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2001 LGAA Annual Conference a Great Success!

This year 166 delegates participated in the 2001 LGAA Conference that focused on communication, leadership and planning.

The Conference provided positive and useful information on how to be successful communicators, leaders and planners. Presentations from peers and private consultants gave participants an opportunity to exchange ideas, to share experiences to learn, and of course, to laugh!

The Pre-conference Workshop, facilitated by Gordon McIntosh, helped participants to develop a Personal Leadership Plan. Participants assessed leadership competencies, identified key areas for development, and learned how to develop a learning plan with strategies and targets.

Conference presentations by peers and consultant, George B. Cuff, focused on Council Orientation Training, Ethics and Value Management, Council-Manager Relations, and Business Planning for Local Governments.

This year's Trade Show featured 49 booths hosted by 36 companies. Businesses that work within and serve the municipal sector displayed their services to delegates.

Delegates were also provided with current information at the "What's New" Information Session and the Caucus sessions.

Many thanks to the Conference Sponsors for their support and to the Conference Committee for a job well done!

Mark your calendars for next year's conference in Red Deer March 20 - 22, 2002.



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Special points of interest:

- * LGAA 2002 Conference March 20-22 Red Deer
- * LGAA web site has updated Bylaws: www.lgaa.ab.ca
- * LGAA to host booth at AUMA Trade Show

Board Business

A regular Board Meeting was held on March 21, 2001 in Red Deer:

- The LGAA is negotiating a contract with the AUMA regarding LGAA assistance with AUMA elections. The LGAA plans to set up a trade show booth at the AUMA convention.
- Gordon Stewart is preparing an employment contract template for the LGAA.
- Next Board Meeting: June 15, 2001 Delta Airport Hotel (Calgary)

The AGM was held on March 23, 2001:

- 2000 Audited Financial Statements along with the President, Conference and Membership Reports were accepted as presented.
- Several changes to the Bylaws were proposed and carried. The updated Bylaws are online at www.lgaa.ab.ca
- Election results

President	Debbie Hamilton
1st Vice President	Brad Watson
2nd Vice President	Lavinia Henderson

Conference Thoughts

During the next three editions of the newsletter, some of the thoughts & ideas presented at the 2001 LGAA Conference will be featured.

During the Pre-conference Workshop, Gordon McIntosh helped delegates identify competencies for successful local government leaders. Comparisons were made to the characteristics identified by municipal leaders across Canada.

The top ranked characteristics to describe competent Local Government Leadership are:

- Has Integrity and Trust
- Articulates Expectations/Values
- Creates Shared Vision
- Assesses Client Needs
- Translates Plans into Priorities/Actions
- Builds Effective Teams – Role Clarity
- Builds Consensus/Synergy
- Promotes Continuous Innovation
- Understands Public Interest
- Listens Actively

The top ranked success factors to assess Local Government Leadership competence are:

- Demonstrates Results-Oriented Focus
- Develops and Implements a Shared Vision
- Acts in a Consistent Principle-Based Manner
- Nurtures a Motivated Culture
- Seizes Opportunities
- Manages Performance Effectiveness
- Exercises Situational Leadership
- Models Effective Communication – Internal & External
- Maximizes Customer Satisfaction
- Promotes Learning Organization



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Delegates work on Personal Leadership Plan



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Conference Caucus Session (Municipalities Over 1000)

Issue - Policing of Secondary Highways – the Policing Task Force has not yet made any decision and the status quo will remain until the policing review is completed with the exception of weights. The Task Force is also reviewing a policing requirement for municipalities under 2500.

Issue - Streets Improvement Program – the department is currently in the phase of the sunset of the basic streets improvement program. 2001 will be the last construction year for accessing the basic funds and there will be a new funding formula for 2002. Administrators should contact their local district representative for clarification of special circumstances for a carry over of the basic funds to a future year. The new streets improvement program may include underground utilities. Municipalities will be able to use their own forces for projects under \$50,000 but not for projects over \$50,000. Other municipalities are not allowed to bid on your work but make your case to your regional director for a final determination on very small projects. Small projects still need the approval of the Regional Director but can be done on an invitation bid basis.



Issue - MERX – there will be an announcement soon in regards to fall elections for regional health authorities. It is Blaine Alexander's understanding that health and wellness will be covering all costs of the RHA election. It may be similar to the form in which the senatorial election was conducted. There are no plans to allow requisitioning authority for health.

Issue - Regional Partnership Program – this issue has not been defined but it will possibly include a requirement for three or more municipalities to be in the agreement.

Issue - Municipal 2000 Sponsorship Program – the department is reviewing the criteria and the program should be announced in the next three to six weeks.

Issue - Hard Wiring – Science and Innovation are investigating the hard wiring of municipalities to accommodate the SuperNet.

Issue - AUMA Regional Seminars – AUMA will try to provide information from the seminars electronically.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE L.G.A.A. ZONE 1 FOR ALLOWING US TO ATTEND YOUR SPRING MEETING. WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR PRESENTATION AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

CAM, JIM, JENNY and BRUCE



VISION: Preventing Workplace Injury & Illness

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Conference Caucus Session (Municipalities Under 1000)

Issue - Municipal 2000 fire and Disaster Services Training Program Funding – it was noted by Cremona that the program was very successful and provided training to volunteers and community members that otherwise would not have been undertaken.

Issue - Summer Villages Eligibility for Municipal 2000 Sponsorship Grants – Summer Villages requesting information on the process for this application specific to Sylvan Lake and Municipal 2000 Grant enhancement funding for a joint feasibility study addressing sewage – summer villages are limited by their ineligibility for program grants that promote regional initiatives. It was noted by the department that the minister might approve some pilot projects with summer villages.

Issue - Continuation of Municipal Sponsorship 2000 program for 2001 and beyond – the department representatives indicated that the guidelines for the grant are awaiting approval and that the money is in the budget. Changes may be pilots for summer villages and multi-year funding for larger projects. The “bonus” is recommended to be continued.

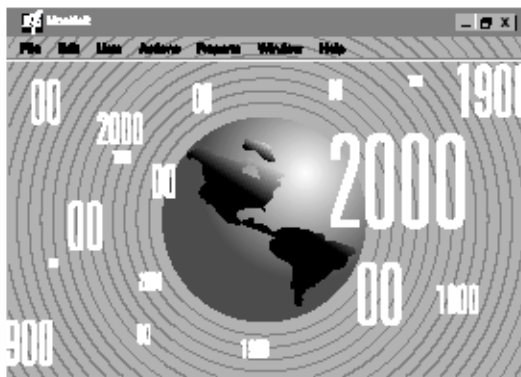
Issue - Water resources – The question was raised as to the province’s capability and funding capacity in light of criticality of water resources especially in Southern Alberta if not in all of Alberta. Aside from the water wastewater partnership there is a need for a funding plan to address this in addition to “regular” funding. Municipalities south of the Old Man River are planning to implement their disaster response plans to obtain funding. Water licensing and related issues relative to funding of studies for new water sources was confirmed as an area that is funded by the Transportation department rep.

AUMA rep Rick Mah noted that municipalities can effectively lobby the provincial government as a collective and with support of municipal peers by gathering information regarding magnitude of impact and costs and getting this information to appropriate government departments including Treasury, Environment, Disaster Services (Municipal Affairs) and providing a copy to AUMA.

Issue - AUMA Regional Seminars – Rick Mah clarified that the seminars provide opportunities for Council and administration and that administrators should attend to facilitate communication between elected officials and themselves. In the future AUMA plans to make a synopsis available in print to all parties to ensure a clear view of seminar topic information.

Issue - Electrical Aggregation – Aggregation members noted that it is extremely difficult to get information from ENMAX regarding electrical charges to use for budgets. It was noted that this would be dealt with in the Regional Seminars.

Issue - Streets Improvement Funding – The department reps outlined areas of funding and that the funding advance can be carried forward to future years.



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Zone 1 Elects New Director

The Zone 1 Spring Meeting was held on May 4, 2001 in Taber with 21 members, 9 presenters and 3 guests.



- Sharon Patriquin, HR Group, facilitated a session on Employment Policy. Utilicorp Networks Canada sponsored the session.
- Mr. Bryan Curtis, Manager Customer Relations, Utilicorp Networks Canada discussed call centre issues, the premium paid to TransAlta on the sale, the need for municipal input into UNC's operations, deferral accounts and the status of the negotiated franchise agreement.
- Miles Casson, SMRID, discussed the potential water shortage in the irrigation system. The snowpack is below normal and SMRID is basically empty. LNI is able to provide normal flows to their users even though their snow pack is no better; they have high storage levels at the Old Man Dam. SMRID has met with communities and are committed to 50% reductions and have started formulating rationing by-laws.

- Kevan Jess, Fire Advisor, Alberta Municipal Affairs, provided information on safety codes, ATFS training costs and additional training available, educational credentials for career people and fireworks by-laws.
- Barry Huybens gave a presentation on the Municipal Infrastructure Management System explaining the evolution of it, what it is and where it is going.
- Cam McKenzie and Jennie Chronkite of CJB Reclamations Ltd. gave a presentation on services that they offer to municipalities in the field of reclamation and remediation of landfill sites, gravel pits and petroleum storage tanks, soil amendment products and rodent control.
- Zone 1 Director for the 2001-2003 term:
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What's Your Opinion?

The LGAA Board has been asked for copies of its member mailing list by trade show participants and municipal business sponsors.



The LGAA Board would like your response to the following question:



Are you in favour of the LGAA releasing the members' names and addresses to LGAA trade show participants and conference sponsors?

Please e-mail your responses to this question with "Membership List" in the subject line to:

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Thank you for your input!



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Hi! My name is Lori Johnson and I am the new LGAA Communications Coordinator. I will be coordinating and updating both the newsletter (LGAA Express) and the web site for the LGAA.

If you have any suggestions or feedback, or if you would like to submit articles for upcoming newsletters, please feel free to contact me:

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Zone 7 Meets with District 4

The combined Zone 7 LGAA & District 4 ARMAA Meeting was held on October 20, 2000 in Fairview.

- Bill Symonds, Coordinator, Planning Advisory provided an update on the implications of the Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act.
- Andrew Cathcart provided a preliminary overview of the Infrastructure Canada – Alberta program.
- Gerard Gravel provided a presentation Highway Access Management.
- Helen Tetteh-Wayoe provided an update on possible changes to bridge structure program and funding.
- George Neurohr outlined changes within the department's operations in relation to water plant inspections and approvals as well as related issues.
- Nico Wyngaardan outlined new procedures relating to watercourse crossings.
- Bill Walker reviewed issues relating to resource utilization, operational structure and communications.
- Faye Kary provided information on the dispute resolution process recently used in Clear Hills.
- Rob Coon, Sandy Isaac and Ken Hollinger provided an update on an Inter-Municipal initiative currently underway in their area.

Meet a Member Profile

Starting with the August 2001 LGAA Express Newsletter, one LGAA member will be selected at random and featured in a "Meet a Member" profile.



Background information on the LGAA member's history in the municipal field, their family, interests and any other information the member chooses to share will be featured. Watch for our first profile in August!

Volunteers Needed!

AUMA has offered the LGAA a booth at the AUMA Trade Show. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth Nov 14 - 17, 2001. Watch for an e-mail with a time chart for staffing the booth.

Anyone interested in volunteering can e-mail info@lgaa.ab.ca

