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The voice for rural Alberta

## Member Bulletins

### Alberta Water Council Releases Report on Aquatic Invasive Species

On August 16, 2016, the Alberta Water Council (AWC) released a report entitled Recommendations to Improve Aquatic Invasive Species Management in Alberta. The report is a result of the work of the AWC Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Project Team, which was established to identify gaps and opportunities to improve awareness, communication and coordination among stakeholders in Alberta that are working to prevent and manage threats of AIS, including plants, mussels, fish, amphibians, and snails.

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### Alberta Water Council Report Targeting Improved Water Literacy Now Available

A new report released by the Alberta Water Council (AWC) recommends ways for the Government of Alberta to improve water literacy in Alberta. The AWC recommendations noted in this report support work by the Government of Alberta as it develops a provincial water literacy strategy.

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### Register Now to Attend the Energy Efficiency Advisory Panel – Municipalities Technical Session

On behalf of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Panel, the Government of Alberta is inviting municipal representatives to an engagement session to gather input on the role of municipalities and rural communities in energy efficiency and small-scale renewables. Ideas shared will help inform the Panel's recommendations to the Minister.



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## Announcements

### Have Your Say: Bill 20 Discussion Guides Now Available

Part of the current MGA Review is the review and amendment of more than 60 regulations. The regulations related to Bill 20 (Municipal Government Amendment Act 2015), along with the regulations associated with Bill 21 (The Modernized Municipal Government Act) will be proclaimed prior to the October 2017 municipal elections. We are encouraging our members to complete the government [Discussion Guides available on our website](#) and send them to Policy Analyst Matt Dow at [Matt@aamdc.com](mailto:Matt@aamdc.com). We will use your feedback to inform the AAMDC position and forward them to government. The Discussion Guides included are those associated with Bill 20 and we would appreciate getting your feedback back by September 17. If other discussion guides become available they will be posted on our website with an announcement of the posting going into our Contact newsletter.

### Canada and Alberta Reach Agreement under New Federal Infrastructure Funding Programs

"Today, Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and Brian Mason, Alberta Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation, announced a bilateral agreement that will make more than \$1.08 billion in funding available under two new federal programs – the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund and the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund."

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### FireSmart Funding Deadline Approaching

The Forest Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) FireSmart Program helps protect Albertans and their personal property, and provide financial assistance to communities that wish to reduce the threat of wildfire. FireSmart is a set of principles and guidelines designed to help reduce the impact of wildfires on communities.

### 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  
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FRIAA provides FireSmart program funding for projects that aim to reduce the risk of and mitigate potential damage caused by wildfires. The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest for funding under this program is September 28, 2016.

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## Reminders

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.

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## News

- [Province creates 'working group' to help tax-strapped rural governments](#)
- [Calgarians to run daunting race in bee suits](#)
- [Welcome to Chestermere: the most bee-friendly city in Western Canada](#)
- [Report calls on Alberta to do more about invasive species in waterways](#)
- [Hacker targets remote northern Alberta communities](#)
- [The kids aren't all right: Curfew for children under the age of 15 now in effect in Bruderheim](#)
- [Northern Alberta communities worried plan could cost jobs without doing much to protect caribou](#)
- [Removable flood walls proposed to speed Waterways rebuild](#)
- [Why are the bees dying? Northern Alberta scientists are helping find the answer](#)
- [Alberta government to revisit tax assessments for oil and gas industry](#)
- [Varcoe: Get out your tricycle for the fast-track on capital spending](#)

- [Widespread destruction of Fort McMurray homes largely preventable, report says](#)
- [Homeowner discovers abandoned well 15 metres deep in backyard](#)
- [Labour-starved agriculture industry looks to refugee population as one solution](#)
- [Former Alberta commercial fishermen sue province for \\$15 million over 2014 decision to end industry](#)

## Rural View



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