

GETTING TO KNOW THE AAMDC

A Guide for New Councillors



VOLUME II :

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Since you've been elected as a municipal councillor, we trust you understand that in your role, you represent all constituents in your municipality. The AAMDC board works similarly, with two board members elected at-large serving as your President and Vice President, and five board members elected by AAMDC members from specific areas of the province serving as district directors. While all board members make decisions from a province-wide perspective, having direct representation for each AAMDC district allows local or regional concerns to be communicated to the entire AAMDC board and staff.

HOW IS THE BOARD ORGANIZED?

The AAMDC features a seven-member board with the following positions:

- President (at-large)
- Vice-President (at-large)
- Director, District 1 (Foothills-Little Bow)
- Director, District 2 (Central)
- Director, District 3 (Pembina River)
- Director, District 4 (Northern)
- Director, District 5 (Edmonton East)

To see who your district representative is, and how to contact them, [click here](#) or view the box on the next page.

HOW DOES THE BOARD SERVE THE AAMDC?

Serving on the board requires more than simply attending a monthly meeting. Board members participate on a wide range of committees throughout the province, regularly represent the AAMDC in meetings with government ministers, and attend partner events across Alberta and Canada.

In addition to serving as the face of the AAMDC, the board is instrumental in guiding the AAMDC's advocacy efforts. Like the relationship between municipal staff and councils, the AAMDC board provides strategic direction and high-level advocacy positions on various issues, which staff then implement through the development of reports, submissions, etc. In other words, the board serves as the critical link between members and the AAMDC, making sure that the rural municipal perspective is conveyed in a way that government decision-makers and other stakeholders will understand.

HOW IS THE BOARD SELECTED?

The Board is selected by you! All full AAMDC members are eligible to vote for the President, Vice President, and director for their district. Elections take place annually at the fall convention. Each term is two years, and elections are staggered to allow for continuity on the board. For example, elections for President, District 1 Director, and District 4 Director will take place one year, and elections for Vice President, District 2 Director, District 3 Director, and District 5 Director will take place the following year.

2017-18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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