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THE VOICE FOR RURAL ALBERTA

Featured:

Munis 101: For all Your Post-Election Training Needs!

The revised MGA will require municipalities to offer training to all new and returning elected officials within 90 days of this fall's municipal election. To assist Alberta's municipalities in meeting this requirement, the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) has developed Munis 101: The Essentials of Municipal Governance.

[Learn more...](#)

Member Bulletins

Government of Alberta Status Update on Professional Signoff for Regulatory Documents under the Alberta Wetland Policy

The Government of Alberta recently posted a status update on the *Professional Responsibilities in Completion and Assurance of Wetland Science, Design and Engineering Work in Alberta*. The update indicates that as of May 1, 2017, Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) will require signoff on regulatory documents submitted under the *Alberta Wetland Policy* by an authenticating professional.

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

Job Postings

Saddle Hills County
Director of Environmental Services

MD of Foothills
Development/Road Technologist, Public Works

Municipal Asset Management Program

Leduc County

Now Accepting Applications

The FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) is now accepting applications from municipalities for a wide range of asset management activities. FCM will accept applications on a continuous basis for the duration of the program, with applications accepted until June 30, 2020. Applications will be reviewed monthly.

[Learn more...](#)

Register for the EOEP's Emergency Preparedness Planning Course

The Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) will be offering "Dealing with Disaster Before It Hits: Emergency Preparedness Planning" on June 12, 2017 in Okotoks. This will be the final course offered under the EOEP's current format before a redeveloped course roster is introduced in the fall of 2017.

[Learn more...](#)

Announcements

New FCM Funding to Improve Asset Management

The call for applications is now open for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program. Municipalities are invited to [apply for grant funding](#) of up to \$50,000 for initiatives that help municipalities make informed decisions about investing in infrastructure such as roads, buildings and sanitation services. [Learn more](#) about the new grants, eligible activities, and how to apply.

Register Today for the 2017 AAMDC Golf Tournament!

Each year the AAMDC invites members and approved suppliers to enjoy a great day of golf with plenty of prizes and excellent food. The eighth annual AAMDC Aggregated Business Services Golf Tournament will be held support of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation. This year our tournament will be held at the

Manager of Operations

**Human Relations &
Administrative Coordinator**

Parkland County
**Business Development
Officer - Commercial &
Industrial**

Sturgeon County
**Policy Analyst,
Intergovernmental Affairs**

Town of Taber
**Information Technology
Manager**

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Upcoming Events

Canada Day
July 1, 2017

*Click the link above to see
what's happening in your
area, or to submit your own
community's event!*

Electronic Voting Device Return



If you're still in possession of an electronic voting device from the AAMDC Spring Convention, please have them delivered to the

Barrhead Golf Club on June 14, 2017.

[Learn more...](#)

Canada's National Disaster Mitigation Program

The Government of Canada's National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) addresses rising flood risks and costs. The program funds risk assessments, flood mapping and mitigation planning activities, as well as non-structural and small-scale structural disaster mitigation projects.

[Learn more...](#)

ARPA Seeking Municipal Input on Communities ChooseWell Program

Alberta's municipal elected officials are invited to participate in Alberta Recreation and Parks Association's (ARPA's) survey on the Communities ChooseWell program. Communities ChooseWell is a free program offered by ARPA that supports municipalities in developing partnerships, programs, policies, and infrastructure to foster active living and healthy eating. As ARPA is working to continuously improve the program and demonstrate its effectiveness, they would greatly appreciate elected officials taking the time to share their experiences with the Communities ChooseWell program. The survey closes at midnight on Friday, May 19, and can be accessed [here](#). If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Chantel Churcher at [780-643-1252](tel:780-643-1252) or cchurcher@arpaonline.ca.

New Alberta Electrical Utility Code

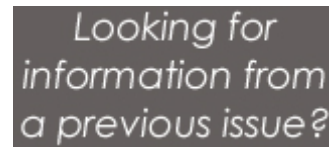
The new edition of the Alberta Electrical Utility Code came into effect May 1, 2017. For further information on the Electrical Codes in force in Alberta follow this [link](#).

AROWRN Connects 2017

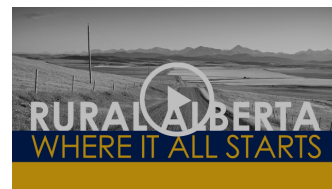
The Alberta Rural Organic Waste to Resources Network (AROWRN) wants you to know more about the safe and cost-effective conversion of municipal wastewater and biosolids to useful woody biomass resources, through the use of fast-growing poplar and willow. The 2017 Conference will take place June 14 and 15 at the U of A's

following address:

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2510 Sparrow Drive
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Reminders

Provide Input into the CRTC's Broadband Funding Program

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has opened consultations on the design of its upcoming \$750 million fund for the enhancement of rural broadband across Canada. The fund is being created as a component of the CRTC's decision to designate broadband as a basic telecommunications service.

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In the News

- Varcoe: [Power companies eye cheap gas](#) as a good bet to replace coal
- Federal [carbon tax plan to follow Alberta](#) plan, include individual rebates
- [Province to monitor rural EMS](#) due to 911 dispatch concerns
- Funding now available to strengthen communities through [smart infrastructure planning](#)
- [Ending the beef](#) with county taxes
- Varcoe: [Energy regulator considers firm timelines](#) for cleaning up inactive wells
- [Liberals put on defensive over plans](#) to create infrastructure investing machine
- Gary Doer to champion [Alberta's softwood lumber](#)
- Albertans [encouraged to prepare](#) for emergencies
- 'We're so far behind': [Canada unprepared for housing needs](#) of rising senior population
- Bitumen, beef, booze, berries and bees: [What's at stake for Alberta](#) in a U.S. trade war
- Fort McMurray gets \$5M to study [second highway out of the city](#)
- [More builder accountability](#) to protect home buyers
- Alberta [Culture Days grants](#) now open

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