

# 2025 Pre-Conference

ALBERTA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION  
March 31 – April 1 | Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton AB

## Tuesday, April 1 | Program

### 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM FOAJ Interpreting Legislation (Day 2 of 2)

Included with Day 1 registration

#### Presented by Carol Zukiwski

Room #10

On Day 2 of the legislative interpretation course, build on your skills by diving deeper into analyzing complex legislation. Apply advanced methods for making defensible decisions and enhance your ability to interpret legal texts. Focus on strategic planning for your professional growth and master the intricacies of legislative frameworks.

### 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Farmland

\$400 Member | \$450 Non-Member

#### Presented by Dennis Klem and Sean Cosens

Room #5

This introductory course provides a foundational understanding of farmland assessment in AB, offering a condensed version of the content from the Intermediate Farmland Assessment Online Course (which AAA may revive and offer in the future). Participants will gain basic insights into the principles and practices of farmland assessment, including:

- History and Development: An overview of the 1984 AB Farmland Assessment Manual and its historical significance.
- Qualification Criteria: What defines and qualifies as farmland in Alberta.
- Assessment Factors: Key factors involved in calculating farmland assessments.
- Practical Examples: Examples of farmland assessment calculations to demonstrate real-world application.

This course is designed to equip participants with essential knowledge and prepare them for further exploration of farmland assessment concepts.

### 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Why Assessment Matters: Budget, Property Tax, and Growth

\$275 Member | \$350 Non-Member

#### Presented by Anton Szabo

Room #7

Each year, professionals diligently prepare assessment rolls to reflect market value. While this work is important, indeed vital, to the successful functioning of a municipality, the ultimate aim of an assessment system is the fair and equitable collection of property taxes. This course focuses on how the assessment process links into a municipality's budget process and the tax policy options available to municipal Councils that impact the assessment profession.

### 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM CAMA lot Deep Dive: RFI, Growth, and Software Updates

\$275 Member | \$350 Non-Member

#### Presented by Mike Krim, Thomas Hussey and Kurt Hartman

Room #7

Join us for an in-depth training session focused on two key CAMA lot modules: the RFI module and the Growth module. This course will begin with an overview of the RFI module, covering its setup, use, maintenance, and management, with specific focus on both residential and non-residential RFIs. Next, attendees will explore the Growth module, learning how it works, key considerations, when to override growth, and how to leverage its reporting features.

As time permits, the session may also include demonstrations of additional CAMA lot features, such as tax rates and workgroups, as well as a Q&A segment to address attendee questions. The course will conclude with updates on the CAMA lot software, including recent changes, enhancements, and upcoming features.

### 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Exemptions

\$275 Member | \$350 Non-Member

#### Presented by Brian Jennerich and Stephen Bannerman

Room #8

What is a property tax exemption, and how can we determine if a property is eligible? This session will look at this from the perspective of two different municipalities – Edmonton and St. Albert – and break down the legislation and regulations in simpler terms.