



*The CAEP office will be closed for the holidays December 20 ,2021 – January 2, 2022.
See you in the New Year!*

CAEP Executive Announced

The CAEP Board of Director positions were elected at our Fall General Meeting. Following that the Directors met and selected their Executive for 2022.

We are pleased to announce James Carpenter of Olds is the first business representative to be named Chair. Mr. Carpenter who is president of Energy Developers in Olds and Business Development Specialist at First Nations Structures Ltd says, “I am honoured to hold this leadership position and see the role as building on my strengths as a connector. With effective organizations such as CAEP leading regional collaboration, central Alberta communities will be instrumental in helping the province’s economy to rebound in the coming year.”

The Vice Chair is Montana First Nation Chief Leonard StandingontheRoad representing central Alberta’s Indigenous nations.

The complete list of executive members are:

- Mayor Jim Wood- Red Deer County, Treasurer
- Mayor Megan Hanson – Town of Sylvan Lake, Secretary
- Mayor Michael Yargeau- Town of Penhold, Director at Large

Directors Representatives:

Municipal Representatives (Towns & Villages)

Mayor Barry Kletke Town of Trochu
Councillor Chris Vargas Town of Sundre

Municipal Representatives (Counties & Municipal Districts)

Councillor Faye McGhee Kneehill County
Councillor Brenda Knight Lacombe County

Business Representatives

Lesley McMahan Red Deer County
Pieter Briere Ponoka County

Associate Representative

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Municipal Governments (West) Roundtable Invitation:

On January 25, 2022, the **Canadian Northern Corridor (CNC) Research** Program at the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy will be bringing together municipal representatives from Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba for a roundtable event to discuss the future of infrastructure planning and development in Canada.



The CNC Research Program is currently investigating the feasibility, desirability, and acceptability of a connected series of infrastructure corridors across Canada and this discussion is your opportunity to share your municipality's concerns, perspectives, and priorities regarding locally-relevant infrastructure-related issues such as regional connectivity, community economic development, broadband access and post-Covid recovery.

To participate, please email the Program Coordinator at corridor@ucalgary.ca. To learn more about the CNC Program, please visit www.canadiancorridor.ca.



CAEP Community Spotlight Starts in 2022 !

We want to share your good news. Beginning with our next issue, we will select one community to focus on, drawing facts and pictures from your website.

We will let you know when it's your turn and you can direct us to the news you want to highlight. This will be easy and a great way to stay in touch with members and promote a positive



Government Seeks Input on Budget 2022 Priorities

The Government of Alberta is seeking input from stakeholders and the public on priorities for the 2022 provincial budget. Input can be provided through the completion of a [survey](#), through a written submission, or through participation in telephone townhalls that will take place in January.

The deadline to complete the survey is January 15, 2022. Information on dates and times of telephone townhalls is not yet available.

When providing input into Budget 2022, the [Rural Municipalities of Alberta \(RMA\)](#) encourages members to emphasize the following:

- Sustainable and consistent long-term municipal infrastructure funding.
- Adequate support for rural transportation networks through the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program.
- A long-term funding approach and plan to enhance broadband in rural areas.

And, of course your own local and regional priorities. [To complete the survey, click here](#), and to learn more, [go to RMA](#) or contact Wyatt Skovron Manager of Policy & Advocacy 780-955-4096 or email [wyatt@RMAAlberta.com](mailto:w Wyatt@RMAAlberta.com)

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

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