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2018 Municipal Award Recipients Announced

Red Deer, AB - The Board of Directors of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) is pleased to announce the 2018 recipients of the AUMA and Society of Local Government Managers (SLGM) Dedicated Team and Dedicated Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) awards. The Awards were presented as part of the Convention's Opening Ceremonies on September 26, the first event of the AUMA Annual Convention and AMSC Trade Show held at Westerner Park in Red Deer.

The two awards are jointly administered by the AUMA and the SLGM. This year's recipients – respectively – are the Town of Devon's Senior Management Team, and Peter Smyl, CAO of the Town of Whitecourt.

"We are very impressed once again at the calibre of our award recipients," says Barry Morishita, President of AUMA. "Whitecourt's CAO Peter Smyl and the Town of Devon team are excellent examples of leadership, whether it is empowering your community through inter-municipal collaboration, or taking a united team approach to problem solving and sound municipal management. They offer much to our membership and we offer our sincere congratulations on receiving these awards."

"Congratulations to both worthy recipients, the Town of Devon Team, and Mr. Peter Smyl," says Bob Beck, Chair of SLGM. "They demonstrate excellence and professionalism in public service in municipal Alberta, and raise the bar for all of us."

Dedicated CAO Award recognizes a CAO for long-term excellence and dedication to both municipal government and chief administrative management, while the Dedicated Team Award recognizes a municipal administration team for its outstanding contribution in the field of municipal administration.

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About the AUMA

Founded in 1905, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association represents all of Alberta's urban municipalities, including cities, towns, villages, summer villages and specialized municipalities, as well as municipally related Associate and Affiliate members. Our goal is to develop a strong partnership between all three levels of government through a shared vision, with long-term planning that facilitates social and economic growth, a strategic and stable funding matrix for capital projects, vital emergency and social services and implementation and coordination in the delivery of services to ensure the long-term sustainability of Alberta municipalities.

About the SLGM

As the governing body of the profession, the Society's purpose is to enhance and promote the professional practice of local government management and to ensure that educational opportunities are provided to improve the management abilities of those who are involved in local government administration in Alberta. A not-for-profit professional association incorporated in 1988, the SLGM represents the rural and urban sectors of local government and strives to improve the quality and abilities of local government managers in Alberta. The Society's affairs are guided by an elected Board of Directors, consisting of six professional members and one public member representative appointed by the Government of Alberta.