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Hi everyone,

Before I get started, have you ever noticed the evening news begins with "Good evening," and then proceeds to tell you why it isn't.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in **Lethbridge for the 2025 GFOA Alberta Conference!** It was an energizing few days full of great conversations, inspiring sessions, and the kind of connection that reminds us why this community is so important.

The weather for our golf game was as close to perfect as one could ask for! For a few of you that remember back in 2010 it was a cold windy day at Paradise Canyon. I thank Lethbridge Tourism for all their support in the planning of our conference. I heard many favourable comments about the City from delegates that took the time to do a little touring.

Your fantastic support is challenging us to find facilities moving forward! We sold out the three hotel blocks that we reserved, filled our exhibitor spaces and our breakout rooms as well! As we move forward we will look to finding facilities that can host us on one site with sufficient room for delegates and exhibitors.

I would also like to thank everyone that stopped to chat with me during the conference and in the hospitality suite. Also, thanks to Chris Morrill, Executive Director of GFOA of the US and Canada as well as Tanya Garost current President of GFOA of the US and Canada for attending our conference and participating in the sessions. Thanks to Shelley Stedall past president of MFOA (great partner to GFOA Alberta) for attending and representing that organization.

A huge thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors—your support makes events like this possible. And it doesn't end with the conference. GFOA Alberta sponsorship is year-round, with recognition and visibility throughout the year across our communications, events, and member outreach. We're proud to partner with organizations that invest in the growth of government finance professionals.

This year's program offered up to 13 CPA credits, helping members advance their professional development while staying on top of current trends in government finance. We're also excited to announce our new email subscription list dedicated to professional development. It's the easiest way to stay informed about upcoming webinars, in-person sessions, and other learning opportunities that will help you grow your skills and earn credits year-round. By visiting GFOA.ab.ca and clicking this [link](#).

Save the Date!

We're already looking ahead to next year—mark your calendars for **May 19–22, 2026**, at the Calgary Hyatt. We're shaking things up a bit in 2026 with a Tuesday start, featuring golf, pre conference session and wrapping up on Friday. Bonus: Tuesday falls right after the May long weekend, so you can enjoy a full week of learning and connection.

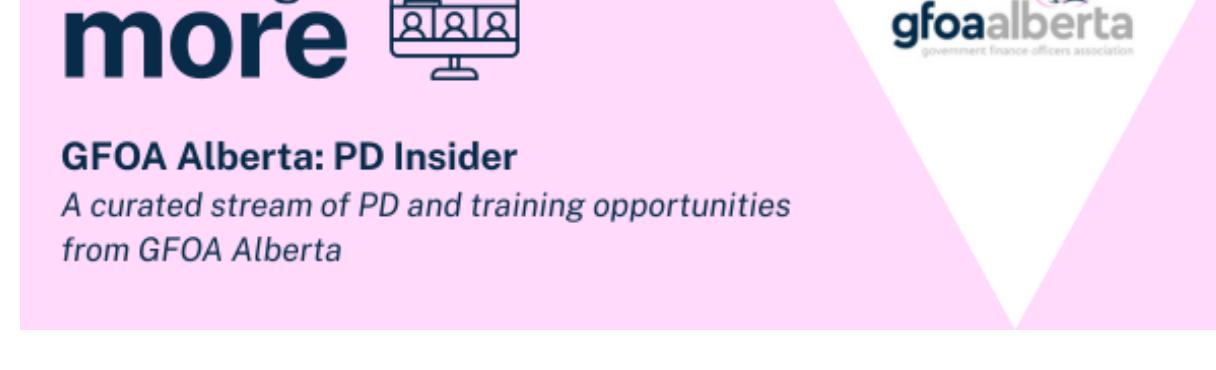
Congratulations to our **2025 \$2,000 Passport Contest Winner** – Alanna Hoffman from Calgary!

And don't forget—we've got another webinar coming up this July. Be sure to read further in this newsletter for details and registration info.

Thank you again for being part of the GFOA Alberta community. We're grateful for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

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Executive Director



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