

Questions	Answers
What other methods besides utility and tax deferrals could help promote economic recovery?	AUMA is exploring is options to support economic recovery, including the establishment of a municipal Task Force and further providing a platform for members to share approaches.
Ask Province to advance MSI amounts or fast track approvals for transportation and construction projects.	AUMA has ongoing dialogues with the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Minister Madu sent an update to all municipalities on April 30, 2020.
Ask Province to remove the resident's ability to petition to block projects or have a special tax instead of a levy.	A similar question was asked on the Municipal Affairs Town Hall call on May 4, 2020. Minister Madu said he would look into this.
Could AUMA provide a toolbox or portal to collect ideas from various municipalities so we can share ideas? Or a special webinar or town hall?	AUMA is exploring options to support economic recovery, including providing a platform for members to share approaches.
What is happening with RCMP placements for rural? Where will they be placed? Will we still have to pay for positions that are not filled?	AUMA had proactively reached out to the RCMP for resource placement updates. We continue to follow up on this issue and will inform members as soon as we have a response.
Need information and options for deferral of non-residential tax in a digest article or in the COVID-19 Hub.	<p>In mid-April 2020, Alberta Municipal Affairs hosted a webinar and released a Guide on Non-Residential Property Tax Deferral for the 2020 taxation year.</p> <p>In addition, on April 27, 2020, Municipal Affairs released Frequently Asked Questions on Non-Residential Property Tax Deferral to address the questions that came up during the webinar.</p>
Need extra fish and wildlife officers to police illegal boat launching at provincial parks.	The provincial government determined to open boat launches as part of Stage One of the Alberta Relaunch. AUMA encourages members to contact local Fish and Wildlife officers directly if they observe any illegal activities in provincial parks.
Need confirmation on relaxing of small business requirements for Canadian Emergency Business Account Grant. Ask FCM and/or Federal Minister.	<p>On April 16, 2020, the Government of Canada announced that it was expanding CEBA's minimum payroll requirement to \$20,000 instead of the original \$50,000 threshold.</p> <p>AUMA sent an email to all AUMA members on May 6, 2020, confirming that businesses owned by municipal elected officials would now be able to access capital through the CEBA program.</p>
Provide an update on provincial broadband initiatives.	AUMA is following up with Service Alberta to provide an update on the work they are doing to increase access to high speed internet.



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Need update on viability review process to ensure public can discuss (town hall) before a vote.	AUMA has reached out to Municipal Affairs. Municipal Affairs is proceeding with reviews where information gathering can continue, but Municipal Affairs is not holding any public meetings or public votes until it is safe to do so from a public health standpoint.
For policing, we need a credit formula built into police funding and/or municipalities to directly inject into regional partner.	AUMA plans to bring the idea to the Police Advisory Board established by the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General.

