



## FEATURED:

### *Spring 2018 Position Statements Now Available*

RMA takes pride in representing the rural municipal perspective to governmental decision-makers, industry, and other stakeholders. As part of our advocacy efforts, RMA develops and updates a series of **position statements** that summarize and reflect the RMA perspective on key policy areas.

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## MEMBER BULLETINS

### Infrastructure Asset Management Alberta (IAMA) Workshop on June 13

**Infrastructure and Asset Management Alberta (IAMA)** is hosting a workshop in Nisku on June 13, 2018, including an interactive session on intermunicipal collaboration around asset management. The IAMA is targeted towards municipal staff and those familiar with or seeking further information on asset management and tangible capital asset planning.

[Learn more...](#)

### Peace Officer Fatality Inquiry Released

The recommendations included in the **fatality inquiry** into the death of MD of Foothills Peace Officer Rodney Lazenby are currently being reviewed by the Minister of

#### JOB POSTINGS

Cypress County  
**Assessor II**

City of Red Deer  
**Policy Analyst**

Athabasca  
**General Manager**

Drayton Valley  
**Chief Operating Officer**

Sturgeon County  
**Heavy Equipment Technician**

Parkland County  
**Manager, Budget & Financial Reporting**

Justice and Solicitor General, with details as to how the Government of Alberta will proceed in implementing the recommendations expected to be available shortly.

[Learn more...](#)

## National Housing Strategy Initiatives

The **National Housing Strategy** (NHS) was founded with the intention of strengthening the middle class, addressing homelessness, and fueling the Canadian economy.

Utilizing federal funding, grants, and loan mechanisms, the NHS will create affordable, stable, and livable communities

[Learn more...](#)

## Come Together Alberta Conference

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) hosted its third Welcoming and Inclusive Communities conference May 15 – 17, 2018. The intent was to provide knowledge and inspiration to support action to eliminate racism, discrimination, and social exclusion.

[Learn more...](#)

## Asset Management Course in Sherwood Park

RMA, AUMA, and **Infrastructure Asset Management Alberta** (IAMA) are excited to bring you an asset management workshop for municipal staff in Alberta! Through support of the Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) this workshop will be offered **free of charge**.

[Learn more...](#)

## RMA Sponsors Rural Resolution at FCM Conference

RMA is sponsoring an emergency resolution at the upcoming **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference** in Halifax, Nova Scotia which starts on May 31, 2018. The resolution, "Policy Tools for Solving Rural Challenges", supports the need to develop rural-specific tools to address the challenges faced in rural Canada.

[Learn more...](#)

Woodlands County

**Director of Infrastructure  
Services**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 16**

District 3 Meeting

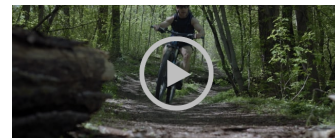
**November 19-22**

2018 RMA Fall Convention

### LOOKING FOR INFORMATION FROM A PREVIOUS ISSUE?

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



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video for the Rural  
Municipalities of  
Alberta!

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## Municipal Management of Industrial Development

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A new report developed through the Community Conserve project focuses on how municipalities can manage industrial development within their municipal boundaries. Municipalities are not often major players in deciding whether industrial development proceeds in the province, yet the adverse impacts of such development are mostly felt at the local level.

**Learn more...**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

**Have your say on Bill 201**

**Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future**  
 Bill 201, *Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018*, would provide job protection for volunteer or part-time firefighters who assist in fire services.

**Submission deadline: June 6, 2018**

For more information on Bill 201 and how to make a submission:  
[assembly.ab.ca/committees/abeconomicfuture](http://assembly.ab.ca/committees/abeconomicfuture)

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## Alberta Government Seeks Public Input For Bill 201

Bill 201 proposes occasional leave for part-time firefighters to assist in fire services while prohibiting employers, without good cause, from preventing a person to act as a part-time firefighter, if the individual has informed the employer, or from refusing to employ a person because they are a part-time firefighter. As part of its review, the Committee has chosen to seek input on the Bill through public written submissions up until Wednesday, June 6, 2018. For more information **click here**.

## CanSIA's Solar Canada Conference

Municipalities are invited to register for Solar Canada, the Canadian Solar Industries Association's Annual Conference and Exposition taking place from June 20-21 in Calgary. **Register now** to learn more about how the

solar industry is evolving across Canada and how your municipality can take advantage of incentives to adopt solar energy generation.

## Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium 2018

The Alberta Rural Development Network, in conjunction with the Alberta Rural Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (ARCH<sup>2</sup>), is hosting the first national symposium dedicated to rural and remote housing and homelessness issues. The Symposium will be held October 24 - 26, 2018 at the Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre in beautiful Canmore, Alberta. For more details on this event [click here](#).

## Global Age-Friendly Environments Mentoring Program

The World Health Organization and the International Federation on Aging have launched Global Age-Friendly Environments Mentoring Program (MENTOR-AFE), aimed at supporting age-friendly city and community leaders. MENTOR-AFE provides many opportunities for emerging and established leaders of age-friendly community change to further develop their skills with the support of a mentor. The deadline to apply is May 30, 2018. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Horizons for Seniors Program calls for Proposals

The federal government's new Horizons for Seniors Program call for proposals is seeking proposals for projects led or inspired by seniors. Eligible applicants may receive up to \$25,000 in the form of a grant under the community-based projects component and up to \$5,000 in the form of a grant under the new small grants initiative pilot. The deadline for submission is June 15, 2018. [Click here](#) for more information.

## SALMTEC Training Course Deadline

The last day to register for the SALMTEC online ABWRET-A training course is July 10, 2018. This course

is designed for professionals intending to conduct wetland assessments or requiring a solid understanding of the government's Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool. For more information on registration, course dissemination schedule and course structure [click here](#).

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## REMINDERS

### Specialized Workshops in Asset Management

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### EOEP Regional Collaboration Course Coming Up in Camrose

The **Elected Officials Education Program** (EOEP), a joint venture of the RMA and AUMA, is Alberta's only professional education program designed for municipally elected officials. The EOEP is offering its Regional Partnerships and Collaboration course this spring. This course was offered prior to the RMA's Spring 2018 convention and received excellent feedback from participants

[Learn more...](#)

### May 25 and June 6 – Cannabis and Public Health Webinar Series

RMA and AUMA are pleased to invite members to a series of educational webinars on cannabis and public health. These webinars will provide recommendations to help municipalities make cannabis policy decisions that promote and protect the wellbeing of their citizens.

[Learn more...](#)

## Municipal Management of Water Bodies: A Community Conserve Project

Alberta's water bodies are a valuable resource; their regulation and proper management is essential for safe drinking water, healthy aquatic ecosystems, watershed resiliency, among other things. This project only works if municipal personnel participate. Municipal personnel can post new ideas for projects or vote on the ideas already there – no registration required!

**[Learn more...](#)**

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## IN THE NEWS

- Liberal party **targets \$2 billion over 10 years to mitigate disasters linked to climate change**
  - Alberta is leading the way in **wireless innovation in home building**
  - McGill Research indicates **Western provinces should brace for hotter temperatures than expected by 2050**. For more information on this **[click here](#)**.
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