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Featured:

Discover What's Happening at the Spring 2018 Convention!

The [AAMDC Spring 2018 Convention](#), scheduled for March 19-21, is fast approaching and is sure to be another great event. For a complete convention agenda information, [click here](#).

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Member Bulletins

NEW: Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Workbook Now Available!

The AAMDC, in partnership with AUMA and Alberta Municipal Affairs, is pleased to announce the release of a tool for municipalities to implement the recent changes to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA). The *Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Workbook* is a tool to help municipalities work with their neighbours to adopt Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs).

[Learn more...](#)

REMINDER - Survey on Rural Recreation

The AAMDC would like to remind our members that the survey on rural recreation is currently in progress, and will remain open until **April 6, 2018**. We request one response per municipality but that can be from varying levels of the organization so we encourage you to please forward this

Learn more about the key issues facing rural Alberta by reading our [position statements](#).

Job Postings

Big Lakes County
Grants Officer

Sturgeon County
Finance Business Partner

Heavy Equipment Technician

City of Leduc
Facility Operator

MD of Foothills
Development/Road

survey to your individual councillors, management, programmers, or administrators.

[Learn more...](#)

AAMDC Board Member Committee Report Now Available!

The report includes a summary of all committees on which the AAMDC has a board member representative. The information provided is derived from a combination of board member reporting on their committee activities over the past six months and a review of terms of reference and other information for each committee.

[Learn more...](#)

Government of Alberta Announces Funding and Strategy to Address Rural Crime

On March 9, the Government of Alberta [announced](#) \$10 million in funding to address rural crime. The investment includes \$8 million towards 39 new officers and 40 new civilian staff, as well as \$2 million towards ten additional Crown prosecutors who will focus solely on crimes in rural areas.

[Learn more...](#)

New Report on Environmental Reserves from the Miistakis Institute Looks at an Important Tool in the Municipal Toolbox

The Miistakis Institute's new discussion paper explores the intent of Environmental Reserves as per the MGA, shows how the tool is applied across Alberta, and provides observations on how the new Conservation Reserve tool may affect the use of Environmental Reserves by municipalities.

[Learn more...](#)

Sign up for FREE Asset Management Workshops!

AAMDC and AUMA, with support from Infrastructure and Asset Management Alberta (IAMA), are excited to bring

Technologist

MD of Lesser Slave River
**Water/Wastewater Operator
Level 2**

MD of Provost
**Maintenance and Caretaking
Services - Shorncliffe Lake
Park**

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Upcoming Events

**AAMDC Spring 2018 Trade
Show**
March 19, 2018

**AAMDC Spring 2018
Convention**
March 20 - 21, 2018

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Where It All Starts:
*Rural Alberta with the
AAMDC*
featuring Doug!

you one-day and half-day asset management workshops for elected officials and senior administration. Workshops are introductory in nature and are geared towards rural and small urban municipalities with limited asset management experience.

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Announcements

No Contact Newsletter next week!

There will be no issue of Contact next week, due to our Spring 2018 Trade Show and Convention at the Shaw Conference Centre. See you there!

It's not too late to register for the 2018 LGAA Conference & Trade Show!

There is a full lineup of amazing speakers this year and trade show that will connect you with suppliers from across the province and Canada. The conference and trade show connects local government administrators with information and industry professionals who can help improve understanding and awareness of topics like cyber security, bylaw drafting, craft brewing, municipal collaboration and more!

Visit www.lgaa.ab.ca to register.

Apply to be named one of FCM's top municipal innovators

Are you striving to improve the quality of life of residents in your community? Are your efforts strengthening the delivery of services and improving decision-making? [Apply by Monday, March 19, 2018](#), at midnight to be named one of the 10 "Best for Canada" municipal innovators by FCM's Innovation Network.

[Learn more...](#)

Municipalities across Canada to receive support for 67 new infrastructure initiatives

The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and Jenny Gerbasi, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announced funding for 67 initiatives in communities across Canada through three programs: the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP), the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP), and the Green Municipal Fund (GMF).

[Learn more...](#)

Webinar: Countdown to Public Participation: A Policy Building Breakdown for Municipal Officials

Late last year the Alberta government made changes to the Municipal Government Act to require all Alberta municipalities to adopt a public participation policy by July 23, 2018. Sounds simple enough—but what comes next? What's the best way to conduct public participation? What are other municipalities doing? What would an effective policy look and sound like?

[Learn more...](#)

Help Build the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan

The Government of Alberta is currently in the process of developing a Regional Plan for the North Saskatchewan Region of Alberta. The plan will provide the policy integration, direction and clarity needed to help guide decisions that collectively reflect and support the needs and values of Albertans; it will help to achieve Alberta's long-term economic, environmental, indigenous and social outcomes for the region. You are invited to:

- Read the North Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council's Recommendations Document available at: [Recommendations Document](#)
- Provide your input in the online survey through May 4, 2018 at: [Online survey](#).

Reminders

Survey: The role of land use tools as

part of long-term strategy for local development

The University of Alberta, with the support of AAMDC and AUMA, is undertaking a survey to assist in development tools that will assist municipalities.

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Spring 2018 Emergent Resolution Process Reminder

As per the AAMDC's [resolution process policy](#), an **emergent resolution** is defined as a resolution submitted to the AAMDC after the resolution deadline that deals with a subject or problem that has arisen subsequent to the resolution deadline. The AAMDC Resolutions Committee will meet prior to the resolutions session at the spring convention to review any resolutions submitted after the resolutions deadline to determine if they meet the definition of emergent.

[Learn more...](#)

AAMDC Report on Board Governance Review Committee Recommendations Now Available

The purpose of the BGRC is to review and provide recommendations on areas related to the AAMDC's governance structure. As per the BGRC terms of reference, the AAMDC Board of Directors is required to act on the recommendations endorsed by the membership, and report on progress within one year of the recommendations being endorsed.

[Learn more...](#)

Government of Alberta Seeking Rural Municipal Input on Broadband

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. To help achieve this, Service Alberta is administering a survey to gather information from key stakeholders that will help inform the

development of recommendations for a Provincial Broadband Strategy that reflects the needs and best interests of Albertans. The deadline to complete the survey is **March 19, 2018**.

[Learn more...](#)

In the News

- Province announces [\\$54 million from carbon tax](#) for 'greening' cities
- [Investing in diverse](#), sustainable communities
- [United States hits Canadian forestry](#) industry with more duties
- [NDP scraps tourism plan](#)
- [Province honours](#) transportation innovation
- [Alberta's budget](#): You've heard the spin, now take a look at the real numbers
- [Alberta's best farmland lost](#) to urban expansion, U of A study finds
- Help shape [Alberta's new workplace rules](#)
- ['Landowners are free prey:'](#) Rural residents worried about crime, property rights
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