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Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update

❖ Growing Greenhouses Program

A new program from Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Program (SCAP) supports new operations or improvements to existing greenhouses and vertical farms which produce food at a commercial scale.

[Growing Greenhouses Program | Alberta.ca](#)

This federal-provincial partnership delivers grant programs that generate sustainable economic growth in the agricultural and agri-food sector.

❖ New Executive Director at Heritage Farm Museum

Michael (Mickey) Vallee, new Executive Director at Heritage Acres, shared current and upcoming plans for the Farm Museum. This 180-acre site preserves, documents, demonstrates, and celebrates the history of agricultural life and technology. Watch for exciting news and events! <https://heritageacres.org/>

❖ AI for Alberta Entrepreneurs ... a lunch and learn event in Cardston

Community Futures, RINSA Goes Rural, and Cardston and District Chamber
January 22, 2026, 11:00am to 1:30pm

Cost: \$25 including locally catered lunch!

For more information, and to register, visit this link:

www.eventbrite.ca/e/ai-for-alberta-entrepreneurs-tickets-1978303262312?aff=ebdssbdestsearch



❖ Airports and Aerodromes

We are learning more about how airports can be economic development assets for our region. The Alberta Airports Management Association (AAMA) website has interesting study that shares a provincial perspective on the potential of these assets.

❖ Province of Alberta "All Seasons Resorts Act"

This Act establishes a new regulator for four-season commercial tourism developments in Alberta. Additionally, it creates a new classification of Public Lands zoned specifically for all-season resort developments called All-season Resort Areas. This Act is intended to increase investor confidence in Alberta's tourism sector and help to position Alberta as a globally renowned destination for tourism and recreation. The first three designated resort areas under the new act are Castle, Fortress and Nakiska.

❖ IEDC Economic Development Ethics Workshop

Three attendees from the region joined this informative and provocative session that provided case studies of the conflicts that can arise in decision-making and economic development.

❖ Investment Development Highlights

Sean.Miles@albertasouthwest.com has had a very busy month meeting with businesses, municipal staff, provincial, and federal agency partners. Lots of community energy and opportunities! Please feel welcome to contact him for questions, information, and or a request to meet!



REMINDER: there is a new AlbertaSW LinkedIn page ... **visit, join, share, and follow!**

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