

# CAO's REPORT

June 11, 2019

1. Invitation for Councillors to attend the 2019 Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) Conference and Energize Workshop in Lake Louise from October 24 to October 26, 2019.
2. Premier, Jason Kenney response letter of gratitude for the congratulatory letter sent from Council.

## Upcoming Events

June 17 – Strategic Planning Meeting

June 19 – Central Alberta Economic Partnership's 2019 Annual General Meeting at the Pine Hills Golf Club.

June 20 – David Thompson Health Advisory Council Municipal Forum at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 25 in Hanna, Alberta.

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

October 24 to 26 – ARPA Conference and Energize Workshop in Lake Louise.

November 12 to 15 – Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)

May 23, 2019

Reeve Duncan and Councillors  
Clearwater County  
PO Box 550  
Rocky Mountain House, AB T4T 1A4



Dear Reeve Duncan and all Members of Council;

**Subject: 2019 ARPA Conference and Energize Workshop & ATRA Symposium  
"Growing Recreation Together!"**

On behalf of the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA), I would like to invite you to our Annual Conference and Energize Workshop at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise from Thursday, October 24 to Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Our conference program includes the Energize Workshop, now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year. The workshop is a series of sessions on topical issues designed to provide you, as an elected official, with innovative ideas, solutions and opportunities in recreation, parks and community development. 525 delegates attended our conference in Jasper last fall, and nearly 100 of those attendees were mayors, reeves and councillors from across Alberta.

Recreation and parks are broadly recognized as essential public services that enhance quality of life and strongly aid in a community's economic growth and sustainability. Your presence at our conference makes a significant contribution to the dialogue around these issues and your ongoing support of our organization is much appreciated.

Our 2019 conference program has been informed by comments and suggestions from 2018 attendees, and our continual scan of the issues and trends in Alberta and across Canada. The event also provides a great networking opportunity in a welcoming, spirited and healthy environment, as attendees connect with friends and colleagues in a beautiful, natural setting. The detailed conference program will be available on our website later this spring at [www.arpaonline.ca/events/energize-conference](http://www.arpaonline.ca/events/energize-conference).

The program will reflect the goals of the **Framework for Recreation in Canada - Pathways to Wellbeing**, a document endorsed by every province, territory and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and also supported by the Government of Canada. The program will also be informed by the **Parks for All** framework that was released in January 2018 and also endorsed by the provinces, territories and federal government.

Our experience is that municipalities typically book accommodations well in advance of the conference, so if you plan on attending, we would encourage you to book your rooms soon. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Cowie".

Heather Cowie  
President

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Dear Reeve Duncan and all Members of Council;

**Subject: Awards from the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association and the Government of Alberta honour outstanding work in your community**

The Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA), alongside the Government of Alberta, is pleased to present a number of awards that celebrate leadership and inspire excellence in the province’s recreation and parks sector.

Award recipients will be honoured in front of their peers at the President’s Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 26, 2019, where 500 delegates will be in attendance at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise as part of our annual Conference and Energize Workshop. We believe this formal recognition inspires Albertans to further outstanding work, and we ask that you consider nominating deserving members of your community for one of the following prestigious awards.

**Lieutenant Governor’s Leadership for Active Communities Awards**

These awards honour the achievements of groups and individuals who are leading their communities to increase citizen participation in active living, recreation and sport, resulting in healthier people and communities. This year’s awards are Community Leader of Tomorrow, Corporate Community Leader and Outstanding Community Leader. The Lieutenant Governor will be in attendance at the President’s Awards Banquet to present all three awards.

**Alberta Recreation and Parks Association’s Awards**

ARPA celebrates excellence through a number of diverse awards, including the A.V. Pettigrew Award, presented to a community or organization that has made a significant impact on improving the quality of life of their citizens through recreation and parks.

**Government of Alberta’s Recreation Volunteer Recognition Awards**

These awards honour volunteers who have made significant contributions to recreation development at the community level.

Please visit the ARPA website at [www.arpaonline.ca/awards/main](http://www.arpaonline.ca/awards/main) to view more details on each of the awards and to complete our online nomination form.

We look forward to reading about and recognizing the devoted individuals and groups working to improve your community, our province and the lives of Albertans.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Cowie  
President



Premier of Alberta

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May 17, 2019

Reeve Jim Duncan  
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Dear Reeve Duncan *JM*

Thank you so much for your congratulatory letter of April 30, 2019. It is a great honour and privilege to serve as Premier of Alberta.

Albertans have placed their trust in our new government, and we have hit the ground running. We are creating good jobs, growing the economy, and fighting for pipelines to get our products to market and secure the full value of our resources. These initiatives will prove particularly positive for Clearwater County.

As our government carries out this dynamic agenda, we are committed to forging strong relationships with all of our municipal partners. I look forward to working closely to advance our shared objectives and help usher in a new era of prosperity for the people of Clearwater County—and all Albertans.

In light of your comments about the desire to be an Economic Development Council, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Yours sincerely,

*Jason Kenney*  
Hon Jason Kenney PC  
Premier of Alberta

cc. Honourable Kaycee Madu  
Minister of Municipal Affairs