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Alberta's Rural Municipalities Are Unique!

Rural municipalities are crucially important to Alberta's economic development and provide vital infrastructure and services to those living outside urban areas. RMA is excited to announce the launch of a web hub, RMA Members Are Unique.

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Due to the upcoming holidays, this will be the last issue of Contact for 2021. Have a very Merry Christmas and we will see you all in the new year!

MEMBER BULLETINS

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

RMA 2021 Fall Convention Highlights Now Available

With the RMA 2021 Fall Convention complete, RMA has prepared Convention Highlights to summarize the interesting speakers, engaging debate, and excellent connections made over the week-long event.

[Learn more...](#)

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Provide Input on the Management Plan for the Baird's Sparrow

Environment and Climate Change Canada is developing a management plan for the Baird's Sparrow, a small grassland songbird listed as "Special Concern" under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). In Canada, the Baird's Sparrow breeds within the mixed-grass prairie region in southern Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

[Learn more...](#)

REMINDERS

EOEP Gearing Up for 2022 Courses

Many of you are only a course or two away from completing your Municipal Elected Leaders Certificate, bestowed in collaboration with the University of Alberta's Augustana Extended Education to councillors who complete all seven EOEP courses. Early in 2022, EOEP will announce a course plan for the year. The plan will ensure that every course is offered at least once in 2022.

[Learn more...](#)

You're Invited to the EPR Municipal Workshop

The RMA, Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA), and Alberta Municipalities are teaming up to present an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) workshop for municipalities on January 5, 2022, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.

[Learn more...](#)

Save the Date for Second Round of Canada's History and the Municipal Role in Reconciliation Workshop

Through our commitment to reconciliation, RMA and Alberta Municipalities are partnering to host eight virtual workshops in early 2022 that will explore how past

AGRICULTURE UPDATE

[Moisture Situation Update + 2021 Growing Season In Review - December 10, 2021](#)

JOB POSTINGS

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government policies have defined today's relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

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Provide Input into the Development of Budget 2022

The Government of Alberta is currently developing the 2022 provincial budget and is seeking input from stakeholders and the public. Input can be provided through the completion of a survey, through a written submission, or through participation in telephone townhalls that will take place in January. The deadline to complete the survey is January 15, 2022.

[Learn more...](#)

Save the Date for RMA Virtual Townhall on Policing

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General is planning to engage with municipalities regarding the Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study. RMA is hosting a virtual townhall on January 6, 2022 and releasing a primer document to help members prepare for these engagement sessions.

[Learn more...](#)

Nominations Open for Minister's Awards for Transportation Innovation

Nominations are now open for the Minister's Awards for Transportation Innovation (MATI). The MATI are awarded each year and recognize innovation in the transportation sector in several categories. The submission deadline is January 7, 2022 at noon.

[Learn more...](#)


ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Alberta Wastewater Innovation Task Force

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

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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Is wastewater keeping you up at night? The Alberta Wastewater Innovation Task Force is a group working towards improving the delivery of wastewater infrastructure for Alberta communities. The task force will be recommending several pilot projects to immediately implement the group's findings. To take advantage of Alberta Transportation's extended deadline for the AWMMP and Water for Life grants, it's important that these pilot project opportunities be identified immediately. If you have a wastewater challenge and are interested in pursuing this grant funding, please contact **Alex Mochid** before **January 14, 2022**. Applications for this funding need to be submitted before the end of February. To discuss wastewater grant funding opportunities or learn more about the Wastewater Innovation Task Force, contact Alex Mochid, RMA Policy Advisor, at alex@RMAAlberta.com.

University of Calgary's Canadian Northern Corridor Research Program

On January 25, 2022, the Canadian Northern Corridor (CNC) Research Program at the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy will be bringing together municipal representatives from Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba for a roundtable event to discuss the future of infrastructure planning and development in Canada. The CNC Research Program is currently investigating the feasibility, desirability, and acceptability of a connected series of infrastructure corridors across Canada. This discussion is your opportunity to share your municipality's concerns, perspectives, and priorities regarding locally-relevant infrastructure issues. Related-issues include regional connectivity, community economic development, broadband access and post-COVID recovery. To participate, please contact the Program Coordinator at corridor@ucalgary.ca. To learn more about the CNC Program, please visit www.canadiancorridor.ca.

MCCAC Updates

- **Due today! Submit your Expression of Interest for the Municipal Energy Champions Program.** The **Municipal Energy Champions Program** is free to participate in, but can save you

thousands. The Municipal Energy Champions Program helps small municipalities identify opportunities to reduce energy consumption and save money. We will help your Champion understand energy use and management, better track municipal energy consumption, and move forward in the energy planning process. **Your Expression of Interest is due today!**

IN THE NEWS

- **Alberta matchmaking program could help young farmers find land, not love**
 - **The town that coal built**
 - **Emergency department in Swan Hills, Alta., to be without on-site doctor for 4 days next week: AHS**
 - **Most Albertans want government to protect more natural spaces: survey**
 - **Rural Alberta post offices feeling impacts of COVID-19 vaccine mandate**
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