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Community Planning Association of Alberta



Countdown To Conference Edition

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April 2010 Conference and Education Session
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In this abbreviated version of the CPAA newsletter, we are highlighting a few items planned for the Annual Conference and Education Session, **April 12-14 in Red Deer**. Last year there were 260 attendees from across Alberta. We expect this year to be another successful forum for learning, dialogue, information sharing, networking and catching-up with colleagues.

2010 Education Session New Tools for Conservation and Stewardship

Alberta's Land Use Framework was introduced to you last year. The first two regional plans are under way - but there is more to come! The follow-up this year focuses on **a new Conservation and Stewardship Strategy** that will outline **tool implementation** provided for under the Alberta Land Stewardship Act (ALSA) that was enabled in October 2009.

The Strategy means that there are new land stewardship tools on the horizon to incent landowners to conserve ecological goods and services, to set up transfer of development credits, and to conserve environmental, agricultural and scenic landscapes. In this session you will learn about the next steps going forward – which will then be followed by regulations so we can actually enter into **implementation**.

There is a perception that this toolbox places limits on agricultural producers. Instead the opposite is true. To hear more about this aspect you will hear from Harvey Buckley, a cattle rancher in the foothills in the west part of Rocky View County. Harvey is also a Councillor and a director of Action for Agriculture.

For the first time ever there will be tools available to earn cash, to set up transfer of the estate, and to preserve the environment – the environment you have been preserving all these years. Come learn about the plan to implement these tools in the province as an on-the-ground reality. *See you Monday morning, April 12.*

2010 CPAA Conference

Impacts and Implications of Growth and Development

The theme of the April Conference is **Impacts and Implications of Growth and Development for Alberta Municipalities**. A changed economy and a new Land Use Framework have combined to make this a time of challenges and opportunities. The conference is a great opportunity to hear from experts and share ideas with colleagues from across the province.

Following the separate Education Session on Monday morning, our Conference opens in the afternoon with keynote speaker Doug Olson of 02 Planning + Design on *A Watershed and Landscape Approach to Regional Planning*. This is followed by a presentation on new tools for community planning. In parallel session, Beth Sanders will engage participants in a discussion about strategies to make rural communities complete, fulfilling the needs of local residents. What makes a complete rural community? What needs to happen to get there? The Hon. Mel Knight will join us to cap off the day at the Minister's Reception.

Kick off Tuesday with a panel discussion of distinguished guests on the disconnect between planning education and practice, followed by sessions on *Expanding the Boundaries of Planning: Affordability, Sustainability, Passion!*, *Getting to the Heart of Sustainable Urbanization*, *Regional Delivery of Municipal Services*, and a session on tools available to municipalities for the protection of small farms. Tuesday evening is our banquet and silent auction (contact CPAA to donate items) in support of scholarships for students in planning-related fields. Entertainment is by Sherry Kennedy.

A Wednesday morning session explores the question of *Municipalities: Amalgamation and Dissolution*. Brian Austrom and Dave Dittrick have worked with many municipalities handling this situation and we look forward to their insights. Our closing plenary guest is Mark Seasons, Associate Dean from the Planning School at the University of Waterloo, on *Why Planning Matters - Then and Now*, reflecting on a century of planning practice in Canada.

More information on the Conference is on our website, at www.cpaabiz.com

Supporting our Planning Students

CPAA board members hosted meet-and-greets with students interested in planning-related studies at the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta in January. We were met with large groups in both cities - about 60 students in total - certainly attesting to the demand for planning education. We expect a number of students at the Conference. Proceeds of the Silent Auction go to support student participation in CPAA and our three \$1000 scholarships. If you want to donate a Silent Auction item, contact the CPAA office. The last issue's lead article was about the crisis in planning education in Alberta.

Conference Sponsorship

Sponsorship is a great way to support CPAA and also promote your business, municipality or organization to hundreds of councillors, planners, administrators and other decision-makers and professionals from across the province of Alberta. Opportunities are available from \$100 to \$2000. For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact the CPAA Office.

Welcome to the Board

We welcome our newest CPAA board member, Elizabeth (Liz) Austrom, Project Planner with the Town of Chestermere. Liz was appointed in January to complete the term of a board member who resigned last year. New board members will be elected at Annual General Meeting during the Conference.

Assistance sought on CMHC affordable housing survey

CMHC is initiating a research study of Social and Affordable Housing Redevelopment-Regeneration Projects that will involve an on-line survey and up to eight case studies. The research will examine efforts to improve the availability, efficiency and livability of social housing projects in the context of their communities and identify lessons learned. The need for redevelopment and regeneration projects will also be assessed.

Can you suggest examples of projects that you feel would be relevant to this research? If so, the researchers would require contact information (e.g. name/phone/E-mail) for a key contact person(s) who would be knowledgeable about the project(s).

To respond contact Dr. Ted Harvey, Project Director & Senior Consultant, CMHC at 1-800-363-0832 or ted.harvey@spr.ca. If you have any questions about the overall study, please feel free to contact CMHC's Project Manager, Ms. Janet Neves, Sr. Policy Analyst, FPT Relations, at jneves@cmhc-schl.gc.ca or (613) 748-2300, ext. 3237. <https://www.surveycentral.ca/cmhc/r-projects.htm>

Seeking nominations for Recreation Industry Awards of Excellence

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) and the Recreation For Life Foundation will present the inaugural Recreation Industry Awards of Excellence at a showcase gala on April 15th, 2010. The nomination deadline for the first edition of the awards program is **February 26th, 2010**. The intent of this program is to honour achievement, excellence, creativity, and innovation by Alberta's corporate sector in enhancing personal health, community well-being, and quality of life that is directly linked to recreation and parks development. For information on how nominate an individual or an organization refer to www.recreationforlife.org

Seeking nominations for the Emerald Awards

The Emerald Awards are seeking nominations of outstanding achievements by Albertans committed to protecting, preserving, enhancing and sustaining our environment. The awards recognize excellence in eight categories (*Individual, Nonprofit Association, Community Group, Government, Business, Education: School or Classroom, Education: Non-Formal and Youth*). A new award, **the Emerald Challenge Award**, will recognize environmental excellence relating to a topic of current importance to the well-being of the Alberta environment. The inaugural theme of the Emerald Challenge Award is **Alberta's Oil Sands**. It will recognize environmental excellence and leadership for activities related to oil sands development. Nominate yourself or someone you know through the online nomination form at www.emeraldawards.ca by **February 26, 2010**.



REGISTRATION FORM

**CPAA 2010 PLANNING CONFERENCE
And EDUCATION SESSION**

APRIL 12, 13, and 14, 2010
Black Knight Inn, Red Deer, Alberta

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Indicate Food Allergies and/or vegetarian preferences: _____

Full-time students please indicate (and see special rate below):
Program of Study and Educational Institution _____

- Student Registration Fee: \$50.00 Students must be current members of CPAA.**

Check all items that apply:

Education Session 2010 Monday, April 12, 2010

“New Tools for Conservation and Stewardship”

- Registration Fee: \$100.00 for CPAA Members
- Registration Fee: \$125.00 for non Members 9:00 am to 12:15 pm includes Lunch

NOTE: CONFERENCE OPENING - 1:30PM Monday, April 12

CPAA 2010 Conference April 12, 13, 14 2010

“Impacts and Implications of Growth and Development”

- Registration Fee: \$350.00 for CPAA Members
 - Registration Fee: \$425.00 for non members
- Registration fee for Conference includes: Minister’s Reception: Conference Sessions: Luncheon & Banquet: Silent Auction and the CPAA Annual General Meeting

Indicate number of extra tickets:

_____ Extra Conference Luncheon Tickets\$30.00
_____ Extra Conference Banquet Tickets\$60.00

- Display space is available for \$100:00 per space (includes one banquet ticket). Tables and power available upon request.

TOTAL AMOUNT OWING: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment to Follow	<input type="checkbox"/> Invoice Above
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GST is not applicable. Sorry, but we can not accept credit card payments. Cancellation Policy: There will be no refunds. However, registration is transferable to another person within your organization. Return registration form with a cheque payable to: Community Planning Association of Alberta (address above).