



## FEATURED:

### Alberta Budget 2022 - 2023: RMA Initial Analysis

The Government of Alberta has released Budget 2022: Moving Forward for the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year and the 2022 - 2025 Fiscal Plan. The RMA addressed the budget with an initial analysis as well as a backgrounder that goes into more details.

[Learn more...](#)

## MEMBER BULLETINS

Member bulletins are posted to [RMAAlberta.com](https://RMAAlberta.com) regularly each week. Below is a list of all the member bulletins compiled from the past week.

### Resolutions for the RMA 2022 Spring Convention Now Available

The resolutions that will be presented during the resolution session at the RMA 2022 Spring Convention are now available. Any members wishing to propose amendments to resolutions included in the resolutions package are encouraged to email proposed amendments in advance.

[Learn more...](#)

Spring 2022 Emergent Resolution  
Deadline is March 11



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As per the RMA's Resolution Process policy, an emergent resolution is defined as a resolution submitted to the RMA after the resolution deadline - February 15, 2022 for the 2022 Spring Convention - that addresses a subject or problem that has arisen subsequent to the resolution deadline. To accommodate this process, emergent resolutions must be submitted prior to 3:00 pm on Friday, March 11, 2022.

[Learn more...](#)

## RMA 2022 Federal Pre-Budget Submission Available

In advance of the 2022 federal budget, the Government of Canada has requested stakeholders to share their ideas on how budget priorities could contribute to new jobs and build a greener, more resilient Canada. One of the RMA's federal advocacy goals is to identify and advocate on priority municipal and rural issues at the federal level.

[Learn more...](#)

## Provide Feedback on the Proposed Management Plan for the Evening Grosbeak

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is developing a Management Plan for the Evening Grosbeak, which is listed as Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). For each species of special concern, ECCC is required to develop a management plan.

[Learn more...](#)

## Court Affirms Municipal Bylaw Authority Related to Roadside Trailer Signs

An Alberta Court of Appeal decision has confirmed that municipalities have the authority to create bylaws banning roadside trailer signs. The RMA is pleased to see the appeal court uphold the decision of lower courts, as this aligns with the RMA's position regarding municipal autonomy.

[Learn more...](#)

## AGRICULTURE UPDATE

**Moisture Situation Update -  
February 3, 2022**

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### JOB POSTINGS

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**Finance Manager**

**Administrative Coordinator  
(term)**

Town of Strathmore

**Utilities Strategist**

Sturgeon County

**Operations Supervisor  
(Paved Roads)**

**Transportation &  
Engineering Services**

Strathcona County

**Agriculture Initiatives  
Specialist**

MD of Greenview

**Information Systems  
Technician**

County of St. Paul

**Planning and Development  
Officer II - Temporary Full  
Time**

MD of Peace

**Director of Finance**

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### LOOKING FOR INFORMATION FROM A PREVIOUS ISSUE?

View our **Contact newsletter  
archive** or our **member  
bulletin archive**.

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## REMINDERS

### RMA 2022 Spring Convention Registration is Now Open

The RMA 2022 Spring Convention will take place March 14 - 16, 2022 at the Edmonton Convention Centre in person, with no virtual component. We look forward to welcoming our elected officials, members, and guests together for an action-packed agenda.

[Learn more...](#)

### Quick Questions Guide for Provincial Policing Engagement Sessions

To continue supporting members as they attend Government of Alberta engagement sessions regarding the Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study, the RMA has developed a quick questions guide. The questions in this guide are pulled from the more detailed member engagement guide for a convenient resource when participating in engagement sessions.

[Learn more...](#)

### Registration Open for Second Round of Canada's History and the Municipal Role in Reconciliation Workshop

Through our commitment to reconciliation, the RMA and Alberta Municipalities are partnering to host virtual workshops that will explore how past government policies have defined today's relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. These workshops follow four sold out sessions that were hosted in fall 2021. There are still three workshops open for registration in March.

[Learn more...](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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In collaboration with  
the RMA, the  
**Canoe  
Procurement  
Group of Canada** is  
pleased to provide  
**Alberta-exclusive  
offers** from local  
approved suppliers.

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## RMA Members Map Download Available

The RMA Members Map has been updated for accuracy and to reflect recent changes. The map is now **available for download** in PDF format from the RMA website.

Three different sizes are available, including options for printing on common office printers and for professionally printed large-format posters.

## The Adaptation Resilience Training (ART) Program Webinars

The ART program is designed for those interested in learning about how Alberta's climate is changing and how to integrate adaptation into professional practice. The program is open to everyone, including students, professionals, public servants, and citizens. The changing climate has been identified as a key risk to our water management system in the recent Alberta Water Council Water Futures report. These free webinars will help educate us all to be better able to address the challenges facing water management in Alberta today and into the future. You can register for any of the sessions below.

- **March 9** (1:00 - 3:30 pm): ***The Weather Isn't What It Used to Be: Separating Fact from Fiction about Climate Change***
- **March 10** (9:00 am - 12:00 pm): ***Risks Around Us: Learning Which Climate Risks are Important to Manage and How***
- **March 15** (9:00 am - 12:00 pm): ***Making Dollars and Sense of Climate Change: Economic Aspects of Climate Change***
- **March 17** (1:00 - 4:00 pm): ***But It's So Cold Outside! How to Speak Effectively About Climate Change***

## AEMA: Start a Conversation

The 2021 Survey of Albertans shows only 34% of Albertans have started to discuss emergency preparedness with their networks. Talking about emergencies can be the first step in making your emergency plan. Not sure where to start? Use current events to prompt the conversation. #BePrepared by

visiting [alberta.ca/EPWeek](https://alberta.ca/EPWeek) to listen to a podcast that can help you bring preparedness into everyday conversations. How will you start a conversation about preparedness?

## 2022 RhPAP Rhapsody Awards are Now Open

The RhPAP Rhapsody Awards continue a long tradition of celebrating rural Alberta's healthcare heroes and rural communities. RHPAP are looking to honour the work of rural communities, rural health providers, and healthcare teams. Rhapsody Award celebrations feature an award presentation in the recipient's community, and the premiere of a video profiling the recipient and their contributions to the health and well-being of their community. The deadline for nominations is February 28, 2022. To fill out a nomination form or for more information, visit [www.rhapsodyawards.com](https://www.rhapsodyawards.com).

## MCCAC Updates

- **Join MCCAC for the Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program Information Session**

The **Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program** supports climate adaptation activities directly controlled or influenced by a community. Communities will have access to funding through multiple streams with specific outcomes and participation criteria. Join on March 1 at 2:30 pm for an information session hosted by the Action Centre's Ronak Patel. [Register here.](#)

- **What can a charging station bring your community?** Demonstrate your commitment to future growth. Around 12% of Canada's climate pollution comes from cars and trucks burning fossil fuels. Switching to electric vehicles demonstrates your community's commitment to cleaner skies and a healthier climate. Learn more about how the **Electric Vehicle Charging Program** can make it easier to install an EV Charger in your community.
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# IN THE NEWS

- **Alberta Budget 2022: What the province plans to build, expand and repair for \$20B**
- **Changes to cabinet**
- **Jobs and health care are focus of throne speech**
- **Concerns voiced over proposed solar power project in Leduc County**
- **Ban on trailer ads upheld by Alberta's top court**
- **States of local emergency help communities cope with disasters. Here's how they work**
- **Alberta premier pledges historic health investments in today's provincial budget**
- **Alberta to proceed with Emergencies Act challenge despite it being lifted: Kenney**
- **Relief for high natural gas bills coming, Alberta government promises in throne speech**
- **Alberta county passes policy that stops businesses with vaccine mandates from winning contracts**



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