

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan

Piero Room – Delta Hotel – Regina, SK

7:00 p.m. – Friday, November 22, 2019 –

Liaison Meeting with Ministry of Government Relations

PRESENT

President: – Jason Chorneyko
Vice President: - Chris Costley
Directors: – Aileen Garrett, Ferne Hebig, Betty Moller,
Stephen Schurry, Glenda Lemcke,
Meredith Norman, Janelle Anderson,
Kelly Hoare
Absent: - Past President Rodney Audette
Executive Director: - Rick Dolezsar
Executive Assistant: - Teresa Parkman
SUMA President - Gordon Barnhart
Delegations: - Honorable Lori Carr, Minister of
Government Relations
- Grant McLellan, Chief of Staff of
Government Relations
- Bonnie Chambers, Executive Director of
Advisory Services

CALL TO ORDER: President Jason Chorneyko called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: President Chorneyko introduced and welcomed special guests.

ORDER OF DISCUSSIONS:

Legislative Amendments:

- Any size municipality to need a certified administrator?
- Currently municipalities with over 100 population – certified administrators are required.
- Minister Carr confirmed that in the new legislation, all municipalities will require a certified administrator, no matter the size of the municipality.
- Municipalities that are not complying – consequences – revenue sharing may be withheld.
- Effective date proposed January 1, 2021.

Disciplinary Committee:

- UMAAS has the most files they've ever had.
- UMAAS's capabilities to discipline or fine are limited in the Administrator's Act. (ie: \$50 fine amount for an uncertified administrator).
- Minister's Policy Branch can help in discussions with amending the Urban Municipal Administrator's Act.
- Gov't Relations suggested that we consider amending other portions of the Act at the same time.

Asset Management in Smaller Municipalities:

- Challenges
 - implementation of the Asset Management Plan
 - time and manpower to do
 - capabilities to complete
 - need simplified spreadsheets?
- Gov't officials suggested using regional cooperation and applying for the Targeted Sector Funding Grant in this regard.

2020 Municipality Election Dates

- Municipal elections – issues with date changes and Remembrance Day conflict.

Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP)

- Program has some issues; working through them.

Advisory Services – Scope & Role

- Looking for legal advice/opinion from staff
- Acts do not allow this as it is no longer prescriptive but rather permissive.
- Gov't officials consider this to be a conflict where they've established the Act and then to give legal advice on their own Act becomes a conflict of interest.
- Suggested to use SUMA lawyer or possibility the Peer Network group in this capacity.

Municipal Infrastructure Funding – Future Outlook:

- Timeline for Infrastructure Grant Funding
 - December/19 – applications to come out
 - March/20 – applications due
 - Late Summer/20 – Funding announced.
- To submit one priority in each sector (ie: Rec & Culture, Wastewater/Water, Green) only

Training Needs for CAOs:

- Certification, education, etc.
- Education requirements do not prepare for the job.
- Certification program at Sask Polytech?
 - Committee working on this
- U of R LGAA courses would continue
- Sask Polytech would be new, separate program.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

President

Executive Director