



FEATURED:

RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship Program

The RMA Scholarship Program is designed to encourage young rural Albertans to pursue further education, and thereby enhance the ability of these young people to make meaningful contributions to their communities in subsequent years. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is presented to one successful applicant from each of the five districts.

[Learn more...](#)

MEMBER BULLETINS

Funding Available for Opioid Awareness and Resources – DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Alberta Rural Development Network (ARDN), with support from Alberta Health, is accepting applications for funding from organizations and municipalities interested in obtaining financial assistance to conduct activities specific to raising awareness and providing resources about opioids (fentanyl, oxycodone, heroin, etc.) and the opioid crisis.

[Learn more...](#)

RMA Participates in Annual Meeting of Western Canadian Municipal Associations

JOB POSTINGS

Town of Didsbury
Chief Financial Officer

County of Grande Prairie
Planning Compliance Officer

County of Vermilion River
Finance Manager

Redwater
Accounting Supervisor

Rocky Mountain House
Communications Coordinator

Sturgeon County
Communications Coordinator

Starland County

Last week, Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) attended the annual Western Canadian Municipal Association (WCMA) meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan. The meeting brought together RMA, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) to discuss and develop joint advocacy opportunities on issues of regional importance.

[Learn more...](#)

Register for the EOEP's Strategic Planning Course

The Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP), a joint venture of the RMA and AUMA, is Alberta's only professional education program designed for municipally elected officials. The EOEP is offering *Council's Role in Strategic Planning* later this month.

[Learn more...](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 RMA Charity Golf Tournament

Join RMA this summer golfing at the beautiful Silvertip Resort in Canmore! This year our charity golf tournament will benefit the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation.

[Learn more...](#)

Only 12 days until AUMA's Come Together Alberta Conference

To help advance awareness about diversity and inclusion, AUMA's Welcoming and Inclusive Communities initiative is pleased to host the Come Together Alberta Conference in Edmonton on May 15-17, 2018. The Come Together Alberta Conference is funded by the Government of Alberta. The cost is \$75.00 and the optional pre-conference sessions are \$25.00 each. To view the agenda or register for the conference, please visit AUMA's [event](#)

Community Peace Officer Level 1

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our job board.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8 & 9

Asset Management for
Municipal Staff: The Technical
Basics (2 day course)

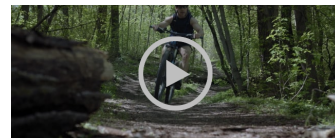
July 16

District 3 Meeting

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Alberta by reading
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video for the Rural
Municipalities of
Alberta!

CN to purchase 350 lumber cars to meet growing demand in forest products business

HAMILTON, Ont., May 2, 2018 — CN (TSX: CNR) (NYSE: CNI) today announced it will buy 350 centrebeam cars to serve growing demand from lumber producing customers across its North American network. The new-build, 73-foot riserless centrebeams, with a maximum load capacity of 286,000 pounds, are expected to be delivered starting in September. CN is also looking at an option to purchase or lease an additional 300 cars.

[Learn more...](#)

REMINDERS

Asset Management Workshops

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...](#)

IN THE NEWS

- NDP setting up working group to get **more oil shipped by rail**
- Banff expands **roof replacement rebate** to protect community from wildfire
- Everything you need to know about **thunderstorms in Alberta**
- **Provincial permits don't consider** Species at Risk Act: Environment Canada
- Goats and beetles team up to **tackle noxious weed** in southern Alberta
- Building strong, **flood-resilient communities**

- **Projects to limit flood damage** in Calgary get influx of cash from province
- **Albertans aren't as conservative** as you might think, poll suggests
- Alberta forest industry **needs the trains to run on time**
- **Update 2: Spring Flooding** (April 27, 2:30 p.m.)
- Alberta \$25-a-day daycare expands to 100 more locations; **6,000 spaces created**
- Drones allow farmers to limit pesticide use, **spot problems with crops**



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