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Featured:

Apply for the 2018 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

The Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, is calling on all Alberta municipalities to submit practices or initiatives for the 2018 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence. Since 2002, the annual awards are given to recognize a municipality or municipal partnership that has helped to inspire action and change that has benefited local government practice in Alberta.

[Learn more...](#)

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: [Recreational Cannabis Legislation](#)

Member Bulletins

New AAMDC Report on the Economic

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Impact of Rural Alberta

The AAMDC has recently released a report that highlights the contribution of rural Alberta to the Alberta economy. The report is titled: The Economic Contribution of Rural Alberta. The report, completed in collaboration with Nichols Applied Management, addresses two specific questions.

[Learn more...](#)

District-Endorsed Resolutions Update – District 1 and Individual Resolution

As part of the AAMDC's resolution process, municipalities are encouraged to submit resolutions to their districts for discussion and endorsement prior to forwarding them to the AAMDC for inclusion on the resolution agenda at each convention. To assist municipalities in avoiding resolutions that duplicate those endorsed in other districts, the AAMDC will provide the name and sponsoring municipality of resolutions endorsed at district meetings on a weekly basis as district meetings occur.

[Learn more...](#)

AAMDC Assigns Statuses to Two Fall 2017 Resolutions

As part of its advocacy efforts, the AAMDC assigns statuses to all endorsed resolutions based on initial government responses, and updates statuses throughout the three years that a resolution is active based on changes to government policy, funding, etc. that impact that resolution.

[Learn more...](#)

Announcements

Register now for the RhPAP 2018 Rural Community A&R Conference

Representatives of rural Alberta health professions attraction and retention committees, and interested community members, are invited to attend the 2018

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

Job Postings

City of Lloydminster

Building Safety Codes Officer

Town of Carstairs

Curator/Manager

Town of Nanton

Chief Administrative Officer

Operations Manager

County of Grande Prairie

Manager of Financial Services

Human Resources Advisor - Training & Recruitment

MD of Lesser Slave River

IT Support Technician

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

Upcoming Events

District 2 Meeting

February 2, 2018

District 4 Meeting

February 9, 2018

Looking for information from a previous issue?

RhPAP Rural Community Attraction and Retention Conference in Brooks on April 11-12, 2018.

[Learn more...](#)

Municipalities invited to attend Change for Climate Conference

Edmonton, Alberta is pleased to host the first ever Cities IPCC Cities and Climate Change Science Conference March 5-7, 2018. This event, supporting the Paris Climate Agreement, will bring together more than 800 researchers, policy makers and practitioners from around the world to assess the state of academic and practice-based knowledge related to cities and climate change, and to establish a global research agenda. Alberta municipalities will find valuable information during the presentations featured on the *Change for Climate – EPCOR Stage* running March 5-7, 2018 at the Shaw Conference Centre, Hall A.

- For full details on the Change for Climate - EPCOR Stage, visit: edmonton.ca/ClimateCommunitySeries
- For information about the IPCC Conference please visit: edmonton.ca/ClimateChangeConference2018

Sustainable Communities Awards 2018: Honouring innovative environmental initiatives in Canadian municipalities

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2018 Sustainable Communities Awards. The awards honour and celebrate the most innovative environmental initiatives in cities and communities across Canada. Municipalities are being recognized for delivering innovative solutions in eight categories: asset management, brownfields, climate change, energy, sustainable neighbourhood revitalization and design, transportation, waste and water. The outcomes of municipal sustainability initiatives include more integrated community planning as well as economic, social and environmental benefits.

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

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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...](#)

In the News

- Provincial decision will likely result in [county losing \\$2.2 million](#) in taxes
- [Rural Crime Watch AGM](#) coming to Lacombe
- Opinion: The science behind [off-highway vehicle restrictions](#)
- Fort McMurray embraces plan to [bolster wildfire prevention](#) in region
- [B.C. creates more uncertainty](#) for Trans Mountain with bitumen restriction
- [Notley slams B.C. proposal](#) to restrict shipments of diluted bitumen as unconstitutional
- [Wireless emergency alerts](#) coming to Alberta April 6
- [Agricultural efficiency](#) programs expanded
- [Alberta recycling industry adapts](#) to China's new policy on importing recycle waste
- New website [provides ecological information](#) to companies, municipalities
- [Hilda ranchers devastated by fire](#) and by lack of response afterward
- 'We become energy hunters': Bitcoin miner's search for cheap electricity [lands him in Drumheller](#)
- [Frustration over fines](#) for illegal rentals in Canmore
- [The Future of Canada Post](#)
- Buying Canadian [could save eastern refineries millions](#), says CERI study
- [Liberals to end community mail box conversions](#), but won't restore door-to-door delivery



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