



Message from the Executive Director

Greetings, GFOA Alberta members!
We are excited to share highlights from our recent participation in the LGAA (Local Government Administration Association) conference held in beautiful Canmore. It was a fantastic opportunity for our team to connect with many of our current members, engage in insightful discussions, and forge new relationships.

During the conference, we were delighted to meet several potential new members who showed great interest in joining our association. It's always encouraging to see our community grow and to welcome fresh perspectives and ideas that can help us advance our mission.

In addition to networking, we took the opportunity to scout the picturesque Kananaskis region as a potential venue for our 2026 conference. The stunning landscapes and excellent facilities left a positive impression on us. As long as we fit, we are confident that Kananaskis could provide a perfect backdrop for our future event, combining professional development with a beautiful destination.

Upcoming Events: CPA Alberta Tradeshows

Looking ahead, we are participating in some upcoming events. In September, GFOA Alberta will be exhibiting at the CPA Alberta tradeshows in Edmonton and Calgary. These tradeshows are excellent opportunities for us to showcase our initiatives, connect with **up and coming** financial professionals, and explore new partnerships. We look forward to meeting many of you there and sharing more about our latest projects and goals.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to explore these exciting opportunities and work towards making our future events even more engaging and impactful.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in GFOA Alberta. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming workshops and webinars!

Please check out the in-person workshop further in this newsletter and earn 5 hours of verifiable PD credit

Enjoy your summer everyone,!

Best regards,
Rick Wojtkiw,
Executive Director



Leading Practices for Optimizing & Implementing ERP Systems [In-Person Workshop] SPACE IS LIMITED

DATE: Sept 19, 2024

TIME: 9AM - 3PM

LOCATION: [METRIX LLP](#) Offices Edmonton

Join us for an insightful and practical workshop tailored specifically for municipal government finance officers. This one-day event will empower you with the knowledge and tools needed to optimize and implement ERP systems effectively within your organization. Our experienced presenters will guide you through key topics and best practices to ensure your ERP implementation is successful and sustainable.

Workshop Highlights:

- *Chart of Accounts / Data Structure & Flow:* Learn how to design and manage a chart of accounts that supports efficient data flow and accurate financial reporting within your software.
- *Process Mapping, Optimization & System Alignment:* Discover techniques for mapping and optimizing your financial processes to align with your ERP system, enhancing overall efficiency and accuracy. Hands on activities will get you practicing skills that you can apply to visualize and resolve a wide variety of process challenges.
- *Change Management in an ERP Implementation:* Gain insights into the critical role of change management in ERP and process improvement projects. Learn strategies to manage change effectively, ensuring smooth transitions and high adoption rates among staff.
- *Leading Practices in Data Migration, Customizations, and Integrations:* Explore leading practices for migrating data, customizing ERP solutions, and integrating them with existing systems to meet your unique needs.

Why Attend?

- *Professional Development:* Earn 5 hours of verifiable PD credit while enhancing your skills and knowledge.
- *Expert Guidance:* Learn from seasoned professionals with extensive experience in ERP implementations.
- *Networking Opportunities:* Connect with fellow finance officers and industry experts, sharing experiences and insights.
- *Practical Takeaways:* Leave with actionable strategies and best practices that you can apply immediately within your organization.

Don't miss this opportunity to stay ahead in the ever-evolving landscape of municipal finance. Secure your spot today and take the first step towards optimizing your ERP system for success!

Pricing: \$495 /member in-person, \$400 live virtual

If you would like to register, please contact

communications@gfoa.ab.ca Refreshments & Lunch included



Testimonial

HISA is a great option for earning interest on cash balances that you would like to keep liquid for upcoming projects and initiatives, or to simply strengthen your cashflow position. It is relatively easy to make deposits and withdrawals and the interest rates remain competitive.

Shelley Thomas

Manager of Finance at City of Brooks



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We will post it on the the GFOA Alberta website and share links in the monthly **General Ledger Newsletter**.

Please contact Sheila Moore at communications@gfoa.ab.ca for more information.

Check out Open Positions across Alberta

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To apply for any, read the post and follow the specific directions for applications at the bottom of each post. Positions will be removed on expiration, so if you apply for any we recommend that you copy the information onto a note or word document for your reference.