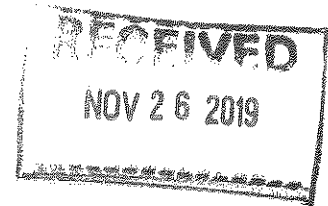




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AR 35175

November 22, 2019

Barry Morishita
AUMA President
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Dear Mr. Morishita:

Thank you for your correspondence of September 23, 2019, summarizing resolutions adopted at the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) annual convention that are pertinent to our ministry. I am pleased to provide you with an update on the activities related to those resolutions.

Victims Service Unit Funding

With respect to the AUMA Resolution 2018.A9, I share your interest in implementing a model of victim service delivery and equitable funding that is responsive to the unique needs of communities across the province. I assure you that work is underway in our ministry to ensure that a broader plan is developed to stabilize funding and enhance service delivery. Ensuring optimal assistance is provided to victims of crime within an effective, efficient, and sustainable service delivery model is a significant priority.

The government's election platform included a commitment to review the current model of delivery of services for victims of crime, victim assistance funding, and victim compensation. Such a review will meet the government's platform commitments, address the Office of the Auditor General's 2016 recommendations, and represents a critical step toward identifying and addressing service challenges to better meet the needs of victims of crime.

Provincial Police Act Overhaul

With respect to AUMA Resolution 2018.A10, Phase 1 of the engagement process of the *Police Act* review concluded in the spring of 2019. Since that time, the ministry has completed an analysis of the feedback gathered from the engagement process, which is in the process of being reviewed.

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There have been no decisions made with regard to next steps related to the *Police Act* consultation. However, development of a new funding model for police services was identified as a priority during the engagement process.

Consumption of Liquor and Cannabis in Public Spaces

With respect to AUMA Resolution 2018.E2 regarding the public consumption of cannabis, please note that responsibility for the Alberta Cannabis Framework has been transferred to the Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance, which is responsible for Alberta Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis. I have shared your letter with the Honourable Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance for his direct response.

Thank you for taking the time to share the AUMA's resolutions. I hope the information provided is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Schweitzer', written in a cursive style.

Doug Schweitzer
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General

cc: Honourable Travis Toews
President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance