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THE VOICE FOR RURAL ALBERTA

## Featured:

### Apply to Implement a Rural Regional Alternate Transportation for Seniors Project in your Municipality!

The University of Alberta's [Medically At-Risk Driver Centre](#) (MARD) is seeking proposals from rural municipalities and/or rural-based community organizations to work with MARD to develop a regional alternate transportation for seniors (ATS) service in a remote area in Alberta.

[Learn more...](#)

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## Get to Know the AAMDC!

### Up Next: Issue Summaries

For the next several weeks, the AAMDC will be offering special "Issue Summaries" to bring new councillors up to speed on some of main issues and initiatives that the AAMDC is currently working on. Each summary will give a short overview of the issue, with links to where readers can learn more. Feel free to contact us with any questions!

This Week: [Provincial Infrastructure Spending](#)

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## Member Bulletins

Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Learn more  
about the key

## (TRC) Calls to Action for Municipal Governments

The TRC has five (5) direct Calls to Action for municipal governments, including educating public servants about Indigenous culture, history, Treaties, and Indigenous law.

[Learn more...](#)

## Government of Alberta Seeking Rural Municipal Input on Broadband

In December 2016, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) ruled that access to broadband internet is a basic telecommunications service. Service levels and quality of broadband service range throughout the province.

Therefore, following the CRTC decision, the Government of Alberta decided to work towards a future where every Albertan has access to a good quality internet connection.

[Learn more...](#)

## FCM Seeking Cost Estimates for Railway Grade Crossing Upgrades

In November 2014, Transport Canada published new Grade Crossings Regulations for safety management of federally-regulated grade crossings. Municipalities and railways had until November 2016 to share critical safety information regarding existing crossings, and until November 2021 to ensure existing crossings meet basic safety requirements. While the AAMDC supports the intent of these regulations, our position remains that additional federal funding will be needed to assist municipalities with upgrading existing crossings.

[Learn more...](#)

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# Announcements

Learn skills to better manage your municipality's assets – sign up for an online course by March 30, 2018!

issues facing rural Alberta by reading our **position statements**.

## Job Postings

AAMDC

**Internal Claims Adjuster**

**Event Coordinator**

County of Grande Prairie

**Records Technician**

**Administrative Assistant**

Woodlands County

**Airport Manager**

Parkland County

**Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Technician**

**Equipment Operator II**

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[Click here to view our job board.](#)

## Upcoming Events

**District 1 Meeting**

January 26, 2018

**District 2 Meeting**

February 2, 2018

**District 4 Meeting**

February 9, 2018

*Looking for information from a previous issue?*

The National Asset Management Strategy Canada (NAMS Canada) is hosting an 8-week online asset management certificate course to help you develop your asset management skills while using data from your own municipality. The course is open to Canadian municipal staff and elected officials involved in asset management within their municipality. The course will take place every Tuesday from April 10 to June 5, 2018 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm EDT.

Also, please note that in order to increase access for municipalities of all sizes across Canada, **registration for municipalities with a population of less than 10,000 will be processed immediately.**

To learn more about the course and how to register: click [here](#).

## 2-Day Governance Workshop with George B. Cuff, FCMC

Those involved in all aspects of government need to be continually at the forefront of their game. In today's world, government priorities can quickly change. In the age of social media, declining faith in government, voter apathy, pecuniary interests, doing more with less; it becomes imperative for elected officials to build a culture of collaboration, innovation, continuous learning, community engagement, and transparency. This seminar ensures that you will hear from each other and one of Canada's foremost experts on what principles and practices underlie "good governance".

[Learn more...](#)

## RhPAP 2018 Community Conference - Stepping It Up: A Renewed Impact

The 2018 A&R conference plans are moving forward! "Stepping It Up: A Renewed Impact" will be the theme of this year's event to occur in Brooks on April 11-12, 2018.

[Learn more...](#)

## Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool – Actual (ABWRET-A) Training Course

View our [Contact newsletter archive](#) or our [member bulletin archive](#).



Click the link above to watch our video, *Where It All Starts: Rural Alberta with the AAMDC* featuring Doug!

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Registration is NOW OPEN for SALMTEC's Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool - Actual (ABWRET-A) Training Course. Visit [www.SALMTEC.com](http://www.SALMTEC.com) to register!  
[Learn more...](#)

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## Reminders

### Spring 2018 Convention Registration is Now Open!

Our Spring 2018 Convention and Tradeshow are set to take place March 19-21 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Delegates from member municipalities around Alberta are invited to hear plenary speakers, participate in breakout sessions and vote on the resolutions that guide the AAMDC's advocacy efforts.

[Register today!](#)

### Spring 2018 Hotel Bookings

Have you booked your accommodations for convention yet? Rooms are filling up fast, so get yours today!

[Learn more...](#)

### AAMDC Spring 2018 Tradeshow: Call for Vendors

Join the AAMDC Aggregated Business Services division, meet AAMDC members and share how your organization will benefit their municipalities. This year's show will have 170 booths, with bulk display space available. [Attached](#) is information about the AAMDC 2018 Spring Tradeshow that will take place on Monday, March 19, 2018 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton.

[Register today!](#)

### Application Deadline for Charitable Gaming Model Committee Extended

To ensure that all members have adequate time to complete the required application process, the AAMDC has extended the application deadline for the Charitable Gaming Model Committee to **4:00pm on Tuesday**,

February 13, 2018.

[Learn more...](#)

## Infrastructure and Asset Management Alberta (IAMA) Workshop on February 7 – Mark your calendar!

Infrastructure and Asset Management Alberta (IAMA) is hosting a workshop in Red Deer on February 7, 2018 focused on advancing your asset management program, including an interactive session on challenges and innovations in municipal asset management.

[Learn more...](#)

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## In the News

- [Canada, TPP members agree](#) to revised deal without the U.S.
  - Labour minister vows to have Alberta [farm safety regulations in place by next election](#)
  - [Claresholm councillor intends to resign](#) after revealing she was assaulted and threatened inside her home
  - [Fighting mountain pine beetle](#) in Whitecourt area
  - [Saskatchewan drops ban](#) on Alberta licence plates at job sites
  - Trees on border of Jasper park being [burned to combat mountain pine beetle](#)
  - Farmers to address Supreme Court in [fight against abandoned wells](#)
  - Study defines [link between fracking, earthquakes](#) in northern Alberta
  - Junior energy company [investing \\$90 million to rebuild](#) idle Alberta oil refinery
  - [Predator compensation program](#) for ranchers helps conservation efforts: study
  - [Ottawa spends \\$108M on high-speed internet in rural areas](#) even as \$750M fund remains dormant
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