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Featured:

AAMDC Survey on Unpaid Property Taxes

The AAMDC is surveying its members on unpaid property taxes related to linear, machinery and equipment, and non-residential assessments. As a result of the downturn in the price of oil in 2014, many insolvent or delinquent oil and gas operators within rural municipalities left unpaid property tax bills that, in many cases, are uncollectable. This has caused financial strain on rural municipalities who must continue to operate despite the shortfall in revenue.

[Learn more...](#)

Get to Know the AAMDC!

Are you a newly elected councillor? We're here to help!

We recognize that the first few months can be a bit overwhelming, so we've prepared a number of resources to help you in your new role. Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing articles to help you learn more about the AAMDC, what our positions are on the issues that matter to you, and how we achieve effective advocacy on your behalf. There will be a new article offered in Contact each week, but you can also stay up to date on our website [here](#). Check back regularly for updates!

This Week: [Acronyms](#)

Member Bulletins

Alberta Community Justice Awards – Nominate Albertans who make our communities safer!

The Alberta Community Justice Awards are awarded every year to people in communities who go the extra mile to prevent and address crime in Alberta. The following may be nominated: individuals, youth justice committees, crime prevention organizations, victim services, restorative justice organizations, and police. Deadline to submit your nomination application is February 20, 2018.

[Learn more...](#)

Announcements

FCM Webinar – Opportunities and best practices in climate change action: Introduction for elected officials

Are you an elected official looking for a clear understanding of why your municipality should focus on climate change? Are you wondering how and where to start? This introductory webinar explores how Canada's climate is changing and the challenges and opportunities this creates for municipalities. Learn ways you can champion climate change action in your community and how you can gain support for climate related initiatives from internal and external stakeholders.

[Learn more...](#)

2018 Alberta Healthy Community Symposiums

Communities ChooseWell and the Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund are excited to announce that the **2018 Alberta Healthy Community Symposiums** are being held in Edmonton on March 5-6 and Calgary on March 7-8. This year's theme is "*Creating Communities for Everyone*," which will address the topic of creating a sense of belonging and engaging and considering the needs of all community members when working to build healthier

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Job Postings

AAMDC

Policy Analyst

Internal Claims Adjuster

Event Coordinator

Town of Elk Point

Manager of Finance

Village of Consort

Chief Administrative Officer

Special Areas Board

**Property Administration
Clerk**

City of Leduc

Horticulture Specialist

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Upcoming Events

District 3 Meeting
January 15, 2018

District 1 Meeting
January 26, 2018

District 2 Meeting
February 2, 2018

District 4 Meeting
February 9, 2018

communities.

[Learn more...](#)

Land Use 2018: Land, Water, & Society - May 30-31, 2018

Land Use 2018 will bring together policy makers and researchers from Alberta and around the world to explore the themes of Land, Water & Society - how each category is interdependent on one another from a socioeconomic and environmental perspective, and why it's critical to develop proper policies and governance.

[Learn more...](#)

Reminders

Municipalities and Renewable Energy Development: Education Session – SAVE THE DATE

The AAMDC in partnership with the Miistakis Institute and the County of Newell is hosting an education session on January 23, 2018. The purpose of this event is to provide municipal decision makers with information regarding the renewable energy approvals process for large scale wind and solar proposals.

[Learn more...](#)

AAMDC Seeking Applications for Charitable Gaming Model Committee Members

As the distribution of charitable gaming revenue in different geographic areas of Alberta continues to be an issue that concerns AAMDC members, the AAMDC Board of Directors is forming an advisory committee to provide a rural municipal perspective on the positive and negative attributes of the current charitable gaming model.

[Learn more...](#)

Government of Canada Recreational Cannabis Consultations – Provide your

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Rural Alberta with the
AAMDC
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On November 21, 2017, Health Canada released their Proposed Approach to the Regulation of Cannabis for public consultation. The AAMDC has since drafted a submission in response to the proposed regulations that highlights the need for the Government of Canada regulations to include consider municipal land use plans and other considerations when reviewing applications for cannabis cultivation and processing facilities. As is, the proposed regulations lack meaningful reference to municipalities' important role in recreational cannabis production and processing.

[Learn more...](#)

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!](#)

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.

The tradeshow will be the start to our Spring Convention, where we historically have over 650 delegates in attendance. 2018 will be the first AAMDC tradeshow our newly elected officials will see. We look forward to having your company join us and our delegates in March.

[Register today!](#)

In the News

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- Advocates hope [food policy will cook up growth](#) for Alberta agriculture
- Varcoe: Alberta [power prices and consumer surcharge](#) heading higher
- Alberta to hold public sessions to [gather information for '60s Scoop apology](#)
- Alberta Health [scraps plans to create rural hospital model](#)
- Terry Jones: [Canadian Finals Rodeo run done](#) in Edmonton
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