



**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

FEBRUARY 13, 2018 AT 2:00 PM

FIRST FLOOR, NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

ATTENDEES

**Councillor K. P. O’Toole, Chair
Councillor W. Pilat**

**Councillor Y. Minhas
Mayor B. Given**

1. REPORTS

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1. Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1. City Procurement Processes - Verbal Update

Laurie Gaudet

4. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST

January 16, 2018

Council Members
City of Grande Prairie

Re: Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association (ABMA)

In fall 2010, the Conseil de développement économique de l'Alberta (CDÉA) launched the "Concerto" initiative, known today as ABMA (Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association). The vision of this initiative is to maximize the economic prosperity of bilingual municipalities (*the term "bilingual" is used in the broad sense to describe municipalities that recognize the presence of Francophones in their community and seek to reap the economic and social benefits of this presence*).

The following four components of economic development were identified:

Tourism development

We plan to promote each of the members to our target audiences, namely Francophones outside of the province and francophone countries.

Recruitment and employability

Alberta continues to face real needs for qualified labour. We are working with our partners to facilitate the arrival of qualified bilingual Francophones to partially meet these needs.

Attraction of francophone/bilingual business investors

Alberta's economic vitality and the strength of its market have propelled it into an advantageous position for foreign investors. We do our utmost, firstly, to facilitate and keep these francophone investors informed of the potential of network members, and secondly, of the opportunities offered by other municipalities.

Sustainable development and green energy project

In the face of energy challenges and climate change, supporting network municipality members and their businesses in taking the green path is of utmost importance in maintaining the sustainability of communities and businesses.

For the last few years, your municipality was targeted to eventually join ABMA since it was created. As of today, the ABMA have 11 members: Plamondon, Municipal District of Lac La Biche, Beaumont, Legal, Morinville, St. Albert, St. Paul, Bonnyville, Falher, Municipal District of Smoky River, and Donnelly.

ABMA is constantly growing, and the member municipalities have benefited from various opportunities over the past few years. Following are some examples.

Projects completed and in progress:

- A study to review the inventory of greenhouse gas emissions (project amount: \$54,500)
- A municipality also took advantage of its connection with ABMA to conduct a waste management analysis (\$490,000)
- Hemp project – manufacture of hemp-fibre products – NAPHI (\$200,000)
- A municipality also took advantage of a CN program to receive funds to improve a park in their community due to ABMA member partnership opportunities (\$18,500)
- Community Capacity-Building Program and assessment tools offered to members (Value of \$14,000)

Activities

- An ABMA member had the opportunity to attend a *BiCity Conference* (Smart City Program) in Montreal in spring 2017.
- A member represented ABMA at the conference of the Réseau des villes Francophones et francophiles de l'Amérique in Quebec City (a few municipalities are also members of this international network).
- ABMA was officially incorporated in November 2017. Each member designates one representative and one alternate representative who will represent their municipality at the table.

The next ABMA meeting will be held on February 9, 2018, in St. Albert. If Grande Prairie is seriously interested of joining ABMA, a letter of interest should be addressed at my attention. If the council would prefer a formal presentation from CDÉA regarding ABMA, this is also a possibility.

We look forward to start working with your municipality.



Étienne Alary

Executive Director

Conseil de développement économique de l'Alberta

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE - OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST - FEBRUARY 13, 2018

ID	Subject	Requested on	People Responsible	Item Notes	Expected Report Date
936	Facility Master Plan	1/30/2018	Administration	Committee direct Administration provide information on the current state of the Facility Master Plan and report back to Committee.	
926	Strategic Issues Committee of the Whole	12/19/2017	Administration	Committee direct Administration develop a draft Terms of Reference for a Strategic Issues Committee and bring back to a future Corporate Services Committee meeting.	
927	City's Approach to Advisory Boards and Committees	12/19/2017	Administration	Committee direct Administration conduct a review of the City's Advisory Boards and Committees and bring back a report with recommendations on how we can be more intentful about their purpose and establish a consistent approach to their implementation across the organization.	
918	2017 Municipal Election - Feedback Process	11/7/2017	Terri Williams	Committee direct Administration bring back a report outlining the review and feedback process to be used for the 2017 Municipal Election.	2/27/2018
911	MGA Regulations - Impacts	9/12/2017	Bob Nicolay	Committee direct Administration place items related to the current status of the Intermunicipal Development Plan, the Council Code of Conduct and the expanded categories of the Off-Site Levies and Intermunicipal Off-Site Levies on the appropriate Standing Committee Outstanding Items Lists.	2/27/2018

891	Design Build Procurement Projects 2017	5/9/2017	Laurie Gaudet	Community Safety Committee direct Administration report back in the fall of 2017 on the use and impact of the Design Build procurement process. (the intent of this direction is to generate a report with all projects done in 2017 (by late fall / early winter) and the procurement method used, not only when the Design Build method was applied.)	2/13/2018
932	Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association	1/29/2018	Corporate Services	Council direct Administration to bring back more information regarding the Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association to the appropriate Standing Committee for further discussion.	
7					