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**Subject:** Council Mayors Report

I attended the ORFS executive meeting on Sept 16 as an observer. Items discussed were mostly transitional requirement, amongst the topics were: mutual aid with Lace Ste Anne County, Fire Bylaws, Parkland County Emergency Services System, AFRRCS Radios, and FRI name change contracts. Discussion on the FOIP request for AHS & Parkland County.

Sept 21, I attended the Onoway Legion Branch # 132 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was well attended. This is an example of an organization working with volunteers for 90 years in making our community and country a better place. Long time member awards were presented to numerous individuals.

Sept 24 attended LSAF Meeting. Reviewed summary report on the information provided by consultant regarding building addition lodge capacity for the increasing demand. We are looking at how to accomplish this with a minimal increase in requisitioning to participating municipalities. We are looking at a possible 10-year window to achieve this. Budget was reviewed and all operations are within the parameters for all the facilities. Reviewed required maintenance projects.

Sept 25 the start of Alberta Municipalities (AB MUNI's) annual convention. There were two-time frames for educational sessions with each slot providing up to 4 different topics to choose from. First session I attended was "Fostering a culture of respect in council chambers, social media, and beyond". One of the most interesting takeaways from this session is the many municipalities are witnessing difficulties resulting of the abuse of social media. Although it is clearly thought in Muni's 101 compulsory training for elected offices there still seems to be some disparities. The second session I attended was "Council-CAO Relationship: Ensuring Effective Governance through respect and collaboration." Again, it was very clear that as an elected official, we need to stay in our lane, CAO is our only employee, and elected officials must realize that a healthy relationship must be maintained to achieve best results for the municipality. The afternoon started with a keynote speaker followed by the trade show. Spoke with numerous companies ranging from streets, roads playground equipment to law firms and software providers. There was a great selection of service and product providers.

Sept 26, day 2 of the convention started out with the trade show then on to the resolution session. This is a session where municipal concerns are brought forward, discussed by the membership then voted on to be taken to the provincial government to be considered for discussion and implementation if passed by parliament. This year there were 29 resolutions of which 20 were discussed and were voted on. The remaining will be taken forward by the association to the government for consideration. Also, in the morning Daneile Smith spoke to the assembly on issues that the government is working on. Some of the topics have already been shared on the news. The afternoon began with an education session, and I attended the "Enhancing Mental Health Supports for Municipal Officials" which spoke to the resources that are available to deal with mental health concerns resulting from stress brought on because of being and elected official. Probably the best advice provided was to have someone one can talk to and share the concerns. Following this session was the address from the unofficial leader of the opposition ( Naheed Nenshi) former

mayor of Calgary. His presentation was pointing out what changes would be made to address some of the concerns in Alberta if the NDP was elected to power. Then the address from Minister of municipal affairs Rick McIver. His presentation provided an update on some of the concerns that the government is working on that municipalities have requested action on and other concerns that are being currently considered. That completed day 2 of the convention.

Sept 27, day 3 of the convention started with the Annual Meeting and Board elections. There were three candidates running for the title of Director of Towns West and the incumbent Krista Gardner from the Town of Calmar was re-elected as our representative. Following the annual meeting there were two dialogue sessions. These are sessions where ministers are asked questions from the elected officials on items of concern that affect their municipalities. This went until lunch, then there was closing entertainment, and the convention ended at 1PM.

During the 3 days I had an opportunity to speak to numerous municipalities about issues we are experiencing, only to realize that they to have similar concerns. This is

On Oct1, ORFS held a regional meeting with all participating municipalities. The items discussed were the same items that the executive committee had discussed previously. This was an update for all the municipalities.

On Oct2, Highway 43 Solid Waste commission meeting, review of the operating budget which is in line. There was a lot of discussion regarding the cost of repairs to the packer. The final bill was more than twice the quoted estimate. The repair company had representatives in attendance who committed to taking our concerns back to see if adjustments could be made that would be more favorable to the Commission. It is common for over-rides to occur, but the company didn't inform us of this. Most recent information is looking that this invoice will be adjusted, to what degree it is not yet know.

The crushing of concrete at the landfill was discussed and if any municipalities have any use for this product. The commission would be looking at selling this crushed concrete to participating municipalities at a cost recovery and small profit.

On Oct 10, attended the Municipalities Regional Meeting. The RCMP provided the group with an update from the Entwistle, Parkland and Mayerthorpe detachments. All detachments have the same concern and that is if they catch a criminal, the justice system is not dealing with them in a timely fashion resulting in offenders being back on the street. Items brought up by the County were Intermunicipal calibration Framework, Fire smart Program which chief Randy Schroeder addressed. Wild water update and the new expansion to the west. Waste water update within the county and the current lagoon facilities. Then Northern gateway provided an update on the new school year, capital funding , joint use and planning agreements and use of cameras on school buses. There seems to be concerns with drivers passing school buses when they are stopped and picking up children.

After lunch MLA Shane Getson provided us with an update on his travels and negotiations on behalf of Alberta here and abroad, as well as some of the initiative the provincial government is embarking on.

Ste. Anne Natural Gas Co-op discussed Emergency Response Planning and incomplete information with municipalities they serve. This does not affect the Town of Onoway, however, S5tew Anne Gas Co-op should be in our emergency plan.

This concludes my report currently.