



## FEATURED:

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## MEMBER BULLETINS

Member bulletins are posted to [RMAAlberta.com](http://RMAAlberta.com) regularly each week. Below is a list of all the member bulletins compiled from the past week.

### Alberta Health Care System Refocus Engagement

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“Losing Bet” – Week 1



## AGRICULTURE UPDATE

Moisture Situation Update -  
January 15, 2025

## JOB POSTINGS

This week, the RMA's Charitable Gaming Campaign, "Losing Bet," provides an overview of the province's charitable gaming model. This sets the stage for future weeks when the series will explain why the system doesn't work for rural communities and how it can be repaired. "Losing Bet" is designed to equip RMA members with the tools necessary to understand and advocate for changes to the charitable gaming model.

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## REMINDERS

### RMA Launches "Losing Bet" – A Charitable Gaming Campaign

RMA is concerned about the inequities faced by rural organizations through the current charitable gaming model. That is why we are launching "Losing Bet," a campaign that will call on the Government of Alberta to make changes to the charitable gaming model to address the inequities that currently exist. "Losing Bet" will equip RMA members with the tools necessary to understand and advocate for changes to the charitable gaming model.

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### Monthly Resolution Update – January 2025

The Monthly Resolution Update Bulletin is a way of routinely highlighting a selection of the over 70 currently active resolutions, offering members a more detailed insight into the work being carried out on their behalf. The January 2025 edition of the Monthly Resolution Update Bulletin is now available.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

AgKnow Winter Webinar Series

RMA

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**Agriculture Services  
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**Operations Manager**

Town of Rimbey

**Director of Community  
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about the key  
issues facing rural  
Alberta by reading  
our **position  
statements**.

This winter, AgKnow is delivering a series of webinars designed to explore traditions and challenges farm families and Ag Professionals face so they can be successful. This includes upcoming sessions on **professionals and family farm transitions with Patti Durand on February 13** and **women and intergenerational transfer of family farms with Diane McKenzie on March 26**. Registrations are now open.

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## MCCAC Updates

- **Alberta Climate Leaders Staff Peer Network:** The MCCAC is inviting municipal staff to join the Alberta Climate Leaders Staff Peer Network, a space to connect, learn, and share strategies for local climate leadership. As a member, you will connect with other municipal staff to share experiences, contribute to meaningful conversations on climate action, gain insights from industry experts, and make a real impact in your community. [Learn more.](#)

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## IN THE NEWS

- **More funding helps update irrigation infrastructure**
- **Budget 2025: Coming soon**
- **211 services expanding into rural Alberta**
- **Rural cancer patients to benefit from \$1.5 million Alberta investment**
- **Province opens first eating disorders recovery centre**
- **Federal government commits more than \$160 million to Jasper recovery**
- **Alberta government changing election rules to account for displaced Jasper residents**



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# RMA Monitoring Tariff Situation

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*RMA is actively monitoring the tariff situation between Canada and the USA.*

RMA has been diligently observing the fluidity of the political situation involving the potential imposition of tariffs and recognizes the significant impacts this action could have on our members.

On February 3, 2025, Canada and the United States agreed to delay the imposition of respective tariffs on imported goods and the RMA remains hopeful that this situation will be resolved with minimal economic impacts.

We will continue to monitor the situation as it evolves and share any potential details specific to tariffs impacting municipalities if implemented in future. For current news from the Government of Canada related to tariff negotiations, **click here** (<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news.html>).

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# Alberta Health Care System Refocus Engagement

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*The Government of Alberta is engaging with residents to understand the current state of health care in Alberta.*

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 What We Heard Report outlines the unique needs of patients and providers in rural, remote and Indigenous communities, including issues related to access to care, limited availability of services, and recruitment and retention.

The GOA is now hosting a second round of **in-person engagement sessions** (<https://web.cvent.com/event/1f410835-3bc7-4272-b840-ac7f6bcec94f/summary>) throughout the province beginning January 21, 2025. To be involved in an in-person 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>).

Those unable to attend the in-person engagement sessions are encouraged to review the **presentation** (<https://www.alberta.ca/system/files/hlth-refocusing-albertas-health-system-presentation-winter-2025.pdf>) that will be given, and

share thoughts on how health care delivery can be improved by taking this **survey** (<https://your.alberta.ca/embeds/projects/43344/survey-tools/52011>).

For more information on the Government of Alberta's plan to refocus health care in Alberta, please visit this **website** (<https://www.alberta.ca/refocusing-health-care-in-alberta>).

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# “Losing Bet” – Week 1

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*“Losing Bet” will equip RMA members with the tools necessary to understand and advocate for changes to the charitable gaming model.*

RMA is concerned about the inequities faced by rural organizations through the current charitable gaming model. Despite many years of advocacy from RMA and other rural stakeholders, the Government of Alberta has taken no action to ensure gaming funds are distributed equitably to charitable organizations across the province.

RMA is not backing down from this issue. That is why RMA has launched **“Losing Bet (<https://rmalberta.com/advocacy/rmas-charitable-gaming-resources/>)”**, a campaign that will call on the Government of Alberta to make changes to the charitable gaming model to address the inequities that currently exist.

This week, “Losing Bet” will provide an **overview of the province’s charitable gaming model ([https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-CharitableGaming\\_OnePager-2.pdf](https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-CharitableGaming_OnePager-2.pdf))**, setting the stage for future weeks, when the series will explain why the system doesn’t work for rural communities and how it can be repaired.

To follow along with this campaign, please visit the **RMA’s Charitable Gaming Resources webpage (<https://rmalberta.com/advocacy/rmas-charitable-gaming-resources/>)** and subscribe to the **RMA’s Contact Newsletter (<https://rmalberta.com/advocacy/contact-newsletter/>)** to stay up to date with the release of further information!