

# **EXECUTIVE MINUTES**

Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan

Piero Room – Delta Hotel – Regina, SK

**7:00 p.m. – Friday, November 25 – 2022**

## **Liaison Meeting with Ministry of Government Relations**

PRESENT

President: – Chris Costley  
Vice President: - Barry Elliott  
Past President: - Jason Chorneyko  
Directors: – Aileen Garrett, Kelly Hoare,  
Stephen Schury, Renea Paridaen,  
Janelle Desautels, Landon Chambers,  
Pamela Wintringham  
Absent: - Meredith Norman  
Executive Director: - Rick Dolezsar  
Executive Assistant: - Teresa Parkman  
Future Exec. Asst: - Lovely Magnaye  
SUMA President - Randy Goulden  
Delegations: - Honorable Don McMorris, Minister of  
Government Relations  
- Sheldon Green, Assistant Deputy Minister of  
Municipal Relations  
- Bonnie Chambers, Executive Director of  
Advisory Services Municipal Relations  
Branch

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Chris Costley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** President Costley welcomed special guests.  
A round table introduction took place.

### **ORDER OF DISCUSSIONS:**

#### **CAO & Council Relationships**

- Requirements for Council Training, particularly roles and responsibilities.
- Working towards the challenges in these relationships
  - Councilors come in with no real experience
  - Province to see if there is some way to get Councils to take some kind of training within the first 6-12 months of being elected. (ex: 30 minute video)
- No mandatory trainings for any elective positions (ie: MLAs, school boards, etc).
- Mandatory education for Councilors? Gov't? SUMA?
- Suggest SUMA (possibly) to make and distribute standardization videos for municipalities to use to help administrators with training their Councils.
- Could SUMA/SARM resolutions help to get the training? 'Mandatory' is the difficult word.
- Protection of CAO tenure suggestions: 2/3 requirement to release someone; right to appear before Council to present position.

Census Appeals

- How many Census appeals did the government receive?
- Will the new appealed numbers be used in the municipal revenue sharing, Gas Tax fund, policing costs, etc.?
  - Yes those numbers come into effect the following year after the appeals are decided.
- Could all organizations (SUMA/SARM/UMAAS/RMAA, etc.) partner to educate the public on how the Census is important to their communities?

Elections Date – Provincial/Municipal Election

- Why is the date not changed?
- Municipal Election and Provincial Election are too aligned? Too close together.
- There was no consensus among the municipalities to agree on a specific election date.

Infrastructure Funding

- Per capita is good funding.
- Revenue Sharing is a good program.
- Infrastructure challenges: municipalities need to move to resolve infrastructure challenges on a cost recovering basis.

Salary Guidelines – 2023

- 2023 is a challenging year.
- CPI is at 6%; typically we go around 2%, but that likely won't cut it this year.
- Any advice? Difficult to answer as all levels of government in the same boat.
- Many use CPI, RMAA & UMAAS Guideline; RMAA has increased to 6.8%.
- Various percentages around the room - UMAAS recommendation is 3.9%;
- SUMA regional meeting issues include recruitment and retention of administrators.

Ukrainian Refugees

- Sask. has accepted more refugees than Canada does.
- Just need a welcoming province.
- Need for more Provincial/local autonomy
- Certification of registered nurses in Saskatchewan and across Canada.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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President

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Executive Director