

# ALLIANCE NEWS

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39/20 Alliance Newsletter

May 2017

## 39/20 Mayors meet with Minister of Municipal Affairs

On September 1, 2016 the four Mayors of the Alliance, set off for the Provincial Capital to meet with the Honorable Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

On the agenda - the achievements of the 39/20 Alliance to date, the future goals of the four member communities, a request for support for the Alliance and a desire to raise the overall awareness of the 39/20 Alliance.

The Board elected to take a more proactive approach in requesting the meeting with the Minister with the intention of raising the profile of work undertaken by the 39/20 Alliance. With economic development high on the agendas for both the 39/20 Alliance and the Province, it was hoped that through identification and reinforcement directly to the Ministers office of the great work achieved so far through collaboration, and the unique opportunity to demonstrate the determination of the Board to continue to work together on behalf of their communities, that it would lead to better understanding of the 39/20 goals and ultimately lead to support for future financial assistance.

### 39/20 Board 2017, Jan - Oct

Alan Barker, Breton  
Kimberly Plaquin, Breton (Secretary)  
Terry Balaban, Calmar  
Wally Yachimetz, Calmar  
Rick Hart, Thorsby  
Barry Rasch, Thorsby (Chair)  
Kevin Maine, Warburg  
Ralph van Assen, Warburg

### Ex-officio members

Terri Molenkamp, C.A.O. Breton  
Kathy Rodberg, C.A.O. Calmar  
Christine Burke, C.A.O. Thorsby  
Chris Pankewitz, C.A.O. Warburg



*"It has been my pleasure and honour to serve as the 2016 Chair"*

**Terry Balaban, Outgoing  
2016 Chair**

# 39/20 Introduces Business Advisory Committee

The Alliance has been working on many projects over the past year, and coming to fruition is the introduction of a Business Advisory Committee.

The Committee mandate will be to advise the 39/20 Alliance Board on matters that pertain to economic development, business development, and growth opportunities for the member communities within the 39/20 Alliance, and is just one of the strategies of the 39/20 Alliance to promote economic development with the region.



Specifically, the Business Development Advisory Committee will advise 39/20 Alliance Board of Directors on issues that affect the business community regionally, highlight opportunities for business growth and enhancement and provide input into the priorities and strategic direction of the 39/20 Alliance.

The committee will be comprised of two members from each of the Alliance communities and will be appointed for a two year term, with the Chair being chosen annually from amongst the committee members.

*Left to right : Dwayne Mayr, Cory Gilbert, Darren Scott & Tom Hawryluk*

## 39/20 Sidenotes..

Following annual election for the executive at the January A.G.M., Barry Rasch (Thorsby) was elected as Chair, and Kimberly Plaquin (Breton) as Secretary for 2017 year.

*"Looking forward to another great year working with the Alliance members. We have a lot to focus on, building on the great work we have already started".*

**Barry Rasch, Incoming Chair 2017**

Working together for prosperity, the Board continues to focus on strategies for economic development and cost savings for the four communities. A grant for \$25,000 has been secured by the group through the CARES program, to work on Economic Development.

Other items currently under consideration and review are possible joint employee benefit group cost savings and possible shared enforcement services. The communities also recognize, that all four don't have to take part in every initiative, but

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*Left to right: Kimberly Plaquin, Ralph van Assen, Barry Rasch and Wally Yachimetz.*

Following the Annual General Meeting of the Alliance, January 25, the four communities signed the 39/20 Alliance Proclamation for Cooperating for Prosperity.

The communities of Thorsby, Calmar, Warburg and Breton signed copies of the document declaring to work together for the future prosperity of the region