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The voice for rural Alberta

## Member Bulletins

### AAMDC Releases Draft Strategic Direction

The purpose of the document is to establish an updated vision and mission for the association, as well as values, roles, and strategic priorities that will best position the AAMDC to continue to serve the needs of its members in the future.

[Learn more...](#)

### Environment Canada Releases Amended Recovery Strategy for the Greater Sage-Grouse

Responsibility for the conservation of Sage-Grouse in Canada is shared between the federal and provincial governments. Federal government responsibilities derive from the federal Species at Risk Act.

[Learn more...](#)

### Consultations on Amending the List of Terrestrial Species Under the Species at Risk Act

The federal Species at Risk Act (SARA) aims to prevent wildlife species from becoming extinct and secure the necessary actions for their recovery. Environment Canada has begun the consultation process regarding amending the list of terrestrial species included under SARA.

[Learn more...](#)

## Reminders

**Register Now for the AAMDC Spring 2015**



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## Spring Convention



Registration for the Spring 2015 Convention and Trade Show is now open!

**AAMDC Convention and Trade Show -  
March 16-18, 2015**

Register online at [AAMDC.com](http://AAMDC.com)

### **\*Please Note:**

Hotels are filling up quickly.  
Register and book your hotel today!

## Job Postings

**Parkland County**  
[Facilities Maintenance Assistant](#)

[Parks Services Workers](#)

## Convention & Trade Show

The Spring 2015 Convention will take place March 16-18, 2015 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton.

[Learn more...](#)

## Social Media Resource for Citizen Engagement in Municipalities Now Available

Citizen engagement serves an important role for gathering feedback and advising residents of municipal initiatives and decisions.

[Learn more...](#)

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## Announcements

### Alberta Municipal Affairs: MGA Review - What We Heard and next steps

A message from Hon. Diana McQueen, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to outline next steps for the Municipal Government Act (MGA) Review and share the latest What We Heard summaries.

[Learn more...](#)

### Alberta Municipal Affairs: 2015 Training Sessions on Conducting a Municipal Census

Alberta Municipal Affairs will be delivering half day training sessions on how to conduct a municipal census. The session is designed to help census coordinators effectively plan and carry out a municipal census. The sessions are offered at no cost to municipalities. However, participants are responsible for all associated travel costs.

[Learn more...](#)

### Dirt Roads and Highways: Reforming Municipal Governance and Government in Alberta

RSVP by February 6 for a free webinar that will look at factors influencing rural municipal governments (and their governance) within the contexts of regionalization, municipal devolution and amalgamation in Alberta.

[Learn more...](#)

### Alberta Sustainable Building Symposium

It's a one day opportunity to network with clients, gain

[Development Engineering Officer](#)

[Lethbridge County  
Community Peace Officer  
Level 1](#)

[City of Leduc  
Promotions Administrator](#)

[Administrative Assistant](#)

[Town of Okotoks  
Arenas Supervisor](#)

[Saddle Hills County  
Communications Coordinator](#)

Click [here](#) to view all current job postings

## Upcoming Events

**District 2 Meeting**  
February 6, 2015

**District 4 Meeting**  
February 13, 2015

**AAMDC Spring Convention  
and Trade Show**  
March 16 - 18, 2015

insight into future trends and celebrate local successes.

[Learn more...](#)

## Recognize Inspiring Work that Protects our Communities

Nominations are open for the Alberta Community Justice Awards which recognize those who are dedicated to their work in community safety, crime prevention and the criminal justice system.

[Learn more...](#)

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## News

- [Railways reduce shipping load](#) on drop in oil prices
- [Lots at stake in Municipal Government Act](#) review says Kemmere
- Alberta Premier says [Keystone XL Pipeline](#) Benefits US And Canada
- 'Losses are staggering': Alberta sheep farmer loses [10 per cent of flock to coyotes](#)
- [One-third of MLAs](#) heading for the off ramp - or another team - before election
- [From teepee to tiny house](#), Calgary man lives radically
- Alberta family building a [tiny house co-op](#) on 'serene, peaceful' land near Calgary
- Federal government approves bridging measures for [Alberta foreign workers](#)
- As Keystone XL debate continues, [traders set up other oil routes](#)

Rural View

Local Links

Did You Know?

[Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities](#)

[From Street to Stream Workshop](#)

Pincher Creek, Alberta, holds the record for Canada's most extreme temperature change. The mercury soared from -19°C to 22°C in just one hour.



A pretty image of Cardston  
County captured by AAMDC  
Aggregated Business  
Service's Victor Tabamo.

Share your community on  
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## [Alberta Environmental Farm Plan](#)

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