



Hello Everyone,

As we move through summer, I'm excited to share a quick update on what's happening at GFOA Alberta.

But first - **Why did the farmer get promoted?**

Because he was *outstanding in his field* — just like our members! 😊

Ok, in all seriousness, we've now scheduled our professional development opportunities right through to Spring 2026. This means you can budget and plan ahead, which was one of the key requests we heard loud and clear from members. While we introduced this new approach in the last newsletter, the full schedule is now online and further in this email, and registration links are being added as sessions are confirmed. The first two sessions are already open for registration and we encourage you to sign up early. You can register for the Deloitte Session [here](#) and the Tantus session [here](#).

We're also pleased to be offering a series of free sessions from Michael Monk (CRA), diving into GST and other key topics for municipal finance professionals. These sessions are a great resource and completely free to members.

To make it even easier to stay in the loop, we've launched a new newsletter called the **PD Insider**, dedicated exclusively to professional development opportunities and CPD-eligible content. If that's your primary focus, we encourage you to subscribe and never miss an update.

Sheila and I had the opportunity to attend the GFOA of the United States and Canada conference. We made some contacts with vendors that would be relevant to our members. Many seemed eager to learn more about GFOA Alberta. Another highlight was attending a session arranged for all GFOA state/provincial associations. Some associations have no staff and rely solely on volunteers, while other associations have million-dollar budgets.

The brief conversations demonstrated that there are many similarities between our organizations, and it also demonstrated that there is much we can learn from each other.

We also met with a staff member from the University of Lethbridge. Our goal is to highlight rewarding career opportunities in the public sector. Through building relationships with post-secondary institutions, we hope to have greater interaction with students and faculty.

We will also continue to remind our members that the post-secondary institutions are a great resource though the co-op program to hire eager new employees.

Looking ahead, the GFOA Alberta Board will be meeting in Calgary this September to finalize plans for the 2026 Conference, explore new partnerships, and continue identifying ways to bring even more value to our members. We're also actively reviewing potential locations for 2027, more to come on that soon.

Hope you're enjoying some well-deserved rest this summer. As always, thank you for being part of the GFOA Alberta community.

Rick Wojtkiw

Executive Director, GFOA Alberta



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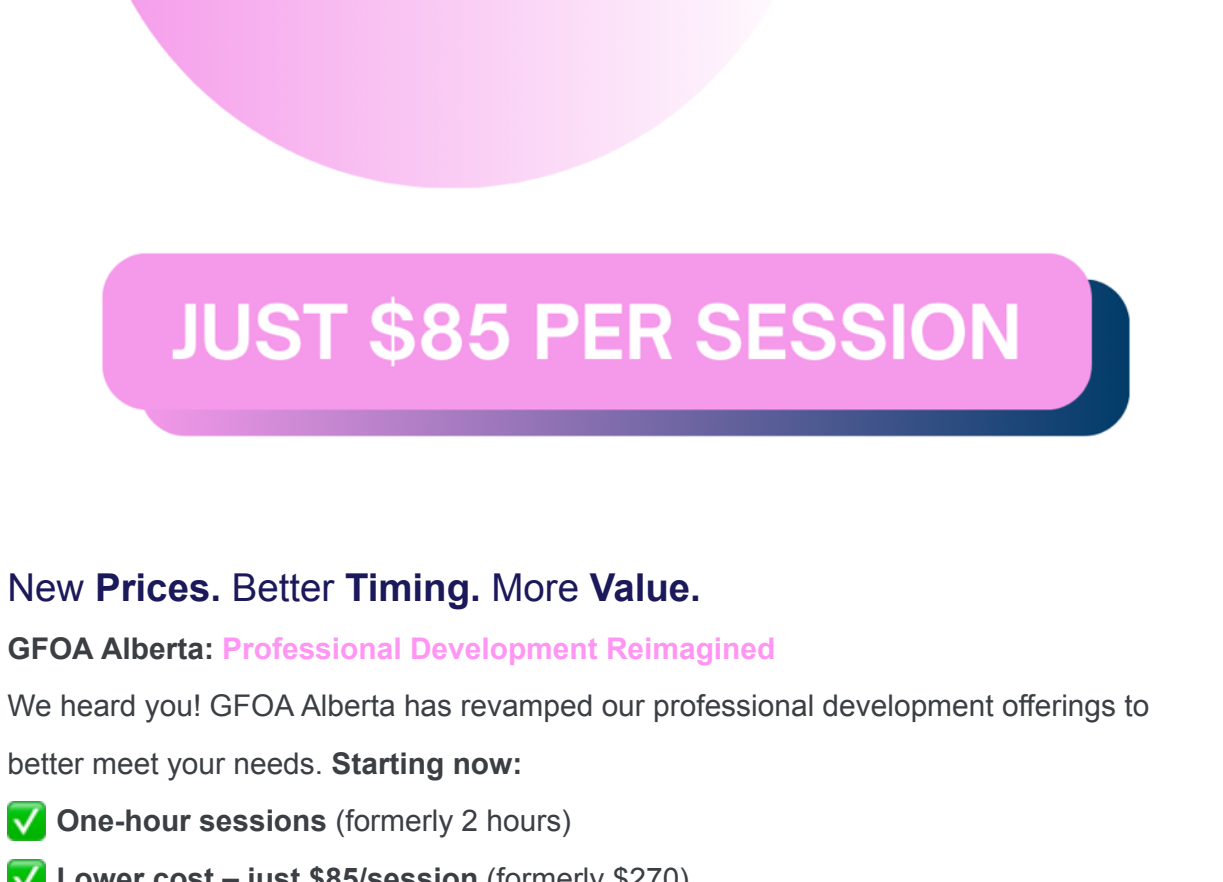
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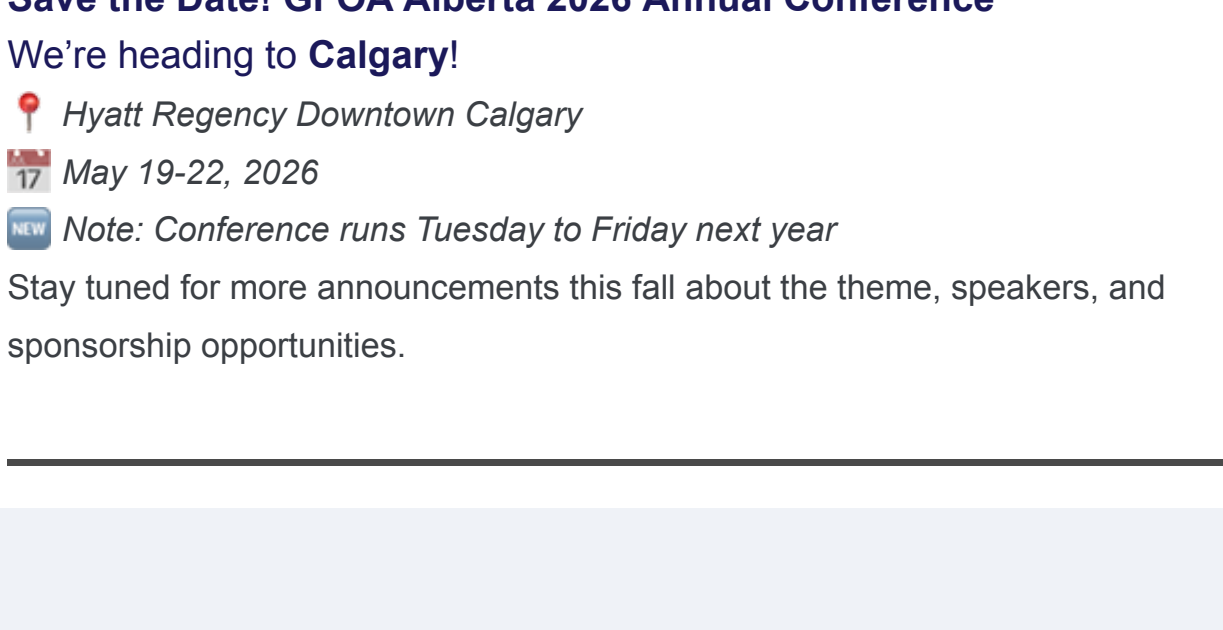
📅 **2025–26 PD Lineup at a Glance**

Here's what's coming up — mark your calendars and register for the Deloitte Session [here](#) and the Tantus Solutions Session [here](#).



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📅 *May 19-22, 2026*

🆕 *Note: Conference runs Tuesday to Friday next year*

Stay tuned for more announcements this fall about the theme, speakers, and sponsorship opportunities.

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