



January 3, 2018

Mr. Craig Curtis  
City Manager  
City of Red Deer  
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Dear Mr. Curtis:

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 City of Red Deer's expired 2014 resolutions.

The resolution entitled "Provision of High School Sites" called for AUMA to advocate for Municipal Affairs and Education to develop the necessary policy and legislation to ensure all costs related to the provision of high school sites be the responsibility of the provincial government. 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. While the province did not commit to assuming all the costs related to developing new school sites, 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.

The resolution entitled "Temporary Foreign Workers" called for AUMA to urge the Province of Alberta to work with the Federal Minister of Economic and Social Development and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to develop a strategy in relation to the temporary foreign workers (TFW) program/immigration that address the unique labour market needs of Alberta's economy. These strategies could explore initiatives to protect temporary foreign workers from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and promote pathways to citizenship. In February 2016, the federal government announced that it would conduct a full-scale review of the TFW Program. AUMA's submission to the review called for action to improve the timeliness of the application process; clarify how employers can adequately demonstrate an inability to hire a Canadian worker; give provinces the flexibility to modify program parameters to allow for regional approaches; adopt policies to support the integration and long-term settlement of TFWs; and ensure enforcement mechanisms are in place to protect TFWs from abusive practices. The results of the review were released in winter 2016 and the federal government responded to the review's findings in early 2017. As part of Budget 2017, the Government of Canada invested \$279.8 million over five years, starting in 2017-18, and

\$49.8 million per year thereafter, to support the continued delivery and improvement of the TFW and the International Mobility Programs.

The resolution entitled "Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding" called for AUMA to advocate that the Government of Alberta to immediately increase provincial funding to municipalities for FCSS commensurate to the population growth and annual inflations, thereby relieving some of the pressure on crisis intervention and prevention services and ensuring the sustainability of these essential programs. AUMA was pleased to see that our advocacy contributed to the newly elected NDP government's decision to provide an increase of \$25 million to FCSS funding through Budget 2016.

With respect to the resolution entitled "Alberta 211", which asked AUMA to urge the Province of Alberta to provide a provincial funding source for 211 services, AUMA members voted to renew this resolution at our 2017 Convention, and we look forward to continuing our advocacy on this topic.

If you have any questions about these resolutions, please contact Kelly Santarossa at [ksantarossa@auma.ca](mailto:ksantarossa@auma.ca).

Yours truly,

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

Dan Rude CPA, CGA  
AUMA Interim CEO

cc: Her Worship Tara Veer, Mayor of the City of Red Deer