



Message from the Executive Director

*I tried to make a budget joke... but it didn't balance.
Now that I have your attention...*

As we move further into the year, the energy around GFOA Alberta continues to build and it's exciting to see the momentum across so many of our initiatives. Thanks to everyone who has renewed their member registrations, and I see that many of you took advantage of the GFOA USA/Canada membership as well.

Registration for the 2026 Annual Conference in Calgary (May 19–22) is filling quickly. The Hyatt is already sold out, which speaks to the strength of our community and the demand for this event. If you haven't booked your accommodations yet, don't worry we have secured excellent group rates at the Calgary Marriott Downtown and the Fairmont Palliser, both just steps away and connected to the conference experience.

Our trade show is now completely sold out with 45 booths, and we are grateful for the incredible support from our returning and new partners who help us deliver such a high-value experience for delegates.

A reminder that this year the conference begins on a Tuesday, with an optional pre-conference workshop on **PSAB 1202**, followed by our signature golf tournament, a great way to kick off the week with learning and connection. The main program is nearly finalized, and we're looking forward to sharing a dynamic lineup of keynotes, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities very soon.

Beyond the conference, our Bootcamp Series has been exceptionally well attended. It's clear that members are looking for practical, hands-on learning that builds confidence and real-world skills, and we're proud to be delivering on that feedback.

Speaking of feedback, thank you to everyone who participated in our recent member survey. Your input is invaluable and is directly shaping the programs, services, and professional development opportunities we offer. You'll find a summary of the results later in this newsletter.

We are also very pleased to be welcoming new members from neighbouring provinces, a reflection of the growing role GFOA Alberta is playing as a hub for municipal finance professionals across Western Canada.

Thank you for your continued engagement, your ideas, and your commitment to strengthening our profession and our community.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Calgary this May.

Regards,

Rick Wojtkiw
Executive Director

MISSION: MUNICIPAL POSSIBLE

BOLD IDEAS. REAL RESULTS. ONE MISSION.

GFOA ALBERTA CONFERENCE
May 19 – 22, 2026 Calgary, AB

Registration is OPEN!

Join municipal finance professionals from across Alberta and beyond for full days of learning, connection, and inspiration at the GFOA Alberta 2026 Annual Conference, taking place in the heart of downtown Calgary. *This year's conference follows a Tuesday to Friday format, giving you a smoother travel experience and full learning days.*

NEW! Pre-Conference Workshop (hosted by Deloitte)

Start your conference experience early on May 19th with a CPD-eligible pre-conference **PSAB 1202** workshop, delivered by Deloitte. This optional session offers focused learning before the main conference begins and provides an opportunity to earn additional professional development credits.

Come for the Workshop, stay for the golf!

After the pre-conference workshop, we will head over the beautiful Elbow Springs Golf Club for the annual tournament. This is a relaxed and fun way to connect with peers and partners before the conference gets underway. Add the workshop and golf when you register for the conference, simple.

Book Your Hotel

This year, we've partnered with three hotels to ensure your stay is comfortable and convenient. All hotels are within easy walking distance of the Hyatt Regency, and we have a group rate for Attendees reserving accommodations here.

Hyatt Regency Downtown: SOLD-OUT

Marriott: [Booking Link](#) Connected to Hyatt

Fairmont Palliser: [Booking Link](#)

Questions? Please contact Sheila Moore at communications@gfoa.ab.ca

[REGISTER For the Conference Today!](#)

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And the survey says...

Your feedback matters. Thank you!

GFOA Alberta Member Survey – What We Heard From You

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **2025 member survey**. Your feedback is shaping the future of GFOA Alberta.

Here's what we learned:

- Our membership reflects a strong mix of new and long-time municipal finance professionals from municipalities of all sizes.
- Members value both the General Ledger and the PD Insider, and appreciate being able to choose the content most relevant to them.
- LinkedIn remains the preferred social platform for professional updates.
- There is strong demand for:
 - CPD-eligible learning
 - Practical, job-focused training
 - Leadership and communication skills
- Our municipal forums continue to be one of the most valued benefits, giving members a space to share challenges and solutions with peers.
- Members are looking for more:
 - Mentorship opportunities
 - Real municipal policies and tools they can adapt locally

We are using this feedback to guide our programming, professional development, and member services.

Thank you for helping us build a stronger GFOA Alberta.

BOOTCAMP
new!
SERIES

REGISTER TODAY!

Part Three Bootcamps:

- **Everyday AI: March 26**
- **Excelling in Excel: March 24**

REGISTER for the Bootcamp Series!

NEW for 2026: GFOA Alberta Bootcamp Series Starts in January! You asked for more hands-on, skill-building training and we listened. Register for one or all four! You can join late or fit whatever aligns with your schedule, it is all practical and helpful information.

Excelling in Excel (4-Part Series) PART Three March 26

From fundamentals to power-user skills using municipal finance examples. Learn to structure data, build formulas, analyze information, and take first steps toward workflow automation.

Everyday AI (4-Part Series) PART Three March 24

A gentle, beginner-friendly introduction to AI for everyday life. Build confidence, explore safe and responsible use, and understand how AI can support communication, organization, and creativity. These bootcamps are short, accessible, and member-requested, perfect for individuals and teams.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

WEBINAR
CYBER SECURITY

MARCH 10
@10AM

Presented by Trevor Butler
Tantus Solutions

From Breach to Resilience: Cybersecurity Risk Management for Municipal Finance Leaders

March 10, 2026

10:00 – 11:00 AM (MT)

Presented by experts from Tantus Solutions, this session explores cybersecurity through a business, financial, and governance lens, using real municipal scenarios to examine:

- Why finance and ERP systems are prime cyber targets
- How cloud and hybrid ERP environments change risk and accountability
- What finance leaders need to know in the first critical hours of an incident
- Cyber insurance expectations and investment readiness
- Practical, phased steps to improve cyber preparedness at any maturity level

Eligible for 1 CPD credit

This session is ideal for CFOs, finance directors, controllers, audit committee members, and municipal leaders involved in ERP modernization, risk management, or business continuity.

Register Today: <https://lnkd.in/g/9nsJz5XT>

PD INSIDER

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Subscribe to **PD Insider**, GFOA Alberta's newsletter dedicated to webinars, training sessions, and CPD opportunities for municipal finance professionals.

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Does your team have a training need?

Is there a challenge your municipality is facing or a topic you'd love more training on? Let us know!

Your input helps shape our upcoming webinars, workshops, and conference content. Email communications@gfoa.ab.ca

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