

MINUTES

ZONE 3

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATION JUNE 12, 2009 AT THE TOWN OF INNISFAIL

- IN ATTENDANCE:** Dale Mather – Innisfail, Elizabeth Smart – Bentley, Rick Binnendyk – Penhold, Jack Ramsden – Three Hills, Carey Keleman – Ponoka, Therese Kleeberger – Eckville, Helen Dietz – Sylvan Lake, Michelle Smith – Elnora, Maureen Malaka – Trochu, Tracey Gorr – Three Hills, Corinne Newman – Blackfalds, Larry Holstead, Susan Wood, Velma Keeler – Rocky Mountain House, Joanne Weller – Linden, Michelle Neilson – Sylvan Lake, Joanne Parkin – Red Deer, Brad Watson – Ponoka, Norm McInnis – Olds, Darren Reedy – Didsbury, Arlos Crofts – Ponoka, Bernice Birtsch – Rimby, and one gopher
- CALL TO ORDER** Zone Director Michelle Smith called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
- WELCOME** Mayor Ken Graham brought greetings on behalf of the Town of Innisfail.
- CAUCUS SESSION #1. Alberta Environment - Ralph Schroth, Tom Cooper**
- Mr. Schroth gave a brief presentation on the objectives, background and benefits of full cost accounting. Mr. Cooper gave an in depth presentation on the full cost approach including reporting information requirements and reporting details.
- More information as well as the power point presentation are available on the Alberta Environment website; <http://www.environment.alberta.ca/2275.html>
- CAUCUS SESSION #2 Municipal Affairs – Theresa Ostrum, Caid Willis, Kevin Oxamitny, Travis Nosko**
- There was discussion about the budget, items of note were; MSI Grant dollar changes; elimination of Municipal Restructuring Grant; increase in funding to libraries; keeping the Municipal Sponsorship Grant for another year. Municipal Affairs staff appreciate the support from municipalities in processing the MSI grants.
 - There have been changes to the Municipal Excellence website. The best practices must now be sent to Municipal Affairs for posting, it will no longer be an interactive website due to security concerns.
 - The Municipal Intern Program continues to do well with 9 Planning Interns and 14 Administrative. Municipal Affairs is still very supportive of the program and the deadline is September 4th if you would like to host an intern.
 - Legislative efforts were brought up to the members such as Bill 23 (MGA amendment) there will be assessment complaint process workshops offered; Bill 49 regarding good faith protection for firefighters; Bill 202, regarding the Municipal Auditor General has been referred to a standing committee; Bill 203, the finance disclosure amendment act was passed. Also the land Stewardship Act was passed this spring and the government has accepted the plan submitted by the Capital Region Board and the Calgary Region Partnership.
 - The Minister’s mandate regarding Municipal Sustainability was discussed. The minister will be having more consultation meetings with municipalities but the timeline is not yet known.

ZONE DIRECTORS REPORT

Michelle Smith asked for volunteers for the Conference Committee and outlined the LGAA Board's role of advocacy on behalf of the membership.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Norm McInnis gave a verbal update on the activities of the LGAA Board regarding education programs and the possible revival of the Municipal Affairs Citation Program. He also gave an update regarding LGAA relations with SLGM and AARMA

LUNCH

Recessed for lunch at 12:00, sponsored by Servus Credit Union

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

CAUCUS SESSION #3

AUMA – Sue Welke

Sue gave an overview on the Future of Local Governance. She provided a copy of the Convention Policy Paper (June 9, 2009 Draft) and a copy of the Engagement and Work Plan outlining AUMA activities from May to November (convention) regarding the Future of Local Governance Initiative.

There is a section of the AUMA website where access to the documents developed for the President's Summit as well as copies of the various presentations made are available.

CAUCUS SESSION #4

Parkland Community Planning; Regional GIS – Chris Ulmer, Craig Teal

Chris gave a technical explanation of a GIS system followed by a Regional GIS project overview. This type of regional system is working quite well for the southern part of the province and Parkland Planning is currently gauging interest levels and working with a steering committee to plan next steps for the project.

Chris and/or Craig are prepared to meet with various municipal Councils on the matter or provide a copy of their presentation for Council review.

ELECTION

President Norm McInnis called for nominations from the floor for Zone Director. Michelle Smith was nominated. There were no further nominations, the position was granted by acclamation.

RETIREMENT

Bernice Birtsch was recognized for her years of service in Rimby and number of years as a member of the LGAA with a gift certificate to Wolf Creek Golf Course and an engraved keepsake box from the members.

At the September meeting we look forward to recognizing Larry Holstead and Velma Keeler for their years with the Association. If anyone is aware of others retiring, please let Michelle know.

NEXT ZONE MEETING

Will be decided via e-mail

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.