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## Member Bulletins

### Statement on Fort McMurray Wildfires

For the residents and emergency first responders in Fort McMurray and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, the past few days have been extremely difficult. Though the situation remains dynamic, the AAMDC would like to commend the firefighters and other first responders who are working tirelessly to support this community.

[Learn more...](#)

### AAMDC Reacts to Industrial Taxation Article in the Edmonton Journal

Last week, the [story on the main page](#) of the Edmonton Journal referred to the current allocation of industrial taxes including linear assessment and machinery & equipment as an 'industrial tax fiasco'. The AAMDC received tremendous feedback from our members on this article and have responded with an [editorial that ran online](#) and in the Monday version of the Edmonton Journal.

[Learn more...](#)

### Alberta Wetland Policy: Green Area Implementation Approaching

In 2013, the Government of Alberta released the [Alberta Wetland Policy](#) to facilitate an informed approach to wetland management in the province. The Government of Alberta has been undertaking a phased approach for [implementation of the new policy](#) with the final stage of implementation starting June 1, 2016 in Alberta's Green Area.



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## Job Postings

Town of Stony Plain  
[Manager of Planning](#)

Parkland County  
[Manager, Information Services](#)

County of Two Hills  
[Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee Administrative Assistant](#)

Town of Redwater  
[Infrastructure Services Technician](#)

Town of High Level  
[Museum & Visitor Centre Assistant](#)

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## Government of Alberta Notes Changes to Agencies, Boards, and Commissions

In the 2016-17 provincial budget, the Government of Alberta announced changes to agencies, boards, and commissions that will result in \$33 million in savings over three years.

Resulting from the Agencies, Boards, and Commissions Review, the government will [consolidate or dissolve 26 boards or agencies](#) out of the 136 boards reviewed.

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## Alberta Health Services EMS Emergency Response Update

The [EMS Performance Dashboard](#) is available online and allows the public to monitor the response times of EMS against a series of performance indicators. The Dashboard is updated quarterly and as such, the most recent update for Q2 is now available.

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## Announcements

### AUMA Webinar: Wetlands Why? What? When? Where? Who? How?

This webinar will answer municipalities' questions about implementation of Alberta's Wetland Policy and how it affects local decision making.

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## Reminders

### STIP Survey Now Open

As part of their ongoing consultation regarding the structure of the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP), Alberta Transportation has distributed a [survey](#) to the CAOs of all AAMDC members, as well as AUMA members and Metis Settlements with infrastructure that may be eligible for STIP funding.

[Youth Recreation Leader](#)

City of Leduc  
[Manager, Communication  
and Marketing Services](#)

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job postings

## Upcoming Events

[2016 CCAA Annual Planning  
Conference](#)  
May 2 - 4, 2016



## 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 following address:

AAMDC  
2510 Sparrow Drive  
Nisku, AB T9E 8N5

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## Alberta Economic Development and Trade Needs Your Input on Broadband – Deadline is May 24

In response to increased requests from all types of municipalities for information and resource on improving broadband access within their communities, Alberta Economic Development and Trade has collaborated with the University of Alberta to develop an educational resource that will assist economic development officers, planners, CAOs, councillors, and others with an interest in enhancing community broadband access to capture relevant information on how to do so.

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## News

- [After massive evacuation clogged Fort McMurray's roads, push on for new ways out](#)
- [Gerald Rhodes: Industrial taxes a lifeline for rural Alberta's municipalities, counties](#)
- [Liberals set to open taps on construction money](#)
- [Earls reverses its position after public outcry over Alberta beef](#)
- [Rocky View council, landowners skeptical about costs, timeline of Springbank flood reservoir](#)
- [Red Deer's poor air quality report sparks government reaction](#)
- [Albertans urged to prepare for disasters](#)
- [Gray: \\$15 minimum wage gives dignity to working Albertans](#)
- [Ritchie Bros. auction in Nisku sees \\$240M in sales](#)
- [Sky's the limit for Alberta's little-known Angel Flight volunteer pilot service](#)
- [One year in power: The Alberta NDP's steep learning curve](#)
- [Feds report fewer train accidents – but they're also watching fewer tracks](#)
- [Province, TransAlta reach agreement to protect Calgary and other Bow River Communities from flood and drought](#)
- [NDP works boss shelves future public-private](#)

[construction contracts](#)

- [Alberta's hot, dry forests face major threat from miniature bugs](#)

## Rural View



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May 14, 2016

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to south and 660 km  
(410 mi) east to west at  
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