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THE VOICE FOR RURAL ALBERTA

Featured:

AAMDC Spring 2017 Endorsed Resolutions

Resolutions form an important part in identifying direction for the AAMDC's advocacy efforts. The AAMDC membership endorsed eleven resolutions at the spring 2017 convention:

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Member Bulletins

Register for the EOEP's Upcoming Courses

The EOEP will introduce a brand-new series of courses in following the upcoming municipal election in fall 2017.

The new EOEP will be led by Munis 101, which will provide both new and returning elected officials with the skills and knowledge that they need to excel in their positions. Munis 101 will meet Municipal Affairs mandatory training requirements under the revised Municipal Government Act.

[Learn more...](#)

FCM Seeking Municipal Representatives on Asset Management Committee

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is seeking representatives to sit on a Technical Working Group for the new Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP). Among these representatives, the FCM is seeking one practitioner representative (municipal staff) from the BC/Alberta region to participate

Learn more about the **key issues** facing rural Alberta and our **position statements**.

Job Postings

AAMDC
Legal Counsel

Parkland County
Safety Codes Clerk

Senior Project Engineer

Construction Foreman

Red Deer County
Information Management Support Assistant

City of Leduc

in the committee.

[Learn more...](#)

Municipal Primer on the Alberta Ombudsman

With the passage of Bill 21, the mandate of the Alberta Ombudsman has been expanded to include municipalities. At the most recent AAMDC Spring Convention, the AAMDC hosted Peter Hourihan, Alberta's Ombudsman, and Joe Loran, Alberta's Deputy Ombudsman. In their breakout session, they provided clarity to their expanded role and how they believed it would operate with municipalities.

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Announcements

2017 ASB Summer Tour: July 11-14

Register NOW to get the early-bird pricing for the 2017 ASB Summer tour, co-hosted by Red Deer County and Mountain View County. The theme for this year's tour is Growing Tomorrow's Agriculture. The tour will feature local producers and will demonstrate how they have incorporated advances in technology into their operations. Embodying the theme, Olds College, has been selected as the base for the tour week and will be hosting registration, check-in, optional tours and all of the evening festivities.

[Learn more...](#)

Municipal Resource Handbook Update

Please find an attached update for the Municipal Resource Handbook.

[Read attachment...](#)

2017 ARPA Conference - Call for Presentations Open

The 2017 ARPA Conference Program Committee is currently inviting submissions from individuals and organizations interested in presenting at our annual

**Administrative Assistant,
FCSS**

County of Vermilion River
**Public Works Operation
Manager**

**Public Works Project
Manager**

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Upcoming
Events

District 3 Meeting
April 10, 2017

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to watch our video,
*Where It All Starts:
Rural Alberta with the
AAMDC*
featuring Doug!

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conference this fall. The conference theme is **Change. Challenge. Opportunity.** These are three powerful words we know quite well in Alberta. The past few years have been challenging times for many of our communities, and we believe Albertans can embrace this time as an opportunity for change. Does this theme inspire you? Interested in sharing your ideas with recreation and parks practitioners and decision-makers from across Alberta? If you have a compelling story/experience/idea to present, please submit a proposal by [clicking here](#).

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2017 SALMTEC Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool Course Field Training Schedule

Dates may be added, depending on course enrollment. E-mail info@salmtec.com to get placed on the waitlist.

- Calgary Area: (Limited spots available for the Southern location)
 - June 27, 2017
- Edmonton Area: (Northern/central field location is SOLD OUT)
 - June 28, 2017

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Building STANDATA Update

The following Building STANDATA is now available on the Municipal Affairs website. Follow the link below to view or print copies:

- [14-BCI-002](#) Visual Signals

Reminders

Environmental Conservation Tools Survey Now Available

The Miistakis Institute and the Environmental Law Centre have partnered with AUMA and AAMDC to seek information from municipalities regarding how they currently use existing and newly proposed environmental

conservation tools, and what resources would best support improved use of these tools. This phase is part of a larger project, Community Conserve, which will be a forum for Alberta municipal staff and elected officials to post their environmental conservation issues, vote on the priority issues as a community of municipalities, and 'crowd-fund' efforts to address the most common issues.

The outcomes of this survey will inform future initiatives designed to support municipalities in their conservation efforts. Click [here](#) to complete this short survey by March 31, 2017.

AAMDC Budget Analysis 2017-18: The Rural Municipal Perspective

On March 16, 2017, the Government of Alberta released their budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year (April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018).

[Learn more...](#)

In the News

- Alberta [farmers face harvest of woe](#) after wet weather last fall
- Woodlands County and Whitecourt [leading the way for municipal collaboration](#) across Alberta
- Officials gear up to [assign infrastructure cash or lose control](#) over its spending
- Burnaby [loses bylaw battle with Trans Mountain](#) over pipeline expansion project
- Rona Ambrose: '[I don't see Energy East getting through Montreal](#)'
- [Legalization promise 'good news'](#) for massive Edmonton marijuana operation
- Alberta invests in [land and water conservation](#)
- [New wastewater project](#) benefits central Albertans
- Government invests in [rural entrepreneurs](#)
- [Alberta invests \\$12 million](#) to protect water
- Extra court staff, other programs [should help fight rural crime](#), Alberta justice minister says
- [First Nations in Alberta 'encouraged'](#) province will spend \$100M on safe drinking water
- Canadian ranchers, farmers get [serious about security](#)

- Here's where [Alberta's carbon tax dollars](#) are going



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