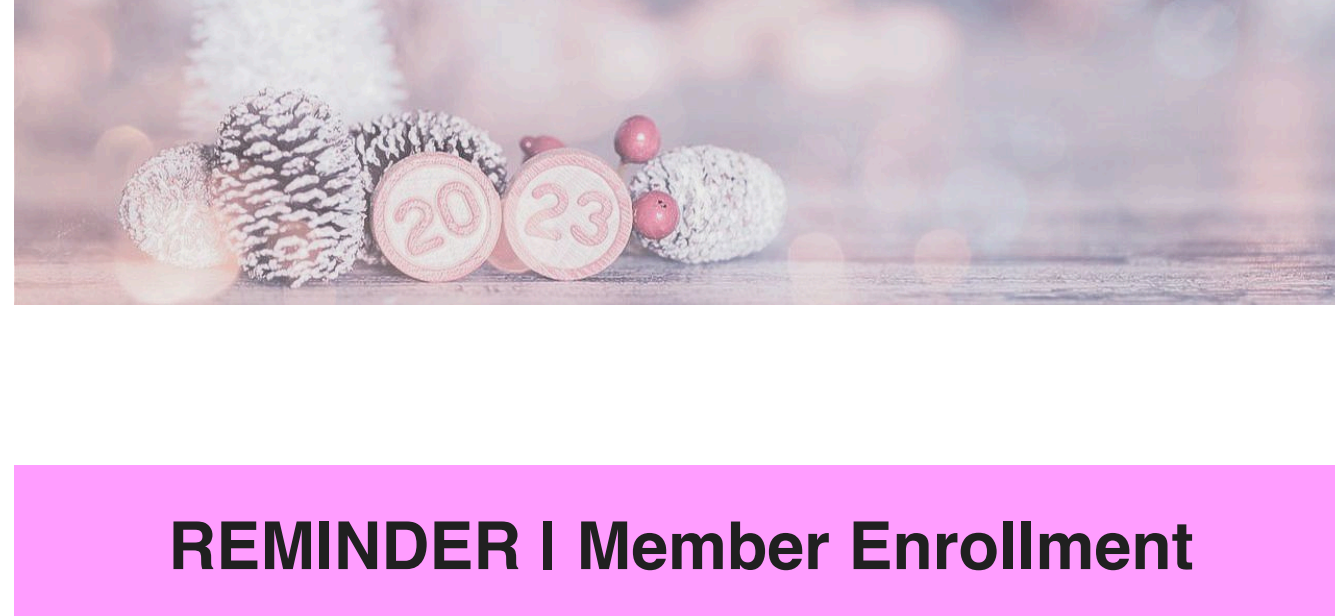




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We hope you had a restful holiday break and wish you all the best for a wonderful new year!



REMINDER | Member Enrollment

Membership renewals for the 2023 year will be open early in January! Primary contacts for the municipality will receive member enrollment. If the primary contact may have changed in your municipality over the last year, please [contact us](#) to make sure the right person receives the enrollment form.

Professional Development Opportunities

GST Sessions

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. The cost is free to attend. Find more information about each session on our [website](#) and register for the ones that interest you!

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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Priority Setting with Dr. Gordon McIntosh

* PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EVENT DATE HAS CHANGED *

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 strategies 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, March 23, 2023 from 9:00am – 12:00pm
WHERE | Online Interactive Webinar
HOW | Book your spot now at www.gfoa.ab.ca

[Learn More](#)

SPONSOR UPDATE | Municipal Affairs

Financial Information Return

- The Financial Information Return (FIR) template has been updated for 2022. Municipal Affairs will email this revised template, with the manual and links to CAO's in November of 2022.
- The Financial Information Return template will include an audited portion, and a partially populated unaudited portion (formally the statistics portion of the Statistical Information Return (SIR)).
- The submission process and deadline of May 1st, remains unchanged for the Financial Information Return.
- Regarding the municipal tax portion that was formally collected under the Statistical Information Return – the submission deadline is unchanged and will be July 1st.
- No onscreen entry or excel template is required for submission of the municipal tax portion. Municipal Affairs only requires that municipalities use the submission URL to attach the tax rate bylaw, and once submitted, the municipality's tax reporting is complete.
- Bylaw submission links will also accompany the FIR package documents, and will be emailed out in November 2022 along with links to a video and important submission information.
- For those municipalities with outstanding 2021 financial information, emails were sent out to all CAO's containing the FIR and submission links on February 11, 2022 - while the SIR and submission links were sent out on April 25, 2022.
- For additional FIR and/or SIR related inquiries, please direct your questions and comments to the following email: ma_updates@gov.ab.ca

Financial Resources

Municipal Affairs has various online financial resources available for municipalities. Some notable links are listed below:

- Alberta Maps and Statistics – Contains access to municipal financial statements and tax rate bylaws (<https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-maps-statistics.aspx>).
- Municipal Indicators – displays various metrics that Municipal Affairs uses to track municipality performance (<https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-indicators.aspx>).
- Municipal Measurement Index – Enables comparisons between municipalities with similar metrics, while also enabling the user to compare with municipalities of their choosing (<https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-measurement-index.aspx>).
- A Municipal Affairs finance overview page containing information relating to the Statistical Information Return, annual reporting, and tax rate bylaws (<https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-finance-overview.aspx>).
- For additional information and/or related inquiries, please direct your questions and comments to the following email: ma_advisory@gov.ab.ca

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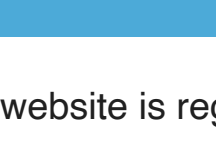
SAVE THE DATE | 2023 Conference

Conference registration will be opening soon and we expect spots for this year's conference in Banff to fill up quickly! [Book your room](#) with our group rate at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel now.

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Career Postings

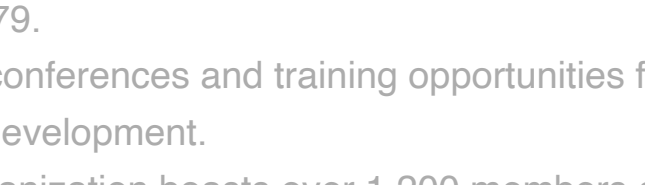
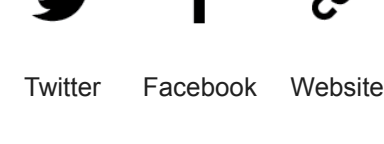
The GFOA Alberta website is regularly updated with job opportunities in the public sector finance industry in Alberta!

Recent listings include:

[Tax and Assessment Administrator](#) | County of Vermilion River, AB
[Accounting Manager - Financial Services Division](#) | Edmonton Public Library

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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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- 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.