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Municipal Affairs

Municipal Sustainability Strategy Meeting - Summary

February 19, 2010

Representatives in attendance from:

AAMDC: Gerald Rhodes, Executive Director, Kim Heyman, Director of Advocacy and Communications

ARMAA: Pat Vincent, Director

AUMA: John McGowan, Chief Executive Officer, Sue Welke, Director, Policy and Advocacy.

LGAA: Carol Revega, Director, Town of Westlock

Alberta Municipal Affairs: Michael Merritt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Gary Sandberg, Executive Director, Municipal Services, Patrick Cadden, Manager, Stakeholder Relations and Sustainability, Jessica Spratt, Communications

Meeting summary and highlights:

- The working group continued to discuss the list of services most commonly provided by municipalities.
- Continued to discuss the development of a specific list of key indicators and measures of municipal viability and sustainability.
- Further discussed the possibility of using the list of indicators and measures as part of a self-awareness tool for municipalities.
- Agreed the list would help municipalities be proactive in achieving and maintaining sustainability and help them identify areas of strength and areas for possible improvement.
 - The subcommittee will do further work to identify a more focused list of indicators and measures for the working group's consideration.
- The subcommittee will be asked to develop an inventory of existing capacity building tools and identify any significant gaps where additional support could be considered.
- Agreed to meet again in two weeks to continue discussions on the development of the Municipal Sustainability Strategy.