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## Consultations on the municipal/provincial review of liability provisions are now underway

The Municipal Liability Review Committee report has now been distributed to government departments, the municipal sector and other stakeholders (including the legal and insurance professions) for their input. During May 2006, Government Relations (GR) will conduct a number of meetings to provide further opportunities for review and comment.

Once these consultations are complete, GR will prepare a summary of the feedback received. If amendments ultimately result from the review, they could be introduced during the fall 2006 or spring 2007 legislative session.

During the spring and summer of 2005, a committee of officials from GR, Justice, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and the city solicitors from the four largest cities undertook a review of the liability provisions in each of the three municipal Acts.

The review was undertaken because the municipal sector had some issues with the scope and nature of the liability protection provided to municipalities.

Most of the recommendations would require legislative changes

in order to be implemented. Many of the recommendations propose changes that have the potential to affect a broad cross-section of stakeholders and groups.

With this in mind, GR designed a broad-based consultation strategy to include a significant number of stakeholders and groups, in order to ensure that they would have an opportunity to review the report and comment on it prior to government making any final decisions.

If you have any comments or recommendations regarding this review, or if you would like a copy of the review report, please contact Rod Nasewich in Government Relations at (306) 787-2738 or by email at: <a href="masewich@gr.gov.sk.ca">masewich@gr.gov.sk.ca</a> The report is also available on the Municipal Relations Divisions web site at

http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/pd f/liabilityreview.pdf



<u>Urban Municipal Administrators</u> <u>Association of Saskatchewan</u> (UMAAS) Convention

UMAAS will be holding its annual convention June 6-9 in Saskatoon with the theme 'New Act, New Focus'. Follow the <u>website link</u> for details.