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Welcome to the August Edition of CPAA News!

In this edition, we are thrilled to unveil the theme for our upcoming conference, introduce our keynote speaker, Doug Griffiths, and spotlight one of our esteemed Board of Directors. We also have news on an exciting event at the University of Alberta, a call for member spotlights, and a special announcement about early bird pricing for our conference. Let's dive in!

2025 CPAA Annual Conference: Theme Announcement

We are excited to announce the theme for next year's CPAA Annual Conference: **"Global to Local"**. This theme reflects our commitment to exploring the impact of global trends on local communities and how municipalities can leverage these trends to foster growth, innovation, and community well-being.



2025 CPAA Conference



April 28 - 30, 2025. Red Deer

Keynote Speaker Announcement: Doug Griffiths

We are excited to announce that this year's keynote speaker will be **Doug Griffiths!**

Keynote Session Title:

“Global to Local – How Does it Affect Your Community?”

Session Description:

We live in a world that is completely at our fingertips. News, products, relationships, and knowledge are all no longer separated from us by distance. We have access to more of the world than ever before. Yet, in this growing global paradigm, there is a greater need for community, connection, and ‘local’ than ever before. This presentation will explore how globalism creates more opportunities for localism than ever before, and how you can and should take advantage of it.

About Doug Griffiths:

Doug Griffiths is the President & CEO of 13 Ways Inc., a bestselling author, and a passionate community enthusiast dedicated to building and consulting. He is known for his book “13 Ways to Kill Your Community” and has supported, guided, and inspired hundreds of communities to create effective change.

Growing up on a ranch outside a small town, Doug learned the value of hard work, critical thinking, and community spirit. His political career, spanning 13 years, provided him with a deep understanding of how to move people and get things done. After retiring from politics in 2015, Doug returned to his passion for community building.

With an Executive MBA, Honors B.A. in Philosophy, and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta, Doug has also taught community and municipal leadership courses for elected officials and administrators. His extensive experience and insights will undoubtedly inspire and energize our conference attendees!



Learning About CPAA and APPI at the University of Calgary

The **Alberta Professional Planners Institute** along with the **Community Planning Association of Alberta** are excited to co-host the 2024 University of Calgary Students Professional Planner Networking Event.

Students from all faculties & departments (Planning students and students who are interested in learning more about professional planning) are welcome to attend

Event Details:

- **Date:** September 26, 2024.
- **Time:** 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** University of Calgary, Main Campus. RM PF 2165 Professional Faculties Building.

The event will include:

- A brief overview of who APPI, CPAA and CIP are and the benefits of membership
- Roundtable discussions with professional planners from both the public and private sectors
- An opportunity for students to ask professional planners about a career in professional planning
- Complimentary pizza and refreshments

There is no fee to attend this event. However, we request that you register to serve as an RSVP.

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us for an evening of learning, networking, and great food! We look forward to seeing you there.

2025 CPAA Annual Conference: Early Bird Pricing!

Don't miss out on the chance to save! We're excited to offer **early bird pricing** for the 2025 CPAA Annual Conference. Register early to take advantage of discounted rates and secure your spot at this event.

Early Bird Rates:

- **Members: \$750**
- **Non-Members: \$850**
- **Students: \$85**

Early Bird Deadline: January 6, 2025!

Register now and join us in exploring next year's theme, "Global to Local," with inspiring sessions and networking opportunities.

[Register Here](#) to take advantage of these early bird savings!

Meet the CPAA Board of Directors

Introducing Robert Nygaard, our 2024/2025 Vice-Chair (North)

We are pleased to introduce Robert Nygaard, our Vice-Chair (North) for 2024/2025. Robert is a dedicated and active member of his community in Faust. For the past 15 years, he has served as Deputy Fire Chief at the Faust Fire District and has represented his hamlet on Council for two consecutive four-year terms.

During his tenure, Robert also chaired the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) for six years. In 2021, he was elected Reeve and has embraced the challenges of working with a new Council. His experience as a Councillor and chair of MPC has been invaluable in his role as Reeve. Robert is passionate about working collaboratively with Council, Administration, ratepayers, and stakeholders to achieve their community's goals.



Call for Member Spotlights

Celebrate Our CPAA Community's Achievements!

Do you know a fellow CPAA member who has made outstanding contributions to their community or achieved something remarkable? We want to hear from you!

We're launching a **Member Spotlight** feature in our upcoming newsletters to celebrate the successes and achievements of our members. Whether it's a project they've led, a unique accomplishment, or an inspiring story, we want to share it with the CPAA community!

How to Nominate:

- Send us an email with the member's name, a brief description of their achievement, and why you think they deserve to be featured.
- Email your nominations to cpaa@cpaa.biz by September 15, 2024 for them to be featured in the September newsletter.

Let's recognize and celebrate the great work happening across our community. We look forward to your submissions!

Stay Tuned for More!

Look out for future newsletters where we'll introduce more members of our Board of Directors and provide updates on upcoming CPAA events and initiatives.

Thank you for being a valued member of the CPAA community!

If you have any questions regarding sponsorship or registration please contact Winifred Uwakwe, CPAA Secretary at 780-432-6387 or at cpaa@cpaa.biz.

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