



June 25, 2018

Mr. Alan Martens
Chief Administrative Officer
City of Brooks
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Dear Mr. Martens:

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 the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Board of Directors, I am pleased to provide information on the outcome of the City of Brook's expired 2014 resolution "[Dreissenid Mussels Invasion](#)". The resolution called on the provincial government to enact and amend legislation and regulations to encompass zero tolerance, mandatory inspections, and the necessary enforcement authority for dreissenid mussels to ensure the species does not invade Alberta; furthermore, that the provincial government ensures there is necessary financial and human resources to put in place preventative measures to protect Alberta's water bodies.

On March 30, 2015, the Alberta government adopted *Bill 13 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act* provided for mandatory inspections of boats and watercraft that are transported into Alberta. The amendments gave law enforcement officials greater authority in dealing with contaminated watercrafts. Bill 13 also included a prohibited species list that would restrict the safe and possession of aquatic invasive invertebrates, plants, and fish. In June 2016, Alberta, along with British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and Yukon finalized the Inter-Provincial Territorial Agreement for Coordinated Regional Defence Against Invasive Species. The agreement enabled increased coordination among jurisdictions in Western Canada to share resources and coordinate planning related to prevention and response to aquatic invasive species.

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AUMA believes these steps are essential in combating aquatic invasive species and will continue monitoring the province's ongoing measures on this subject. We feature information on how municipalities can help protect Alberta's water bodies through the Aquatic Invasive Species page of our Water Management Hub, water.auma.ca.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Rude', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Rude
AUMA CEO

cc: His Worship Barry Morishita, Mayor, City of Brooks