

Alberta SouthWest Bulletin October 2024

Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update

❖ Check out Connect4Commerce...

This innovative on-line tool is licensed as a partnership of AlbertaSW, Community Futures Alberta Southwest, and Community Futures Crowsnest Pass. The tool is aligned with the real estate industry and automatically updates all MLS listings in the region every 24 hours.

A unique and useful feature: municipal assets can also be manually entered and listed.

All community listings are on the regional, and member communities can also arrange to have their listings branded and accessible on their own sites! <https://www.albertasouthwest.com/real-estate-tools>



❖ Municipal support for REDAs

On September 26 a resolution presented at Alberta Municipalities requested that the province continue to invest in operational support for Regional Economic Development Alliances in Alberta. The vote was 79.4% in favour.



❖ Waterton Lakes National Park visitation 2024

Christy Gustavison, Visitor Experience Manager, reported 500,000 visitors to the park as of September 30. Travel Alberta, South Canadian Rockies, our highway corridors and collaborative communities can play a role in creating positive visitor experiences. Further Parks Canada data analysis will be available in spring 2025.

❖ Manufacturing, Energy, Construction, Ag Processing (MECAP)

The first session of the speaker series was held on September 18... great presentations from

o **David Munro**, Manufacturing Consortium Manager, BC, AB, SK & MB

Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC) <https://emccanada.org/>

o **David Rist**, Quality & Productivity Leader,

Manufacturing Export Enhancement Cluster (MEEC) <https://www.meecluster.ca/>

o And joined by **Joseph Henke** Program Specialist

ENBIX (Emissions-Neutral Building Information Exchange) <https://www.enbix.ca/>



~~ PROJECT EVENTS THIS MONTH! ~~

Join the next event in the AlbertaSW **MECAP Industry Leaders Forum Speaker Series !**

o **Wednesday, October 16** 12:00-2:00pm (In-person; lunch served)-Town Office, Claresholm

TO REGISTER... e-mail bev@albertasouthwest.com or NatalieGibson@shaw.caMore details to follow!

NOTE: Mark your calendar and register ahead of time for the other virtual events in the series!

o **Wednesday, November 20** 12:00-2:00pm **Supply Chain (Virtual)**

o **Wednesday, December 18** 12:00-2:00pm. **Agri-value (Virtual)**

❖ Energy Futures Lab (EFL) pilot project: SHAPING ENERGY FUTURE COMPETITIVENESS in Southern Alberta



Energy development leads to conversations about community prosperity, regulations, land use, and best practices. Join the conversation to address issues, strengthen leadership, ask the right questions, and create possible answers!

o **Tuesday, October 8** 11:00am to 1:00pm (Virtual) Orientation and introduction to the project (

o **Wednesday, October 23** 8:45am to 5:00pm (In-person; lunch served)-Heritage Inn, Pincher Creek

This is a two-day workshop condensed into one day. Details to follow!

TO REGISTER please email sspence@energyfutureslab.ca

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