WERE: 190 Delegates- 5 Spouses-3 Fraternal-54 Sponsors/Exhibitors/Guests = 252

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jason Chorneyko called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Jason Chorneyko introduced the Head Table and gave his welcoming remarks.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Richard Dolezsar provided his annual report on the operation of the Association and announcements relating to the 2017 Convention Program.

**2016 CONVENTION MINUTES**

Moved by Richard Dolezsar that the 2016 Annual Convention Minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**2016 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Moved by Richard Dolezsar that the 2016 Audited Financial Statement be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

**CONFERENCE KICKOFF SPEAKER–LEAH KNIBBS–KNIBBS&ASSOC-HR CONSULTING**

Leah Knibbs of Knibbs & Associates-HR Consulting provided a thought provoking conference kickoff presentation entitled “Harassment in the Work Place – Let’s Start the Conversation”.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – VICE PRESIDENT**

Richard Dolezsar, Executive Director, conducted the Call for Nominations for Vice President.

Nicole Lerat, Rosthern nominated Chris Costley, Mossbank for the position of Vice President.

No further nominations were received upon third call.

Richard Dolezsar, Executive Director, declared Chris Costley elected Vice President by acclamation.

**WORKSHOP – COMMUNICATION, IT'S ALL CRITICAL**

Dawn Hillrud of Knibbs & Associates – HR Consulting made a presentation entitled “Communication, It’s All Critical” outlining the strategies and benefits of good communications in your organizations.

**BYLAW ENFORCEMENT PROCESS FOR MUNICIPALITIES**

Diana Lee, Advisory Services, Phil Brown, Saskatchewan Association of Municipal Enforcement Officer and Jan Whitridge, Executive Legal Officer and Registrar to Provincial Court of Saskatchewan conducted a presentation, panel discussion and question and answer session relating to various bylaw enforcement procedures.

**PROCUREMENT – FINANCIAL BEST PRACTISES – INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

Matthew Clyne, Manager, Vendor Panel made a presentation outlining best practices on a global basis respecting: group procurement, strategic sourcing, transactional purchasing and operational sourcing.

**NOON LUNCHEON**

The following sponsors provided remarks and fraternal greetings at the noon luncheon:

- Bev Dubois, Deputy Mayor, City of Saskatoon
- Gordon Barnhart – SUMA President
- Don Poon, SAL Engineering
- Dawn Dierker, Sask Water
- Christine Beveridge, LGAA
- Michelle Buechler – RMAA
- Phil Benson – SASBO

**SUPPORTING RECREATION IN SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES**

Rob Boulding, Jaclyn Davis and Darren Spelay, SPRA Field Consultants presented a workshop on the benefits and alternate means of supporting recreation in Saskatchewan Communities.

**MEPP UPDATE**

John Hallet, Assistant Director, Pension Programs – Public Employees Benefits Agency (PEBA) gave an update on proposed changes to contribution rates and retirement benefit options based on current actuary information respecting MEPP.

**ANNUAL BANQUET, RETIREMENTS AND SOCIAL EVENING**

Conference participants enjoyed the annual banquet, retirement awards, membership pin presentations, new certificate recognition and Hypnotist Cory J. Minister of Government Relations, Donna Harpauer attended as guest speaker and assisted with presentations of membership pins, new certificates and retirements.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>****ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MEETING**

An Associate members meeting was held and Betty Moller of Cadillac was elected as Associate Director.

**DISTRICT MEETINGS**

District meetings took place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**SMRA RETIREE BENEFIT PLAN**

Eric Biehn provided an update on the successful establishment of the Saskatchewan Municipal Retiree's Association benefit plan, including expansion of eligibility and benefit options.

**SHEPELL FGI – CHALLENGES FOR PEOPLE LEADERS IN THE WORKPLACE**

Caylee Stewart of Shepell FGI conducted a workshop focused on employee wellness and challenges for people who are leaders in the workplace. Shepell is the SUMA EFAP provider.

**SUMADVANTAGE PROGRAM UPDATE**

Tania Wendling, Director of Corporate Programs and Member Services provided an update on SUMAdvantage Program accessibility, options and benefits for municipalities.

**NETWORKING AFTERNOON**

Delegates participated in a networking afternoon with a choice of either a Texas Scramble Golf Tournament and BBQ at Rosthern Valley Regional Park or a bus tour and shopping excursion Downtown Saskatoon.

Winners of the Texas Scramble were a team of:

Rick Dolezsar, Lawrence Lukey, Monica Merkosky, Mona Chaulifour

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>****ASSET MANAGEMENT – MAKING PROGRESS**

Cathy Moberly, Director of Gas Tax Fund and Financial Management, Municipal Infrastructure & Finance, Ministry of Government Relations provided information on progress made to date in Saskatchewan relating to resources available to Saskatchewan Municipalities and requirements under the Federal Gas Tax Fund regulations including development of official local policies to formalize municipalities commitment towards capital infrastructure asset management.

**ADVISORY SERVICES – LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

Diana Lee, Advisory Services provided key legislative updates related to:

- Organized Hamlet criteria and regulations,
- Village & Resort Village criteria and regulations
- Requirements for municipal restructuring if not meeting legislative or regulatory requirements
- Recent amendments relating to conflict of interest rules, disclosure statement and code of ethics.
- Outline of new resources and training available.

**HOW TO FIT A HEART ATTACK INTO YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE**

Philip Jones, motivational speaker provided a key note presentation entitled "How to Fit a Heart Attack Into Your Busy Schedule". The presentation was humorous and thought provoking, encouraging individuals to make manageable personal changes to enable personal wellness.

**INTRODUCTION OF 2017 - 18 EXECUTIVE**

Division 1	Brandi Morissette, Pilot Butte	Associate Director	Betty Moller, Cadillac
Division 2	Don McLeod, Maple Creek	President	Jason Chorneyko, Wynyard
Division 3	Glenda Lemcke, Langenburg	Vice President	Chris Costley, Mossbank
Division 4	Aileen Garrett, Unity	Past President	Rodney Audette, Bethune
Division 5	Janelle Scott, Naicam	Executive Director	Richard Dolezsar, Hudson Bay
Division 6	Brad Wiebe, Hepburn	Executive Assistant	Teresa Parkman, Hudson Bay
Division 7	Therese Chartier, Buffalo Narrows		

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

President Jason Chorneyko thanked the Delegates and Executive Members for their support and looked forward to working with the new Executive and membership in the coming year. He invited delegates to communicate regularly with himself and Executive members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Jason Chorneyko declared the Convention adjourned at 11:45 a.m.