Event Summary

Registration is now open!

Our annual Convention and Trade Show will take place in Red Deer at the Westerner Park in 2024. Programming will include breakout sessions, amazing keynote speakers, resolutions, elections, two Minister dialogue sessions, and more! An agenda overview will be available the week of June 24.

Third party registration lists

We are aware that members have been receiving emails from third-party vendors, offering to provide registration lists from our events in exchange for money. These emails are phishing scams and should be reported to your local IT department. Email scams like this are becoming more prominent, and are not limited to Alberta Municipalities events. Please be assured, Alberta Municipalities does not sell any registration lists.

We apologize for any confusion and inconvenience these emails cause.

EVENT OVERVIEW ACCOMMODATIONS PRE-CONVENTION SESSIONS SHUTTLE SERVICES TRADE SHOW

HOST CITY - CITY OF RED DEER

Date: Tuesday, September 24
Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Cost: $395 + Tax

PLEASE NOTE: All courses are held on the same day, at the same time. Please only register for one session.

EOEP - Council's Role in Public Engagement

Municipal councils are elected to make decision on behalf of citizens. However, in order to govern effectively and make decisions that are in the best interest of the diverse communities within municipalities, councils must be willing to consider the community's perspectives and input when making decisions. The EOEP's *Council's Role in Public Engagement* course will provide an overview of the various ways municipalities can engage with citizens, how public input can be integrated into decision-making, the dangers and limits of involving the public in municipal decisions, and the importance of engagement in supporting sustainable community development. Spend the day learning these concepts:

- Understand public engagement policy and framework as well as the role of the elected official and the different types of decision making
- Differentiate between what is and isn't public engagement
- Recognize what systems thinking and public engagement are about

**Please note this course is not applicable for associate or affiliate members.

EOEP - Council's Role in Land Use and Development Approvals

'Good planning" is a general concept – there is no single approved statement of what good planning consists of. Planning has evolved over many years and can be considered a long term, ongoing process that includes planning itself, as well as project delivery and ongoing monitoring and evaluation. Planning aims to improve the effectiveness of public services in meeting people's needs, and to support the development of local communities and to improve the quality of life for all.

Councillors play both an initiating and facilitating role in the development of community plans, focused around the following concepts:

- Seek the participation of and encourage the public to express their views and take those views into account as part of the planning process
- Identify long-term objectives to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the community
- Identify actions and functions to meet these objectives including those related to the planning, provision and improvement of public services
- Consistently review the progress of the municipality's plans and provide direction to change course as local context evolves
- Understand the statutory link between the municipality's plans and the tools in place to implement those plans

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EOEP - Effective Meetings

The key work of any municipal council is done in the setting of a properly called meeting. It is through the process of deliberation (debate) that decisions are made... from approving land use to creating a new bylaw or in response to your unique public concerns. The effectiveness of a municipal council is rooted in the successful work through a meeting format and to a large degree, the effectiveness of each council member is rooted in the same. The EOEP's Effective Meetings course will help participants develop the skills, attitudes, and knowledge to significantly enhance meeting participation and effectiveness.

This course builds on highly rated education sessions at recent ABmunis and RMA conventions by providing a full day interactive learning experience that will help participants:

- Examine how rules of order and proper procedure enhance your meetings
- Recognize the principles and rules of healthy debate
- Identify action items that you can implement at your next council meeting

As an elected official, you spend a good chunk of your life in meetings. This course provides tools, tips, and ideas to make your meetings work best!

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Legal Seminar - Facilitated by Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer LLP

In this session we will review and discuss a number of recent Court decisions, from all levels of Court, which seem to reveal a judicial shift toward imposing greater responsibility on municipalities.

We will discuss how those decisions impact the protection afforded by the statutory defences municipalities have historically relied upon and what this means from a practical perspective in the provision of services to residents and visitors.