



## Message from the Executive Director

Happy New Year, GFOA Alberta members!  
We're kicking off 2025 with exciting updates and opportunities for you, before I get to those, over the holidays I visited the air and space museum ... there was nothing there!

- GFOA Alberta Conference Registration: Registration is open! Please note:**  
**Day 1 & 2:** Program will take place at the Agri-Hub (June 2 & 3).  
**June 3 Gala & Final Half-Day:** Hosted at the Sandman Signature Hotel (June 4).  
 Be sure to book your hotels early:  
 SANDMAN SIGNATURE GROUP RATE [LINK](#)  
 FAIRFIELD INN GROUP RATE [LINK](#)  
 HAMPTON INN GROUP RATE [LINK](#)

(Remember to renew your membership to get members' rate for the conference.)

- Municipal Forum Meetings:** Our dedicated and engaged Professional Development Task Force team is leading these valuable sessions. Don't miss out on the chance to connect and learn, the forums provide a great opportunity to hear about issues impacting your peers as well as providing a platform to ask questions as well. **Click the link to register.**

**Membership Renewals**  
Membership invoices went out in November, and I am happy to see so many of you have already renewed. Thank you! For those still pending, a reminder that memberships were due January 1st.

**Looking Ahead**  
This year promises to be full of growth and learning. We're thrilled to represent GFOA Alberta in Saskatchewan and Washington, and we have exciting plans to share with you in the months ahead. As always, if you have suggestions for webinars/sessions or companies that would provide value to our membership as an exhibitor, please let me know.

Best regards,  
Rick Wojtkiw,  
Executive Director

# MUNICIPAL FORUMS

Forums provide the opportunity for participants to ask questions and share information with their municipal colleagues

Rural Municipalities  
Jan 23 @2:00 – 4:00 pm

Municipalities over 10k population  
Jan 28 @ 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Municipalities under 10k population  
Jan 30 @ 2:00 – 4:00 pm

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GFOA Alberta is pleased host the second round of **Municipal Discussion Forums!** The virtual Forums provide the opportunity for participants to ask questions and share information with their municipal colleagues. The agenda topics will be selected based on questions and issues brought forward by the registrants, so it is really designed to benefit you! We encourage your participation in these interactive discussions.

- The dates are as follows:**
- Rural Municipalities** - January 23rd @ 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
 (Please send Agenda Items to Rodney Boyko - [rodney.b@lamontcounty.ca](mailto:rodney.b@lamontcounty.ca))
  - Municipalities over 10k population** - January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
 (Please send Agenda Items to Shelley Thomas - [pd@gfoa.ab.ca](mailto:pd@gfoa.ab.ca))
  - Municipalities under 10k population** - January 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
 (Please send Agenda Items to Dawn Sauve - [dawn.sauve@ponoka.ca](mailto:dawn.sauve@ponoka.ca))
- Please visit this [link](#) and select the municipality group that you align with to register.

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## Discover the Benefits of Hiring Co-op Students

**Feb 12 @10AM ONLINE**

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**Explore Co-op Programs with Us!**  
We will be hosting a virtual info session in 2025 to introduce GFOA Alberta members to co-op programs and how to access talented students from partner institutions. Hear from members who have successfully used co-op placements and learn step-by-step how easy it is to post your own opportunities. Whether you're new to co-op programs or looking to enhance your recruitment strategy, this session will provide valuable insights.

**Date:** Feb 12, 2025  
**Time:** 10AM  
**RSVP Today!**  
**Presented by:**  
Sebastian Panciuk Cooperative Education Facilitator  
Careers & Experience, MacEwan University

# MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

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🔔 Membership Reminder 🔔  
2025 membership auto-renewal invoice! **Due Date:** January 1, 2025

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SHARE YOUR ARTICLES WITH US

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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](mailto:communications@gfoa.ab.ca) for more information.

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