

Executive Director Update

Hello GFOA Alberta Members,

Wow, what a conference! Based on the comments we have received we think it will be recorded in the history books as a success. We appreciate all the feedback we got so far and recognize that there is always room for improvement. Sometimes those comments are the most important, so thank you for sharing.

As great as Calgary was, I believe Banff will top it. As mentioned above, there were some great learnings that we are incorporating into the next conference, and those majestic mountain views won't hurt! We have already hit the ground running on 2023 plans and will have more information available soon. We're talking "really big show", for those of you old enough to remember Ed Sullivan. The first thing to look forward to is the hotel registration website going live, so keep watching for notice of that! We filled our room block in Calgary this year, so try to book early and remember that once the stunning Fairmont Banff Springs fills up, there will be the other hotels in town available just a short distance away.

I hope we see more than 300 registered delegates at this conference, so make sure to mention to all your peers that this great opportunity is coming up May 14th - 17th, 2023.

Many Board members and I were able to have conversations at the conference with several individuals who will ultimately benefit our membership through professional development opportunities. I expect that Alanna and I will be busy following up on these leads in the next few months.

Speaking of professional development, our next offering is a free series of [GST sessions](#) presented by the CRA that starts on November 17th, 2022. There will also be a course by Dr. Gordon McIntosh on January 12th, 2023 that will help you see how council and administration can get on the same page to deliver programs that benefit your community. For more information, watch our [website](#) and [LinkedIn page](#) for updates.

We have left the [member survey](#) open for another couple of weeks. If you have not taken 5 minutes to respond, I encourage you to do so. The survey is a significant tool we use to improve our operations. This is exceptionally timely as we build professional development offerings for the year ahead and work on lining up the break-out sessions for the 2023 conference.

Finally, as I draft this newsletter report, I am also getting ready to hit the links one more time. End of October and still golfing! It's my last opportunity to break 100 (on the first nine), but oh well, there is always beer and cigars.

Sincerely,

Rick Wojtkiw
Interim Executive Director

HELP US IMPROVE | Member Survey

Please complete our [Member Feedback Survey](#) so that we can provide you with the best information and professional development options possible! Your feedback is greatly valued. All participants who complete the survey and are GFOA Alberta members will be entered into a prize draw for a \$100 VISA prepaid card! Complete the survey by November 15, 2022 to be eligible.



[Complete the Survey](#)

Professional Development Opportunity GST SESSIONS

This winter the Canada Revenue Agency will be offering four GST sessions hosted by GFOA Alberta, in association with Alberta Municipalities, RMA, and LGAA. The cost is free to attend and all sessions will be virtual via ZOOM so you can attend without worrying about winter driving! Find more information on our [website](#) about each session and register for the ones that interest you!

November 17, 2022 | **Introduction for Municipalities**
 January 19, 2023 | **Taxable and Exempt Supplies Municipalities**
 February 16, 2023 | **Capital Properties & Input Tax Credits - Municipalities**
 March 16, 2023 | **Public Service Bodies' (PSB) Rebates - Municipalities**

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NOTICE | 2023 Membership Fees

As you prepare 2023 budgets, please note that there will be a small increase in GFOA Alberta membership fees. As announced during the General Meeting on October 19, 2022, membership fees for the 2023 year will be increasing 25%, which we feel confident leaves costs manageable. Although the percentage seems high, the dollar value is quite minimal. If you have any questions, please feel free to [reach out](#) to us.

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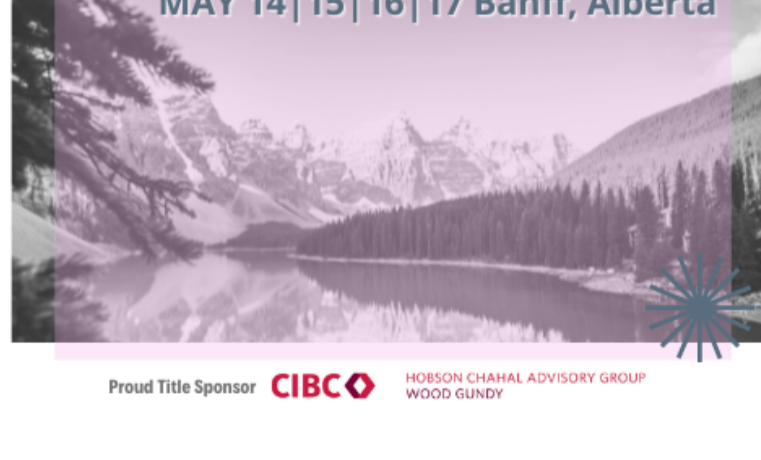
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- Formed in 1979.
- Offer annual conferences and training opportunities for networking and professional development.
- Today our organization boasts over 1,200 members and serves a pivotal role in ensuring the financial well being of local government in our province.