

Calendar of Events

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 8, 2025

Succession Planning for Rural Businesses - An Economic Developer's Role

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM MST

Guest: Ready for Next

In rural communities, succession planning isn't just a business issue—it's a community one.

When long-standing businesses close because there's no transition plan, the ripple effects hit everyone.

That's where economic developers come in.

Join EDA as we host succession plan experts, Ready for Next, for this FREE webinar on how you can support business owners in your region as they think about the future. We'll cover:

Why rural succession planning is critical—and often overlooked

The role you can play in starting conversations and connecting resources

Practical tools and strategies to guide business transitions

Real-life stories from rural communities doing it right

If you're looking to strengthen your local economy and keep businesses rooted in your community, this session is for you.

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

beth.cash@cypress.ab.ca

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,

janice@edaalberta.ca

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

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!