



Message from the Executive Director

Hello Everyone,

Just a short note....

My last golf game was going so badly that my caddie was getting exasperated. On the 11 the hole I was 160 yards from the green, I asked my caddie “Do you think I can get there with a 6 iron?” “Eventually.” Was his reply.

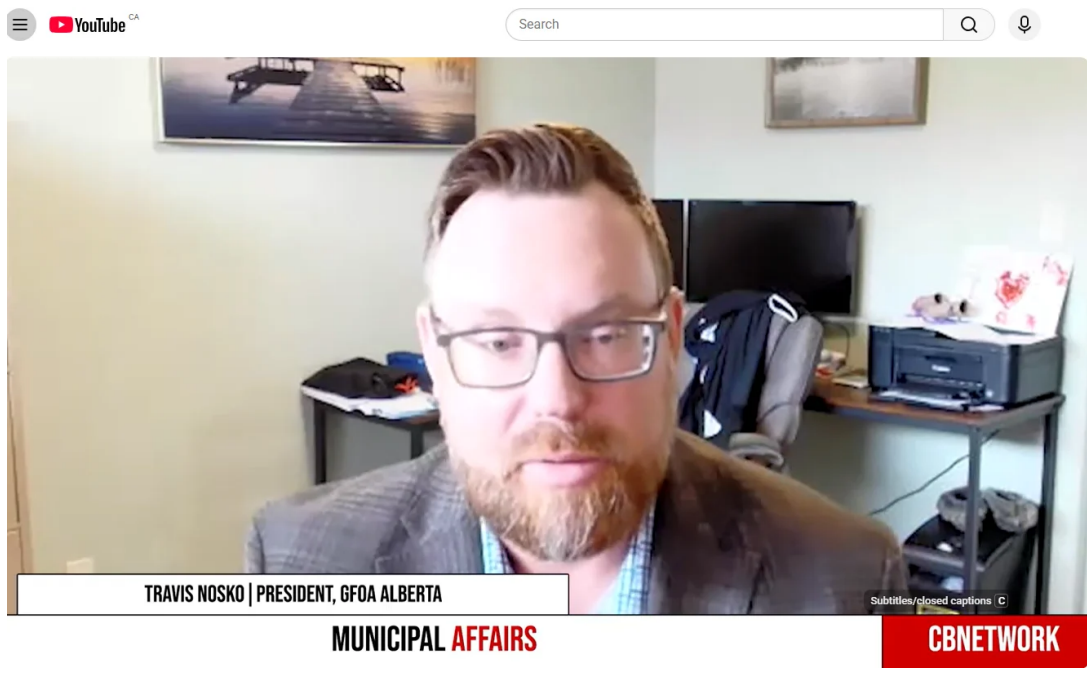
I hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer and finding time to relax and recharge before the busy fall season. If you are in the north central area I hope you get a few consecutive days of sunshine, and if you are in the south I hope you get a few days of rain! We're looking forward to attending the Manitoba Municipal Administrators (MMA) Conference in Winnipeg this September, where we'll have the opportunity to connect with finance professionals from across Manitoba, share ideas, and strengthen relationships within our municipal finance community.

As we head into a new season of learning, our 2026–27 Professional Development schedule is now available below. We encourage you to explore the lineup and mark your calendars for another great year of learning and networking. The PD Insider will be sent out in the next week with the links to the sessions. And as always, if you have any suggestions for training or would like to receive specific training for a group you assemble let us know.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and best wishes as you prepare for budget season. We look forward to connecting with many of you in September!

Regards,

Rick Wojtkiw
Executive Director



Cross Border Podcast with President, Travis Nosko

We're proud to see GFOA Alberta President Travis Nosko featured on the Cross Border podcast! In this conversation, Travis shares how GFOA Alberta is supporting municipal finance professionals through professional development, networking, mentorship, and practical resources that help members navigate an increasingly complex municipal landscape. Thank you to the Cross Border podcast for the opportunity to share our story, and thank you, Travis, for representing GFOA Alberta so well.

💡 Be sure to give it a listen!

https://youtu.be/5PZ924CoRIIs?si=Y4d2gVejWn_SjD7S

Did You Know?

GFOA Scholarships Are Available to Canadians

One of the great things about connecting with our GFOA colleagues in Chicago was learning more about the resources and opportunities available to Canadian members, including GFOA's academic scholarship program.

GFOA offers **11 scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000** for students pursuing education and careers in state/provincial or local government finance. And importantly, these opportunities aren't just for students in the United States — **Canadian citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply.**

Scholarships support a range of education and career paths, including accounting, finance, public administration, economics and business administration. There are also opportunities specifically designed for working government finance professionals pursuing their education part-time.

The 2026 application period has closed, but applications for 2027 scholarships will open in November. If you're continuing your own education or know a student, colleague or emerging finance professional who may qualify, this is an opportunity worth sharing.

Learn more about available scholarships and eligibility:

[GFOA Available Scholarships](#)

GFOA WEBINARS 2026–2027

NEW PD WEBINAR SCHEDULE

September 17, 2026	AI & Data Enablement (Organizational Readiness & Data/AI Governance)	Tantus Solutions
September 22, 2026	Leadership in the Public Sector	Elevate the Path
September 24, 2026	GST #1 – Taxable vs. Exempt Supplies	Michael Monk
October 8, 2026	Educating Councillors on Service Levels & Finance: The CFO's Strategic Advantage	Rodney Boyko
October 15, 2026	GST #2 – Input Tax Credits on Operating Expenses & Capital Properties	Michael Monk
October 29, 2026	Cash Flow Forecasting	FH Black
November 12, 2026	GST #3 – PSB Rebate	Michael Monk
November 24, 2026	Operational Service Reviews & Service Catalogues	Tantus Solutions
December	No webinars scheduled	
January 14, 2027	GST #4 – GST Audits vs. Examinations + Record-Keeping for GST	Michael Monk
January 28, 2027	Benchmarking	FH Black
February 11, 2027	GST #5 – Branches & Divisions	Michael Monk
February 25, 2027	Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery	Tantus Solutions
March 11, 2027	GST #6 – Special Cases for Municipalities	Michael Monk
March 25, 2027	Cybersecurity 101	Tantus Solutions
April 15, 2027	Reconciliations	FH Black
April 30, 2027	ERP – What You Need to Know (pending final Vivid Reports topic/title)	Vivid Reports
May 13, 2027	GST #7 – Multiple Unit Residential Complexes (MURCs)	Michael Monk
May 20, 2027	Regional Collaboration & Shared Services	Tantus Solutions
June 3, 2027	GST #8 – Organizations CRA May Designate to be a Municipality	Michael Monk



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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!

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