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THE VOICE FOR RURAL ALBERTA

## Featured:

### First Round of MGA Regulations Available for Review

Following the passing of the *Municipal Government Amendment Act* (2015) and the *Modernized Municipal Government Act* (2016), a number of regulations had to be updated or created. The first round of these regulations are now available for review.

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## Member Bulletins

### Municipal Asset Management Program Information Released

In their 2016 budget, the Government of Canada committed \$50 million to improving asset management capacity for municipalities across Canada. The Government of Canada tasked the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with administering the funding and designing a program that would meet the diverse needs of municipalities across Canada.

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### REMINDER: Deadline for Input on Species at Risk Act Policies Extended

The implications of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) has been identified as a priority by AAMDC members through the endorsement of a number of resolutions. As such, the

Learn more about the **key issues** facing rural Alberta and our **position statements**.

### Job Postings

AAMDC  
**Legal Counsel**

County of Paintearth  
**Financial Admin Technician**

Lethbridge County  
**Utilities - Water and Wastewater Operator**

ASBA  
**Secretary-**

AAMDC is reminding members that the Government of Canada is looking for input on seven draft policies, which support consistent implementation of SARA.

[Learn more...](#)

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## Announcements

### Alberta Rural Homelessness and Housing Conference: April 4, 2017

This conference will be an opportunity to network and focus on the unique issues specific to rural and remote homelessness and housing in our province, including rural mental health and addictions, issues relating to adapting Housing First to rural, and much more! Keep your eyes peeled for program and registration information.

### Wildfire Public Survey

The Government of Alberta has engaged KPMG, a professional services firm, to conduct an independent review of the Government's response to the wildfires that swept through the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in May 2016. This review is intended to identify what worked and what Government could do differently to address the needs of affected residents and communities as a result of future disasters.

As part of this review, KPMG has developed an online survey to gather the perspectives and lived experiences of affected residents. If you would like to **provide your perspectives by Friday Feb. 10** and complete the survey, [please click here](#).

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## Reminders

### Resolutions Deadline for Spring 2017 Convention Approaching

The deadline to submit resolutions for the spring 2017 convention is **February 13, 2017**. Complete, district-approved resolutions meeting the above requirements

**Treasurer/Associate  
Superintendent**

Sturgeon County  
**Utility & Transportation  
Summer Student**

**Manager, Utility Services**

MD of Lesser Slave River  
**Water/Wastewater Operator  
Level 1**

Parkland County  
**Solid Waste Workers**

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### Upcoming Events

**District 4 Meeting**  
February 10, 2017

**Spring 2017 Convention &  
Trade Show**  
March 20-22, 2017

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**MUST be emailed in a Microsoft Word format to**  
**[tasha@aamdc.com](mailto:tasha@aamdc.com)** by the resolutions deadline.  
[Learn more...](#)

AAMDC  
featuring Doug!

## Register for the Spring 2017 Convention!

**The early bird deadline for registration is February 17, so don't miss out!** The Spring 2017 Convention will take place March 20-22, 2017 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton. The March 20 trade show will feature over 130 booths that provide services and products our members may require.

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- [Inactive oil and gas wells](#) in Alberta should have time limits: report
- [Solar-panel industry stuck](#) in limbo waiting for Alberta government incentives
- Census 2016: [Canada's population surpasses 35 million](#)
- David Staples: [Controversial Strathcona County plan](#) would grow city, not crops on rich farmland
- [Privatize Canada's largest airports](#), think tank recommends
- [Grande Cache Coal bankrupt](#) as town deals with declining population
- Varcoe: [Infrastructure spending slow to materialize](#) as construction sector faces tough 2017
- Opinion: [Off-roaders need their own trails](#) away from parks
- [New municipal affairs minister](#) looks to soothe rural Alberta
- Fort McMurray to get [\\$1M in new trees](#) this spring



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