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Executive Director Update

Hello GFOA Alberta Members,

First, I would like to sincerely thank the 177 members that took the time to complete the member's survey. We were able to glean a lot of great feedback from the survey and are working towards addressing the professional development suggestions. We at GFOA Alberta are reviewing the survey and in the near future will circle back to you, the members, with some of the feedback we received.

Alanna and I met with the Local Government Administrators Association (LGAA) and had a fruitful discussion regarding the benefit of collaborating on initiatives. We at GFOA Alberta are always looking towards building ties with other organizations.

Make sure you [register](#) for the Dr. Gordon McIntosh webinar that will help you see how council and administration can get on the same page to deliver programs that benefit your community, taking place January 12, 2023. Check out our website and keep watching us on LinkedIn for more information. Speaking of LinkedIn, GFOA Alberta has doubled their number of followers! Thanks to everyone that has connected with us, and if you haven't, now is the time. Open [LinkedIn](#) here, follow us, bada bing bada boom, done!

Finally, as I draft this newsletter report I would be remiss if I did not mention the golf tournament in Banff coming up on May 14, 2023. Alanna has also informed me that there is something happening for the two and a half days after golf. Stay tuned, as early next year we will be opening registration for whatever that event is. [Book your hotel room](#) now though, because although Fairmont Banff Springs is a large hotel, our block of saved rooms at a special rate may not be enough for everyone.

Sincerely,

Rick Wojtkiw
Interim Executive Director

NOTICE | Online Account Access

As you may have noticed recently if you've visited our website www.gfoa.ab.ca, we have been making some changes, updating, and revamping the technical side, while we update and develop our content as well. We're excited to be finishing up the major work on the site now, and over the next 30 - 60 days we'll be launching an updated Publications Library for our members, as well as a new Forums section and other members-only content.

In the meantime, we are moving over our members to the new site and will be sending out new login information to each of our current GFOA Alberta members via email between now and the end of the year. Your new login information will give you access to your new account on the site, and you'll be able to access Member Pricing on career postings, event registrations, LMS courses and special events. Your old login information is no longer valid, so if you try, or have tried, you'll find an error message in place of your account.

If you need access to the site before you receive your new credentials, please feel free to send an [email](#) and we'll be glad to help you out.

You will be notified by email when the new Members Only area is open, and if you haven't received your new login information by the 15th of December, please reach out to programs@gfoa.ab.ca and we'll get yours updated.

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve the website!

Professional Development Opportunities

Priority Setting with Dr. Gordon McIntosh

Join your colleagues for a highly interactive opportunity to learn how to ensure your local government is aligned for the next budget. Dr. Gordon McIntosh will be leading attendees through a simulation to move from strategic topics to strategic priorities that match organizational capacity. You will be integrating contemporary leadership skills with 'real life' strategic topics and political/administrative situations and leave this session with techniques, a tool kit, guidelines, and ideas to make an immediate leadership difference in your organization.

WHEN | Thursday, January 12, 2023 from 9:00am – 12:00pm
WHERE | Online Interactive Webinar
HOW | Book your spot now at www.gfoa.ab.ca

[Learn More](#)

GST Sessions

We saw great attendance at the introductory GST session held online on November 17! Three sessions with more detail are planned for the new year and we encourage you to book your spot early! The cost is free to attend. Find more information about each session on our [website](#) and register for the ones that interest you!

These virtual sessions are presented by the Canada Revenue Agency, in association with GFOA Alberta, Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Local Government Administration Association of Alberta.

January 19, 2023 | **Taxable and Exempt Supplies**
February 16, 2023 | **Capital Properties & Input Tax Credits**
March 16, 2023 | **Public Service Bodies' (PSB) Rebates**

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SAVE THE DATE | 2023 Conference



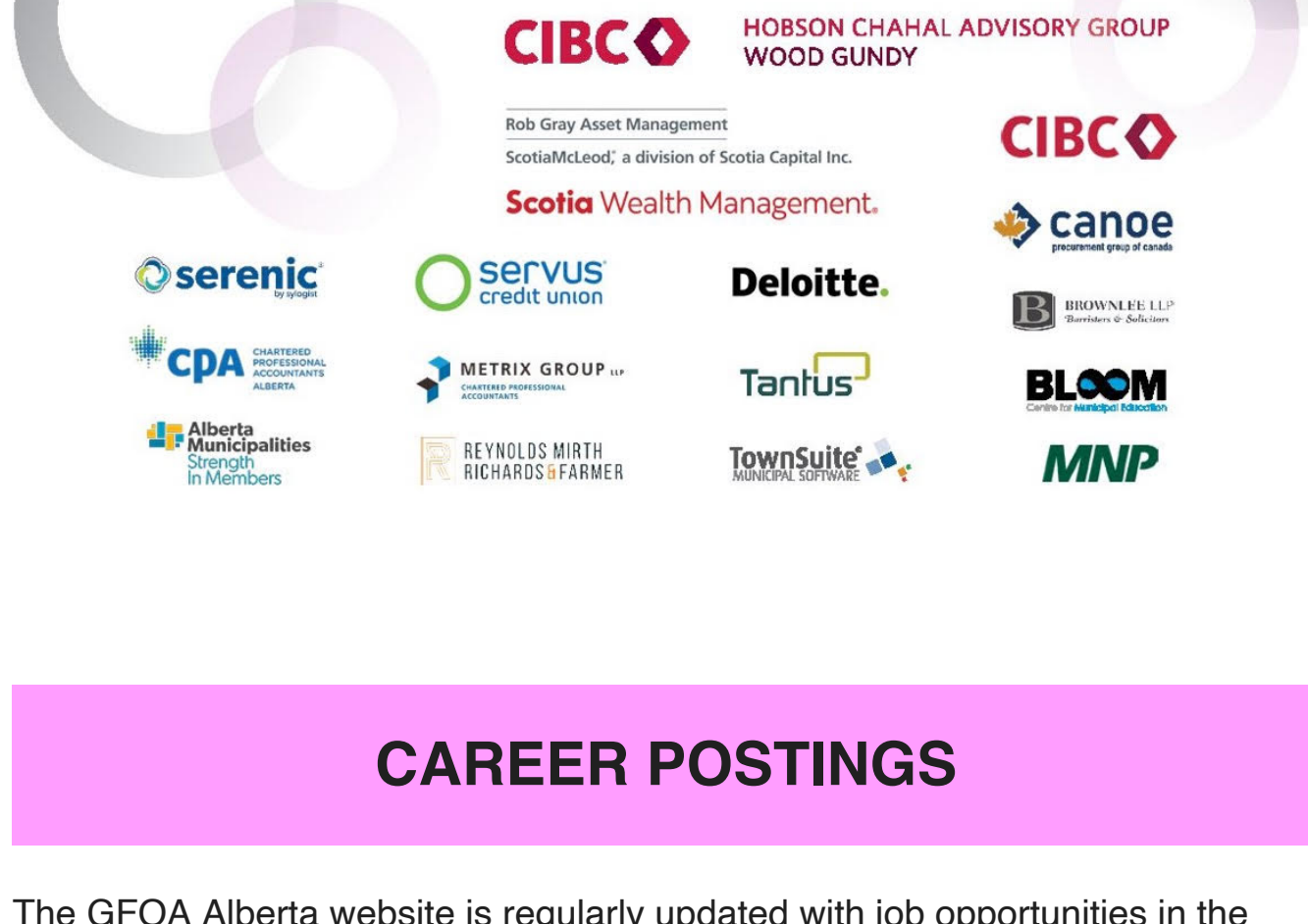
Thanks to our 2022 Conference speakers!

On behalf of our speakers, GFOA Alberta was able to donate \$1,500 to the Alberta Children's Hospital during our 2022 conference in Calgary!

SPONSOR UPDATE | Metrix Group LLP

Canadian auditing standard 315 (CAS315) deals with the auditors' responsibility to identify and assess the risk of material misstatements in the financial statements. Effective for the audit of financial statements for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2021, CAS 315 has been enhanced in response to the ever evolving economic, technological, and regulator environments in which entities operate. The changes have been implemented to create a consistent and robust risk assessment process. While there are new requirements under CAS 315 that have been significantly revised, the risk model and objectives of CAS 315 remain unchanged. Read more about identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the [attached bulletin](#) from Metrix Group LLP.

Thank you to all of our 2022 Sponsors!

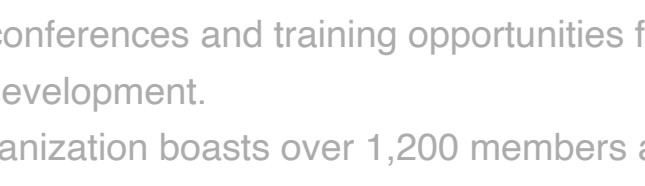
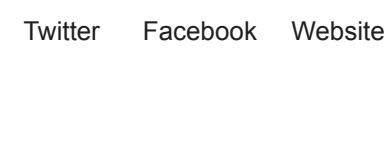


CAREER POSTINGS

The GFOA Alberta website is regularly updated with job opportunities in the public sector finance industry in Alberta!

[View Career Postings](#)

To post an opportunity in your municipality, click on the 'Resources' tab of our website, and then select 'Post a Position'. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#) for support.



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About GFOA Alberta:

- 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.