

Calendar of Events

August 27, 2025

Wednesday Webinar: The Investment Data Hub: Supporting Municipalities? Data Needs

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM MST

Join us August 27 as EDA hosts the Alberta Ministry of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration (JETI) for a FREE interactive webinar focused on a new invest-focused website, tentatively called the Alberta Investment Data Hub.

This website will complement JETI's existing tools, such as the Alberta Site Selector Tool, with data-based evidence to assist economic developers and investors in supporting or making a positive investment decision in the province by connecting them with the information they need to build their investment case.

The goals of this webinar:

*Share the vision and purpose of the Alberta Investment Data Hub; and
Gather feedback on new tools we are looking to build to ensure the Investment Data Hub can effectively support your organization and Alberta's investment ecosystem generally.*

September 14, 2025
- September 17, 2025

2025 International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Annual Conference

**Huntington Place
1 Washington Blvd.**

Detroit, MI 48226

08:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is holding its Annual Conference in Detroit, Michigan.

Experience firsthand how this legendary city has transformed challenges into triumphs, and explore how YOU can lead the charge in revitalizing communities, making them not just places of recovery, but shining models for national and international economic success.

September 15, 2025
- October 31, 2025

Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) Hybrid Course

08:00 AM - 04:30 PM MST

Janice Grant,
janice@edaalberta.ca

Cultivate a robust business community.

Elevate your economic development game and contribute to building a sustainable business community, providing a resilient community foundation.

This is a core course in our Community Economic Development Training Program (CEDTP).

Host: EDA

Trainer: Natalie Gibson

First Hybrid Session – September 30, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Second Hybrid Session – October 14, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

September 16, 2025
- October 31, 2025

Establishing the Foundation (ETF) Hybrid Course

Online

08:00 AM - 04:30 PM MST

Janice Grant,
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Economic development is the heartbeat of thriving communities and this foundational course offers the keys to unlock its potential.

You'll understand the complexities in this field and acquire the skills and resources to become proficient in economic development.

This core course is the first in our Community Economic Development Training Program (CEDTP).

Host: EDA

Instructor: Holly Sorgen

There are two live sessions:

First Hybrid Session – September 30, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Second Hybrid Session – October 28th, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

September 18, 2025

EDA Invitational Golf Tournament

Broadmoor Golf Course

2100 Oak Street

Sherwood Park, AB

11:00 AM - 08:00 PM MST

Nancy Toombs,

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The EDA Invitational Golf Tournament

EDA has partnered with Invest Alberta to continue the tradition of the Gerry Cabinet Golf Tournament under its new name, the EDA Invitational Golf Tournament.

No golf experience is required! Dinner is included with your registration.

Invest Alberta's Global Business Development team will be on-site. This is a unique opportunity to pitch your community's investment opportunities and connect directly with the team that's working to attract global investment into Alberta. You'll even have a chance to connect with them ahead of the tournament!

Join us on September 18 at the Broadmoor Golf Course in Sherwood Park, AB, for a fun-filled Texas Scramble tournament. With networking at the heart of the event, you'll also have the chance to win exciting prizes!

Shotgun start at 1 PM. Registration starts at 11:00 AM.

The EDA Invitational also offers an excellent opportunity to showcase your organization with sponsorship opportunities and a Silent Auction.

September 24, 2025

Wednesday Webinar: Reskilling Rural Communities for a Tech-Enabled Future

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM MST

Join us for an insightful session featuring Colin Knoll; a strategy leader helping organizations grow and transform through strategic foresight, innovation, and execution.

In this webinar, Colin will explore the powerful intersection of technology, AI, and rural economic development.

He'll share how reskilling the rural workforce in tech-related fields can materially reshape local labor markets—opening the door to new industries, attracting investment, and driving long-term growth in smaller communities.

With the rise of remote work and tech-enabled business models, rural regions are uniquely positioned to diversify beyond traditional industries and build a resilient, future-ready economy. This is a must-attend session for economic developers, policy makers, and community leaders looking to turn rural challenges into innovation opportunities.

October 6, 2025
- October 9, 2025

2025 Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC) Annual Conference
Queen's Landing
155 Byron Street
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0

01:00 PM - 10:00 PM EST

Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC) Conferences bring together community leaders, economic development professionals and entrepreneurs from across the country. These professionals attend EDAC Conferences to participate in sessions, network and listen to speakers sharing their innovative ideas and solutions to national and local challenges.

EDAC 2025 will be held in Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON from October 6 – 9, 2025. Monday is registration and Opening Reception, Tuesday-Thursday are sessions.

October 21, 2025
- November 28, 2025

Business Investment & Attraction (BI&A) Hybrid Course

08:00 AM - 04:30 PM MST

Janice Grant,

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Get the tools to design a pro-business environment to attract investment and enterprises to your community.

Learn what it takes for existing businesses to expand their operations and explore strategies that amplify business attraction.

This is a core course in our Community Economic Development Training Program (CEDTP).

Host: EDA

Trainer: Natalie Gibson

First Hybrid Session – October 28, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Second Hybrid Session – November 10, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

October 28, 2025

Economic Development for Elected Officials (EO) In-Person Course

816-2 Ave

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM MST

Beth Cash, (403) 526-2888

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Specifically designed for elected officials and local leadership.

Provides theory, fundamental economic development applications, and examples of best practices.

This "30,000-foot view of economic development helps you align your mandate and projects with the current economic development situation.

This is a core course in our Community Economic Development Training Program (CEDTP).

Hosted by Cypress County

October 29, 2025

Community Economic Resilience (CER) In-Person Course

Best Western High Road Inn

300 52 St.

Edson, AB T7E 1V8

09:00 AM - 02:00 PM MST

Benita Smit, 780-865-1224

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Explore the ongoing process of resilience and how communities can "bounce back better" from crises.

Elevate your leadership in post-disaster recovery with strategic insights and essential skills.

Discover effective rebuilding strategies for long-term community vitality and growth.

Build a resilient future!

This is a core course in our Community Economic Development Training Program (CEDTP).

Hosted by Community Futures West Yellowhead.

October 30, 2025

2025 EDA Ministry Dinner

Matrix Hotel

10640 100 Avenue NW

Edmonton , AB

05:00 PM - 09:00 PM MST

The purpose of the Annual EDA Ministry Dinner is to bring together EDA members and stakeholders with specific Ministers and senior staff from the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta, to network, share information about programs and explore potential partnerships.

The dynamic format of the dinner involves rotating table visitations to maximize networking during the meal.

November 11, 2025

Establishing the Foundation (ETF) Hybrid Course

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM MST

Janice Grant,

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Host: EDA

Trainer: Holly Sorgen

First Hybrid Session – November 25th at 7pm to 8:30 pm

Second Hybrid Session – December 16th 7 pm to 8:30 pm

November 12, 2025
- November 14, 2025

Alberta Municipalities 2025 Convention & Trade Show
Calgary TELUS Convention Centre
120-9 Avenue
Calgary, AB T2G 0P3

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM MST

EDA will be present at the 2025 Alberta Municipalities Convention and Trade Show.

We look forward to seeing you.

For more information and to register go to www.abmunis.ca.

November 14, 2025

Community Economic Resilience (CER) In-Person Course
Room 212 Elevation Place

09:00 AM - 02:00 PM MST

Eleanor Miclette,
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Hosted by Canmore Economic Development

November 17, 2025
- November 20, 2025

Rural Municipalities Alberta (RMA) 2025 Fall Convention
Edmonton Convention Centre
9797 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5J 1N9

12:00 PM - 04:30 PM MST

The RMA hosts two conventions per year, one in spring and one in fall, at the Edmonton Convention Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. Each convention sees a variety of plenary addresses and workshops, as well as the ministerial forum and resolutions session. In addition to these events, the fall convention hosts the opposition party leader panel, as well as our RMA Board elections and partners program. The RMA and Canoe Tradeshow is held during the fall convention to better serve our members as they go through the budget process within their municipalities.

The RMA 2025 Fall Convention and Tradeshow is scheduled to take place November 17-20, at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

November 27, 2025

Performance Measurement (PM) In-Person Course

09:00 AM - 02:00 PM MST

Performance measurement is crucial for economic development as it provides a systematic way to assess, manage, and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of economic policies and initiatives. Quantifying progress and outcomes helps economic developers ensure that their strategies are on track and delivering the intended benefits to communities, businesses, and stakeholders.

This course aims to provide participants with a robust understanding of performance measurement in the context of economic development, preparing them to effectively evaluate and enhance the impact of economic development initiatives.

This is an optional Community Economic Development Training Program (CEDTP) course.

Hosted by PrairiesCan.

January 16, 2026

Economic Development for Elected Officials (EO) In-Person Course

Evergreen Park

55051 Township Road 710

County of Grande Prairie, AB T8X 4A3

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM MST

Jordan Tidey,

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Specifically designed for elected officials and local leadership.

Provides theory, fundamental economic development applications, and examples of best practices.

This "30,000-foot view of economic development helps you align your mandate and projects with the current economic development situation.

This is a core course in our Community Economic Development Training Program (CEDTP).

Hosted by the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

March 26, 2026

EDA 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Zoom

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM MST

All EDA members are invited to attend however, only Full members in good standing are eligible to vote at the AGM.

At the AGM we will be electing our 2026-27 Board of Directors.

All documents required in advance are available on our website, under the members-only section.

April 14, 2026

"Kick-Start in Kananaskis" Pre-Conference Mixer

Woody's Pub & Patio

1 Centennial Drive

Kananaskis, AB

06:30 PM - 08:30 PM MST

Coming to the conference early?

Kick off your conference experience at our exclusive pre-conference mixer! Connect with new and familiar faces over drinks and delicious snacks.

Our annual Kickstart in Kananaskis will be held at Woody's Pub & Patio at the conference site. To attend, you must register in advance, and conference registration is required before registering for this event.

Enjoy tasty snacks and a complimentary beverage (wine, beer, highball, or soft drinks) as you mingle.

Dress: casual

April 15, 2026

- April 17, 2026

EDA Xperience 2026 Leaders' Summit & Conference

Pomeroy Mountain Lodge

1 Centennial Drive

Kananaskis, AB

12:00 PM - 12:00 PM MST

EDA Xperience 2026 Leaders' Summit and Conference attracts more than 400 economic development experts and elected officials from across Alberta, Canada and around the world.

October 22, 2026

2026 EDA Ministry Dinner

Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel

10155-105 St.,

Edmonton AB.,

05:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

SAVE THE DATE

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Spaces left: 118

Registration

Non-Member – \$165.00

\$165 + GST

April 14, 2027
- April 16, 2027

EDA Xperience 2027 Leaders' Summit & Conference

Pomeroy Mountain Lodge

1 Centennial Drive

Kananaskis, AB

12:00 PM - 12:00 PM MST

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Save the date now!

April 5, 2028
- April 7, 2028

EDA Xperience 2028 Leaders' Summit & Conference

Pomeroy Mountain Lodge

1 Centennial Drive

Kananaskis, AB

12:00 PM - 12:00 PM MST

EDA Xperience 2028 Leaders' Summit and Conference attracts more than 400 economic development experts and elected officials from across Alberta, Canada and around the world.

Save the date now!