



Message from the Executive Director

September is here, and with it comes another busy season for GFOA Alberta. But before I carry on, I was walking past a farm and a sign said ‘Duck, eggs.’ I thought, “That’s an unnecessary comma,” and then it hit me.

Our 2026–27 Professional Development schedule is now underway, with learning opportunities planned right through to June. We kick things off on September 17 with Tantus Solutions and AI & Data Enablement, followed on September 24 by the first of our complimentary GST/HST webinars with Michael Monk of the Canada Revenue Agency. We’re pleased to be opening the GST series to our finance colleagues and association partners outside Alberta as well. It’s another opportunity to share knowledge, strengthen connections and learn from one another across jurisdictions. Those relationships continue to be an important focus for us.

On September 13, we’ll be heading to Winnipeg to attend the Manitoba Municipal Finance Conference and connect with finance officers and association colleagues there. We look forward to sharing ideas, learning about what’s happening in their municipalities and continuing to build relationships beyond Alberta.

And somehow, planning for 2027 is already underway, here we go again! We’re working on another year of professional development, member opportunities and, of course, our 2027 Annual Conference.

As always, GFOA Alberta is here for our members. If there’s specific training you’d like to see, a topic your organization is struggling with, or an area where we may be able to provide some assistance, please reach out. If we can help, we will.

Here’s to a great fall ahead.

Regards,

Rick Wojtkiw
Executive Director

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2027



GFOA ALBERTA CONFERENCE

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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

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](#)



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/5PZ924CoRIs?si=Y4d2gVejWn_SjD7S



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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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