

## South Zone Meeting – March 12, 2010

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Location: Raymond Seniors Centre – 10am

Those in Attendance:

Gordon Lundy (Crowsnest Pass), Ryan Leuzinger (Stirling), Kathy Wolansky (Lethbridge), Cynthia Vizzutti (Willow Creek), Debra Moffatt (Champion), Leo Ludwig (Coaldale), Marian Carlson (Cardston), Mina Montroy (Municipal Affairs), Brad Salmon (Glenwood), Brad Mason (Nanton), Alan Romeril (Warner), Kim Coppieters (Raymond), Keith Davis (Raymond), Scott Barton (Raymond)

1. Scott Barton called the meeting to order at 10:10 am
  - Scott welcomed everyone to Raymond and expressed his appreciation for their attendance, based on the short notice.
  - Scott indicated the Norm McInnis (LGAA President) had asked him to organize a meeting of the South Zone as soon as possible and hopefully prior to the LGAA Conference
2. Round Table Introductions – Everyone introduced themselves, the municipality they represent, and their years of service.
3. LGAA Board Update – Leo Ludwig
  - Leo provided an update on the Boards activity and their focus on professional development and training opportunities for municipal employees at all levels. Giving Ontario as an example of a province that makes money for their association from their training and certification program.
  - Leo also indicated that he stepped down from the role of zone director in December due to work demands.

4. Alberta Municipal Affairs Dialogue - Mina Montroy, Director Municipal Advisory Resources and Internship
  - Future Governance of Municipalities
  - Critical or Core Municipal Services
  - Update on other Municipal Affairs Activities
  - Mina's presentation sparked an extremely worthwhile discussion on various topics from regional cooperation, urban/rural relationships and funding structures/models, to examples of service delivery that can improve municipal efficiency.
  
5. Zone Meetings – Round table Discussion
  - The group discussed holding quarterly zone meeting. The next zone meeting will be hosted by Lethbridge in June. Kathy and Scott will organize this meeting. The group also discussed the length of the meetings and decided the professional development should be a component of each meeting. Kathy indicated the Lethbridge would be willing to extend their training expertise to the group. The meetings will begin at 10 am and end by 3 pm. The group felt that with the traveling requirement the meetings should be longer in nature and provide professional development opportunities.
  
6. Appointment of South Zone Director
  - Kathy Wolansky nominated Scott Barton to be South Zone Director. All members present approved the nomination and appointed Scott Barton as South Zone Director
  
7. Lunch was provided by Town of Raymond at 12:10 pm, those members present continued to network through lunch.