



## FEATURED:

### AAMDC Announces New Identity; Meet the Rural Municipalities of Alberta

As we continue to grow, we recognize the importance of having an identity that resonates with our members and partners, and unifies all divisions of our organization. And so, we are excited to re-introduce ourselves as *Rural Municipalities of Alberta*, or *RMA*.

[Learn more...](#)



Check out our launch video for the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)!

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## MEMBER BULLETINS

### Municipalities and Environmental Assessment: A Model Bylaw and Primer

A new resource is available to help municipalities integrate environmental assessment into decision-making and

#### JOB POSTINGS

County of Paintearth  
**Chief Administrative Officer**

Parkland County  
**Maintenance Service Worker**

planning processes.

[Learn more...](#)

## Municipal Accountability Program (MAP) Recently Announced!

Alberta Municipal Affairs has recently announced a new program to collaboratively foster effective local governance and build administrative capacity in Alberta's municipalities. The Municipal Accountability Program (MAP) will review municipal processes and procedures to help develop knowledge of mandatory legislative requirements.

[Learn more...](#)

## Métis Harvesting Policy Review: Provide Your Comments

The Government of Alberta is conducting a review of the *Métis Harvesting in Alberta* policy. The purpose of this review is to ensure that the Policy is consistent with case law. The province is completing engagement sessions that will focus on how to balance Métis harvesting activities with the protection and conservation of wildlife resources in Alberta.

[Learn more...](#)

## Petition to Government of Canada Requesting Tax Credits for Volunteer Citizens on Patrol Open for Signature

An e-petition calling on the Government of Canada to extend a \$3000 tax credit to volunteer citizens on Patrol is now open for signature on the Government of Canada's website.

[Learn more...](#)

## Start Your Asset Management Journey Today!

RMA, AUMA, and Infrastructure and Asset Management Alberta (IAMA) have been working to bring you **FREE** workshops to introduce you and your council to the ins and outs of asset management. The workshops will also show how you can support your staff by championing asset management in your community.

[Learn more...](#)

### Mower Operators

Alberta Municipal Affairs  
**Municipal Viability Advisor**

County of Warner  
**Health and Safety  
Coordinator/Director of  
Emergency Management**

MD of Provost  
**Temp Positions**

**Seasonal Equipment  
Operators & Labourers**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16  
District 3 Meeting

## LOOKING FOR INFORMATION FROM A PREVIOUS ISSUE?

View our **Contact newsletter  
archive** or our **member  
bulletin archive**.

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

## RMA Resolution Database Temporarily Unavailable

As the RMA transitions to a new website, the resolution database will be temporarily unavailable. In the meantime, the RMA's Fall 2017 Report Card is attached for reference and we encourage you to contact the staff members noted at the bottom of this bulletin with any resolution-related questions.

[Learn more...](#)

## RMA Spring 2018 Endorsed Resolutions

The RMA will incorporate endorsed resolutions into advocacy efforts and will report back to the membership as developments are available.

[Learn more...](#)



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Funding for staff salaries now available for municipalities to take action on climate change

FCM's climate change staff grants provide funding to supplement the salary of a new or existing municipal employee who will work on initiatives to improve adaptation to local climate change impacts or reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. These grants of up to \$125,000, disbursed over two years, help municipalities address staffing gaps and produce lasting improvements in their operations related to climate change.

[Learn more...](#)

## Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool- Actual Training Course: Earlybird Deadline is April 15!

ABWRET-A is a standardized method for evaluating the important natural functions of wetlands through analyzing computer and field data. Use of this method is required by the Government of Alberta to mitigate impacts on wetlands where *Water Act* approval is sought under the wetland policy.

[Learn more...](#)

## Apply to the Low Carbon Economy Challenge

Your municipality may be able to tap a new \$500-million federal fund to scale up cost-saving green innovation — from building retrofits to renewable energy — helping Canada meet its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

[Learn more...](#)

## Twelve organizations selected to help municipalities across the country adapt to the impacts of climate change

The Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) are proud to announce the not-for-profit organizations chosen to help 72 municipalities across Canada strengthen their resilience to the effects of climate change.

[Learn more...](#)

## Seminar: Getting Ready for Cannabis

The Government of Canada has passed legislation that will make consumption and possession of cannabis for personal, recreational use across Canada legal in the late summer or early fall of 2018. Join Carol Zukiwski, Partner with Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP, and Dave McGarva, Managing Principal of Tantus Solutions Group Inc, for this 6-hour seminar to walk participants through the cannabis legislation and proposed regulations.

[Learn more...](#)

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# REMINDERS

## Alberta Budget 2018-19: The Facts

The Government of Alberta has released their budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019). The following are details of the 2018-19 budget that will be important for RMA members.

[Learn more...](#)

## Alberta Budget 2018-19: Initial Analysis

The RMA has prepared a supporting member bulletin highlighting the facts and figures in detail of the 2018-19 provincial budget (see above). RMA's initial analysis identifies the following key items.

[Learn more...](#)

## Survey on Rural Recreation

The AAMDC would like to remind our members that the survey on rural recreation is currently in progress, and will remain open until **April 6, 2018**. We request one response per municipality but that can be from varying levels of the organization so we encourage you to please forward this survey to your individual councillors, management, programmers, or administrators.

[Learn more...](#)

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## IN THE NEWS

- Grande Cache **climbing out of troubled times**, mayor says
  - Helping **energy-intensive industries** cut emissions
  - **Wood plant reopens** in northern Alberta
  - Half of Alberta's boreal **forest could disappear** due to fires and climate change
  - As oil glut grows, Canada's **crude-by-rail terminals sit idle**
  - **Grain rail backlogs** 'unfortunate' issue, says federal agriculture minister
  - **Alberta's stance on caribou** a 'national test case' of Species at Risk Act
  - Alberta to impose its own **10-per-cent tax on cannabis** producers
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