

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan

Piero Room – Delta Hotel – Regina, SK

7:00 p.m. – Friday, November 19, 2021 –

Liaison Meeting with Ministry of Government Relations

PRESENT

President: – Jason Chorneyko
Vice President: - Chris Costley
Directors: – Aileen Garrett, Betty Moller,
Stephen Schury Glenda Lemcke,
Meredith Norman, Janelle Desautels,
Barry Elliott
Absent: - Past President Rodney Audette, Kelly Hoare
Executive Director: - Rick Dolezsar
Executive Assistant: - Teresa Parkman
SUMA President - Rodger Hayward
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 Jason Chorneyko called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: President Chorneyko introduced and welcomed special guests.

ORDER OF DISCUSSIONS:

CAO Education:

- Education lacking for CAOs.
- 2 year diploma program may help that; SUMA working on establishing.
- Recognize that we are short of CAOs in the Province.
- Practical education is key but difficult to do.
- Education is important but hands on is most important for any career/education. Learning on the job is the most valuable.
- On the job training is most valuable and the way to learn.
- Mentoring is difficult for current administrators to fit into their already busy schedules.
- Internship program could be beneficial with funding tied to it.
- Encourage rearranging/restructuring municipalities to help with administration – joint administration?
- Gov't has seen a slight increase in joint administration.
- A lot of municipalities do not operate at full time, sometimes just one day a week.
- Gov't legislation has changed recently to allow for districts to be established.
- Regional cooperation is important and cost effective.

- Administrators encouraged to use Targeted Sector funding.
- The challenges of regionalization are willingness to participate in the region.

Administrative Governance Challenges

- Yes there is an increase in complaints respecting municipal governance, although a lot of times the public does not understand the role of council, etc.
- Encourage to inform the public and be transparent.
- Mandatory education for Councilors? Gov't? SUMA?

Infrastructure Programs

- Another ICIP intake in the process
- Infrastructure programs are currently good
- Per capita funding can be favorable for many smaller municipalities.
- MEEP Grant was popular.

Advisory Services – Scope & Role

- Colleen is retiring
- Judy Kanak new manager
- Staff changes
- Looking for legal advice/opinion from staff.
- Acts do not allow this as it is no longer prescriptive but rather permissive.

Province Working on Developing a Board of Revision

- The Province is working on developing a Provincial Board of Revision.
- Development Appeal Boards will be in demand as well, with private companies getting out of the business.
- Provincial Board of Revision will be established for 2023.
- Training will be offered for Board of Revisions and secretaries.
- 2022 will be a challenging year for municipalities.

Covid-19

- Province wide restrictions. Why are we still here? Understand the cities' challenges, but so many smaller rural municipalities numbers are down.
- The unknown is difficult to determine what happens next.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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President

Executive Director