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Update on Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Training

Fee for services training sessions available through Brownlee LLP and Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer

Recent changes to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) include a requirement for Subdivision and Appeal Board (SDAB) members and clerks to undergo mandatory training before April 1, 2019 based on a **standard program** developed by Municipal Affairs.

Municipal Affairs hosted SDAB training courses in five locations over the summer, which were greatly oversubscribed. Based on this demand, RMA and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) pooled grant funding received from Municipal Affairs for MGA Change Management projects to offer courses in an additional eleven locations. Many of these courses were offered in partnership with local municipalities, who applied to co-host sessions through an open application process. At this point in the project, there are no future workshop rounds planned.

Both associations have raised the need for further assistance to meet the new MGA requirements for SDAB training with Municipal Affairs. Municipalities may also want to consider forming a regional SDAB as some municipalities may not require a stand-alone SDAB, and a regional SDAB may improve efficiency for all municipalities involved. In addition, private law firms are also offering fee for service training options for municipalities. **Brownlee LLP is hosting SDAB workshops in Calgary and Edmonton**, please register to secure your spot. Additionally, some municipalities have contracted **Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer** to deliver training sessions directly.

We will continue to keep members apprised of SDAB training opportunities as they become available.

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