



January 3, 2018

Mr. Rick Binnendyk
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Penhold
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Dear Mr. Binnendyk:

Every year, AUMA members have the opportunity to submit resolutions on issues of importance to them. These resolutions are then presented, debated, and voted on by our members at the fall Convention. If passed, the resolutions remain active for three years, after which time they expire. On behalf of AUMA's Board, I am pleased to provide information on the outcomes of the Town of Penhold's expired 2014 resolutions.

The resolution entitled "Senior Care" called for AUMA to encourage the Government of Alberta to develop creative programs and solutions that will offer family and extended family members the option to provide care for aging parents in a fashion similar to that offered through the "Kinship" Child Care Program. In its response, the province noted that Alberta Seniors is working with Alberta Health Services to expand, improve and standardize home care. The province agreed that supporting care givers is an integral part of home care and that innovative approaches to increase support for caregivers should be considered. Finally, the province stated that Alberta Health Services has increased home care spending by approximately 29 per cent over the last four years, from \$402 million in 2010/2011 to a forecasted expenditure of \$518 million in 2014/2015.

The resolution entitled "Provincial Support for School Development" asked that AUMA urge the Government of Alberta, when developing new schools, to fulfill the role of a contractor and share the costs associated with the development of the lands for the placement of a school structure. Additionally, the resolution asked that the province, when developing within a municipality, give clear information/policy identifying what the municipality is expected to financially contribute to the project prior to construction of the structure. The Honourable David Eggen, Minister of Education, responded that he agrees municipalities and school authorities should be aware of what they are expected to contribute in the process of building a new school, and noted two resources published by Education to support collaborative school site planning:

1. The School Capital Manual, which addresses the respective roles and responsibilities of government, the municipality, and the school authority.
2. The Guidelines for Planning School Sites, which clarifies respective roles and responsibilities in the process leading to the construction of schools and playing fields.

In addition to our meetings with Ministers, AUMA's submission on the Municipal Government Act pressed for changes to how municipal and school reserves are administered, including an expansion of the range of allowable uses to increase flexibility in land use. Amendments to the Municipal Government Act passed this spring provide municipalities with increased flexibility to use a 'benefiting area contribution structure'. This structure supports land dedication and development parameters with respect to assembly of parks and school sites.

If you have any questions about these resolutions, please contact Kelly Santarossa at ksantarossa@auma.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dan Rude', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Rude CPA, CGA
AUMA Interim CEO

cc: His Worship Michael Yargeau, Mayor of the Town of Penhold