



## Message from the Executive Director

Hello Members,  
I can't believe it is November already which sadly, means that the golf season has ended for me. However, that frees up a lot of time for conference planning and building partnerships to benefit you, the member.

On October 19, we attended the AVSA Conference as an Exhibitor (*Association of Summer Villages of Alberta*) to connect with potential members, while promoting GFOA Alberta.

Speaking of partnerships, if you haven't already heard, we are hosting professional development webinars with [Metrix Group](#) and [PSD Citywide](#).

Metrix is presenting their second webinar "Making the Most of Operating and Capital Reserves" on November 17 with an additional six webinars planned for 2024. We've had good interest and participation in these sessions and it's a great way to earn PD credits. Many of the ARO workshops, "Collaborating to build an affordable ARO solution for small municipalities" hosted by [Deloitte Canada](#) are underway. Deloitte is hosting another webinar December 6 "Service Delivery" How can we deliver more for less?

Another thing that is upon us is membership renewal. For 2024 the membership fee structure has been streamlined for members. No longer will calculations be required on a per member basis. Municipalities will be levied one fee and permitted to sign up as many members as they wish within their municipality. Please keep in mind that members will still need to have governmental accounting or financial responsibility no matter the level. There are opportunities for non-voting memberships for out of province, private practice or people just interested in government finance. Also, as we continue to work with post-secondary institutions, we are offering free memberships to students. To simplify the process this year we will send out invoices to primary contacts with payment due January 1st. For more information, please visit the [Membership page](#).

As mentioned, conference planning is underway for the event at Fantasyland Hotel June 2-5, 2024. We are confident that we have blocked enough hotel rooms and some of the block includes theme rooms at a reduced rate as well. Golf will be at the scenic Devon Golf & Conference Centre. Sheila Moore, will be sending out the link in the coming weeks.

Lastly, you've heard us say it before. When you are a GFOA Alberta sponsor, you get benefits all year long, not just at the conference. Shoutout to Gold Sponsor, [RICOH](#) who has provided the featured content this month. We regularly recognize sponsors through the newsletter, social media and the GFOA Alberta website. If you have an article to share that will benefit our members please send it to us and we will feature in the monthly General Ledger and the website. Please send to Sheila Moore at [communications@gfoa.ab.ca](mailto:communications@gfoa.ab.ca).

Stay well everyone,  
Rick Wojtkiw  
Executive Director



# Make the Most of Operating and Capital Reserves

## ONLINE WEBINAR

NOV 17
 10AM

*This course is eligible for 1.5 hours hour of CPA verifiable professional development*



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### WEBINAR #2 Jessica Szewczuk, Metrix Group

Jessica Szewczuk, CPA, CA, CCMP of [Metrix Group LLP](#) Group is presenting their second webinar of the series "Making the Most of Operating & Capital Reserves" **Nov 17 @10AM**.

This webinar is ideal for finance teams, executive leadership, and stakeholders collaborating on this project.

**Register today!**



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CONTENT

**The Power of Partnership:  
Finance and IT Collaboration**

The RICOH Digital Services team was thrilled to make their debut at this year's GFOA Alberta Conference in Banff! To keep the conversation going, Ricoh would like to invite you to view a recording of a September 7th MFOA session entitled "**The Power of Partnership: Finance and IT Collaboration**" with special guest Erin Amirault Associate Director, Finance Operations and Systems with Niagara Region.

This discussion takes a frank look at how building a strategic partnership with IT to work better together can be critical in helping finance officials avoid common pitfalls when modernizing tech infrastructure or adopting new technologies and processes. The panel of finance and IT experts address issues such as vendor vetting, project delays, security and compliance, and how to ensure a maximum return on investment for all.

For additional information for services and solutions Ricoh offers Canadian Municipalities, [click here](#).

## The Power of Partnership: Finance and IT Collaboration

As we see rapid changes in technology acquisition and application, it's crucial that Finance and IT work together to ensure every modernization project earns maximum ROI.

The first step is scoping, budgeting and planning, right?  
*But where do you start?*

Moderator  
**Rick Freeman**  
Portfolio Manager, Business Process Management  
South Canada

Special Guest  
**Erin Amirault**  
Associate Director, Finance Operations and Systems  
Finance Corporate Services, Niagara Region

Panelist  
**Glen Renton**  
Vice President of IT  
Black Canada

Panelist  
**Ryan Beckwith**  
IT Manager  
Managed Services  
North Canada

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