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Alberta Budget 2025 – 2026: RMA Initial Summary

The Government of Alberta has released **Budget 2025** and the **2025 – 2028 Fiscal Plan**. The RMA addressed the budget with an initial summary as well as a backgrounder that goes into more details.

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MEMBER BULLETINS

Member bulletins are posted to RMAAlberta.com regularly each week. Below is a list of all the member bulletins compiled from the past week.

Resolutions for the RMA 2025 Spring Convention Now Available

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Moisture Situation Update - January 15, 2025

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deadline. The RMA Resolutions Committee will meet prior to the resolution session to determine whether submitted emergent resolutions meet the criteria as “emergent” and are added to the Order Paper.

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Laying our Cards on the Table: RMA’s Proposal to Create an Equitable Charitable Gaming Model (Losing Bet Week 4)

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Parkland County
**Communications Summer
Student**

M.D. of Bonnyville
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Town of Fairview
**Public Works Utility
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Town of Edson
Municipal Accountant

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Monthly Resolution Update – February 2025

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REMINDERS

RMA's Wildfire Working Group Report Now Available

The RMA's Wildfire Working Group (WWG) met throughout the summer of 2024 and again in January 2025 to develop a strategy to manage wildfires outside the Forest Protection Area (FPA). This work has culminated in RMA's Wildfire Working Group Report, which provides 31 recommendations to the Government of Alberta, Government of Canada, municipalities, and other agencies and organizations.

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Survey Now Open for Running for Municipal Office Educational Campaign

RMA and ABmunis are partnering to offer a series of educational webinars designed to help prepare and attract candidates for the 2025 municipal election. RMA is requesting elected officials complete a brief survey to inform the content of the webinars.

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Rural Reality: The Price is Not Right (Losing Bet Week 3)

"Losing Bet" showed how the current charitable gaming model impacts access to revenue by analyzing wait times and annualized proceeds. This will set the stage for future weeks, when the series will continue to explain how the

system doesn't work for rural communities and how it can be repaired.

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Last Call: Register Now for the RMA 2025 Spring Convention

Register today to secure your spot and 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. The deadline to register is **Monday, March 3, 2025**.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPAA 2025 Annual Conference

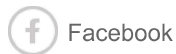
The CPAA 2025 Annual Conference will feature dynamic sessions that address global challenges with local solutions, with the theme "**Global to Local.**" It will be held **April 28-30, 2025** at the **Red Deer Resort and Casino** in Red Deer, Alberta. [Click here to register.](#)

MCCAC Updates

- **Public Works Shop Lighting & Weather Stripping Upgrades – Lacombe County:** As part of the Community Energy Conservation (CEC) program, Lacombe County received a rebate towards the purchase and installation 142 new LED light fixtures and new weather stripping on 21 bay doors at the Lacombe County Public Works Shop. The new lights are much more efficient than the previous equipment and the new weather stripping will prevent much of the building's heat from escaping through the gaps in the bay doors. As a result, the County is expected to save 33,001 kWh of electricity and 842 GJ of natural gas annually. [Learn more here.](#)

IN THE NEWS

- **Expanding recovery support services in Medicine Hat**
- **Delivering care close to home in La Crete**
- **Utilities commission greenlights 42,000-panel solar farm near Killam, Alta.**
- **New wildfire-monitoring satellite system will be 'game changer' in North, officials say**
- **Alberta-British Columbia boundary changes would be easier under proposed bill**
- **Increase in provincial funding for firefighter training**
- **Degradation of critical trout habitat more widespread than thought**
- **Jasper tenants facing 'astronomical' rent increases following wildfire**



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Alberta Budget 2025 – 2026: RMA Initial Analysis

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The Government of Alberta has released **Budget 2025** (<https://www.alberta.ca/budget>) and the **2025 – 2028 Fiscal Plan** (<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/5ebd05dc-d598-440b-9da2-25f37cd99a49/resource/43bccd72-36fa-41a4-becd-cb8c28da9683/download/budget-2025-fiscal-plan-2025-28.pdf>).

RMA President Kara Westerlund's initial reaction to Budget 2025 is as follows:

Alberta is facing fiscal uncertainty today and in the coming years. Now is the time for the Government of Alberta to be bold in building the infrastructure to support growth and self-sufficiency in emerging rural sectors. In unpredictable times, we need stable and Alberta-first investment. A meaningful effort to partner with rural municipalities to reduce the current \$17 billion rural municipal infrastructure deficit would not only lead to short-term growth and job creation, but also to a more resilient and capable provincial infrastructure network that could better support new technologies and investment in emerging rural sectors such as renewable energy, value-added agriculture, and data centres. Budget 2025 is a missed opportunity to grow rural Alberta and increases the pressure that rural municipalities face to meet an ever-expanding list of responsibilities.

RMA is disappointed that funding for the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program is unchanged, as the condition of rural municipal roads and bridges continues to decline. While an increase to the Local Government Fiscal Framework is

positive, RMA will continue to call for a more focused provincial approach on rural municipal infrastructure with a direct role in driving industrial development. RMA is also concerned with the reduction in municipal water and wastewater funding, which is a core aspect of maintaining quality of life and accommodating growth across Alberta. This, combined with an increase in Education Property Tax rates, will reduce municipal revenues from grants and from property taxes. There is no question that all sectors in the province must respond to global uncertainty, but Budget 2025 has overlooked the role of rural municipalities as drivers of and partners in economic development.

For a full breakdown of the budget and estimates, visit the **Government of Alberta's Budget 2025 webpage (<https://www.alberta.ca/budget>)**.
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The following are details of the 2025 – 2026 budget that will be important for RMA members:

- Alberta's estimated revenue is \$74.1 billion, an increase from last year's budget of \$73.5 billion.
- The Government of Alberta is anticipating a deficit of \$5.2 billion due to external factors such as tariffs. However, the fiscal plan includes an intention to return to a balanced budget over the next three years.
- Contingency, disaster, and emergency assistance funding is grouped together within the budget. This includes funding for fighting wildfires, crop insurance, and flood recovery. In 2025 the contingency funding for these elements will be \$4 billion, doubling the 2024 budget.
- Funding for the Municipal Water and Wastewater Program decreases significantly. The program was budgeted \$86 million in 2023-2024, \$66 million in 2024-2025, and \$44.7 million in 2025-2026.
- Following a freeze in 2024-25, education property tax rates will increase in 2025-26 from \$2.56 to \$2.72/\$1,000 of equalized assessment for residential/farmland property, and from \$3.76 to \$4 .00/\$1,000 of equalized assessment for non-residential property. This is expected to raise the education property tax requisition from \$2.7 billion in 2024-25 to \$3.1 billion in 2025-26.
- Funding for the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) has decreased, although the forecasted three-year funding total is consistent with last year.

- The capital plan invests \$164 million over three years in the Water Management Infrastructure Program to repair and upgrade water infrastructure such as canals, dams, spillways, and reservoirs. RMA is disappointed in the significant funding reduction for the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Program.
- The Government of Alberta continues to fund the Drought and Flood Protection Program as expected, with \$25 million allocated this year for municipalities and other local authorities to undertake local drought and flood mitigation projects.
- The Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) continues to be funded at \$3 million.
- \$40.7 million is allocated for wildfire mitigation initiatives, and an additional \$2.1 million is available to modernize wildfire applications.
- \$820 million is allocated for the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) capital component, based on alignment to changes in overall provincial revenues.

The **backgrounder (https://rmaalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/02-27-25-Budget-2025-26_RMA-Backgrounder-2.pdf)** provides more budget highlights that may affect rural Alberta. The RMA will provide additional details and analysis through member bulletins as they become available. You can **view the complete budget and its supporting documents online (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/budget-2025>)**.

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The **resolutions that will be presented during the resolution session** (<https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Spring-2025-Submitted-Resolutions-FINAL.pdf>) at the RMA 2025 Spring Convention are now available. The following resolutions were submitted prior to the RMA's resolution deadline:

1-25S	Requirement for Municipal Consultation Prior to Registration of Conservation Easement (MD of Willow Creek)
2-25S	Minister of Rural Municipal Affairs (Foothills County)
3-25S	Advocacy for the Exploration of a Federal Lobby Association for Rural Municipalities (Wheatland County and MD of Bonnyville)
4-25S	Re-evaluation of Wetlands Policy to Streamline Road Construction and Improvements in Rural Alberta (County of Warner)
5-25S	Rural Participation on the Integration Council for Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System (Mountain View County)

6-25S	Improving Community Peace Officer Support and Safety (Clearwater County)
7-25S	Proportional Representation on Housing Management Body Boards (Wheatland County)
8-25S	Opposition to Water Act Amendments and Lack of Consultation (Northern Sunrise County)
9-25S	Water and Wastewater System Funding (County of St. Paul)
10-25S	Provincial Assistance for Fire Apparatus Replacement in Alberta (MD of Smoky River)
11-25S	Opposition to the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (County of Newell)
12-25S	Enabling Service of Offence Notices for Bylaw Matters via Ordinary Mail (Lacombe County)
13-25S	Exemption for the Sale of Uninspected Meat and Dairy (MD of Greenview)
14-25S	Public Interest Oil and Gas Company (County of Stettler)
15-25S	Enhancing Access to Post-Secondary Education for Rural Alberta Students (Wheatland County)
16-25S	Decentralize Provincial Offices to Stimulate Economic Growth (County of Stettler)

Resolution Amendments

Any members wishing to propose amendments to resolutions included in the resolutions package are encouraged to email proposed amendments in advance to RMA Policy and Research Analyst Bezawit Lemma at **bezawit@RMAAlberta.com**

(mailto:bezawit@RMAAlberta.com), noting the resolution number. **To support an efficient resolution process, submitting proposed amendments in advance is strongly recommended.**

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To accommodate this process, **emergent resolutions must be submitted prior to 12:00 pm on Monday, March 17, 2025**. Any resolutions not received by this deadline will not be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee.

Emergent resolutions, along with an accompanying letter explaining why the resolution should meet the emergent resolutions criteria, must be submitted in Microsoft Word format to RMA Policy and Research Analyst Bezawit Lemma, at **bezawit@RMAAlberta.com** (**<mailto:bezawit@RMAAlberta.com>**).

For more details on emergent resolutions, please review section E of the **Resolution Process Policy** (<https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/GOV-04-RMA-Resolution-Process.pdf>).

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The Board of Directors Forum will provide elected officials from RMA's full member municipalities with an opportunity to ask the RMA Board of Directors questions about any relevant topics or issues.

As a member-driven organization, RMA places significant value on operating transparently and communicating regularly with member municipalities. To further grow in both areas, the RMA Board of Directors will be hosting "Between Two Burning Barrels: RMA Board of Directors Forum" to allow elected officials from full RMA member municipalities to ask questions on any topic or issue relevant to the RMA's advocacy or business services work. Logistical details of the forum are as follows:

- Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025
- Time: 4:30 – 5:30pm
- Location: Edmonton Convention Center, Hall D

To allow discussions to be as open and transparent as possible, the forum is open **only to elected officials and staff from RMA full member municipalities**. For all other convention delegates, convention programming will conclude at 4:30pm on March 18. Individuals not wearing their nametag to verify that they are an RMA full member elected official or employee may not be permitted to enter the session.

To allow time for as many questions as possible, the amount of time to ask a question will be limited to one minute, with an opportunity for a follow-up question if needed. While difficult questions are welcome, members are expected to maintain a professional approach to questions and recognize that board members may not be able to provide immediate answers to highly specific questions. RMA staff from all departments will be present to connect with members if more information or follow-up is required.

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“Losing Bet” – Week 4

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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 **rise of online gaming in Alberta and how the model can be revised to ensure optimal benefit for rural charitable organizations (https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-CharitableGaming_OnePager-5.pdf)**. This will set the stage for the grand finale of this campaign, where RMA will be releasing a full charitable gaming report that does a deep dive into understanding all of the issues that were discussed throughout the past few weeks.

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://rmaalberta.com/advocacy/contact-newsletter/>) to stay up to date with the release of further information!

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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. For the latest formal statuses and reactions to all resolutions, view the RMA's **Resolutions Database** (<https://rmalberta.com/advocacy/resolutions/resolutions-database/>).

The February 2025 edition of the Monthly Resolution Update Bulletin features the following resolutions:

Resolution 5-24S: Legislation Consultation with Municipalities
(<https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/5-24s-legislation-consultation-with-municipalities/>)

Over the past several years, the province has introduced numerous legislative amendments that affected municipalities' governance structures, infrastructure renewal projects, procurement processes, and overall financial outlook.

Unfortunately, the province frequently engaged in little to no consultation with municipalities or municipal associations before these changes were tabled in the legislature. This issue was particularly evident in 2024 with the introduction of Bills 18 and 20.

Meaningful consultation with municipalities is required to build effective legislation.

Resolution 5-24S (<https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/5-24s-legislation-consultation-with-municipalities/>) calls on the Government of Alberta to notify RMA and ABMunis at least one year before the effective date of any legislation, regulation, or administrative action that would decrease municipal revenue or increase municipal expenditures. Similar legislation already exists in Nova Scotia, PEI, Ontario, BC, and Yukon. Relevant excerpts can be reviewed on the **Resolution Database page for Resolution 5-24S (<https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/5-24s-legislation-consultation-with-municipalities/>)**. It is time for Alberta to adopt similar measures to ensure municipalities have a voice in legislative amendments that impact them.

Although the Government of Alberta regularly engages RMA on policy changes in some cases, we have seen consultation timeframes become shorter, and multiple concurrent engagements have made it difficult to assess fiscal impacts. The government's response to this resolution indicated no intention to amend the *Municipal Government Act* to improve consultation requirements. Despite this, RMA remains committed to advocating for earlier notification of legislative changes affecting municipal revenue and expenditures, ensuring municipalities have the time and opportunity to provide meaningful input.

Resolution 7-24F: Improved Water License Approval and Compliance Processes (<https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/7-24f-improved-water-license-approval-and-compliance-processes/>)

Recent discussions surrounding water management in Alberta have been framed by the 2024 drought and subsequent **water sharing agreements**

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In%20February%202024), the **Auditor General's report on surface water management (<https://www.oag.ab.ca/reports/surface-water-management-performance-audit/>)** and the provincial **Water Availability Engagement (<https://www.alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement>)**

which closed for input in January 2025. Water management in Alberta is understandably a top concern for rural municipalities and Resolution 7-24F exemplifies this by highlighting issues surrounding industry freshwater usage, especially during periods of drought. The resolution also calls on the Government of Alberta to mandate that Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) maintains sole authority to approve water licenses.

Although the Government of Alberta response to this resolution acknowledges some of the concerns and requests highlighted in Resolution 7-24F, the response does not address the lack of adherence to Directive 077 concerning the requirement for industry applicants to consider all other alternative water sources intended to discourage the use of freshwater. Additionally, the government response does not address one of Resolution 7-24F's operative clauses which calls for amendments to the *Responsible Energy Development Act* that would ensure license granting authority for only EPA instead of the Alberta Energy Regulator as well.

The Auditor General's report on Surface Water management, released in July 2024, also highlights issues surrounding licensing and compliance-monitoring processes. According to the report, license approval decisions are not adequately transparent and many licensing guidelines are too non-specific, challenging municipalities' ability to hold both the provincial government and large and/or industry license holders accountable towards water usage compliance. Read through **RMA's backgrounder on the Auditor General's report here (<https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/23-08-24-Auditor-Generals-Report-on-Surface-Water-Management-Backgrounder.pdf>)**. (<https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/23-08-24-Auditor-Generals-Report-on-Surface-Water-Management-Backgrounder.pdf>)

Although this resolution is assigned a status of Intent Not Met, RMA will continue seeking out opportunities for input, including through **Phase 2 (<https://www.alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement#:~:text=Phase%20%3A%20Policy%20engagement>)** of the Water Availability Engagement by providing meaningful feedback on behalf of rural municipalities concerning the issues highlighted in Resolution 7-24F.

Resolution 4-22S: Continued Support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Alberta (<https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/4-22s-continued-support-for-the-royal-canadian-mounted-police-in-alberta/>) & **Resolution 12-24F: Accountability in the Establishment of an Independent Agency Police Service in Alberta (<https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/12-24f-accountability-in-the-establishment-of-an-independent-agency-police-service-in-alberta/>)**

Rural municipalities across the province are policed by the RCMP. They want this to continue. Given rural municipalities' reliance on the RCMP for policing, the Government of Alberta's discussions around an independent provincial police

service raise concerns. Through resolutions 4-22S and 12-24F, RMA is advocating for transparency and accountability in policing decisions to ensure rural Albertan's needs are prioritized.

RMA sits on the Alberta Interim Police Advisory Board (AIPAB), ending early in 2025, as the province transitions to a Provincial Police Advisory Board (PPAB) in March 2025. RMA continues to advocate for increased local representation. Although the Government of Alberta appears to have taken a step back from actively pursuing the Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS), they have made numerous other policing announcements that change policing in the province. In March 2024, the Government of Alberta introduced Bill 11, the *Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act*. Bill 11 enables the creation of a new independent agency police service that would operate alongside local police. The bill also changes the scope of Alberta Sheriffs and Peace Officers. In February 2025, Minister Ellis, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services requested Alberta Sheriffs become more involved in policing the Alberta, Canada – United States border. RMA continues to monitor this news closely.

On a related note, the Police Funding Model (PFM), which determines municipal financial contributions to policing under the Provincial Police Service Agreement, has been extended to Spring 2026. RMA is preparing for PFM engagement with the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services in Spring 2025. You can expect more PFM resources to roll out in the upcoming months.

Stay tuned for future editions of the Monthly Resolution Update Bulletin, where we will continue to feature updates on selected resolutions.

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