

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan

Mezzanine E&F – Temple Gardens, Moose Jaw

Friday, November 15, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

President: – Rodney Audette
Vice President: – Jason Chorneyko
Directors: – Gordon Murray, Nicole Lerat, Joni Mack,
Shelley Funk, Aileen Garrett, Ronda Heisler,
Marie Selby
Executive Director: - Rick Dolezsar
Absent: - Brad Hvidston, Therese Chartier

CALL TO ORDER

President Rodney Audette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSSIONS:

Executive members reviewed potential discussion items for the meeting with Government Relations and SUMA officials:

- Building Canada Fund, Infrastructure Program
- Tax enforcement & assessment thresholds
- Mediation Board issues
- Education & classes Re: LGA
- Internship Program
- Sustainability and regionalization

DELEGATIONS:

Keith Comstock, Gov't Relations Assistant Deputy Minister
Sheldon Green, Gov't Relations, Director Strategy & Stakeholder Relations

Laurent Mougeot, SUMA Executive Director

Che Wei Chung, SUMA Senior Policy Advisor

DISCUSSIONS:

- 1) Capital Funding for Infrastructure Building Canada Fund
 - Four components including \$195 million 2014 Federal Budget
 - Estimate \$6 million Saskatchewan share from Ottawa
 - 1) Gas Tax
 - Status quo with escalator clause
 - 2) Provincial/Territorial Infrastructure Fund (PTIF)
 - Application based, same level money as 2009 but spread over ten years.
 - 3) GST Rebates
 - 4) P3 Canada
 - Provincial Commitment:
 - Revenue Sharing
 - Sask Builds
 - Match Federal Programs
- 2) Tax Enforcement Regulations re: Mediation Board threshold values
- 3) Internship Program
 - Funding difficulties
 - Suggestion to inform elected officials to lobby for support to take a small amount off Municipal Operating Grant via SUMA Agreement.
- 4) Municipal Sustainability
 - Province supports voluntary restructuring
 - Another option is potential compliance strategy
 - Legislative amendments on population also being introduced.
- 5) Municipal Districts
 - Restrictions will be removed and allow framework for amalgamations, grant payments, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m

President

Executive Director