

Message from the Executive Director

*I'm reading a book about antigravity.
It's impossible to put down...*

Now that we have that hilarious joke out of the way, October is here and for many of you, that means budget season is either underway or quickly taking over your calendar.

It has been a busy fall for GFOA Alberta as well. We recently spent some time in Winnipeg connecting with municipal professionals at the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Conference. We had some great conversations with finance officers and municipal leaders, made new connections and were very pleased to welcome three new Manitoba organizations to GFOA Alberta membership. I was also able to get a selfie with Anna Lambe lead actress on North of North in the hotel lobby!

Our relationships beyond Alberta continue to grow, and so does the interest in professional development opportunities we're making available to our provincial partners. Our new Province Plus CRA GST/HST series, presented by Michael Monk of the Canada Revenue Agency for municipal professionals in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and our participating territorial partners, continues to gain interest. It's encouraging to see these connections developing and municipal finance professionals learning together across provincial and territorial borders.

We're also well into planning for our 2027 Annual Conference in Edmonton, and I'm pleased to give General Ledger readers an early look at next year's theme: **SHIFT: Municipal Finance in Motion** I think SHIFT will resonate with many of you. Whether you're changing ERP systems, responding to changes in Financial Information Returns, working through Asset Retirement Obligations, navigating new requirements from other orders of government, or trying to keep pace with changing technology and expectations, municipal finance rarely stands still. And the pace of change doesn't seem to be slowing down. That's part of GFOA Alberta's role, helping our members understand what's changing, connect with others facing the same challenges and access the information and professional development they need to respond.

We also recently wrapped up a productive GFOA Alberta Board Retreat. With an engaged Board around the table, we had great discussions about future planning, partnerships, professional development, conference planning and how we can continue to work more efficiently and provide greater value to members. One outcome we're particularly pleased about:

Partner webinars will now be complimentary for GFOA Alberta members. More learning, more access and another way Members Get More. Alvin Allim, our past president attended his first board meeting of GFOA of the US and Canada. He mentioned that GFOA Alberta is highly regarded by the Chicago organization and that we are amongst the largest GFOA organizations in North America. Good news and great recognition!

As budget season ramps up, I know how demanding the next few months can be for our members. Take care of yourselves and your teams and remember that your GFOA Alberta community is here as a resource. Good luck with budget season and if anyone figures out how to make revenues rise as quickly as expenditures (not with taxes!), please consider that your invitation to present at next year's conference.

Regards,

Rick Wojtkiw
Executive Director



We Have News

Good news.

GFOA Alberta partner webinars are now **complimentary for members**.

That means when a topic is relevant to you or someone else on your municipal team, you don't have to decide whether it's worth another registration fee.

Just register. Learn. Bring something useful back to your organization.

Up this week:

Oct. 22 — [AI & Data Enablement](#) with Tantus Solutions

Oct. 29 — [Cash Flow Forecasting](#) with FH Black Inc.

Turns out **Members Get More** wasn't just a catchy tagline. 😊

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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



Connect with GFOA Members Across Canada

Did you know GFOA US & Canada has a **Community for Canadian Issues (cci)**?

The community brings Canadian GFOA members together for education, networking and conversations focused specifically on issues affecting government finance in Canada.

With more than 500 GFOA members representing governments across nine provinces and two territories, it's another opportunity to connect with colleagues facing many of the same challenges you are. [GFOA](#)

[Learn more and request access to the Community for Canadian Issues](#)



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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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