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April 17, 2024

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 2024 Spring Convention - check out our [Convention Highlights](#) for a recap of the event!

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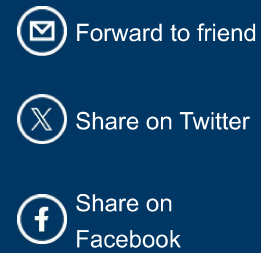
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issues facing rural
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Bill 18: Provincial Priorities Act Receives First Reading

On April 10, 2024, Bill 18: *Provincial Priorities Act*, was introduced in the Legislative Assembly. The RMA has several concerns regarding with Bill 18, as it reduces municipal autonomy and increases the amount of red tape around federal grant funding.

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Farm Restricted Class 1 Driver's License Announced

The Government of Alberta has launched a Farm-Restricted Class 1 Driver's License, which will allow eligible farmers to obtain a Class 1 license without completing a pre-licensing training program.

[Learn more...](#)

RMA Requests Asset Management Data from Members

The RMA is undertaking an ambitious study to assess the current infrastructure deficit in rural municipalities. This is a critical initiative to support ongoing advocacy efforts and to demonstrate the importance of provincial investment into rural municipal infrastructure. This work has recently been initiated and will extend into the first half of 2024.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCCAC Updates

- **33rd Annual Emerald Awards for Environmental Excellence:** Save the date for a night of environmental celebration! Join The Alberta Emerald Foundation on Thursday, June 6th at the Calgary Central Library for the 33rd Annual Emerald Awards as they recognize organizations, projects,

and individuals across the province raising the bar in addressing environmental and climate change issues. **Get your tickets today!**

- **Sturgeon County Electric Vehicle Chargers:** As part of the MCCAC's Electric Vehicle Charging Program (EVCP), Sturgeon County purchased and installed three level 2 EV charging stations for public use (6 plugs total). Two of the chargers are located at the Sturgeon County Centre in Morinville, and the other charger is located at Cardiff Park. The County received a combined rebate of \$56,716 from the MCCAC for the three chargers at the two locations. This project was funded by the Government of Alberta and Natural Resources Canada. **Read more.**

Canadian Red Cross: Support for Households Impacted by the 2023 Alberta Wildfires

The Canadian Red Cross is committed to supporting communities impacted by the 2023 Alberta Wildfire season, both in their recovery from the event and in increasing resilience to future events. The Support to Households Program offers two different elements:

- **Personalized Recovery Support**
- **Residential Mitigation Incentives**

For those who have incurred major damage or whose homes are destroyed (uninhabitable), the Red Cross can provide personalized recovery support. **Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2024.**

Shaping Nature Conservation Training for Municipalities

The Corvus Centre for Conservation Policy, together with Skyline Partners, is exploring the viability of an on-going training program focused on how MDs, counties, towns, and cities can conserve their natural environment. They have begun exploring whether there is a need for training of this type, and if so, what form that training should take to best meet the needs of Alberta municipalities. Take a quick moment to share your thoughts and preferences on

what this training should cover and how you'd like to learn.

Take the survey today!

IN THE NEWS

- **Largest water-sharing agreements in Alberta's history now in place: environment minister**
- **Alberta to rebrand default electricity option as 'rate of last resort'**
- **Alberta bracing for a long wildfire season fuelled by drought**
- **For its next trick, Ottawa must unload the \$34B Trans Mountain pipeline. It won't be easy**
- **Revamped health advisory system gives voice to rural Albertans says LaGrange**
- **Alberta government closing in on new pay model to attract family doctors**
- **Government documents confirm coal lobbying on Rockies mining, show months of planning**
- **'Boots on the ground' an issue in rural policing: Alberta public safety minister**
- **New environmental research in Southern Alberta**
- **Have your say on Bow River Reservoir options**
- **Highway 3 projects loom large in provincial highways planning**
- **Federal government withdraws offer of 17 Alberta family court judges when province won't meet terms**



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April 18, 2024

Government of Canada Releases 2024 Budget

The 2024 Federal Budget is titled Fairness for All Generations

On April 16, 2024, the [federal budget was released](#). Key budget priorities included building homes, making life more affordable, and growing the economy with the next generation in mind. The RMA has undertaken an initial review of the budget and the following items are of specific interest to the RMA's federal advocacy strategy and broader rural municipal priorities:

- ◆ Budget 2024 proposes \$6 billion over 10 years to launch a new Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund.
 - ◇ \$1 billion of this will be provided directly to municipalities to support urgent infrastructure needs that directly enable housing supply.
 - ◇ Provinces will have until January 1, 2025 to secure an agreement with the Government of Canada, and if this is not achieved, their funding will be re-allocated to the municipal stream.
- ◆ The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation will receive \$15 million in 2025-26 to advance implementation of a national flood insurance program by 2025.
- ◆ The Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program will be extended to more healthcare and social services professionals working in rural and remote communities.
- ◆ Budget 2024 proposes to provide \$500 million over five years to Infrastructure Canada to support more projects through the Green and Inclusive Community Building Fund.
- ◆ The government remains committed to its target of ensuring 98% of Canadians have access to high-speed internet by 2026 and 100% of Canadians by 2030.

The RMA is currently conducting a more detailed analysis of the budget and will provide further details to members in the coming weeks.

The budget has been released on the [Government of Canada's website](#).

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April 19, 2024

Major Water-Sharing Agreements Ready for Alberta

Government of Alberta has announced voluntary water sharing agreements negotiated with large water license holders

With the coming summer expected to bring drought to Alberta, water license holders have been collaborating with one another and the Government of Alberta to develop [voluntary water-sharing agreements](#). The intent of water-sharing agreements is to ensure access to water for all users. The current agreement is related to the Bow, Oldman, and Red Deer River basins.

Within these basins, 38 of the largest and oldest water license holders have voluntarily agreed to reduce their water usage if drought conditions persist. This includes industrial users, irrigation districts, and municipalities. Under the agreement, participating municipalities have agreed to reduce their usage by 5 to 10%, recognizing that water for human consumption is the highest usage priority. The intent of these municipal reductions is not to impact indoor water use.

The Government of Alberta will be monitoring conditions throughout the spring and summer and providing bi-weekly water supply forecasts. This information will allow users to adjust the agreements as needed. Additionally, the provincial government will optimize water storage at the Ghost Reservoir and Kananaskis-area reservoirs.

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April 16, 2024

Apply for Alberta's Health Advisory Councils

Albertans across the province are encouraged to apply for new advisory council positions to improve healthcare in their communities

In November 2023, the Government of Alberta announced plans to [restructure Alberta's healthcare system](#). Alberta Health has committed to ensuring that local voices are directly contributing to better healthcare outcomes in their communities by creating twelve [regional advisory councils](#) and one [Indigenous advisory council](#).

Members of the regional councils will represent a wide range of lived and professional experiences, and include everyday Albertans receiving healthcare services, as well as healthcare workers, community leaders, and municipal representatives. Members of these councils will directly advise Alberta's government and the new primary care, acute care, continuing care, and mental health and addiction organizations on clinical, capital, and workforce planning in their regions. Each regional advisory council will consist of a maximum of 16 members.

In addition to amplifying the voices of Indigenous communities and suggesting how to improve healthcare for First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, the Indigenous advisory council will inform the design and delivery of culturally appropriate healthcare programs and service delivery. It will also explore opportunities to integrate and embed traditional Indigenous healing practices and teachings within Alberta's healthcare delivery system. This advisory council will consist of a maximum of twenty-two members.

Individuals interested in joining a regional advisory council or the Indigenous advisory council can [apply online](#). Applications that are submitted by April 30 will be considered for appointment this spring.

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April 15, 2024

Wildfire Evacuation Human Rights Package Now Available

Report provides human rights information to those providing support in an emergency evacuation

The [Alberta Human Rights Commission](#) (AHRC) has released an [information package](#) intended to support both evacuees and those providing support to evacuees. The report covers the human rights and responsibilities of evacuees, along with specific information on issues such as human rights in tenancy and the hospitality industry.

The information in the package is timely, as municipalities are increasingly being called upon to provide services during wildfire evacuations. The package is structured in a way to inform municipalities of human rights considerations before an evacuation is underway. Therefore, it is important for municipalities to review the material, and where appropriate include in their emergency planning.

Of note for those who provide services to evacuees are the rights of evacuated individuals:

- ♦ Right to safety and security - Every individual has the right to personal safety and security during their stay in temporary housing facilities.
- ♦ Right to basic needs - Evacuated individuals have the right to access necessities, including food, water, shelter, and medical care.
- ♦ Right to privacy - Individuals have the right to privacy and personal space to the extent possible in temporary housing conditions.
- ♦ Right to information - Individuals have the right to information about the crisis, available services, and the duration of their stay.
- ♦ Right to dignity and respect - Every person has the right to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their background, beliefs, or circumstances.

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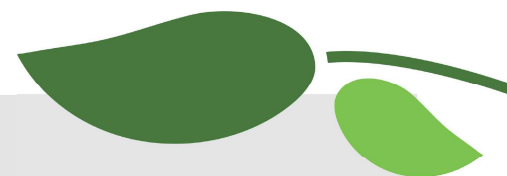
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OPENING CEREMONIES

The RMA's 2024 Spring Convention kicked off with the introduction of the RMA's Board of Directors. President Paul McLauchlin's introduction of his board colleagues and his use of AI was a great way for members to get to know their RMA leadership.



HONOURABLE RIC MCIVER, MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, spoke to Budget 2024 and what it means for rural municipalities in Alberta. Minister McIver touched on the Local Government Fiscal Framework as well as the upcoming Local Growth and Sustainability Grant, which will provide \$20 million of funding per year for the next three years.

Minister McIver took the time to address drought and wildfires, important issues at the forefront of rural municipalities' minds. Funding includes \$125 million over five years for drought prevention and mitigation, the continuation of the \$500,000 Fire Services Training Program (FSTP) Grant for 2024 and 2025, and the introduction of the Drought Command Team to ensure a timely and coordinated response to drought in 2024.

Minister McIver also spoke to the ongoing challenge of unpaid oil and gas property taxes. He acknowledged that there was more work to be done on this issue and expressed his ministry's desire to continue working alongside the RMA and its members to ensure the continued representation of the rural voice in the Legislature.



RMA: THE WAY FORWARD

Duane Gladden, Executive Director and CEO of RMA and Canoe Procurement Group of Canada, gave an overview of the services currently offered through Canoe, including insurance, and group procurement. He also covered the many cost-effective solutions available to RMA members and encouraged anyone with questions about their existing services or new services to contact the Canoe team.

Duane also highlighted the RMA's continued growth and success and the expansion of the RMA's advocacy and research team. This expansion allows the RMA to better advocate for its members and the diverse issues they face.



FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

Scott Pearce, the President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), highlighted the importance of advocating on behalf of rural municipalities and creating sustainable communities across Canada.

Scott spoke about a multitude of challenges faced by rural areas in 2024, including lack of resources and infrastructure, as well as the need to address timely issues such as affordable housing and economic development. He also commented on the role municipalities play in driving change and building stronger, more resilient communities, as well as the high-level advocacy wins that the FCM has been able to achieve with the Government of Canada. Scott takes pride in knowing that the delay in the release of the federal budget's release is likely due to FCM's advocacy on the need for enhanced municipal infrastructure funding.

Lastly, Scott highlighted the ongoing importance of the Canadian Community Building Fund (CCBF), collaboration and partnerships within communities and between different levels of government, and how the lack of a new Municipal Growth Framework is costing municipalities – especially rural ones – across Canada.

Scott's address highlighted the FCM's commitment to advocating for rural communities and creating sustainable communities across Canada.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER COREY HIRSCH - MENTAL HEALTH: THE LIVED EXPERIENCE

Sponsored by Premier Fire and Flood Restoration

Corey Hirsch is a former NHL goalie whose professional career spanned nearly 15 years. Despite his achievements, including playing on the 1995 Stanley Cup-winning New York Rangers and achieving a silver medal for Canada at the 1994 Winter Olympics, Corey struggled with his mental health. He has overcome many obstacles, including a mental health issue, and has gone on to be widely successful. Through sharing stories of his time in the NHL and working through his personal challenges before the “era” of mental health awareness, Corey showed his dedication to ending the stigma of mental health and expanding awareness and acceptance for those suffering from mental illness.



NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD

Sean Royer, CEO of the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB), provided an overview of the NRCB's governing legislation, the roles that they play in reviewing proposed major natural resource projects in Alberta, and the mechanisms through which Alberta's municipalities can be involved in Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) planning and management.

As a quasi-judicial and regulatory agency, the NRCB determines the public interest of proposed natural resource projects and makes decisions under both the *Natural Resources Conservation Board Act* and the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*. Given that agriculture and rural Alberta go hand in hand, Sean's presentation was highly relevant to RMA's members.



RMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MICROGRANT

Following the RMA's strategic partnership with the Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan (EDRAP), the RMA awarded 10 microgrants to municipalities to incentivize capacity building and promote community development. Grant recipients from Foothills County, Lacombe County, Flagstaff County, and the MD of Willow Creek presented the outcome of their projects and how beneficial the program has been for their communities. These outputs included an economic development vision and plan, promotional and tourism videos to attract growth to municipalities, thought exchange programs to spark creative and collaborative problem-solving, and promotional material to drive agricultural business and increase visibility to export markets. Well done!





CANOE BENEFITS LAUNCH

With the help of Booming Tree Taiko Drummers, the Canoe Procurement Group of Canada leveraged the spring convention to officially launch Canoe Benefits LP, a focused brokerage and consultancy dedicated to providing employee benefits and retirement solutions that protect the people who serve our communities every day. The launch of Canoe Benefits featured the official mascot, Canoe, a Saint Bernard who represents the steadfast support the program provides.

The Canoe Benefits team looks forward to providing a range of comprehensive, cost-effective, and tailored benefits solutions to meet member needs.





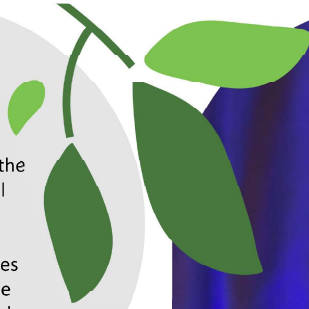
RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACTION PLAN

Tracy Sopkow, the CEO of the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), provided an overview of health worker shortages in Alberta's rural and remote health settings and RhPAP's work in supporting rural communities. RhPAP is available to support attraction and retention committees and offers various programs to healthcare professionals to keep healthcare close to home. Tracy shared just how vital health services are for rural communities' sustainability and growth. You are encouraged to connect with RhPAP to host a Let's Go Rural event to inspire local young people to pursue a health profession or explore programs to support the healthcare workers and attraction and retention committee in your community.



RURAL MUNICIPAL BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT

Grant Gabert, a senior consultant with Tantus Solutions Group, presented the initial results of Tantus' comprehensive analysis of rural Alberta's municipal bridges, which is being conducted on behalf of the RMA. The bottom line: Alberta's bridge infrastructure is aging all around. With the provincial government's diminished investments towards bridge infrastructure, bridges in Alberta are expected to continue to deteriorate in the years to come. The results demonstrate that municipalities require significantly more provincial funding at a sustainable level to address their bridge infrastructure deficit. This would ensure the safety of communities, enable disaster resiliency, and improve accessibility to resources across rural Alberta.



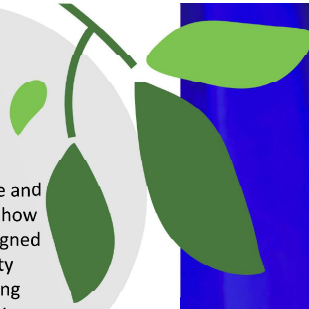


KEYNOTE SPEAKER: NEVILLE WRIGHT – HIGH PERFORMANCE MINDSET & TRANSFORMATION

The inspirational Neville Wright provided the concluding keynote address for our 2024 Spring Convention. Neville is a three-time Canadian Olympian in bobsled and a decorated sprinter who shared his journey of pivoting from sprinting to bobsled. Neville highlighted the tools he used, such as positive self talk, to help achieve the high-performance mindset that propelled him to the Olympics. Neville encouraged us to lead with the same greatness and belief that moved him: "I can, I do, I will."

COMMUNITY RECOVERY SERVICES

Martin Vriend, Manager with Community Recovery Services with the Government of Alberta, and Cole Starling from the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) joined us to share about the importance of “lessons learned, not lessons observed” moving into the upcoming wildfire and disaster season. They left RMA members with some tips and resources on how to proceed. These tips and tricks include working with the field officer assigned to your community (everyone has one, connect with yours!), the availability of training programs for Elected Municipal Officials, and the value of keeping maintenance records with photos of infrastructure before a disaster to better substantiate funding and recovery requests.

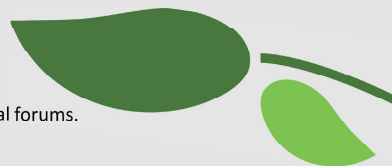




MINISTERIAL FORUM

The RMA hosted Ministers from the Government of Alberta during two ministerial forums. The Ministers addressed questions from RMA members on topics including:

- ◆ Concerns with the ongoing property tax holiday for the oil and gas industry
- ◆ Water management, water sharing agreements, and the upcoming drought
- ◆ Inadequate infrastructure funding
- ◆ Ensuring municipal consideration is upheld through provincial development approval processes
- ◆ Municipal/provincial policing and the development of an Alberta Provincial Police Service
- ◆ Rural healthcare and medical professional retention
- ◆ Broadband internet and eligibility for funding
- ◆ Consistent and sustainable funding for FCSS
- ◆ Re-instating support for REDAs
- ◆ Dissolution, annexation, and municipal viability
- ◆ Senior, home, and continuing care
- ◆ Program and service downloading to municipalities
- ◆ Aging infrastructure
- ◆ New regulations regarding renewable energy developments





BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Six topic specific breakout sessions were held at the RMA 2024 Spring Convention. They included:



KEEPING IT TOGETHER: AN INTRODUCTION TO DE-ESCALATION

Dealing with difficult people is a challenge of public office. Dr. Yasmeen Krameddine shared some tools on how to approach conflict to help make municipal leaders more resilient and improve communication with residents. Dr. Krameddine's B-A-L-L-E-T model and her tips to de-escalate like a pro while fostering rock-solid resilience are intended for use as a guide on how to use verbal and non-verbal communication to de-escalate tension. Key takeaways include the importance of recognizing the feelings of the person you're speaking with and offering them a say in your interaction, and explaining the process behind any decisions you and your council are making.

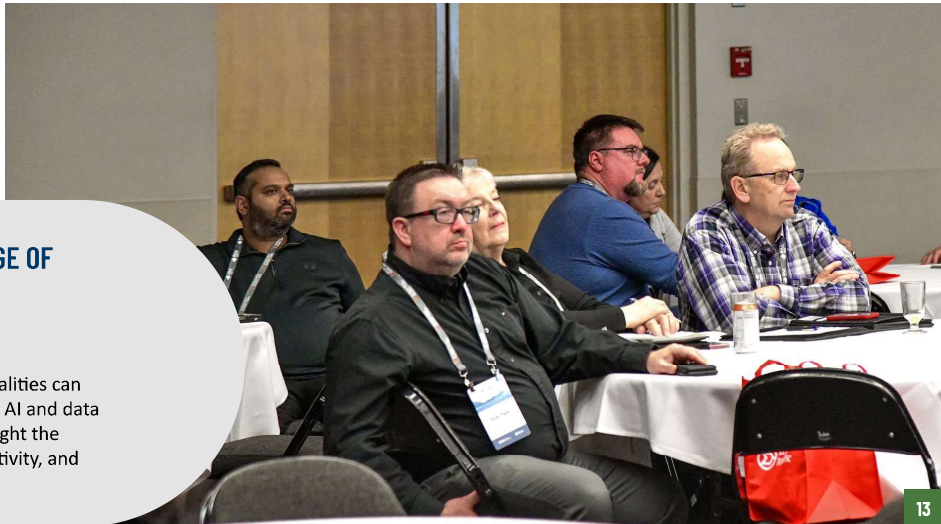


BREAKOUT SESSIONS

LEVERAGING DATA: HOW MUNICIPALITIES CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA SCIENCE

SPONSORED BY FORTISALBERTA

In this engaging workshop, panelists from Cybera discussed how rural municipalities can leverage artificial intelligence (AI) and data science. The panelists first outlined AI and data science and how they are implemented in the real world and went on to highlight the various ways in which AI and data science are driving growth, boosting productivity, and revolutionizing agricultural practices across the globe (and the province).





BREAKOUT SESSIONS



BUILDING YOUR MUNICIPALITY – ONE CONSULTING ENGINEER AT A TIME!

Led by Ken Kozakewich, Jeff Fetter, and Colin McNabb of the Consulting Engineers of Alberta (CEA), this workshop gave RMA's members a chance to discuss three issues with a panel of the CEA's leading engineers: municipal projects that go "off the rails", issues and lived experiences with the RFP process, and challenges that municipalities face when selecting or procuring consulting or engineering services. This workshop aimed to help municipal leaders understand different engineering issues that come up before, during, and after engineering projects, and provide them with practical tips and strategies to ensure that their municipalities' projects are delivered on time and on (or under) budget.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: RURAL ACCESS TO ADDICTION SUPPORTS

People across rural Alberta are struggling with addictions and access to help. Dr. Elaine Hyska and Holly Mathias laid out the facts on addiction drivers, the interventions that don't work, and what the evidence says will help save lives. The talk centred on the impact of addiction in rural Alberta and drivers of rural substance abuse. The issue of addiction in rural communities is unique due to the heightened number of oil, gas, and agricultural workers who experience addiction, tight social networks that can include and exclude people, and challenges accessing preventative and treatment supports. The conversation was compassionate and concluded with ideas about what rural municipalities – you – can do to combat addiction, from advocating to the provincial and federal governments, supporting prevention and health infrastructure, and learning from other jurisdictions.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS



GROWING AGRI-TOURISM

As the agriculture industry continues to evolve, agri-tourism is growing as a rural economic development opportunity across rural Alberta. This workshop featured panellists from Travel Alberta, the Central Alberta Tourism Alliance, and Strathcona County to share a provincial, regional, and local perspective on how to work with the agriculture industry and other stakeholders to identify and grow agri-tourism opportunities.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS



VIBRANT LANDSCAPES: HELPING FARMERS SOW RESILIENCY, ONE ACRE AT A TIME

Rural municipalities are becoming better acquainted with renewable energy projects. Unfortunately, it's not always easy to navigate the approval process for these projects. Christine Campbell from the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) and Murray Phillips, Reeve of the County of Two Hills, joined us for a conversation that sparked and inspired new ideas, allowed problem sharing, and helped to start thinking about solutions on how to move forward with renewable energy projects.



CANOE BENEFITS HOSPITALITY SUITE

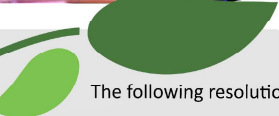
The evening event, hosted by Canoe Benefits at the Westin Hotel, was well attended by municipal leaders, RMA board members, and staff. Husband and wife duo, The Rural Routes from Leduc County, serenaded the crowd for the penultimate night of the convention while event attendees competed for the Canoe Benefits prize by collecting as many “golden” tickets as possible!





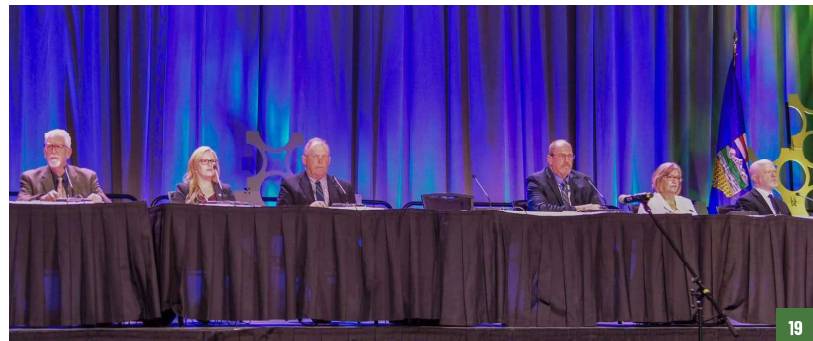
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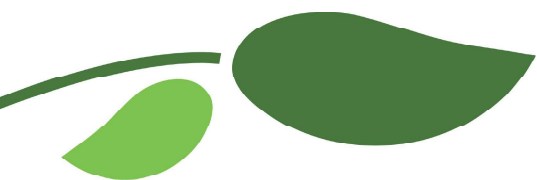
The business portion of the RMA convention includes the resolutions session, which allows members to vote on resolutions brought forward by member municipalities. Each endorsed resolution becomes the marching orders of the RMA for three years. Active and past resolutions can be found on the RMA resolutions database at RMAAlberta.com.



The following resolutions were endorsed at the RMA 2024 Spring Convention:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1-24S Declining Fire Department Services Across Rural Alberta | 7-24S Establishing a Provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services |
| 2-24S Water Apportionment Performance | 8-24S Support for the Export of Live Horses for Slaughter |
| 3-24S Continued Support for Regional Economic Development Alliances | ER1-24S Government Support for Physician Assistants |
| 4-24S Maintaining Non-Partisan Municipal Elections | ER2-24S Municipal Taxes Misrepresented as Municipal Franchise Fees |
| 5-24S Legislation Consultation with Municipalities | ER3-24S Opposition to Federal Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate |
| 6-24S Interim Funding for Lost Oil and Gas Revenue | |





CLOSING CEREMONIES

The convention closed with the announcement of the Canoe Benefits Golden Ticket Prize Draw winner, Sandra Eastman from the Municipal District of Peace. Finally, President McLauchlin thanked all board members for their continued hard work and dedication to the RMA, as well as all members for their attendance at the RMA 2024 Spring Convention.

