



Message from the Executive Director

Hello GFOA Alberta members!

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying your summer!

We have some exciting updates to share with you regarding our upcoming events and initiatives: **Webinars and In-Person Workshops**

We are bringing a series of webinars and in-person workshops this fall designed to enhance your professional development. These sessions will cover a range of topics relevant to our field and provide valuable insights and practical skills.

Be sure to save your spot for the in-Person Workshop September 19, led by the Metrix Group Leading Practices for Optimizing & Implementing ERP Systems

DATE: Sept 19, 2024

TIME: 9AM - 3PM

LOCATION: Metrix Group LLP Offices Edmonton

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

Register: communications@gfoa.ab.ca Refreshments & Lunch included

Space is limited to 25 attendees. There is a fair bit of interest and we are looking at offering the session in Calgary as well. Please stay tuned for more details about upcoming opportunities on our <u>Linkedin</u> page and the <u>GFOA Alberta website</u>.

Upcoming Board Meeting in Lethbridge

Our next Board meeting is scheduled to take place in Lethbridge August 29. This meeting is a great opportunity for the board to discuss important matters and plan for the future in the areas of professional development, member benefits and the overall strategy to continue growing the GFOA Alberta membership and partnerships. Speaking of the board, check out the group photo taken at the June conference below.

Following the board meeting, we will take the board members on a tour of the state-of-the-art Agri-Hub facility where we plan to host the 2025 conference June 1-4, 2025. We look forward to sharing our plans with you soon.

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

Enjoy your summer everyone,!

Best regards,

Rick Wojtkiw,

Executive Director

GFOA Alberta Board Members



MUNICIPAL FORUMS

GFOA Alberta will be hosting the following discussion forums: **Municipalities over 10K population** Tuesday, August 27 at 2:00 PM **Municipalities under 10K population** Thursday, September 5 at 2:00 PM **Rural Municipalities** Date and time to be announced.

Each discussion forum will be approximately two hours in length and will begin with an update from Municipal Affairs. Ask questions, share information, and gain valuable insights from your colleagues. *Your participation is strongly encouraged!* GFOA Alberta will be sending out a link to the complimentary registration prior to the forum date and a forum agenda will also be sent out once completed.



Leading Practices for Optimizing & Implementing ERP Systems

[In-Person Workshop] SPACE IS LIMITED VIRTUAL AVAILABLE

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!

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Check out Open Positions across Alberta

Visit the <u>Career Postings</u> page to find open positions from municipalities across Alberta. 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.

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