

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CAEP

October, 2021

Regional Economic Growth Strategy

We're working with [Incite](#) to develop a robust and inclusive strategy to guide Central Alberta from 2022-2027. Members and stakeholders will soon receive communications on opportunities to provide input.

Central Alberta Workforce Development Strategy

Thanks to all who have filled out our 15-minute [Survey](#) to help inform strategies to address the labour needs of the region. **The survey closes on October 5th.**

2021 Community Overviews

The annual project will begin in early November. Review and engagement of the overviews will commence in 2022 to align with the Regional Economic Growth Strategy. For more information, contact Megan@caepalberta.com.

2021 Municipal Election

Thank you to all who attended **Economic Development 101 for Municipal Candidates** on October 1!

[RMA's Municipal Candidate Information Hub](#)

[Benefits of Municipal Membership](#)

MEMBERS UPDATE:

[CAEP Articles of Association \(Amended\)](#)

[CAEP Policies & Procedures \(Amended\)](#)



Welcome to
Ponoka County, our
newest municipal
member!



Thank you to everyone who
attended Supply Chain
Management 101 Training
and to Supply Chain
Management and Central
Alberta Regional Innovation
Network for helping to make
it happen!

Thanks to [Enhance Energy](#) for hosting
some of CAEP's Board of Directors for
a tour of their CCUS Project in Clive.

Read more:

[Alberta carbon trunk line will help the world get to net-zero: Enhance Energy CEO](#)



Message from CAEP Chair
Deputy Reeve John Vandermeer
Clearwater County



This year marks my ninth as a member of the CAEP Board of Directors. As my involvement in CAEP grew over the years and as I watched many projects evolve, the advantages the organization brings to the region became clear. When you are involved and engaged with CAEP, you understand the good work being done, and the value your money brings.

In my time as a CAEP Board of Director, we have collectively achieved many successes:

- Advanced knowledge and awareness about the need for affordable quality broadband and motivated government to provide resources for improvement.
- Enhanced the investment attraction readiness of the region.
- Developed tools and resources for communities of all sizes to improve their economic development capacity.
- Leveraged approximately 5 times the municipal levy revenue stream.
- Supported business through a variety of resources and tools.
- Improved relations with our Indigenous neighbours.
- Working towards increasing the competitiveness of central Alberta through trade corridors

We all benefit from working collaboratively, and CAEP is an award-winning model on how to do this.

Networking, developing relationships with neighbouring communities, and working towards something bigger than just ourselves may be the soft side of your return on investment, but it pays dividends. Participation is the key to achieving superior returns.

These are unique, busy days. Help us help you. Join the journey of developing the regional economy. It's worth the investment

John Vandermeer
CAEP Chair

Upcoming Dates:

[2021 AUMA Convention](#) | November 17-19

[2021 RMA Fall Convention](#) | November 23 - 26

[CAEP Fall General Meeting & Board of Directors Elections](#) | December 1

[CAEP New Directors, Organizational, & Board of Directors Meetings](#) | December 8

NEWS FROM CAEP MEMBERS & PARTNERS

Red Deer County



[Red Deer County receives the 2021 Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence](#)

Decentralized Energy Canada

DEC is hosting FREE webinars as part of their ImpACT Careers program.

[Transition Town: Communities for the Next Generation](#) | October 6

[Plug In: Improving Energy Accessibility & Affordability](#) | October 13

[Driven by Innovation: The Path to Integrating the Electrification of Things \(EoT\)](#) | October 19



COVID-19 SUPPORTS

Government of Alberta Jobs, Economy and Innovation

[Export Alberta](#)

[Economic development indicators](#)

[Economic development supports](#)

Co-operative Business Supports

The [Alberta Community & Co-operative Association](#) helps strengthen Alberta communities by providing leadership development and fostering co-operative values

[Cooperatives First](#) is a business development agency that supports business, economic, and community development in rural and Indigenous communities across western Canada.

CANEXPORT Community Investments 2021

Applications are open for Canadian communities seeking financial support for their foreign direct investment (FDI) initiatives for the year 2021.

Community Futures Regional Relief & Recovery Fund

Canada-Alberta Job Grant

Temporary program changes are in effect to expand eligibility until February 2022.

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CAEP Mission

Empower our communities to advance sustainable regional economic development.

CAEP Vision

Be recognized across Canada as an innovative and prosperous region.

CAEP Values

Put communities first
Act with integrity
Provide leadership
Be open and inclusive