

## In the News

[Sept. 19 declared a provincial day of mourning](#) (Alberta.ca)

[Transforming Alberta's Continuing Care Sector Celebrated at Awards Gala](#) (Edmonton Journal)

[Seniors' debt a growing concern, says Alberta credit counsellor](#) (CBC News)

[Feds' Affordability Plan Includes \\$500 Top-Up For Low-Income Renters](#) (Storeys)

[OPINION: Even as housing plans progress, truly affordable housing is being lost](#) (The Globe and Mail)

[Project helps low-income B.C. seniors, a growing population with health, housing woes](#) (Vancouver Sun)

[Mobile housing units to be set up in Charlottetown parking lot for homeless Islanders](#) (CBC News)

[Aging in New Brunswick: a user's guide for older adults and caregivers](#) (CBC News)

## Resources

[Chartwell Blog](#)

[Casual Legal: Exempting social & affordable housing from municipal taxes](#) – article from Alberta Municipalities

## Upcoming Events

[CORE Alberta Events](#)

## Highlights in This Issue

- ASCHA Board Meeting – audience: all members
- AAG Futures Policy Forum Stakeholder Collaborative Committee Meeting – audience: all continuing care providers
- ASCHA's Fall Region Meetings Registration is Open! – audience: all regular and associate members
- 2022 ASCHA's Education Programs Evaluation Survey – audience: all regular members
- REMINDER: ASCHA is Moving! – audience: all members

*There is other important information about educational opportunities, engagement, and news stories, so be sure to have a read through!*

## Executive Director Tidbits

This week I am excited about attending the Alberta Municipalities Convention and participating in the "Housing for All: Panel Discussion on Affordable and Seniors Housing Priorities." I am looking forward to connecting with elected officials, and hope many of you will reach out for a discussion so I can hear about what is happening in your communities. On the weekend, we will also be moving to a new office after 22 years in the same location. We will make it fun, and will be ready to see you at Region Meetings the following week – we hope you are already registered and your voting authorizations have been submitted!



## PRIORITY DRIVEN PROGRESS

### Advocacy & Public Relations

### Bold Leadership & Sector Reformation

#### ASCHA Board Meeting

The Board of Directors had its first-ever hybrid meeting, and we were pleased to have full attendance on Sep. 16 with Directors joining in-person or virtually. We had an excellent discussion with Lisa Sadownik, Deputy Minister and David Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister from Alberta Seniors and Housing. We discussed the key challenges members are facing and proposed solutions going forward. The 2022 – 2025 Strategic Plan with priorities and outcomes was approved, and the Board is looking forward to sharing them with you at the upcoming Region Meetings.

#### AAG Futures Policy Forum Stakeholder Collaborative Committee Meeting

The Alberta Association on Gerontology (AAG) held this committee meeting on Sep. 12. Corinne Schalm, ADM, Continuing Care, provided an overview of the division's mandate, priorities, and the organizational chart.

Highlights from the meeting include:

- A Workforce Think Tank will be held in partnership with AGNA and other stakeholders, to provide a more in-depth analysis and concrete recommendations on workforce issues.
- A featured discussion was held on the role of educators and educational institutions contributing to, and advocating for, cultural change in the continuing care sector.
  - There is a gap between what HCA/LPN or Recreation Therapy Program students learn at school and what they experience during their practicums.
- HCA programs are currently under-subscribed, despite the bursary program that is available to students. The committee is going to continue discussion on this topic at the next meeting.

## Sept. 20

[IRPP Event: Housing Challenges and the Rural-Urban Divide](#)

**Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Oct. 18, Oct. 31, Nov. 15, Nov. 29**

[A National Conversation: How Should We Support Canadian Family Caregivers](#)  
(Additional Info: [Webinar Series](#) and [Sept. 20 Webinar Info](#))

## Sept. 21

[Lunch and Learn: Alberta Seniors Benefit and Supplementary Accommodation Benefit](#)

## Sept. 21 – 23

[2022 Alberta Municipalities Convention & Trade Show](#)

## Sept. 27

[Growing Older, Growing Smarter: Exploring Technologies and Innovations that Support Older Albertans](#)

## Sept. 27

[Housing on the Hill Day](#)

**ASCHA 2022 Fall Region Meetings**

[Register Here](#)

[Sept. 28 – South Region](#)

[Sept. 29 – Central Region](#)

[Oct. 3 – North Region](#)

## Sept. 29 – 30

[CARF AS 101: Preparing for Successful Accreditation in Aging Services \(Training Flyer\)](#)

## Oct. 3 - 7

[Canadian Academy of Health Sciences' Assessment on Health and Human Resources Virtual Stakeholder Consultations](#)

## Membership Engagement

### In Memory of Sylvia Wold

It is with great sadness that we share that our friend and colleague of many years passed away on Sep. 17. Sylvia was the CAO of Castor and District Housing for many years, and after her retirement, she came back a few years later as a Board Member. She attended our Convention and Trade Show earlier this year as well. She was a member of the Laura Crawford Scholarship Committee, and she continued to contribute to the sector as a volunteer. Sylvia truly cared about people, and we will remember her sense of humour, her courage, her matter-of-fact approach, and the difference she made in the lives of so many people.

### ASCHA's Fall Region Meetings Registration is Open!

CEOs/CAOs, Senior Leaders, and Board Members of your organization are encouraged to register. Associate Members are also invited to attend and participate, but as per our bylaws, do not have voting rights. Our meeting will follow a new format, and we encourage you to open the Agendas and plan your participation accordingly.

### [REGISTER NOW](#)

**SOUTH REGION MEETING:** September 28<sup>th</sup>, Glenmore Inn & Conference Centre, 1000 Glenmore Ct SE, Calgary, AB T2C 2E6 – [AGENDA](#)

**CENTRAL REGION MEETING:** September 29<sup>th</sup>, Nexsource Centre - Sylvan Lake Multiplex, 4823 49 Ave, Sylvan Lake, AB T4S 1M6 – [AGENDA](#)

\*Closest hotel to meeting venue is the Best Western Plus Chateau Inn

**NORTH REGION MEETING:** October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Four Points by Sheraton, 1005 Provincial Ave, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 0Y7 – [AGENDA](#)

### Leduc Regional Housing Foundation Hosts Wine & Cheese Event

With string musicians playing, it was a festive and very fancy evening at Planeview Place in Leduc on Sep. 14. Residents, board members, community guests, and elected officials were seated at the tables and LRHF staff, including the senior leadership team, served everyone in style. The appetizers and deserts were extravagant and tasty, and the conversation and laughter created a wonderful time for everyone who came. Our Executive Director, Irene Martin-Lindsay, was thrilled to attend. Hats off to Margot Hagarty, LRHF Executive Director, and her team for hosting a spectacular event!



### 2022 ASCHA's Education Programs Evaluation Survey

As recommended by ASCHA's Education and Best Practices Working Group, we launched a member survey to evaluate ASCHA's Education Programs, particularly [The Learning Centre's](#) performance, and to identify current education gaps. The most senior Educational Administrator in your organization should answer this survey. Please involve key players (your management team, TLC administrators, educators, etc.) as deemed appropriate, and submit your collective feedback by **Sep. 30**. Click [here](#) to start the survey!

(For session details, refer to the **Updates** dropdown)

**Oct. 4 - 6**

[2022 RhPAP Rural  
Community Conference](#)

**Oct. 13**

[AAG Futures Policy Forum  
Webinar #5: Enhancing  
Community Capacity and  
Transforming Home Care  
and Community Seniors'  
Services](#)

**Oct. 24 – 27**

[APHAA 2022 Fall  
Conference & General  
Meeting](#)

**Nov. 2 – 4**

[CAEH22: Canadian Alliance  
to End Homelessness 2022  
Conference](#)

## ASCHA Dulux/PPG Paint Program

ASCHA is offering Members the highest quality [Dulux/PPG](#) liquid paint coatings at a discounted price to ensure organizations can refurbish resident rooms and communal areas. More information is available, and purchases can be made by setting up a cash or charge account by contacting Brent Anderson at [Brent.Anderson@ppg.com](mailto:Brent.Anderson@ppg.com).

## Other Communication

### REMINDER: ASCHA is Moving!

This is a friendly reminder that ASCHA is moving! Our new office will be located at **9920 – 45 Ave. Edmonton, AB T6E 5J1**. We are extremely excited to offer a more spacious environment for not only the ASCHA Team, but for future meetings with stakeholders, government, members, and community members. We are planning to be operational in our new space on Sep. 26 (pending no disruptions to our move-in schedule). Please bear with us over the next couple of weeks, as we will be very busy organizing and preparing for the move to our new office. Please note that our phone and fax numbers will remain the same, as well as all our teams' email addresses. Also, please note that the ASCHA Website may be offline, from 4:30pm Sept. 23 – 8:00am Sept 26, 2022. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Webinar: Enhancing Community Capacity and Transforming Home Care & Community Seniors Services

**October 13 at 12pm - 1:30pm**

For more information, and to register, click [here](#).

### Federal/Provincial/Territorial Roundtable on Ageism

The Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Seniors Forum is currently undertaking a consultation on the topic of ageism, with the goal of gaining a better understanding in regards to how ageism negatively impacts older adults. If you would like to participate, the Ageism in Canada Questionnaire can be accessed [here](#). In addition, organizations are being encouraged to host group discussions on the issue of ageism – simply fill out the [Statement of Interest Form](#) and submit the completed form by Sept. 30, 2022. For further information about these Ageism Consultations, please click [here](#).

## [Employment Opportunities](#)

Submit vacant positions [here](#).