Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting 2019

Prince Albert
May 9, 2019
Updates from the SUMA Board

Who we are
- Membership
- Bylaws
- SUMA Act
- Branding
Updates from the SUMA Board

What we do
- Bylaw-related policies
- Lines of business expansion
- Internal reorganization
Updates from the SUMA Board

How We Do It
- Tools and Technologies
- Policies
- Strategies
Advocacy Updates

Webinar expansion
Advocacy Updates

Municipal Forum
Advocacy Updates

Bill C-69

BILL C-69 HAS PASSED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
NEXT: THE SENATE
Advocacy Updates

Cannabis Excise Tax Advocacy Strategy
Advocacy Updates

Resolutions process and advocacy changes
Advocacy Updates

Municipal Discussion Paper and Symposium

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George Burns

I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life.

AZ QUOTES
Advocacy Updates

Workplace Harassment Policy and Template
Break Sponsor:

SaskWater
Municipal Legislation Review

May 9, 2019
The provincial process so far

• August 2018 – call for proposals
• November 2018 – first draft
• April 2019 – second draft
• May 15, 2019 – deadline
• Fall 2019 – introduction of legislation
What SUMA is doing

• August 2018 – call for proposals
  • Responded with proposals from resolutions, member engagement, Working Group member feedback

• November 2018 – first draft
  • Responded in January focusing on ministerial authority provisions, coordinating with Regina, Saskatoon, and Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities after receiving feedback from Working Group members
What SUMA is doing

- April 2019 – second draft
  - April 15: survey released
    - 83 responses (May 7)
  - May 2: City Mayors' Caucus Legal and Legislative Working Group meeting
  - May 9: Town, Village, Northern Sector Meeting
  - May 14: webinar featuring Ministry of Government Relations officials
    - 245 registered to attend or receive recording (May 7)
  - May 15: City Mayors’ Caucus

- May 15, 2019 – response deadline
  - May 24: Municipal Forum – Minister of Government Relations, SUMA, SARM
  - May 27: SUMA Intergovernmental Affairs committee
What SUMA has heard

• Survey launched April 15
• 83 responses (May 7)
• 97 per cent of respondents either a town or village
What SUMA has heard

• Question 1: More flexibility for publishing notices

• 87 per cent agree/2 per cent disagree

• 1.6 Heat Score

• CA 2/MA 2/NMA 2
What SUMA has heard

• Question 2: Allow sending bylaw violation notices by regular mail

• 87 per cent agree/7 per cent disagree

• 1.7 Heat Score

• CA 8/MA 8/NMA 8
What SUMA has heard

• Question 3: Enable bylaws to allow for mediation and dispute resolution

• 86 per cent agree/4 per cent disagree

• 1.8 Heat Score

• CA 8/MA 8/NMA 8
What SUMA has heard

• Question 4: Ensure the cost of enforcement can be included in the cost of a license or permit

• 87 per cent agree/1 per cent disagree

• 1.8 Heat Score

• CA 8/MA 8/NMA 8
What SUMA has heard

- Question 5: Allow adding cost of green projects and/or custom work to property taxes by agreement with owner
  - 68 per cent agree/8 per cent disagree
- 2.2 Heat Score
  - Clean energy: NEW CA 281.3/MA 317.3/NMA 336.1
  - Custom work: NEW CA 361.1/MA 405.1/NMA 441.1
What SUMA has heard

• Question 6: Include tax provisions to compel clean up of abandoned contaminated sites

• 78 per cent agree/2 per cent disagree

• 1.9 Heat Score

• No current section
What SUMA has heard

- Question 7: Protection for employees reporting wrongdoing to an investigating authority
- 85 per cent agree/1 per cent disagree
- 1.7 Heat Score
- NEW CA 87.1/MA 114.1/NMA 130.1
What SUMA has heard

- Question 8: All municipalities should be required to have a qualified administrator
- 87 per cent agree/7 per cent disagree
- 1.7 Heat Score
- MA 110/NMA 126
What SUMA has heard

• Question 9: Allow councils to declare a council seat vacant if a disqualified member does not resign

• 83 per cent agree/6 per cent disagree

• 1.8 Heat Score

• CA 121/MA 148 (already in NMA 165)
What SUMA has heard

- Question 10: Clarify province’s authority to act on privacy commissioner and occupational health and safety reports
- 74 per cent agree/1 per cent disagree
- 2.0 Heat Score
- CA 356/MA 399/NMA 420
What SUMA has heard

- **Question 11: Incentives for municipalities who form municipal districts**
  - 47 per cent agree/11 per cent disagree

- 2.4 Heat Score

- MA 51.1
What SUMA has heard

• Question 12: Which amendments are a priority for your municipality?
  • 40 per cent bylaw enforcement
  • 20 per cent taxes
  • 16 per cent administrative
What SUMA has heard

- Comments section

“Assessment rolls - with assessment information available online, advertising in the Gazette should be removed. Having the assessment roll open for a certain amount of time is no longer applicable.”

“That the School Divisions collect their own taxes.”

“Legislation should provide a buffer zone around urban municipalities to create a jointly managed planning and development area between an urban and rural municipality. Boundary alteration and restructuring legislation is convoluted and confusing, a result of a number of changes over a number of years. Alberta’s MGA Part 4 is much clearer.”

“I would like to see a restructuring like Alberta, with counties and second tier governments to deliver major services. Building inspections, engineering, fleet services, water and wastewater, waste disposal can all be delivered much more efficiently. NOT amalgamation, distribution of high level services.”

“More protection for administrators who deal with verbally abusive and harassment from ratepayers.”

“If we are required to send a registered letter regarding utility account arrears, the costs of the registered letter should be allowed to be added to the arrears as a cost.”