

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION
ZONE 1 – SPRING 2007 MEETING**

**9:00 A.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2007
PICTURE BUTTE COMMUNITY/SENIORS CENTRE
607 RAILWAY AVENUE, PICTURE BUTTE, AB**

MINUTES

In Attendance: Leo Ludwig, Town of Coaldale, LGAA Zone 1 Director; Gary Hudson, Town of Taber; George Lejbjuk, Town of Coaldale; Dave McGee, Alberta Environment; Ed Clarke, Alberta Municipal Affairs; Kim Hauta, Town of Coalhurst; Kris Holbeck, Town of Claresholm; Mary Robley, Town of Nanton; Cindy Vizutti, MD of Willow Creek; Audrey Mortensen, Town of Picture Butte; Brad Salmon, Village of Glenwood; Shawn Hathaway, Town of Milk River; Robyn Singleton, County of Lethbridge; Gordon Lundy, Crowsnest Pass

1. GREETINGS FROM THE TOWN OF PICTURE BUTTE

The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. and Mayor Jon Stevens welcomed the group to the Town of Picture Butte.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Round table introductions were conducted.

3. ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT

Water Licensing/Transfers/Priority Ranking and Drainage Approvals (Environmental Protection Act and Water Act)

Dave McGee from Alberta Environment spoke to the group about the processes involved in Water Licensing and the moratorium on new water licenses in the Oldman River Basin. He stated that some communities have room within current water licenses for growth for many years and that some communities were nearing their license limits. AB Environment may be looking at establishing an equalized standard which may result in claw-backs of unused license allocations.

Dave also explained the process involved in acquiring approvals for managing and releasing storm water for new developments under the Environmental Protection & Enhancement Act and the Water Act.

4. BREAK

The meeting recessed for a 15 minute refreshment break.

5. COMMUNITY-WIDE AFFORDABLE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS THROUGH THE SUPERNET

Town of Coaldale/CanMesh Wireless

Ian McGillvray and Wayne Foxall of CanMesh Wireless were in attendance to outline a potential joint venture for area municipalities to access wireless high speed internet. Interested communities were invited to contact the Town of Coaldale.

6. ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & HOUSING – SAFETY CODES: ACCREDITATION, QMP'S, COMPLIANCE MONITORING
Ed Clarke from Alberta Municipal Affairs addressed the group and gave an overview of the Safety Codes, municipal responsibilities within the code and within QMP's and briefly discussed the EBS provincial file management system.
7. ROUND TABLE ITEMS (General Membership Discussion)
 - Tangible Capital Asset Update
Most in attendance said they were struggling to initiate procedures and frustrated by the lack of direction and information from the province.
8. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.