



# Rural Still Matters!

## Moving Local Government Forward

### The AAMDC: an Overview

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Through advocacy, communication, education and the provision of aggregated business services, the AAMDC assists rural municipalities in achieving strong and effective local government.

Since 1909, the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) has been helping Alberta's rural municipalities achieve strong and effective local government. We were incorporated through a private act in 1923 and continue to operate under this piece of legislation.

- The AAMDC has 69 full members that account for all rural municipalities in the province. This includes municipal districts, counties and specialized municipalities. The AAMDC is the voice for rural Alberta.
- The AAMDC has adopted and lives by six core values: member-directed, accountable, transparent, responsive, informed and credible.
- The association represents rural municipal interests and priorities in meeting with decision-makers in government, as well as industry and other relevant stakeholders. If you want to gather a rural perspective on issues, contact the AAMDC.
- Rural sustainability is key to a healthy and vibrant province and country.
- The association acts as a specialist with rural municipal issues and a general advocate for broader rural issues. We:
  - talk to other orders of government;
  - communicate government activities and policy;
  - monitor legislation.
  - The purpose of these dialogues and partnerships is to equip decision-makers with a comprehensive rural municipal perspective and advocate for its incorporation in policies.
- The AAMDC has historically had a strong working relationship with the Government of Alberta. The association continues to positively influence policy decisions for the benefit of rural municipalities and citizens.
- Further, the association is proactive in developing tools and providing timely information to assist members in their business operations and decision-making processes.
- Initiatives in the past year include: papers regarding inter-municipal financing, the impacts of high-speed rail on rural Alberta and the development of a model process for private sewage system approvals.