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## Member Bulletins

### Sign Up to Receive Email Updates Regarding Farm and Ranch Workplace Legislation

The Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act came into effect January 1, 2016. To support the implementation of the Act through in-depth consultation, the Government of Alberta formed six technical working groups to consider impacts that reflect the uniqueness of the agriculture industry.

[Learn more...](#)

### Save the Dates! Energy Efficiency Advisory Panel – Municipalities Technical Session

Please join the Energy Efficiency Advisory Panel on September 14 and 15, 2016 to share your perspectives and expertise on addressing energy efficiency in municipalities across Alberta.

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### Summer 2016 Position Statements Now Available

As part of our advocacy efforts, the AAMDC regularly develops and updates a series of position statements that summarize the AAMDC's positions on key policy areas. These position statements are updated to reflect emerging issues and new resolutions and approved by the AAMDC Board of Directors twice each year.

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### FCM Develops Resources to Assist Municipalities in Providing Input into Government of Canada's Infrastructure Plan

In the 2016 federal budget, the Government of Canada introduced a plan to invest \$120 billion into infrastructure over the next ten years. The Government of Canada is soliciting input from stakeholders and the public on how



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[Agricultural Fieldman](#)

Lac La Biche County  
[Finance Coordinator](#)

Vulcan County  
[Chief Administrative Officer \(CAO\)](#)

Town of Taber  
[Chief Administrative Officer \(CAO\)](#)

[Administrative Assistant](#)

City of Red Deer  
[Director of Development Services](#)

to allocate funding for phase 2 of the plan. To assist municipalities across Canada in providing input, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has introduced a new toolkit that can be used by municipalities to discuss the funding with their local member of parliament.

[Learn more...](#)

### AAMDC Fall 2016 Convention Registration is opening soon

The Fall 2016 Convention will take place November 15-17, 2016 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton. In addition to workshops and plenary addresses, the program will feature keynote speaker, a ministerial forum, opposition leaders forum and an MLA luncheon. Registration will open on September 6, 2016.

[Learn more...](#)

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## Announcements

### Research supports program development for rural Alberta women agri-food entrepreneurs

The Agriculture & Food Council (AFC) is pleased to announce the release of the Success for Women in Agri-Food (S4WAg) Needs Assessment Report. This report summarizes the research completed in identifying and assessing barriers rural Alberta women entrepreneurs face.

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## Reminders

### Provide Input into Government of Canada's Infrastructure Plan

In the 2016 federal budget, the Government of Canada introduced a plan to invest \$120 billion into infrastructure over the next ten years. The Government of Canada is soliciting input from stakeholders and the public on how to allocate funding for phase 2 of the plan. Phase 1 of the plan is currently underway, and includes the creation of public transit and water/wastewater funding for municipalities.

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Westlock County  
[Director of Infrastructure](#)

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### Upcoming Events

District 1 Meeting  
September 16, 2016

District 5 Meeting  
September 23, 2016



### Electronic Voting Device Return

If you're still in possession of an electronic voting device from the AAMDC Spring Convention, please have them delivered to the following address:

AAMDC  
2510 Sparrow Drive  
Nisku, AB T9E 8N5

## 2016 R.W. Hay Award: Call for Nominations

The AAMDC extends an invitation to member municipalities to nominate outstanding rural administrators for the R.W. Hay Award for Rural Administrative Excellence.

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## News

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Alberta's provincial tree,



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