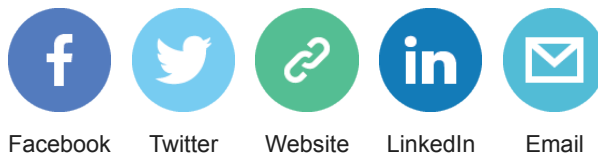


April 2022 E-Newsletter



AGM June 8 @3PM via Zoom

Message from the President

Dear GFOA Alberta Members:

On behalf of myself and the GFOA Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge Robin Lee, our Executive Administrator who departed our organization April 11th.

Throughout Robin's tenure at GFOA, her commitment and dedication never wavered. The board admires her strong work ethic and attention to detail. In addition to all of the administrative duties and the annual conference planning, Robin was a great support to the Board, Task Forces, Executive Director and GFOA Members.

On behalf of everyone at the GFOA, I wish Robin all the best in her next chapter.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Place
GFOA President

Executive Director News

Hello GFOA Alberta Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and taking a well-deserved rest with year-end behind you. Other than the demanding work of year end, spring is always a wonderful time of year. The robins have returned, baby calves are everywhere, and the sun is up early and the days are longer. But, enough about me looking out the window and typing about what I see!

The GFOA Alberta Board is meeting in Calgary on May 25 to discuss ongoing business and to tour the facility with our Event Organizer for the upcoming conference in the fall. The conference details are listed further in the newsletter, please share with your networks. The hotel block we have reserved is half full, I encourage everyone to book your rooms now to ensure you are in the conference hotel.

We are currently interviewing for the Executive Administrator position. Robin's last day was April 11th; it was a tumultuous year for her learning the ropes and planning a live conference then nearing completion and last minute required to quickly switch to a virtual conference. The short time I have worked with Robin has impressed me by witnessing her dedication and ability to get the work done. I wish her all the best in whatever she decides to pursue going forward.

You may notice that we have added a new section to the newsletter, '**Member Profiles**'. We are starting to highlight Board members and their municipalities. Since Ed Kaemingh is the outgoing past president this year, I thought it would be a good idea to start with his profile.

Please save the date for the Annual General Meeting which will be held virtually, June 8 at 3:00 p.m. The follow-up 'Organizational Meeting' will take place on the last day of the conference, October 19.

More details to come in the next newsletter edition.

Sincerely,
Rick Wojtkiw
Interim Executive Director

'Energizing The Future' Conference



GFOA Alberta is excited to announce that the '**Energizing the Future**' 2022 Conference will be held at the Calgary Hyatt Regency from October 16–19, 2022.

We have a dynamic speaker lineup including the Hon. **Jody Wilson-Raybould**, Former Member of Parliament, Former Minister of Justice, and Attorney General of Canada as our opening keynote speaker! As well as featured speakers:

Chris Turner, Expert on Sustainability, Climate Change, Cleantech and the Global Energy Transition

Ruthann Weeks, People & Culture Strategist, Author, Expert on Workplace

Register your [spot](#) and book your [hotel](#) to secure your group rate.

We have set aside 220 rooms at the Hyatt Regency; I encourage you to book early so we can work with the hotel to set aside more rooms as needed.

Interested Sponsors and Exhibitors can contact the Event Organizer,

E: Sheila Moore sheila@morcommpr.com

P:780.953.8733.

Please share with your colleagues and network.

Member Profile

Ed Kaemingh committed to contributing and supporting the financial services profession in Alberta

Throughout his career, Ed Kaemingh has been a tireless advocate and volunteer for the financial profession in Alberta. As a long-time member of the GFOA Alberta Board, he has held many key positions, including Past President, President, Vice-President, and Director at Large, as well as chairing the Professional Development Task Force. He has also served on the board for the Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA), as Vice-Chair of the ACFA Audit Committee, and has held the position of Director with the Canadian Association of Government Finance Officers (CAGFO).

His professionalism and expertise have been invaluable assets to the municipalities where he's worked, helping to improve cash flow management, budget preparation, and financial reporting, as well as developing collaborative teams who implement best practices in municipal financial management.

In his most recent position as Director of Corporate Services for the MD of Greenview, Mr. Kaemingh has expanded his leadership abilities to manage a diverse team that includes Financial Services, Human Resources, Legislative Services, Asset Management, Procurement and Information Services.

Located in Alberta's northwest, Greenview is a vast and diverse area of fertile farmland, winding rivers, mixed wood forests, and spectacular peaks of the Rockies. The MD of Greenview covers 32,915 square kilometres, with a footprint larger than the country of Belgium. Agriculture, forestry, oil and gas, coal and tourism are all mainstays of both the local and provincial economies, while recreation and cultural facilities abound, with a variety of museums, arenas, golf courses, parks and community halls.

These abundant resources have positioned Greenview for substantial growth over the next few years and Mr. Kaemingh's position plays an important role in helping to achieve Council's strategic priorities. One of his key responsibilities is maintaining the fiscal health of the municipality through his management of the operational and capital spending. He is also implementing staff succession planning and growth opportunities, and ensuring that policies are in place that will prepare Greenview to meet this future growth.

While Mr. Kaemingh's tenure with the GFOA Alberta Board is ending, it is certain that he will continue to set an example and promote the high standards for governmental finance in Alberta.

2022 Membership Renewal

It is that time of year again to renew your GFOA member fees.

In late 2021, GFOA completed a membership fee analysis and subsequently approved a membership fee increase for 2022.

The updated fee schedule can be found on our website by clicking [HERE](#)

Please also note that our website is currently under construction, and we have been working with Primary Contacts directly to create invoices on their behalf.

Please contact Lucy at Office@gfoa.ab.ca should you have any questions regarding your membership renewals.

Call for Task Force Volunteers

If you are looking to provide valuable service to GFOA Alberta, we are currently recruiting volunteers for three of our Task Forces:

- Communications Task Force
- Emerging Issues Task Force
- Professional Development Task Force

Please see the [Terms of Reference](#) (TOR) at the bottom of the About Us page for more information about each Task Force.

The Communications Task Force is seeking a volunteer to assist with Social Media Management. If you or someone you know has experience with producing content (in LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter) and is interested in providing assistance to GFOA, please see the full description [HERE](#).

If you are interested in any of the above volunteer positions, please send your resume and letter of interest to rick.wojtkiw@gfoa.ab.ca with PDF in the subject line.

High Interest Savings Account



Alberta Municipalities and GFOA Alberta are pleased to continue offering a High Interest Savings Account (HISA) to Alberta municipalities and related not-for-profit organizations. At its peak in 2020, our HISA program had a balance of over \$350M!

Our partnership with the Canadian Western Bank offers a competitive interest rate, secured principal, and the ability to move your money at any time without penalty, regardless of the amount invested. Your deposits are held in your own

account.

GFOA Alberta strongly encourages our members to utilize this short-term investment offering.

For more information on how to participate, please click [HERE](#)

Professional Development



CPA Alberta has several PD Seminars in May. Please see our [EVENTS](#) page for further details and links to the sessions.

Upcoming:

[The Resilient Leadership Certificate Program](#)

April 28 – May 26

Certificate Program

On-Demand Webinars Need CPE Credits?

It is as simple as 1-2-3 to access On Demand webinars! Simply login to the GFOA Alberta Website and click on the "On Demand" button in the top right corner. Work on your own schedule!



Join your CPA colleagues in this interactive online event to explore the answers to these questions and gain access to a practical system to build your confidence in having difficult conversations to produce the results you want.

[Jumpstart Your Confidence to Have Difficult Conversations](#)

Date: May 3

Time: noon - 1PM

Delivery: Online

Cost: Free

Who Will Benefit

CPAs and CPA candidates interested in building their confidence in navigating difficult conversations and improving their communication skills.

Career Postings

In order to post a job, click on the "Career Postings" tab, and then select "MEMBERS" or "NON-MEMBERS" to advertise the postings. If you have any questions, please e-mail Office@gfoa.ab.ca

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- 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.

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