

# **Member Bulletin**

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# Dates and Locations Now Available for Munis 101: Mark your Calendars!

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.

To ensure that as many new and returning elected officials can attend Munis 101 as possible, the EOEP will host the course **14 times** within the mandatory 90-day time frame (two times for summer village elected officials in September due to their earlier election dates, and twelve times for other elected officials between October 2017 and January 2018. Specific dates and locations are:

- September 11 and 12, 2017 Ponoka (summer village elected officials only)
- September 16 and 17, 2017 Edmonton (summer village elected officials only)
- October 30 and 31, 2017 Camrose
- November 2 and 3, 2017 Grande Prairie
- November 4 and 5, 2017 Lacombe
- November 27 and 28, 2017 Vermilion
- November 30 and December 1, 2017 Drumheller
- December 2 and 3, 2017 Medicine Hat
- December 4 and 5, 2017 Cochrane
- December 7 and 8, 2017 Westlock
- December 11 and 12, 2017 Manning
- December 14 and 15, 2017 Lac La Biche
- January 8 and 9, 2018 Lethbridge
- January 11 and 12, 2018 High Prairie

Information on specific venues will be available soon. Please note that dates and locations are subject to change.

### Cost, Schedule, and Registration

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 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.

**Registration is expected to be open on July 5, 2017**, so mark your calendars and visit *Contact* and EOEP.ca for updates in the coming weeks.

### About the Course

Munis 101 is a two-day course that will provide new and returning councillors with everything they need to meet mandatory training requirements and 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?

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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