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## EOEP Courses Coming Up in Red Deer!

*Choose from Community Development through Citizen Engagement or Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance*

The **Elected Officials Education Program** (EOEP), a joint venture of RMA and AUMA, is Alberta's only professional education program designed for municipal elected officials.

The EOEP is offering two courses in advance of the AUMA conference in Red Deer in September. The courses are held the day prior to the conference. There is no need to register for the conference to participate in an EOEP course. Course details and registration information for each is as follows:

### Community Development through Citizen Engagement

**When:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
**Where:** Westerner Park, 4847A 19 St., Red Deer  
**Cost:** \$340 plus GST  
**To register:** [Click here](#)

**Course Overview:** Citizen engagement in municipal governance provides a means for incorporating citizen values, interests, needs and desires into decisions that affect their lives and supports improved municipal decision-making by bringing all perspectives to the table.

Focusing on the importance of meaningful citizen engagement, course participants will consider the role citizen engagement plays in building strong, vibrant communities. Topics will consider overcoming common barriers and risks associated with engagement, framework and policy development, why, who, how and when to engage, as well as steps to necessary components for the preparation, planning and implementation of citizen engagement initiatives. Course participants will also be given guidelines to evaluate the impact of citizen engagement initiatives on achieving municipal goals.

### Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance

**When:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
**Where:** Westerner Park, 4847A 19 St., Red Deer  
**Cost:** \$340 plus GST  
**To register:** [Click here](#)

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**Course Overview:** One of the most important and complex responsibilities a municipal councillor has is understanding municipal finances and making decisions that are in the financial best interest of their municipality.

The EOEP's *Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance* course not only provides an overview of key financial responsibilities such as defining service levels, setting tax rates, understanding the difference between debt and reserves, and the role of auditors, but also ties these concepts to the larger role that financial literacy plays in effective municipal governance. This course will explain how financial planning links to strategic planning, to risk management, to citizen engagement, and to other core council responsibilities.

For any questions or for more information about these courses and the EOEP, visit [EOEP.ca](http://EOEP.ca) or contact the EOEP Registrar using the following information:

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