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THE VOICE FOR RURAL ALBERTA

## Featured:

### Provide Input into *Railway Safety Act* Review

Transport Canada has launched a [statutory review](#) of the [Railway Safety Act](#) and is seeking input from interested stakeholders on the Act's effectiveness in supporting a safe rail network as well as how the Act and associated regulations could be enhanced.

[Learn more...](#)

## Member Bulletins

### Member Input Requested by July 17 on a Provincial Odour Management Framework

Odours are the most common air quality complaints in Alberta. In response, Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) is creating a draft provincial Odour Management Framework with a goal to reduce the frequency, intensity and duration of odour events.

[Learn more...](#)

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

### Job Postings

AAMDC  
**Policy Analyst**

Town of Athabasca  
**Assistant Chief  
Administrative Officer**

Town of Taber  
**Economic Development  
Officer**

Leduc County

## Announcements

Call for Applications: Municipal Intern Program 2018

The Municipal Internship Program is accepting applications to be one of the 15 hosts for the May 2018 program. Host organizations receive grant funding to assist with costs and are supported in their efforts to train and mentor their interns by a team of ministry staff. Deadline to apply is September 1, 2017. *Please see the attached documents ([1](#), [2](#)) for all the details.*  
[Learn more...](#)

## Municipal Forestry Institute

The Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA) and Tree Canada are pleased to announce that the Municipal Forestry Institute (MFI) is coming to Canada for the 1st time. MFI is a unique leadership training program which has graduated over 500 future leaders in urban forestry across North America since 2006. Now it will have a Canadian "flavour" and give you the opportunity to learn from a talented pool of Teaching Cadre. SMA in partnership with Tree Canada is holding MFI Canada at the Nav Centre in Cornwall, Ontario during the week of October 15 – 20.

- To register for MFI Canada, please visit <http://bit.ly/2sXSmJg>.
- For more details about MFI Canada, please visit [www.urban-forestry.com](http://www.urban-forestry.com).

Please note that for this event to launch we must receive the minimum numbers of registrants by the August 1, 2017 deadline.

## Rural Alberta Innovation & Learning Commons 2017

The autumn of 2017 will see a return of the Rural Alberta Innovation and Learning (RAIL) Commons conference, which was developed to address the large gap in educational training opportunities focused on rural community and economic development. First held in Camrose in 2015, this second conference is to be hosted by Olds College from September 29 to October 1 of this year.  
[Learn more...](#)

### Payroll and Benefits Technician

Parkland County  
**Functional Business Analyst - Financial Systems**

Special Areas Board  
**Heavy Duty Mechanic**

**Utility Officer I**

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

## 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!*



As Canada celebrates it's 150th Birthday, please **send us** information or pictures of your municipalities celebration so we can share them.

*Looking for information from a previous issue?*

# Reminders

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

## Have Your Voice Heard on Alberta's Electoral Boundaries

The Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission (AEBC) has released its *Interim Report* on their proposed changes to Alberta's provincial electoral boundaries. The report is not final, but if the proposed changes are accepted it could have an impact on rural Alberta's representation in the Alberta Legislature as three seats are proposed to be redistributed from rural areas and allocated towards urban communities.

[Learn more...](#)



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

## Dates and Locations Now Available for Munis 101: Mark your Calendars!

The amended MGA will require municipalities to offer training to all new and returning elected officials within 90 days after council members have taken the oath of office. To assist Alberta's municipalities in meeting this requirement, the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) has developed *Munis 101: The Essentials of Municipal Governance*. The EOEP is a joint venture of the AAMDC and AUMA.

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- Transport Canada introduces [new rail security measures](#)
- Government of Canada and FCM announce [\\$72 million for municipal projects](#) demonstrating strong actions on climate change
- Paula Simons: Cannabis lounges? Pot shops? [Edmonton city council enters weed world](#)
- Edmonton-area landowners feel [frozen out from potential development](#)
- New \$228-million [High Prairie hospital might be the last](#) rural Alberta sees for awhile

- [Whirling disease lab](#) opens in Vegreville
- New grant funding for [climate change infrastructure projects](#)
- Minister cites water, housing, Sixties Scoop in [apology on National Aboriginal Day](#)
- [Over 3,000 Indigenous lands](#) added to Google Maps, Earth
- Sun rises on [solar rebates](#)
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