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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 -
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The RMA has submitted input to the Government of Alberta related to planning for Budget 2025. 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.

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Resolution Deadline for Fall 2025 Convention

With district meetings approaching, the RMA reminds 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. The deadline to submit resolutions for the 2025 Spring Convention is 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

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Health Care System Refocusing Engagement Opportunity

The GOA is now hosting a second round of in-person engagement sessions for the health care system refocus 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 healthcare workforce, and identify opportunities to improve local decision-making.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCCAC Updates

- **Pincher Creek's Climate Action Success:** The MCCAC is proud to spotlight a success story from the Net-Zero Communities Accelerator. In 2021, Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher

Creek received funding to hire an Energy Manager through this innovative program. The result? A transformative step toward fighting climate change with tangible, lasting impacts for the community. **Learn more** about how Pincher Creek is driving climate action with commitment and a solid plan for quick paybacks.

IN THE NEWS

- **Helping seniors explore Alberta's hidden gems**
 - **Celebrating Alberta's WorldSkills competitors**
 - **Nipping family violence in the bud**
 - **Alberta government lifts ban on coal exploration in Eastern Slopes**
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The Resolution Status Update provides up-to-date information and progress updates for all active resolutions.

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Section 1 of the Resolution Status Update includes the Government of Alberta's responses to resolutions endorsed at the 2024 Spring Convention. Section 2 provides an update on all other active resolutions.

The **RMA Resolutions Database**

(<https://rmalberta.com/advocacy/resolutions/resolutions-database/>) has been updated to reflect the status changes and developments included in the 2024 Resolution Status Update – Volume 2.

The following resolutions were assigned new statuses in the 2024 Resolution Status Update – Volume 2:

Number	Resolution Name	Previous Status	New Status
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7-24S (https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/7-24s-establishing-a-provincial-level-of-service-for-emergency-social-services/)	Establishing a Provincial Level of Service for Emergency Social Services	Incomplete Information	Intent Not Met
ER1-22S (https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/er1-22s-alberta-energy-regulator-action-to-require-oil-and-gas-companies-to-pay-municipal-property-taxes/)	Alberta Energy Regulator Action to Require Oil and Gas Companies to Pay Municipal Property Taxes	Accepted in Part	Intent Not Met
12-23F (https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/12-23f-growth-management-board-voluntary-membership/)	Growth Management Board Voluntary Membership	Intent Not Met	Accepted
8-22F (https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/8-22f-rural-mental-health-advocacy/)	Rural Mental Health Advocacy	Intent Not Met	Accepted in Part

Resolutions form an integral part of the RMA's advocacy strategy. The RMA would like to acknowledge the work that the membership undertakes in drafting and debating resolutions that reflect issues of importance to rural municipalities. Endorsed resolutions provide direction for the RMA and enable focused advocacy efforts.

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The Police Funding Model (PFM) was implemented in April 2020, when the **Police Funding Regulation (https://open.alberta.ca/publications/2020_007)** was introduced. The PFM redistributes responsibility for a portion of frontline policing costs from the Government of Alberta to municipalities that receive policing services through the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA).

The PFM is set to expire on March 31, 2026, following an **extension of the regulation (<https://www.stalbertgazette.com/local-news/police-payment-freeze-welcomed-but-then-what-9938638>)**. Engagements related to the renewal of the regulation are expected to begin sometime this year, but there is no further information on if, how, or when these engagements may occur.

The **PFM Member Resource (<https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Funding-Model-Member-Resource.pdf>)** is intended to prepare RMA members for future PFM engagements. It includes a detailed overview of the current formula and recommendations for how the PFM can be improved in the future, including that:

- The PFM formula must be changed to better serve rural municipalities
- Policing costs must be linked to increased service levels

- Policing costs must be linked to enhanced local input
- PFM reporting must be evidence-based
- The Municipal Government Act must be amended to designate the PFM levy as a requisition

In Fall 2024, RMA members completed a PFM survey and shared their insights to the impacts and perspectives of the PFM. To learn more about the findings of the survey, take a look at the **What We Heard Report (<https://rmaalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/PFM-Survey-What-We-Heard-Report-2.0.pdf>)**.

RMA is dedicated to exploring the PFM's impact on rural municipalities and will continue to provide resources to members.

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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 the RMA, ABmunis, and Alberta Municipal Affairs, which provide information for those interested in running for municipal office. The resources include an overview of what it's like to serve as an elected official, steps to take when running for office, and where to find relevant information to support the candidacy process. 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.

For more information, 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>), **Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/rmaalberta>), and **X** (<https://x.com/ruralma>)) for updates as the campaign progresses. If you have any questions or require any clarification regarding the campaign, please reach out to **Jared Shaigec**, RMA Policy Advisor.

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Understanding the fundamentals of good governance is an essential part of being a successful elected official, and the **Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP)** (<https://eoep.ca/>) is here to help.

Recent updates to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) require all new and returning elected officials to complete mandatory orientation training. **Munis 101: Essential Training for Alberta's Elected Officials** (<https://eoep.ca/events/munis-101/>) is designed to help municipal elected officials meet the updated legislative requirements and gain the essential knowledge needed to serve their communities effectively.

Munis 101 covers foundational topics, such as:

- Role of Municipalities and Municipal Governance
- Roles and Responsibilities of Council, Councillors, CAOs, and Staff
- Budgeting and Financial Administration
- Public Participation and Municipal Planning

Munis 101 will be available both online and in-person across Alberta, with dates scheduled for late October and November 2025. Stay tuned for registration details coming soon.

To learn more about how Munis 101 can help you fulfill orientation training requirements, visit the **EOEP website (<https://eoep.ca/>)** or email **registrar@eoep.ca (<mailto:registrar@eoep.ca>)** for more information.

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In Spring 2023, RMA members passed **Resolution 11-23S** (<https://rmalberta.com/resolutions/11-23s-reforming-the-bail-system-to-address-rural-crime/>): Reforming the Bail System to Address Rural Crime. The resolution calls for 24/7 bail services, changes to how bail conditions are determined, and additional/stricter bail conditions to be available for courts to impose on individuals that have not adhered to previous bail conditions.

Although this announcement does not directly address the asks of this resolution, it does speak to Bill C-75, which amended the *Criminal Code* to make the criminal procedure more modern and efficient. It clarifies that the officer, justice, or judge shall give primary consideration to the release of the accused at the earliest reasonable opportunity, on the least onerous conditions appropriate in the circumstances, and require that conditions imposed must be reasonably practicable for the accused to comply with.

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