

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

## THE DAILY

# Welcome to our

# **2023 Convention & Trade Show**



# ABmunis returns to Edmonton for 2023 Convention & Trade Show

Nearly 1,100 members and 120 exhibitors are in Edmonton this week for three fantastic days of discussions, presentations, events and networking opportunities.

This year's Convention schedule features 15 high-quality education sessions on Days 1 and 2. Over twenty-five resolutions will be discussed and voted on at Thursday afternoon's Resolutions session. Members will hear from Premier Danielle Smith and her cabinet ministers, and Opposition Leader, on Friday morning.

To help you keep track of everything and make the most of your time, we recommend you download the 2023 Convention App. It includes the full agenda, information about education sessions, all of the resolutions and more. If you prefer, Convention Guide books are available at the Registration desk.

Over the next three days, we hope you learn lots, grow your professional network and enjoy yourselves. ■

JOIN US! OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

September 27 Westin Edmonton SK/MB Ballroom 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

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### **Trade Show**

The Trade Show opens today from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for a dessert reception and opens tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Trade Show booths include our valued vendors and business partners, government ministries, municipally-oriented businesses, and other organizations.

The Trade Show takes place in Hall B & C. While you're there, be sure to enter your name for the various prize draws!

**Wednesday, September 27:** Opening and Dessert

Reception 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 28:

Trade Show Open 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Luncheon and Prize Draws** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

# Daily Schedule

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Hot Buffet Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

**Morning Announcements** 

9 HALL A

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Education Sessions** 

Help Wanted: Staffing and the Future of Small Communities

9 SALON 10/11

Laughing Matters

9 SALON 8

Digging up the Roots: Causes of Social Disorder and an Evidence-Based Approach to Prevention and Resolution

SALON 12

Net-Zero Infrastructure Story Hour

SALON 4

Overcoming Roadblocks to Economic Development and Strategic Growth

SALON 9

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Education Sessions** 

Code Blue: Municipalities to the Rescue of Healthcare

9 SALON 10/11

Fight for Your Right Not to Party: Defending the Local in Local Elections

9 SALON 8

When It Rains It Pours: Water and Disaster Planning SALON 12

It's Electric! Fleet Electrification and Electric Buses with the City of St. Albert and Roam Transit (Bow Valley Regional Transit Services Commission) SALON 4

CAO/CFO Session: Managing in a Hybrid World • SALON 9

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Buffet Lunch

1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Opening Ceremonies** 

9 HALL A

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Trade Show Opens – Trade Show Dessert Reception

9 HALL B/C

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Alberta Municipal Affairs Reception

ASSEMBLY FOYER

After 6:00 p.m.

Sponsors' Networking Events

2 VARIOUS LOCATIONS

# **Important Information for Delegates**

#### AM I REQUIRED TO WEAR MY NAME TAG?

Yes, your name tag gains you entrance into all Convention programs, including the Trade Show, so please wear it at all times. It also helps to remind you of the names of other members you haven't seen in a while.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS?

To vote, you must be an elected official from a regular member of Alberta Municipalities (city, town, village, summer village or specialized municipality), registered for Convention and be present during voting.

#### WHEN DO RESOLUTIONS TAKE PLACE?

Resolutions takes place in Hall A on Thursday, September 28 starting at 2:30 p.m.

#### WHEN DO ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE?

Alberta Municipalities Board elections are taking place on Friday, September 29 during the AGM, starting at approximately 8:10 a.m. Times are subject to change, so we recommend you be in Hall A for the entirety of the morning's program.

## **How to vote at Convention**

Prior to the start of Convention, all registered elected officials from regular member municipalities received voting credentials from DOTS Connect. These voting credentials are personalized to each elected official and grant access to vote only on items based on eligibility. For example, when you vote for an Alberta Municipalities Board of Directors position, you will only see and be eligible to vote on the position in your electoral zone.

The email you receive from DOTS Connect will look something like this:

You are registered to vote during the Alberta Municipalities Convention taking place September 27 – 29, 2023. Below, you will find your login credentials for the vote.

There is a test vote that is open now. Please check your credentials and cast a vote in the test question as soon as possible so that we can be sure you received your credentials.

If you need any assistance, please contact: Brandon - credentials@dataonthespot.com

To vote, please visit: https://abmunis.dotsconnect.live/

Then enter:

Elector ID - \*\*\*\*\*\* Password - \*\*\*\*\*\*

Or follow this link to access the ballot directly: https://abmunis.dotsconnect.live/auth.php?e=032&mac=a788d661fb4c1d81eb85

Please note that these are only the voting credentials. Further information will be sent out by Alberta Municipalities in the coming days.

Regards,

Alberta Municipalities

If you haven't completed the test vote, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that your credentials are activated.

Once Convention commences and we get to the resolutions and elections portion of our event, you will be asked to log in to the DOTS Connect website. Once the voting has started, you will hit the home button and see the next item that will be available to vote on. After you have cast your vote, you will receive confirmation that your vote has been counted.

# CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION

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This year, should you require transportation to and from a hotel listed below, you will be provided with a taxi chit. Taxi chits are available at the front desk of the listed hotels, as well as onsite at Registration.

- **Chateau Lacombe Hotel**
- **Sandman Signature Downtown**

Please note, the taxi chits are intended to get you to and from Convention activities, including evening hospitality events. If a taxi is used for other purposes, the attendee may be held responsible for the payment.

# NEED A MEETING ROOM?

Salon 6 on the Meeting Level of the Edmonton Convention Centre is available to book for meetings for 15 - 30 minute increments.

To book a meeting space, simply use the sign-up sheet outside the room, noting your municipality, contact name and cell phone number.

## Spin to Win!

Visit our booth located in the centre of the Trade Show and spin our virtual wheel to win an Alberta-made product.

Don't miss out — limited items are available!

And don't miss out on our travel mug giveaway or entering our grand prize draw – be sure to stop by!

### WEDNESDAY: **NETWORKING EVENT INFORMATION**

Visit tonight's networking events, hosted by our sponsors.

| Host:         | Location:                | Times:                 |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| RMRF          | CRAFT Kitchen & Bar      | 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. |
| ATCO          | The Westin               | 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. |
| FortisAlberta | Fairmont Hotel Macdonald | 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. |