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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.

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AGRICULTURE UPDATE

**Moisture Situation Update -
January 15, 2025**

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

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REMINDERS

The Great Divide: Inequities in the Charitable Gaming Model (Losing Bet Week 2)

This week, “Losing Bet” will shed light on the inequities of the charitable gaming model and the effects this has on rural charitable organizations. 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. “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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RMA Insurance: Is Your Business Interruption Coverage Keeping Up With Your Needs?

Business Interruption (BI) is an often-overlooked coverage that provides relief from financial losses that can arise from various incidents that an organization may experience, including equipment breakdown, cyber breach, and insured peril loss to physical buildings that generate revenue. We encourage you to contact your Member Service Representative to assess whether your existing limit meets your needs or if additional coverage is required.

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JOB POSTINGS

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Starland County
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View our **Contact newsletter archive** or our **member bulletin archive**.

Learn more about the key issues facing rural Alberta by reading our **position statements**.

RMA Insurance: Action Required - Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Contracts

RMA Insurance would like to inform members opting into Circular Materials to provide the RMA Insurance team with their signed contracts as soon as possible.

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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. Registration is now open.

[Register now...](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCCAC Updates

- **New Supports Offered Through the Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program:** MCCAC has secured funding to begin developing collaborative learning materials to help municipalities build their long-term climate resiliency. Applications for the program will open in Spring 2025, so watch this space for information on how to sign up.

“Rural municipalities are often heavily impacted by severe weather and climate events, including floods and wildfires. RMA is hopeful that the programming developed and offered through this funding will apply a rural lens to climate risk preparation and mitigate and prepare municipalities of all types across Alberta to respond to and mitigate the impacts of climate risks,” says RMA president Kara Westerlund.

Get the details on the program, who's funding it, and more, by reading MCCAC's **latest blog post**.

IN THE NEWS

- **Expanded critical care at Rockyview Hospital**
- **Some Alberta parents are paying \$0 for child care but that's about to change**
- **5.2-magnitude earthquake recorded in northern Alberta**
- **Southern Alberta's tourism industry expected to benefit as uncertainty in U.S. grows**
- **Buying from local farmers something to consider with costs to consumers likely to grow**
- **Chronic wasting disease spreading across Alberta's deer population**
- **Anywhere the trains roll, does it really matter — to you?**



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- Brazeau County
- Leduc County
- Parkland County
- Westlock County
- ABmunis
- Alberta Fire Chiefs Association
- Alberta Forest Products Association
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA)
- Alberta Forestry and Parks
- Alberta Environment and Protected Areas
- Alberta Municipal Affairs
- The WWG is chaired by RMA Vice President John Burrows and co-chaired by RMA District 4 Director Karen Rosvold

This work has culminated in **RMA's Wildfire Working Group Report** (<https://rmaalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/RMA-Wildfire-Working-Group-Report.pdf>), which provides 31 recommendations to the Government of Alberta, Government of Canada, municipalities, and other agencies and organizations. The board of the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) has endorsed the recommendations of this report, and RMA is grateful for their support on this important work. This work includes recommendations related to how respective parties prepare for, respond to, and recover from wildfires outside of the FPA. Additionally, the report provides an overview of previous after-action reports and presents the analysis of an RMA survey conducted in conjunction with the report. RMA is sending the report to the various ministries and agencies responsible for wildfire management requesting a response, and will report to members on progress in actioning the various recommendations in the coming months.

To explore the report in more detail, RMA will dedicate a plenary and workshop spot at the upcoming spring convention to this report. More details on the exact times will be available as the agenda is finalized.

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Survey Now Open for Running for Municipal Office Educational Campaign

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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.

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) are collaborating to provide prospective candidates and Albertans at-large with a comprehensive and authentic introduction to municipal service, highlighting everything from daily responsibilities and the role of municipal elected officials, to how to run for office. RMA's **Running for Municipal Office webpage** (<https://rmalberta.com/advocacy/municipal-election-awareness/>) offers an overview of the campaign, and includes materials developed by RMA, ABmunis, and Alberta Municipal Affairs, which provide information for those interested in running for municipal office.

As part of the campaign, RMA and ABmunis will be co-hosting a series of webinars open to the public to provide an opportunity to gain insights and ask questions about running for municipal office.

The webinars aim to:

- Build strong, effective councils across Alberta
- Equip potential candidates with a clear understanding of municipal roles

- Ensure new councillors are better prepared for their responsibilities
- Strengthen the relationship between councils and administration
- Help potential candidates make more informed decisions about running for office

By completing **this brief survey**

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlCegETp-hX567-72TpjfuSSyuaHwuhCRa9974A0rNcBU7-w/viewform>), elected officials have the opportunity to contribute to the content of these sessions and provide potential candidates with their real-world experiences.

To stay up to date with the campaign, sign up to receive RMA's **Contact newsletter** (<https://rmaalberta.com/advocacy/contact-newsletter/>), and follow along on RMA's social media channels (**LinkedIn** (<https://ca.linkedin.com/company/rmaalberta>), **X** (<https://x.com/ruralma>)). If you have any questions or require any clarification regarding the survey or the campaign, please reach out to Jared Shaigec, RMA Policy Advisor.

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“Losing Bet” – Week 3

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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 show how the **current charitable gaming model impacts access to revenue by analyzing wait times and annualized proceeds** (https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-CharitableGaming_OnePager-4.pdf). 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.

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!

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