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Welcome to the January Edition of CPAA News!

Happy New Year, and welcome to the first CPAA newsletter of 2025! We're excited to bring you the latest updates and announcements as we gear up for the 2025 CPAA Conference. This edition is packed with opportunities to get involved, insights into our board members, and exciting updates about our conference speakers and activities.

Let's dive in!

Call for presentations: 2025 CPAA Conference (Global to Local)

The 2025 CPAA Conference is now accepting presentation proposals! We're looking for diverse and dynamic sessions that address global challenges with local solutions.

Key themes include:

- **Building Local Resiliency:** Strategies for disaster preparedness, management tactics, and strengthening local systems in the face of global issues.
- **Overcoming Regulatory Barriers:** Insights into overcoming obstacles to service delivery and fostering local economic development through innovative product development.
- **Tech and Innovation in Public Administration:** Case studies showcasing the application of technology to improve public service and governance.
- **Chain Resilience:** Best practices and considerations for building robust supply chains in the public sector.

We encourage submissions that offer practical insights, real-world examples, and global perspectives. Join us in shaping the future of public administration! Submit your proposal by **January 31, 2025**.

[Interested in submitting your proposal? Click Here](#)

Exciting News! Early Bird Registration Extended

You now have more time to save—Early Bird Registration is open until **January 31, 2025**. Don't miss this opportunity to secure your spot!

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Become a 2025 CPAA Conference Sponsor

We are inviting new and returning sponsors to support the 2025 CPAA Conference. Whether you represent a municipality or a private organization, your sponsorship, funding, or in-kind contributions are greatly valued. Becoming a conference sponsor offers numerous benefits, including prominent name recognition before an audience of 200 delegates, valuable networking opportunities, outreach and the chance to showcase your organization as a proud supporter of CPAA. Sponsors also enjoy free or discounted access to events. All sponsorship contributions directly support conference activities and fund annual scholarships awarded by CPAA to post-secondary planning students.

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Introducing some of our Esteemed speakers for the 2025 CPAA Conference

We are thrilled to announce two of our distinguished speakers who will be sharing their expertise at the 2025 CPAA Conference. Join us as they bring insights and innovative solutions to the forefront of planning and community development.

Speaker 1: Allan To



Session Title: Trends in Procurement and Impacts to Community Resilience and Growth

Alan is the President and CEO of Supply Chain Canada West, the nation's largest association and governing body for the supply chain profession. For over 104 years, Supply Chain Canada has been a cornerstone in strengthening the country's supply chains through talent development and strategic advocacy.

As a Supply Chain Management Professional (SCMP™) and Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CMA), Allan brings over two decades of leadership experience in

transforming supply chain organizations across diverse sectors, including Energy, Utilities, and Construction. He serves on the board of the Canadian Heavy Oil Association and actively contributes to several industry committees aimed at advancing supply chain practices, such as the Sustainable Procurement Advisory Committee with the City of Calgary, the Association of Maintenance Contractor Canada Advisory Panel, and various Program Advisory Committees with Alberta's post-secondary institutions.

Allan is a committed advocate for the supply chain management profession, recognizing its critical role in driving economic growth and enhancing community well-being across Canada.

Speaker 2: David Yager



Session Title: Global and Domestic Energy Landscape

David is an oil service executive, entrepreneur and writer, author and energy policy analyst. From 1987 to 2012 was a founder, senior officer and director of three successful TSX-listed oil service companies including Tesco Corporation which in 1993 commercialized the top drive drilling technology essential for extended reach horizontal drilling. From 2012 to 2016 he served as National Leader Oilfield Services for MNP LLP.

Through Yager Management Ltd., he consults as a finance, management and policy advisor to E&P companies, oil service companies, trade associations, and governments. He was Chairman of the Petroleum Services Association of Canada in 2009/2010. David Yager has been active in business journalism and energy policy analysis since 1979. He has authored numerous energy policy position papers for oil service trade associations.

David Yager's book - From Miracle to Menace – Alberta, A Carbon Story – was released in 2019.

In 2023 he served as Chair of the Premier's Advisory Council on Alberta's Energy Future and conducted an independent review of the Alberta Energy Regulator. He now sits on the AER Board of Directors. In 2024 he assumed his current position of Special Advisor to the Premier, focused on energy policy.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear from these exceptional speakers and many more at the 2025 CPAA Conference.

[Click Here to Register for the 2025 CPAA Conference](#)

Celebrate Community Excellence with the CPAA Community Achievement Award!

The Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) is proud to recognize and celebrate the innovative efforts of our members through the **Community Achievement Award**, presented annually to honor individuals, teams, or organizations whose creative projects have made a significant impact on community building and well-being across Alberta.

This prestigious award highlights outstanding achievements in enhancing community safety, health, local services, and social and economic opportunities. The recipient will receive a plaque commemorating their contribution and be formally recognized during the **2025 CPAA Conference in Red Deer**.

Please Note: Only CPAA members in good standing are eligible for this award.

Submissions Deadline: March 14, 2025, by 4:00 PM

Let's shine a spotlight on the incredible work shaping Alberta's communities.

Submit your application now and share your success story!

Meet the CPAA Board of Directors

Introducing Bob Chrenek, Board of Directors Member



Bob is a Councillor in the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 and he currently sits on a few boards including Municipal Planning Commission Vice Chair for the County of Grande Prairie, Community Futures, Agriculture Service Board (ASB) Chair for the County of Grande Prairie and Provincial ASB Alternate. He grew up on his family farm near Sexsmith Alberta, attending the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Agriculture and returned to the family farm where he currently resides with his wife, son and his family. He has been involved in different Oilfield industries and Agricultural industries

in the last 30 years. His hobbies include woodworking, metal fabrication and outdoor activities such as camping and fishing.

Introducing Nick Pryce, Board of Directors Member



Nick is the Director of V3's Planning Group and has over 20 years of planning experience in New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom. He has worked in both the private and public sectors with experience in public engagement/facilitation, sustainable development, transportation, governance, mixed land use development, climate change and commercial and residential development. Nick specializes in the area of policy and regulatory work.

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 **February 12, 2025** for them to be featured in the November 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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Our mission is to provide opportunities to share, promote and encourage community planning among a full range of stakeholders.

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