

Executive Director Update

Happy New Year! For those of you old as me, this is the month that you forget to change the year on your cheques.

There is lots happening here at GFOA Alberta. We have opened [membership renewal](#) and [conference registration](#). I see that there is some confusion with the two opening concurrently. If you work in a municipality, your primary contact must renew the membership. The primary contact will provide the information for each member. Once that has been completed, then each person can individually register for the conference at member rates. If you are not in a municipality or do not have multiple members in your organization, please renew your membership and then register for the conference on your own. We are more than happy to assist with either process.

Speaking of the conference, we are very excited about [Banff 2023](#)! We are planning five plenary and three concurrent breakouts for a total of 20 sessions. I encourage everyone to follow us on [LinkedIn](#) to see the latest updates and, please repost for us! Given the diversity in our program, we believe everyone, regardless of location or position, will find value in attending. If you are involved or interested in public sector finance save your spot now, and make sure your [book a hotel room](#), as 70% of our room block has been sold within a couple days of opening registration.

We have also been meeting with many firms to secure professional development opportunities for our members. We have some timely and interesting webinars in the pipeline and hope to start rolling them out soon, which is another reason to check out our [website](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#). We are using our Professional Development Task Force and the recent membership [survey results](#) to determine offerings. If you are/were not involved in either, please do not hesitate to [contact me](#) with opportunities for development webinars.

Our website development continues as we endeavor to improve and streamline our online presence. We hope to have the member area up and running early in the second quarter with a discussion forum and document database. If you have any comments about the website, please let us know.

We have sent out our sponsorship package to existing sponsors and exhibitors. We are looking forward to discussing with all of you a partnership that provides maximum benefit to both the sponsor/exhibitor and our membership. I remind everyone that sponsorship is an annual partnership and not just for the conference. We encourage all of our sponsors to provide information to include in our monthly newsletters.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the golf attached to our conference this year at the Banff Springs Golf Course! We were able to secure a preferential rate and hope you will take advantage, keeping in mind there is a cap on how many can golf.

Come to Banff for the mountains, but stay for the professional development and networking (and maybe some golf)!

Thanks,

Rick Wojtkiw
Interim Executive Director

RENEW NOW | 2023 Membership

Membership renewals for the 2023 year are open! Primary contacts were emailed earlier in January with instructions to enroll and assign members for the municipality. If you did not get an email, or not sure who your primary contact is, please [reach out](#) and we would be happy to help make sure you are an active member. If you are a new or individual member, [register online!](#)



Please note that an active membership must be in place before you can take advantage of member benefits such as special rates for the conference and professional development sessions.

[Learn More](#)

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!

February 16, 2023 | **Capital Properties & Input Tax Credits**

March 16, 2023 | **Public Service Bodies' (PSB) Rebates**

[Learn More](#)

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 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](#)

REGISTER | 2023 Conference

Registration is open for the [2023 GFOA Alberta Conference](#) in Banff, taking place from May 14 - May 17, 2023, and kicking off with a golf tournament at the renowned Fairmont Banff Springs Golf Course!

[Learn More](#)

Don't forget to [book your room](#) with our group rate at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel now, as the room block is limited and the rate great for that location.

Taking Charge of Change

GFOA ALBERTA CONFERENCE

Fairmont Banff Springs



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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:

[Finance Manager](#) | Town of Redwater

[Chief Administrative Officer](#) | Lethbridge County

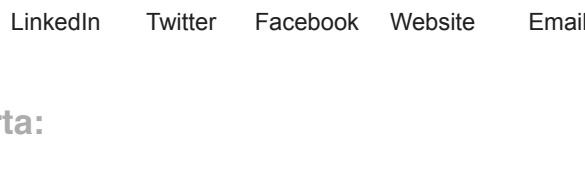
[Accountant](#) | County of Wetaskiwin

[View All 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.

RESULTS | Member Survey

The GFOA Alberta Board committed to providing feedback to members regarding our 2022 survey completed in November 2022. As part of that commitment, we are providing information on the results and some insight into what is planned to move forward. See attached the [survey summary](#).



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.