

August 2022 E-Newsletter



Executive Director News

Hello GFOA Alberta Members,

The swathers and combines are out, must be fast approaching budget season (or it will start raining soon).

There is a lot happening behind the scenes between improvements (web, google workspace)

conference planning and researching development opportunities for our members.

We have a good training opportunity coming up as we approach the busy budget season. Dr. Gordon McIntosh will be presenting "The Balancing Act: Aligning Expectations with Capacity"; in Red Deer for a full-day session on September 22, 2022. Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

I will be meeting with the board on September 9 in Banff to conduct a strategy session. Following that, we will take a site tour for the next conference May 14-17, 2023. The theme for next year is “Better Together in Banff” 2023 and if you can believe it, planning is underway, and we haven’t executed this year’s event!

Speaking of this year’s event, it is quickly approaching, only six weeks away! We have 170 people registered and the exhibitor spots are sold out.

I am delighted with the response from sponsors and exhibitors. CIBC Hobson-Chahal has committed to a five-year partnership as the ‘Title Sponsor’ for GFOA Alberta.

In addition to the great speaker lineup and breakout sessions, International GFOA Director, Chris Morill will be joining us, and he will speak about Financial Foundations for Thriving Communities.

Lowell Epp from Alberta Treasury will provide an update on the changes to Alberta Capital Finance Authority, and we will welcome Gary Sandburg ADM Municipal Affairs on the opening day.

Remember the 'Organizational Meeting' is taking place on the last day of the conference, October 19.

Sincerely,
Rick Wojtkiw
Interim Executive Director

Member Profile

Karen Arsenault joins the GFOA Board as the new Alberta Municipal Affairs representative. Karen is currently the manager overseeing the delivery of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, but she has also been involved in the delivery of a wide variety of other municipal grants for Municipal Affairs since her arrival in Alberta in 2014.

Prior to her arrival in Alberta, Karen worked for the Government of Nova Scotia and was responsible for the Social Housing Portfolio and delivering housing grants to all Nova Scotian's.

Karen's name should be familiar to many GFOA members, as in her role as manager at Municipal Affairs she has lent her expertise in delivering a wide range of grants to municipalities during her tenure. In addition to her key role in managing the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, Karen has also overseen programs such as the Municipal Cannabis Transition Program, Municipal Stimulus Program, and Municipal Operating Support Transfer, among others. She is enthusiastic about participating on the GFOA Board as a Municipal Affairs Representative and looks forward to increasing communication opportunities and support for all members, boards, and task forces. She appreciates connecting with all municipal stakeholders and strives to build long-term relationships and exemplary service to all municipalities while bringing in a little Nova Scotian humor.

'Energizing The Future' Conference



Conference Schedule

The 2022 Conference offers inspiring speakers, networking opportunities and relevant, timely topics that you have come to expect from GFOA Alberta.

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

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

Interested Sponsors can contact the Event Organizer,

E: Sheila Moore sheila@morcommpr.com

P:780.953.8733.

Please share with your colleagues and network.

2022 Sponsors & Exhibitors

Thank you to our 2022 Sponsors & Exhibitors

Exhibitor spots are **SOLD-OUT**

We will update this section each month so you can see who you might be interested in connecting with at the conference. Interested Sponsors can contact the Event Organizer,

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2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PROPERTY TAX PROFESSIONALS ACROSS ALBERTA COMING
TOGETHER FOR PEOPLE, COMMUNITY, NETWORKING, AND
EDUCATION

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2022

WHERE: RIVER CREE RESORT, EDMONTON AB

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

WEBSITE: www.amtpa.ca

CONTACT: info@amtpa.ca

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 PDTF in the subject line.

High Interest Savings Account



**Alberta
Municipalities**
Strength
In Members

Dear participating members,

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Alberta Municipalities High Interest Savings Account (HISA). We are pleased to report to you that the interest rate for our HISA has increased to 3.05%. This reflects the recent decision made by the Bank of Canada to increase the Canada prime rate by 1%.

Effective July 14, 2022, participating members will be earning 3.05% (CWB Prime 4.70% - 1.65%) on their HISA deposits.

Many of our members use this savings vehicle to earn interest on daily cash on hand, deferred capital project financing, and grant funding. We are proud to offer this in partnership with Canadian Western Bank (CWB) and the Government Finance Officers Association of Alberta (GFOA), as it affirms our commitment to serve communities, not shareholders.

If you have any questions about your High Interest Savings Account, connect with our team at hisa@abmunis.ca.

Professional Development

THE BALANCING ACT: Aligning Expectations with Capacity

Are you involved in budgeting in your municipality or government body?

Register for this full-day session in Red Deer on September 22 now!! Dr.

Gordon McIntosh will be presenting 'The Balancing Act: Aligning Expectations with Capacity'. For more information and registration,

visit: <https://lnkd.in/gRpBnCJs>



BUDGETING SESSION



RED DEER
ALBERTA



SEPT 22

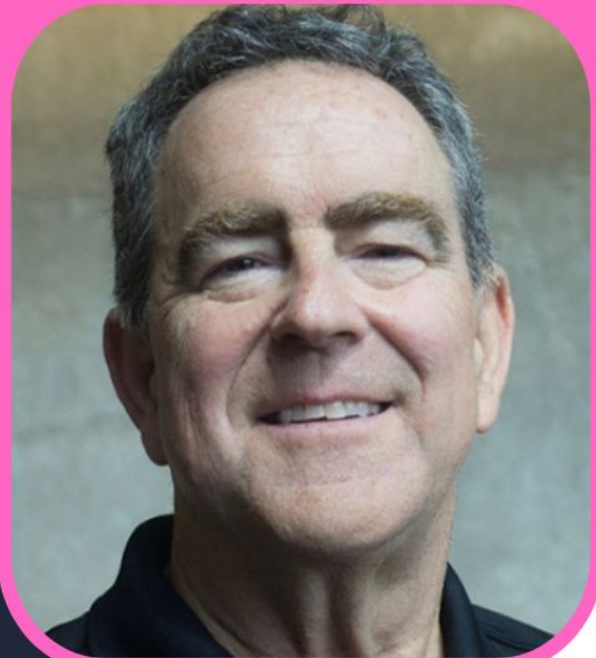


9:30AM -
4:30PM

SPEAKER **DR. GORDON MCINTOSH**

The Balancing
Act: Aligning
Expectations
with Capacity

REGISTER NOW
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Hosted by Dr. Gordon McIntosh

DATE: September 22, 2022

LOCATION: Red Deer, Alberta

Career Postings

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