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MEMBER BULLETINS

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Resolution Deadline for Fall 2025 Convention

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AGRICULTURE UPDATE

**Moisture Situation Update -
December 11, 2024**

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REMINDERS

RMA 2025 Spring Convention Registration Now Open

Mark your calendar for March 17–19, 2025, as the RMA Spring Convention returns to the Edmonton Convention Centre. This event brings together elected officials, members, and guests for three days of learning, collaboration, and networking. Registration is now open.

[Register now](#)

Water Availability Engagement Extended and Additional Townhall Announced

The Government of Alberta is seeking input on new policies, regulatory tools, and potential amendments to the Water Act to increase water availability. The deadline to complete the online survey or submit written comments has been extended to January 24, 2025. The goal of the engagement appears to be to increase the amount of water available for use while protecting the aquatic environment.

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with available resources is key to successful governance. The Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) is offering an online service delivery course. The EOEP upcoming Service Delivery course will take place online on three consecutive Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, starting February 20 and concluding March 6.

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RiskPro Schools 2025 Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for RiskPro Schools 2025, which will take place on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. RiskPro Schools is RMA Insurance's annual insurance and risk management education symposium tailored specifically for the education sector.

[Register now](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

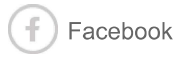
MCCAC Updates

- **Municipal Energy Manager Program:** Time is running out to secure funding for a Municipal Energy Manager in your municipality. With the program nearing capacity, now is the time to act and submit your expression of interest before January 31. Learn how the Town of Cochrane successfully leveraged the program by [watching their story](#) and visit the Municipal Energy Manager Program [page to sign up](#).

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RMA Submits Input into Budget 2025

Posted on: January 16, 2025



RMA's input focuses on rural funding priorities linked to four themes.

The RMA has submitted **input (<https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/12-01-25-2025-RMA-Provincial-Budget-Submission.pdf>)** to the Government of Alberta related to planning for **Budget 2025 (<https://www.alberta.ca/budget-2025-consultation>)**. As rural municipalities have a unique role in supporting economic growth and unique responsibilities over massive land areas, it is essential that provincial budget planning incorporates a rural perspective to ensure funding and programming decisions are equitable and effective in addressing the unique needs of rural communities.

The RMA's submission included several recommended budget action items within four themes:

- Rural Municipal Viability: Strong Municipalities Mean a Strong Rural Alberta
- Rural Municipal Infrastructure: Driving Economic Growth
- Rural Community Services: Supporting One Another
- Rural Health, Emergency, and Disaster Services: Safe and Caring Communities

Each theme includes background information, specific budget-related action items, targeted ministries, and a rationale for why these issues are critically important to rural municipalities. The intent of this submission is to provide government decision-

makers with both high-level rural municipal budget priorities and specific, actionable recommendations for improvements or enhancements to existing programs and initiatives.

The RMA is hopeful that the recommendations in the submission will inform the Government of Alberta's work and ensure Budget 2025 reflects the importance of rural economic development and strong rural communities.

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Resolution Deadline for Spring 2025 Convention

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Resolutions must be submitted by February 18 to be added to the Spring 2025 resolution order paper.

With district meetings approaching, the RMA is reminding members of the important role resolutions play in guiding the association's advocacy efforts. To maximize these efforts, having well-written resolutions that are clear, concise, and include pertinent information is essential.

When is the resolution deadline for the 2025 Spring Convention?

The deadline to submit resolutions for the 2025 Spring Convention is **4:00 pm on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.**

All resolutions **MUST** be emailed in Microsoft Word format to **wyatt@RMAAlberta.com** (**<mailto:wyatt@RMAAlberta.com>**) by this deadline. **Each district is responsible for ensuring that the resolutions endorsed at their district meeting are provided to the RMA in Microsoft Word format prior to the deadline.**

What makes a good RMA resolution?

- Resolutions should address issues that are provincial in scope and not focus on local issues.
- Resolutions should influence legislative changes that will impact rural municipalities.
- The issue identified in a resolution should clearly demonstrate that RMA is the best organization to advocate on moving it forward.
- The structure of resolutions is important. They must have a title, preamble, operative clause, and member background.

What tools are available to help members draft good resolutions?

The RMA offers a **resolution database**

(<https://rmaalberta.com/advocacy/resolutions/resolutions-database/>),

resolution-writing tips

(<https://rmaalberta.com/advocacy/resolutions/resolutions-writing-tips/>), **FAQs**

(<https://rmaalberta.com/advocacy/resolutions/resolutions-frequently-asked-questions/>), and a **resolution template** ([http://rmaalberta.com/wp-](http://rmaalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/RMA-Resolution-Template-2018.docx)

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resolution resources can be accessed by contacting RMA Policy and Research

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Health Care System Refocusing Engagement Opportunity

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The Government of Alberta is launching the second round of in-person engagement sessions for the health care system refocus.

In November 2023, the Government of Alberta (GOA) announced plans to **restructure Alberta's healthcare system (<https://www.alberta.ca/refocusing-health-care-in-alberta>)**. This refocus is intended to strengthen services, empower local decision-making, enhance support for front-line workers, and improve health outcomes for all Albertans.

Beginning in early 2024, the GOA conducted 65 in-person engagement sessions across the province. These sessions gave the opportunity for patients, health care workers, and caregivers to share their feedback on the current state of the health care system in Alberta. Findings from these engagements can be found in this **What We Heard Report. (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/shape-the-way-what-we-heard>)**

The GOA is now hosting a second round of **in-person engagement sessions (<https://web.cvent.com/event/1f410835-3bc7-4272-b840-ac7f6bce94f/summary>)** throughout the province beginning January 21, 2025. This

round of engagement is intended to share information and gather perspectives on access to health care, the current experiences of the health care workforce, and identify opportunities to improve local decision-making.

To be involved in an engagement session, you must register. For more information on locations, dates, and times of these engagement sessions, please follow the **registration link (<https://web.cvent.com/event/1f410835-3bc7-4272-b840-ac7f6bcec94f/summary>)**.

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