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Cc: 'Nicole Martel'; Michelle Kane
Subject: Villages West - AUMA Update

Hello Mayors and CAO's,

It has been a few months since I have been acclaimed as the new Director of Villages West for the AUMA. I am excited and appreciate the opportunity to hold this position. I will work hard to represent you and ensure that your priorities, needs and perspectives are heard. Now that I have had a few months to orientate myself to AUMA/AMSC I would like to let you all know what we are currently working on.

As I am sure you have heard, Calgary and Edmonton have reached a legislated funding agreement with the province. Unfortunately, AUMA and RMA were not able to come to an agreement during the same time frame. I assure you that AUMA is working very hard with the GoA to come to an agreement which will provide equitable, sustainable, and predictable funding for all Alberta municipalities. AUMA's main points are;

1. The rest of the Alberta Municipalities require the same level of funding, on a historic equitable basis as the two big cities were legislated in December 2018. AUMA's position requires nothing more and nothing less;
2. AUMA's position **does** recognize the realities of the economic situation in the province and specifically of the Provincial Government;
3. The method or ratios developed to allocate the total pool down to the individual municipalities must be completed by the end of January 2019, so they can be incorporated into Regulations;
4. AUMA appreciates the commitment this government has had, to ensure the Municipal Funding is legislated, predictable, equitable and tied to Provincial revenues.

Please, feel free to use these points in conversations with your local councils and MLAs. I will strive to keep you up to date on our progress, however additional information will be published in the Weekly Digest as it becomes available.

Although this is the main item that the board has focused on this month, AUMA staff is hard at work advocating for our other priorities, including broadband, ICF's, cannabis legalization, rural healthcare etc. In addition, we passed our 2019 budget, as I am sure many of you have as well; look for more information on this in January. We have also formed our committees for the next year. I would like to thank everyone who put their names forward to sit on a committee.

I invite you to contact me with any information or questions that you may have. My email is duncan.angela.ad@gmail.com and my cell number is 780-868-5103. In addition, if you would like me to attend a council meeting, I would be happy to do that as well. The Weekly Digest and Small Communities Newsletter are also great ways to keep up to date on what AUMA is working on; you can sign up for these on the AUMA website.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2019.

Sincerely,

Angela Duncan

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