

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan

Peiro Room – Delta Hotel – Regina, SK

7:00 p.m. – Friday, November 24, 2017 –

Liaison Meeting with Ministry of Government Relations & SUMA Representatives

PRESENT

- President: - Jason Chorneyko
Vice President: - Chris Costley
Past President: - Rodney Audette
Directors: - Don McLeod, Janelle Scott, Brad Wiebe, Betty Moller, Brandi Morissette, Glenda Lemcke
Executive Director: - Rick Dolezsar
Executive Assistant: - Teresa Parkman
Absent: - Therese Chartier, Aileen Garrett
- Delegation: - Keith Comstock, Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Relations & Northern Engagement,
- Sheldon Greene, Executive Director of Advisory Services and Municipal Relations
- Sean McEachern, SUMA Director, Policy & Communications

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jason Chorneyko called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

President Chorneyko introduced and welcomed special guests.

ORDER OF DISCUSSIONS:

Certification

UMAAS Position:

- All municipalities should require certification including under 100 populations.
- Open to alternate education options moving into the future.
- Current shortage of certified people isn't improving.

Government Relations:

- Considering UMAAS position on certification.
- Agree that even small municipalities have lawmaking ability and right to tax so UMAAS position is definitely worth consideration.
- Education requirements:
 - o Goal would be attraction of more skilled people that are not already in field.
 - o Ministry pursuing opportunities with Saskpoly Tech
 - o Not about down grading LGA, but about adding programming and education options.
 - o U of R may be interested in exploring a practical component.

CAO Education:

- o Conditional Certificates
- o UMAAS receives over 50 applications per year.
- o Reaching those in need is biggest challenge.
- o Non compliant legislation will address some situations where standards are not being met.

Elected Official Education

- o Badly needed – but again hard to reach those who need it the most.
- o Keep encouraging Council's province wide
- o Possible program related to 10 minute training videos being worked on.

Peer Support Network

- o Possible training from Municipal Relations for establishment of peer support network coaching colleagues.
- o Will need volunteers?

Eventual Amalgamation of Associations

- o Broached subject with RMAA
- o Limited response to date

Administrator Conduct Issues

- o Review Bylaw vs Legislation requirements
- o UMAAS will address complaints within Disciplinary Policy – after dealt with local Council and after all facts are disclosed.

Infrastructure Programs

- There was general discussion on future infrastructure funding and possible timelines.

Legalization of Marijuana

- o July 1, 2018, what information will be coming out to municipalities
- o No details to date.

Asset Management Plans

- o Not currently a Provincial requirements.
- o GTF requirement for progress on a provincial basis.

SUMA – Mutual Issues

- o Revenue Sharing issues.
- o Per capita review needed.
- o Alternate revenues for municipalities
- o Municipal Firefighting fees for vehicle response fees.
- o Cannabis legislation (Saskatchewan)
- o SUMA Conference February
- o Several Council education sessions planned.
- o Ride sharing/Uber – new issues in cities.
- o Climate Change/Carbon Tax
- o Election Dates/Possible conflict with Provincial date
- o Landfills – regionalization concepts, household hazardous waste program promoted.
- o Library funding and long term strategy
- o Additional Landfill regulations discussion being promoted by SUMA.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED

 President

 Executive Director