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## Member Bulletins

### Spring 2013 Convention

The Spring 2013 Convention is scheduled for March 18-20 and AAMDC is busy with preparations for another great event. [Read more...](#)

### Register Today for the Community Action on Energy and Climate Workshop

Albertans working on climate action and energy are invited to an important workshop being held in Edmonton on **March 21**. Community, education and business representatives will join municipal officials from across the province at *Community Action on Energy and Climate – Innovative Partnerships for Innovative Solutions*. [Read more...](#)

## Reminders

### Have You Joined the Conversation?

The Government of Alberta has started an engagement process focusing on water issues in the province. Labeled as a “water conversation”, Albertans are encouraged to engage in this process that will influence water resource management to meet the future needs of the environment, economy and residents. Visit the [ESRD website](#) to find a community conversation in your area, or learn how to provide feedback through email.

### Register for EOEP March Courses Today!

Time is running out to register for the Service Delivery and Communications and Media Relations course offered by the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) on **March 18** in Edmonton. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about techniques to measure and evaluate service levels from internal and external stakeholders, and acquire relevant communication techniques to help get the message out. For more information and to register,

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**Registration Deadline is Monday**

If you haven't registered for the AAMDC Spring 2013 Convention, now is the time! Registration closes on **Monday, March 4, 2013**.

- Click [here](#) to register online.
- Download the [draft agenda](#).

visit [www.eoep.ca](http://www.eoep.ca) or contact [Sheena Linderman](#) at 403.346.1040.

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## Announcements

### **New AAMDC Website Coming Soon**

After experiencing major difficulties with the current AAMDC website, we made the decision to create a brand new aamdc.com! We are anxious to reveal our new look to members and the rest of the public. The new site is not all looks, we have also done our best to make content more accessible for our users. We expect to launch within the next week; thank you for your patience during this time and know that a new website is on the way.

### **FCM and CWTA Releases Template to Manage Wireless Communications**

To manage the growth in demand for wireless communications, FCM and the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association ([CWTA](#)) developed a [protocol template](#) to better guide municipal consultations with wireless providers on the location of antenna systems. [Learn more...](#)

### **Municipal Affairs Official Contact Information Review**

To ensure Municipal Affairs has accurate contact information for municipalities and regional services commissions, please review your municipality's or regional services commission's contact information contained on both of the following Municipal Affairs website links:

- Municipal Officials Directory:  
[www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca) under "Municipalities and Communities", then "Municipal Officials Search"
- Municipal Profiles: [www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca) under "Municipalities and Communities", then "Maps and Statistics", and then "Municipal Profiles"

If there are changes to be made, please use the applicable Municipal Officials Directory update form which can be found on the same link as the Municipal Officials Directory noted above. The completed form can be emailed to [lgs.update@gov.ab.ca](mailto:lgs.update@gov.ab.ca) or faxed to 780.420.1016. If you require assistance, please call toll free at 310-0000, then 780-427-2225.

### **RADF 2013 Spring Showcase**

The Rural Alberta Development Fund ([RADF](#)) invites you to [register](#) for a full-day event that will enable attendees to learn

first-hand from Alberta's Big Sky Thinkers on how they developed and nurtured innovative solutions to complex issues facing their rural communities. See how projects become sustainable while transferring that knowledge to neighboring communities. The showcase takes place at the Delta Edmonton South on **April 19** from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

### CPAA Planning Conference

The Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) invites you to **Growth Without Boundaries**, their 2013 Planning Conference that will take place **April 15-17** in Red Deer, AB. The Education Sessions will start the day with a morning spent learning about public input tool kits for Municipalities or Conflict Styles. For registration and complete details, click [here](#).

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## News

- [Alberta needs sales tax](#), report says
- Advocates spar over government [investment in new bitumen upgraders](#)
- [Alberta health-care system](#) criticized by experts
- [Social Policy Framework](#) provides roadmap for transformational change
- Minister disappointed [ATA union rejects province's fair contract offer](#)
- Enforcement issued to [Pembina Pipeline and Pengrowth Energy](#) for 2011 spills
- High-risk enforcement [action issued against Plains Midstream Canada](#) for 2011 spill
- [New online support](#) for Alberta businesses
- [Carbon capture](#) funding agreement cancelled
- Innisfail area pioneers honoured with [naming of lake](#)
- Stakeholder consultations first step to [grow-op free Alberta](#)

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