

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan

Jade Room – Executive Royal Hotel – Regina, SK

7:30 p.m. – Friday, November 21st, 2014

PRESENT

Vice President: – Jason Chorneyko
Directors: – Jan Hoffart, Joni Mack, Shelley Funk, Aileen Garrett, Ronda Heisler, Therese Chartier, Nicole Lerat, Chris Costley
Executive Director: - Rick Dolezsar
Ministry of Gov't Relations:
– Keith Comstock, Assistant Deputy Minister
SUMA: - Sean McEachern,
Director Policy & Communications
Absent: - Rodney Audette, Brad Hvidston

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Jason Chorneyko called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- LGA Course Content – Issues:
 - o Preparation for job positions questioned
 - o Desire for program review
- Two Major Issues Currently:
 - o Education components of qualification
 - o Capacity issues of municipalities
- Way too many small urban municipalities under 300. Rural municipalities have to be on side for restructuring as well.
- Recruitment Issues:
 - o Career opportunities elsewhere
 - o Wage scales
 - o Internship program
- Same issues in RMs too
- Code of conduct for members of Council – preliminary proposal may be put forward to SUMA.
- SUMA roadshow could be available for individual community Council training.
- BCF forecast to open for applications Nov 23rd, 2014 - \$43.7 million:
 - o Priorities – water, wastewater, roads
 - o Deadline – Jan 12th, 2015 – 1st intake has to be regionally significant.
- New Municipal Relations website is up but still has a number of issues.
- Plans for much broader new infrastructure loan program in the works.
- SUMA news:
 - o Now have legal services on staff
 - o Pushing group procurement program
 - o Working on regional recreation collaboration
 - o Landfill survey for environmental code costs currently out.
 - o MMSW Program still has issues
 - o Second call for Recycling Infrastructure Grant.
 - o Community Safety Officers
 - o SGI MVA – Emergency extraction; push for all fire rescue calls to be considered productive calls.
 - o STARS – costs may become an issue for some communities.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m

President

Executive Director