



FEATURED:

Resolutions for the RMA Spring 2019 Convention Now Available

Any members wishing to propose amendments to resolutions included in the attached resolutions package are encouraged to email proposed amendments to RMA Policy Analyst Wyatt Skovron noting the resolution number...

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MEMBER BULLETINS

Spring 2019 Emergent Resolution Process Reminder

RMA's resolution deadline for the Spring 2019 Convention was Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Any resolutions being brought forward after this date will be considered emergent.

[Learn more...](#)

Government of Canada Launches Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

The Government of Canada recently announced a five-year Rural and Northern Immigration pilot program. The program aims to involve communities and provincial/territorial governments to address the diverse labour market needs of rural communities.



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AGRICULTURE UPDATE

Moisture Situation Update
as of January 6, 2019

[Map 1 - Winter Precipitation](#)

[Map 2 - Temperature Trends](#)

[Map 3 - Snow Packs](#)

[Map 4 - Snow Water
Equivalent](#)

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Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group Website Launched

The Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group (APRG) is responsible for implementing the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot Program (APRPP). The APRG has launched its own website where information on the program will be shared, including updates on implementation.

[Learn more...](#)

Municipal Affairs Accepting ICFs and IDPs through Online Submission Process

Alberta Municipal Affairs has made available electronic forms to facilitate the submission of ICFs and IDPs. Municipalities are required to complete the forms and submit to Municipal Affairs either by clicking the “email submit” button at the bottom of the form or by emailing it to icfsubmissions@gov.ab.ca. An electronic copy of the ICF and IDP should be attached to the email.

[Learn more...](#)

FCM Seeking Asset Management Working Group Members

The Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) is a five-year, \$50 million initiative funded by the Government of Canada and administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). The goal of MAMP is to enable Canadian municipalities to manage their infrastructure assets more strategically and thereby improve the quality of public infrastructure services.

[Learn more...](#)

Register Now for FCM's Consultation on the Towards Parity Initiative

RMA and AUMA are excited to announce to all members an opportunity to participate in FCM's Toward Parity in Municipal Politics (TPMP) webinar consultation on March 6, 2019 from 12:00-1:30 MST.

JOB POSTINGS

MD of Willow Creek
Chief Administrative Officer

Wheatland County
**General Manager of
Planning and Economic
Development**

Starland County
**Community Peace Officer
Level 1**

Foothills County
**Legislative Services
Assistant - Communications
and Assistant to Deputy
CAO**

Parkland County
Administrative Assistant

City of Leduc
Development Officer

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 22, 2019
RMA Spring Tradeshow
Registration Deadline

March 1, 2019
RMA Spring Convention
Registration Deadline

March 18 - 20, 2019
RMA Spring 2019 Convention
and Tradeshow

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apply Now for National Volunteer Week Enhancement Funding

In partnership with the Government of Alberta, Volunteer Alberta - a provincial organization committed to building the capacity of the voluntary sector - is offering supplementary grants to organizations across the province to support and celebrate National Volunteer Week (April 7 - 13) and volunteerism for your entire community. Applications close tomorrow, Friday, February 22!

[Apply now](#)

Grants Available for Municipalities to Support Action on Climate Change

The Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have announced financial support for small and medium-sized municipalities across Canada to address staffing gaps and produce lasting improvements in their operations to respond to the intensifying impacts of climate change.

[Learn more...](#)

Alberta Environment and Parks Releases Draft Peregrine Falcon Recovery Plan for Public Engagement

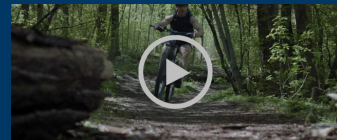
The Peregrine Falcon Advisory Group has drafted a plan that identifies the threats facing peregrine falcons in Alberta, and the actions to address them. Public engagement for the draft recovery plan is now open until March 18, 2019.

Note that the Ferruginous Hawk Draft Recovery plan is also still open for public engagement until February 28, 2019.

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



Click the link above to check out our launch video for the Rural Municipalities of Alberta!

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Register for a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Training Workshop

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer's Municipal Team Co-Chair Kelsey Becker Brookes and partner Daina Young will host a training workshop on Thursday, March 21 on the requirements of the Municipal Government Act and the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Regulation. It will also include an assessment of learning to certify attendees' participation.

Registration is now open at an individual registration of \$175.

[Learn more...](#)

Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities

This program supports community-level capacity building that will increase clean energy opportunities, including renewables and energy efficiency, and contribute to reducing diesel reliance in rural and/or remote communities.

The second call for preliminary proposals under the CERRC Capacity Building Stream is now open.

Submission deadline is 9:59 pm MDT, March 29, 2019.

[Learn more...](#)

REMINDERS

RMA Spring 2019 Convention and Tradeshow Registration Closes Soon

The registration period for the RMA Spring Convention and Tradeshow, scheduled for March 18 - 20 at the Edmonton Convention Centre, will close soon. Convention registration closes Friday, March 1, while tradeshow registration closes tomorrow, February 22.

[Learn more...](#)

Book your accommodations for the RMA 2019 Convention and Tradeshow

RMA has secured preferential rates for members attending the 2019 Convention and Tradeshow March 18 - 20 at several hotels near the Edmonton Convention Centre.

[Learn more...](#)

Share your insight in the 2019 Western Canadian Local Government Innovation Survey

With ever-increasing expectations of our communities, MNP is conducting a survey across Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan to examine the drivers of new and emerging needs, and how local governments are responding to them. The survey is closes tomorrow, February 22, 2019, with a general findings report expected in late 2019.

[Take the survey](#)

Applications for the 2019 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence are Now Open

The 18th annual awards program recognizes municipal government excellence and promotes knowledge sharing among municipalities. Submissions are being accepted for awards in five categories: innovation, partnership, safe communities, smaller municipalities (population less than 3,000 residents) and larger municipalities (population larger than 500,000 residents). Submissions will be accepted until March 29, 2019.

[Learn more...](#)

IN THE NEWS

- [Photo radar must focus on safety](#)
- Victoria's mayor accepts invitation to [tour Alberta's oil and gas sites](#)
- [New livestock transport rules restrictive, farm groups say, but animal activists cry foul](#)
- Solar energy projects [gain momentum in southeast Alberta](#)

- **Crisis looming**
- **2019 federal budget to be tabled March 19**
- UCP vows to **maintain health spending**
- Premier's plan **unlocks \$2-billion energy investment**
- Bill C-69 doesn't just kill pipelines, **it threatens all Canadian industry**
- **Crude-by-rail plan won't impact grain shipments**, Notley says, but farmers still fearful
- **Alberta announces deal with CN, CP** to ship crude by rail
- 'It's like a doctor telling you, you have cancer:' **Alberta farmers fight a growing battle**
- **Decision on Trans Mountain pipeline's fate** might not come until summer
- UCP leader Jason Kenney pledges to **repeal farm bill, stop curriculum review**
- **Luxury ice fishing** a growing trend in Alberta
- **Alberta-based solar power on the rise**
- **Massive solar farm within Calgary city limits** inches closer to reality
- **Inside the pro-pipeline convoy** heading to Ottawa
- Opinion: **Alberta's next chapter on renewable energy**
- Environment Canada launches its **own weather app**
- Bill C-69: **Improve, but don't replace, the National Energy Board**
- UCP announces **key election platform points**
- Divisions run deep over **bill that could reshape our natural resources economy**
- Council can **compensate business when infrastructure construction goes awry**



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