

**Municipal Affairs Committee – History of Meetings & Topics Covered  
June 2010- June 2011**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER(s)</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>Municipal Budget Report Card; discussed each category of the draft report card prepared by Chamber Staff and assigned grades to each category.</b>
<b>June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b> (meeting cancelled; HRM's Auditor General cancelled on us on short notice for personal reasons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>Review of our Municipal Issue Note 2010. Review of our Committee Work Plan; selected 4 key areas of focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiscal Mgmt</li> <li>• Regional Plan</li> <li>• Competitiveness</li> <li>• Effective Governance</li> </ul>
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>Brainstormed topics to include in Pre-Budget Submission. Discussed questions to ask Bruce Fischer &amp; Cathie O'Toole when we meet with them in November.</b>
<b>December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010</b> (Meeting cancelled. Bruce Fischer & Cathie O'Toole cancelled on very short notice; no alternative agenda)	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>Continued discussion on Pre-Budget Submission; topics covered included commercial tax reform, unsustainable pension plans, HRMbyDesign, revenue diversification, and effective governance.</b>
<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011</b>	Larry Munroe, Municipal Auditor General	HRM	<b>Overview of AG's mandate – how it works. Q &amp; A with Larry Munroe. Tied discussion in to subject of effective governance. Requested the committee report back to Brian/Nancy on any feedback re: the 2011 Pre-Budget Submission (did not have time to discuss at length)</b>
<b>March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	Bruce Fischer, Manager of Fiscal & Tax Policy, and Paul Flemming, Manager, Budget & Financial Analysis	HRM	<b>Overview of the HRM budgetary process; Explanation of Commercial Multiplier and HRM Pension Plan Status; Property Assessment Cap, and other budget issues.</b>
<b>April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>2011-12 Budget Response – agreed on a report card again. Discussed the budget highlights, what the Chamber liked and didn't like, and gathered committee input/feedback. Graded the city an overall "C".</b>
<b>May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b> (meeting cancelled)	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	Andy Fillmore, Manager of Urban Design	HRM	<b>Update on HRMbyDesign; where we are now, &amp; what the plan is moving forward.</b>