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Dear Mr. Dibben, Ms. Heyman, Mr. Nagoya, and Mr. Power:

Each year, AUMA members have the opportunity to submit resolutions on issues of importance to them. These resolutions are then presented, debated, and voted on by our members at the fall Convention. If passed, the resolutions remain active for three years, after which time they expire. On behalf of AUMA's Board, I am pleased to provide information on the outcome of the City of Cold Lake and Towns of Bonnyville, St. Paul, and Westlock's expired 2014 resolution.

The resolution titled "Complete Communities" called for AUMA to advocate for legislation that provides incentives and financial support that encourages municipal amalgamations to create specialized municipalities and regional governments, for the Government of Alberta to seek expressions of interest from municipalities that would consider amalgamation, and for the Government of Alberta to recognize an expedited amalgamation process for those interested municipalities.

AUMA submitted detailed recommendations in September 2015 regarding voluntary amalgamation and new processes for annexation. As well, AUMA called for non-contiguous amalgamations to be enabled. As a result, changes to the Municipal Government Act passed through Bill 20 provided for voluntary amalgamation and new process for annexation. However, the Bill did not enable non-contiguous municipalities to voluntarily amalgamate other than Summer Villages that border a shared body of water.

AUMA will continue to monitor and advocate on this issue, as details pertaining to amalgamation and annexation changes are still pending and are expected to be released as regulations in the near future.

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Thank you for raising this important issue through our resolution process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Rude", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dan Rude, Interim CEO