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SERVING THE SUMMER VILLAGES OF: ARGENTIA BEACH, CRYSTAL SPRINGS, GOLDEN DAYS,
GRANDVIEW, MA-ME-O BEACH, NORRIS BEACH & POPLAR BAY

NEWS RELEASE

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Pigeon Lake Lands Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence

Ma-Me-O Beach, Alberta... Staff and Council of 7 Pigeon Lake Summer Villages were chosen as the recipient of the 2009 Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence in the Smaller Municipalities category.

The group of seven Summer Villages was selected by a province-wide panel of elected officials and municipal administrators. The award was presented at both the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Convention and the Alberta Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMD&C) Convention in November.

"We were thrilled to have been recognized for our successes. Minister Danyluk has repeatedly stressed the importance for municipalities to work within his mandate of promoting regional cooperation and maintaining strong communities, and our Shared Municipal Services model truly exemplifies our achievements towards this mandate" said Sylvia Roy, Chief Administrative Officer for the seven Summer Villages.

"As a collective group, we have realized the strength that the power of numbers can bring. Through a shared Administrative Office, we are able to attract and retain skilled staff, engage common contractors and introduce efficiencies. It is easier to find ways in which we can collaborate on intermunicipal projects" states Denis Rowley, Deputy Mayor of Argentia Beach. "We also have a Joint Services Committee comprised of one representative from each of our Councils, charged with overseeing the Administration. This also helps us to introduce standard bylaws and policies to our individual Councils."

Along with Argentia Beach, the other Summer Villages involved in this consortium include Crystal Springs, Golden Days, Grandview, Ma-Me-O Beach, Norris Beach and Poplar Bay. Don Fleming, Ma-Me-O Beach Mayor, also expressed his appreciation for the recognition. "Our Council is continually impressed with the high levels of cooperation and the quality of the service that the shared administration provides. This award from Minister Danyluk recognizes that our model of working together has created one of the most efficient and cost effective municipal offices in Alberta."



Front Row, Left to Right: Sylvia Roy, CAO and Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Ray Danyluk.
Back Row, Left to Right: Pete Langelle, Councillor, Ma-Me-O Beach; Leslie Ellis, Councillor, Grandview; Don Fleming, Mayor, Ma-Me-O Beach; John Slater, Deputy Mayor, Ma-Me-O Beach.

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