

2022 Convention Agenda & Education Sessions

Wednesday, September 21 – Friday, September 23

**Times and sessions are subject to change*

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday, September 20	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration open
	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	EOEP – Council’s Role in Public Engagement (Pre-Convention)
	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	EOEP – Council’s Role in Land Use Planning (Pre-Convention)
	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	RMRF Legal Seminar (Pre-Convention)
Wednesday, September 21	7:30 – 8:30 am	Registration & Breakfast
	8:30 am	Welcome
	9:15 – 10:30 am	Education Session (8 Concurrent)
	11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Education Session (8 Concurrent)
	12:15 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies & Keynote Address
	3:00 – 5:30 pm	Trade Show Opening Reception
	6:00 – 8:00 pm	City of Calgary Reception (Ticketed Event)
After 6:00 pm	Networking Reception (various locations)	
Thursday, September 22	7:30 am	Breakfast
	8:30 am – 8:40 am	Welcome
	8:40 am – 9:00 am	Alberta Municipalities’ Award Winners video
	9:00 – 11:30 am	Resolutions
	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Trade Show Lunch
	1:45 – 2:20 pm	Thursday Panel Discussion – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in our Communities
	2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Minister dialogue #1
	3:45 – 4:30 pm	UCP Leadership Candidates remarks
	4:30 – 6:00 pm	Municipal Affairs Reception
After 6:00 pm	Networking Receptions (various location)	
Friday, September 23	7:00 am	Breakfast
	8:00 am	Welcome
	8:10 am	Annual General Meeting - Includes elections
	9:30 – 10:00 am	Leader of the Opposition
	10:15 – 10:45 am	Premier’s Address
	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Minister dialogues #2
	12:00 – 12:30 pm	Closing Entertainment – Brent Butt
	12:30 pm	Announcement of Board Prizes Goodbye and see you in 2023

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BREAKOUT SESSION #1			
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	GLEN 201-204	Beyond Viability: The Secret Sauce of Thriving Small Communities	What does it take to thrive as a small community? A well-functioning council supported by a small but stable administration. A productive relationship with neighboring municipalities. Well maintained infrastructure and access to essential education, health and recreation services that attract and retain residents and businesses. Engaged residents with a sense of community pride. Sounds great right? But how do you achieve these things? Join in a discussion featuring current and former elected officials and administrators on how small communities can go from surviving to thriving.
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	HYATT IMPERIAL BALLROOM <i>Located in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, access via second floor of the North Building)</i>	Freedom of Expression and Public Safety: Balancing Rights and Duties	In the last few months, Canadian municipalities have been faced with highly disruptive protests and marches, placing municipal councils squarely between the opposing pressures of respecting the right to express dissent and the need to preserve the peace and protect the public. Municipal councils have been required to consider how to best balance the freedoms of expression and association, and recognition of the importance of protest, against the need to enforce the law, provide for safe communities and prevent nuisances. This presentation will look at the nature and impact of these protests, the Charter Rights involved, and consider how various municipalities have attempted to reconcile these Rights with the municipal purposes, powers and obligations outlined in the MGA.
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	TELUS 104-106	The Future of Transportation and Impacts to Municipalities	This interactive session will give participants a broad overview of the impacts to municipalities from the move to a net-zero transportation system, proliferation of electric and autonomous vehicles and improvements to the transportation system from new technology. Join regulatory, technology and municipal experts as they share their thoughts and experiences on the future of transportation and the impacts to municipalities and ask questions on how your municipality can prepare for these changes.
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	GLEN 208-209	Navigating Innovative Wastewater Infrastructure Upgrades	For many municipalities, wastewater treatment facilities are the most significant infrastructure for residents' quality of life and local economic growth. Many councils face costly upgrades that are not sufficiently covered by grants from the provincial and federal governments. Furthermore, according to a survey done by Alberta Municipalities, many local elected officials expressed

			that they have faced regulatory barriers while investigating new technologies to upgrade their wastewater infrastructure. This session will look at recent innovations in dealing with wastewater infrastructure upgrades.
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	GLEN 206	Empathy and Performance: Stronger Together *CAO/CFO Session	This session examines how a leader creates a platform for each individual to build their ideal lifework, and in doing so makes work the place where they achieve their proudest moments. Focusing on four specific dimensions and two specific practices, this session will illustrate how to become the leader that people will remember as inspiring their best performance!
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	TELUS 101-102	Council's Leadership Style and the Impact on Organizational Culture and Economic Environment	Your role as an elected official is to lead...to set a vision and make challenging decisions for the future of your community. While your CAO and administration team is there to support you, the tone and style of your leadership can positively or negatively impact employee morale and their effectiveness on the job. It can also impact the confidence and interest from outside business investors. This session, hosted by the Local Government Administration Association of Alberta, will feature the mayors and CAOs from the towns of Cochrane and Innisfail who will speak to their experience on leadership and how council can seek changes in their organization while maintaining a positive work culture for staff and a stable place for investment.
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	TELUS 108-109	Searching or Stability in Time of Uncertainty: How Alberta Municipalities Supports Members	With rising inflation rates and volatility in the market, fiscal responsibility is top-of-mind for us all. This session will provide an overview of Alberta Municipalities' financial activities. From what your membership fees go towards, to how our products and services help fund our advocacy efforts. You will also hear how the current climate is affecting participation in retirements plans and members' perception of the value of pension plans. Additionally, consultants from PH&N will be joining us to discuss the effect of high inflation on investment strategies.
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	MAC E1 <i>This session runs at both times</i>	The Weaponization of Social Media	Great citizen engagement is always a critical goal for individuals serving their communities in the municipal sector. But for communities navigating high-stakes conversations, the spread of misinformation and the weaponization of social media can make managing change incredibly difficult. While Municipal Engagement in the age of misinformation may be uncharted territory, addressing it has become mission-critical for any Public Engagement strategy to succeed. Through real-world examples, practice scenarios and group discussion, Alchemy

			Communications will offer tools to begin tackling the problem of misinformation and weaponization of social media, prioritizing the power of empathy, accessibility, and transparency to bring communities together.
BREAKOUT SESSION #2			
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	GLEN 201-204	Tips & Tools for Effective Council Meeting Participation	Parliamentarian Todd Brand shares principles and techniques for council members to enhance their participation in meetings. Reviewing concepts and techniques of parliamentary procedure while examining principles of effective meeting participation, participants will walk away with valuable tips and tools that they can use at their very next council meeting. Topics that will be addressed include debate principles, points of order, secondary motions, dealing with conflict or negative behaviours, council-admin synergy, and improving your personal and collective meeting practices.
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	HYATT IMPERIAL BALLROOM <i>Located in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, access via second floor of the North Building</i>	Housing for All: Panel Discussion on Affordable and Seniors' Housing Priorities	In 2017, the Government of Canada released its much-anticipated National Housing Strategy. Five years later, finding and maintaining suitable housing continues to be a challenge for Albertans of all ages. What needs to happen to make housing for all a reality? Join our panel as we discuss this question, along with policy challenges and opportunities; promising practices and solutions; and next steps for municipalities, federal and provincial governments, businesses, and other stakeholders to support a sustainable housing system.
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	TELUS 104-106	Cost Escalation and Collaborative Responses	Inflation is driving up capital project costs. This panel discussion will give an overview of how the construction sector is being impacted and how municipalities can reduce these impacts to their projects. Join members from the Alberta Construction Association as they share examples of project delivery methodologies that can help to keep costs under control, and how municipalities integrate these innovative solutions into their operations.
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	GLEN 208-209	Understanding the S & G in ESG	<i>Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) criteria are becoming increasingly important to companies, stakeholders and governments. With the environment component being broadly discussed, this session will explore the social and governance components and why they matter to economic development.</i>
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	GLEN 206	Solving Municipal Broadband	Broadband is increasingly becoming an essential service across Alberta – as over 400,000 households do not have access to high-speed internet, municipalities are taking it upon themselves to 'bridge the digital divide'. Join a panel of municipal administrators whose communities have taken on broadband projects – this includes representatives from counties, villages, and

			cities. This discussion will span municipal / regional approaches to broadband, ownership models, lessons learned, and much more.
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	TELUS 101-102	Laughing Matters	<p>Nothing wears you down like job stress and uncertainty, especially these days. You're exhausted. You're cranky. You're losing sleep. And worst of all you feel powerless – you have no control over the changes that are coming at you. That's where LAUGHING MATTERS comes in.</p> <p>In 25 years as a broadcaster, and decades as a comic and writer, Peter Brown has dealt with wave after wave of cutbacks, cancellations, rejection, and restructuring. At times he struggled to cope with all that uncertainty. But he learned to use humour to manage his stress and improve his outlook. He'll share those lessons – and those laughs – in LAUGHING MATTERS. Explore the many ways laughter can help you cope with stress and change. From known physical benefits, to a deeper connection with colleagues and friends, to a greater feeling of control and perspective, learn how to use laughter to make your life better in any situation.</p>
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	TELUS 108-109	Advancing Corporate and Community Solutions in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	Climate-change related risks are among the three global risks in the next 10 years. Alberta Municipalities helps members address those risks while reaching sustainability goals, saving on energy costs, and boosting local economic development. Join the Sustainability Services team to learn about opportunities to access funding support, help your community reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance community resilience through the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre and the Clean Energy Improvement Program.
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