



CITY OF ST. ALBERT
ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

**TITLE: AUMA REQUEST FOR DECISION – WATERSHED
MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT**

Recommendation(s)

That the following draft AUMA Resolution be forwarded to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association for a Request for Decision at the Spring 2017 Mayors' Caucus, to be held March 7-8, 2017.

WHEREAS Effective water quantity and quality management and safe water supplies are issues of concern to all Albertans;

WHEREAS Water withdrawals, landscape changes, industrial and municipal development, and climate fluctuations impact the quantity and quality of water supplies;

WHEREAS Watersheds must be managed comprehensively to protect our water supplies;

WHEREAS a growing water demand from population growth, and changing climate means Alberta must adapt and prepare to effectively address future challenges;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties advocate that the Government of Alberta:

- Complete water management planning for all river basins, including major tributaries
- Monitor flow and water quality effectively in all major rivers and tributaries
- Improve water use reporting compliance
- Complete scientific studies on groundwater and surface water interactions
- Provide support and funding for municipal watershed partnerships and WPACs

BACKGROUND:

Council Direction

Administration has given no recommendation on this matter. However, this resolution was proposed by the Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance (SRWA) and supporting the SRWA's advocacy efforts is one of Council's priorities in the Council's Strategic Advocacy Plan.

Attached is a document that provides rationale for the draft resolution.

Implications of Recommendation(s)

- a) Financial:
 - None at this time.

- b) Legal / Risk:
 - None at this time

Attachment(s)

1. Draft AUMA/AAMDC Resolution

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