

Regional Collaboration

Learn the foundations of strategic budgeting, taxation and financial oversight and understand how to fund decisions that support your community's priorities.

About the course

Participants will explore the value of collaboration, practice skills to navigate complex relationships. This course will equip elected officials with the tools to build strong partnerships, foster trust and lead collaborative initiatives with confidence

Quality Content

All EOEP courses are developed using subject matter experts from the municipal sector and reviewed by Alberta Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Alberta.

Experienced and Independent Instructors

Take advantage of having councillors learn from independent instructors who are experienced in the municipal sector and reinforce concepts without any perception of bias. EOEP instructors represent a mix of individuals from consulting firms, law firms, and current and retired municipal staff and elected officials.

Cost Per Person

Online: \$295 + GST
In-Person: \$395 + GST

What you receive

Each participant will receive a course workbook, presentation materials, and the ability to ask questions during the course.

Other Benefits

A key benefit of this course is the opportunity to connect with fellow municipal leaders across Alberta. You'll engage in networking and collaborative discussions, share experiences and build relationships that support you throughout your council term.

Can administrators take EOEP courses?

Yes! CAOs and senior administrators can benefit from taking the course to understand the concepts being taught to your council so you can be on the same page.

Request to Host a Course in Your Region

If you are looking for greater flexibility in scheduling, our [Hometown EOEP](#) program gives you the option to bring expert training directly to your council at a time and location of your convenience. Choose from online or in-person delivery and you can invite neighbouring municipalities to share the experience and cost.

Questions and to Register for Regional Collaboration

Visit eoep.ca or email Registrar@eoep.ca.

What is covered in Regional Collaboration

Introduction to Regional Collaboration

- The value and purpose of regional collaboration
- The increasing importance of intermunicipal partnerships
- Benefits and risks of working across boundaries
- Trust & communication

Collaboration Framework

- The four stages of collaboration: Diagnose, Design, Act Evaluate
- Identifying shared goals and mutual outcomes
- Environmental scans and readiness assessments
- Building your collaboration team: Roles & Responsibilities
- Planning the process, resources and timelines
- Creating and implementing an action plan

Consensus & Communication Skills

- The role of communication in collaborative success
- Building consensus through active listening & reflection
- The value of open-ended questions
- Conflict resolution strategies and techniques
- Collaborating effectively across councils and administrations

Collaboration in Context

- Understanding Alberta's municipal collaboration landscape
- Legislative context: Albertas Municipal Government Act (MGA)
- Case Studies & Discussion
- Recognizing when and why collaboration makes sense

Designing for Success

- Collaboration as a strategic process
- Developing trust and a collaborative culture
- Formalizing collaboration agreements
- Conflict resolution frameworks and dispute processes
- Public engagement considerations in collaborative planning
- Sustaining momentum and adapting over time

Collaboration in Action

- Group case study exercise
- Apply the collaboration model to real municipal scenarios
- Map out roles, responsibilities, and success indicators
- Reflect on potential areas of conflict
- Practice conflict resolution
- Debrief & evaluate learnings.

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