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[Infrastructure projects spur jobs, growth](#) (Alberta.ca)

[A stronger foundation for 2022](#) (Alberta.ca)

[National student writing contest now open asking "what does home mean to you?"](#) (Financial Post)

[OPINION: Canada needs a national aging strategy that includes older women](#) (Toronto Star)

[This group of strangers — age 39 to 78 — owns a Winnipeg house together. Here's why](#) (CBC News)

[Nahanni Butte receives funding for new affordable housing units](#) (CBC News)

[Surging housing prices in Iqaluit have many feeling hopeless](#) (CBC News)

[Big help for tiny housing project in Fredericton](#) (CBC News)

[Modern affordable housing complex with support services coming to St. Boniface](#) (Global News)

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[Interim Substantial Equivalence Policy Extension](#) – Alberta Health Care Aide Directory update letter

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Communications Corner

Welcome to 2022 everyone! It's been a bit of a bumpy ride into the new year, but we can hope that there will be smoother roads ahead! We know that the new variant is currently causing some staffing challenges, and we urge you to reach out. We have been at various tables this week discussing the issues with government and with AHS, and exploring what the sector could consider presently and preventatively. Your input and experiences will help frame next steps and inform solutions. It is also a new membership year, and renewal reminders will be going out this week – let us know if you have any questions. We have a great deal planned in terms of enhanced and expanded member services, and new opportunities for training, professional development, and cost saving programs. As you read in last week's Forecast edition of the Rollout, we are also prepping for increased advocacy activity, which will require heightened engagement and laser-focused precision in our messaging. Be sure to keep the conversations rolling on [ASCHA Connect](#) – it really is your best conduit to stay informed and share ideas, as we work on innovative outcomes in sector transformation.

Jenny

PRIORITY DRIVEN PROGRESS

Advocacy & Public Relations

Provincial Coordination Discussion Meeting

The Provincial Coordination Discussion on Jan. 4 covered the new isolation requirements for critical workers, as well as new rapid testing guidelines whereby staff who are fully vaccinated and who have two negative rapid tests no longer require a PCR test. Single Site Policy was also discussed, and it is anticipated this Order will be rescinded soon. The definition of "outbreak" was also a topic of discussion, and it was identified that more clarity would be helpful moving forward. Differentiating between the different variants of COVID-19, and the difference in how and when virus shed occurs was explained, which is the rationale for shorter isolation times for individuals with Omicron symptoms.

Single Site Staffing Advisory Team Meeting

A second meeting of this advisory team was held on Jan. 6 to discuss the standing down of the single site approaches in contracted/AHS provided care, and the return of casual staff to meet staffing demands. Casual staff pool capacity was discussed, as well as how to determine accruals and benefits for casual employees. Orientation/training best practices for returning and casual staff were also discussed, as well as the need to review outbreak protocols and keep these flexible based on scenario. Alberta Health will be reviewing the feedback given and will provide answers to the questions that were presented relating to definitions, policies, and protocols.

Bold Leadership & Sector Reformation

Letter to Alberta's Minister of Seniors & Housing

On Jan. 5, ASCHA [wrote to Minister Josephine Pon](#) expressing its thanks for the Minister's continued leadership and consultation with our sector, and for her letter to ASCHA's President, Arlene Adamson, dated Dec. 22, 2021. Of particular importance is Minister Pon's comment that "Alberta's government will maintain the current nationally recognized definition of affordable housing, where housing is considered affordable if it constitutes less than 30 per cent of a household's before-tax income."

Housing 101 for Municipal Elected Officials

ASCHA will be hosting a virtual information session for municipally-elected officials with the outcome of strengthening understanding of the housing continuum in Alberta. We will be exploring the roles of municipalities in housing provision, and the potential impacts on

Nick Falvo's overview of the [Minister of Housing's Mandate Letter](#)

January is [Alzheimer's Awareness Month in Canada](#)

[UN Decade of Healthy Ageing](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

[CORE Alberta Events](#)

Jan 11

[Housing Supply Challenge – Round 3: Supply Chain Solutions for Northern and Remote Housing](#)

Jan 18

[CORE Frailty Series Session 3: Ageism, Stigma, and Assumptions around Frailty](#)

Jan 19

[January Training - Introduction to the Seniors Service Provider Resource Guide](#)

Jan 24 - 26

[2022 APHAA Winter Conference and AGM](#)

Feb 15

[CORE Frailty Series Session 4: Frailty in an Age-Friendly World](#)

Feb 17

[Housing 101 for Municipal Elected Officials](#)

seniors housing and community housing embedded in the new provincial affordable housing strategy and government-led transformations in continuing care and home care. Please reach out and encourage all council members to attend. The content will be relevant to all elected officials, not just those that sit on HMB boards.

Housing 101 for Municipal Elected Officials will take place on **Feb. 17 from 9:00 – 10:30 am**. Space is limited, and we ask that you register well in advance. (Note: If there is a lot of demand, we will host an additional session in the future). [To register](#) – please be sure to provide your full name, email address, organization/municipality, and title.

Membership Engagement

Member Engagement Working Group

We are seeking more members to join our [Member Engagement Working Group](#). This is a member working group under direction of the ASCHA Board, which brings together seniors & community housing owners/operators from within the membership to share information, identify issues, build consensus, and provide recommendations to the ASCHA Board on issues related to membership engagement in the activities of the association. Representatives of member organizations can [contact us](#) to join the Working Group and/or obtain additional information.

2022 Fall Region Meeting Dates

It was great seeing everyone at our last set of Region Meetings! We wanted to update everyone with our revised South and Central dates for Fall 2022, as this will accommodate our members and stakeholders in acknowledgement of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Please mark your calendars as follows: South Region Meeting – Sep. 28; Central Region Meeting – Sep. 29; North Region Meeting – Oct. 3. We cannot wait to see you all there!



Thought Architects

The Art of Translating Policies into Practice Workshops for ASCHA Members Start on Jan. 18

Did you know that when creating a policy, the design process is what truly brings meaning and life to a policy? Take part in these workshops and learn what policies are and why they matter, the alignment between policies and organizational cultures, and how to implement changes in policy in a meaningful and effective way. [For more information](#). As an ASCHA Member you are eligible to receive a 15% discount on this offering. [Contact us](#) to get the discount code prior to registering.

Laura Crawford Scholarship Award

Only 3 weeks are left to submit your applications for the Laura Crawford Scholarship Award. The Scholarship Award of \$1000 is available to the employees of ASCHA Regular Member organizations who are currently enrolled in the [ASCHA/RDP Certificate Programs](#). [For more information about the scholarship award](#).

New Member Welcome

Join us in welcoming [Brentwood Community Development Group](#) as a new ASCHA Regular Member. We are so glad you joined!

Other Communication

Key data on Alberta from CMHC's Social and Affordable Housing Survey - Rental Structures (SAHS-RS)

Information on Alberta from the CMHC's Social and Affordable Housing Survey has been posted on ASCHA Connect for members to view. Click [here](#) to read the posting and to learn more.

The Path: Your Journey Through Indigenous Canada – Indigenous Cultural Awareness Course

The Community Housing Transformation Centre is providing free access to *The Path: Your Journey Through Indigenous Canada*, an Indigenous cultural awareness course for the housing sector that is being offered online. The course was funded by the CMHC and was created to educate people about First Nations, Inuit, and Metis communities/peoples in Canada. Click [here](#) for more information. Registration closes Feb. 1, 2022.

[Employment Opportunities](#)

Submit vacant positions [here](#).