

# **Member Bulletin**

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## **Munis 101: For all Your Post-Election Training Needs!**

The amended MGA will require municipalities to offer training to all new and returning elected officials within 90 days after council members have taken the oath of office.

To assist Alberta's municipalities in meeting this requirement, the **Elected Officials Education Program** (EOEP) has developed **Munis 101: The Essentials of Municipal Governance**. The EOEP is a joint venture of the AAMDC and AUMA.

#### Cost, Schedule, and Registration

To accommodate as many municipalities as possible within the 90-day training timeframe, the EOEP will offer Munis 101 **twelve times** at locations throughout the province in late October, November, December, and January. Exact dates and locations are still being finalized, but are expected to be available very soon. Registration is expected to open shortly after dates and locations are finalized.

The EOEP recognizes that training can carry a significant cost, and that some municipalities with limited financial resources may struggle to attend an off-site training session. For this reason, registration costs have been set at \$200 per person for the twelve Munis 101 courses offered within the mandatory training timeframe. This special price reflects the importance of Munis 101 for new and returning councillors, and the extent to which the EOEP wants to ensure that as many councillors as possible attend the course.

#### About the Course

Munis 101 is a two-day course that will provide new and returning councillors with everything they need to not only meet mandatory training requirements, but also succeed in their roles moving forward. Munis 101 will include the following modules:

Module 1: Apply the Basics of Municipal Governance and Legislation in Alberta

- Distinguish the role of municipalities in Alberta
- Govern within the municipal organization and function

#### Module 2: The Elected Official's Role in Municipal Leadership

- Recognize the roles and responsibilities of municipal elected officials
- Recognize and respect the roles and responsibilities of municipal staff
- Apply common council decision-making processes
- Work effectively within your individual leadership style

#### Module 3: Navigate the World of Municipal Finance

- Recognize important budgeting and financial administration processes
- Distinguish how municipalities are funded

### Module 4: Explore the Role of Municipal Planning and Development

- Recognize how municipalities plan and grow
- Understand common planning and development processes

#### Module 5: Ensure Effective Collaboration

- Recognize the importance of collaboration and the available tools
- Build relationships with local businesses and non-profits
- Recognize the opportunities and challenges of collaboration

### **Need More Information?**

As mentioned, course locations and registration details will be finalized and shared shortly. In the meantime, anyone with questions about course content, dates, locations, or other details can contact AAMDC Policy Analyst Wyatt Skovron by emailing wyatt.skovron@aamdc.com or EOEP Registrar Leanne Anderson by emailing registrar@eoep.ca.

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