Municipal Affairs

FPEIM Orientation Session

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Hello!

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Overview of Presentation

1. Legislative Framework
2. Purpose and Role of Council
3. Role of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
4. Municipal Affairs' Role
5. Resources and Training
6. Other Support


PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Municipal Government Act (MGA)

- ✓ Primary legislation governing PEI Municipalities
- ✓ Provides authority, requirement to enact bylaws, pass budgets, hold elections, etc.
- ✓ Provides clarity on roles, authority, limits for Mayor, Council, CAO
- ✓ 10 sets of Regulations

Purpose of Council

MGA Section 3

- ✓ Provide good government
- ✓ Provide services and facilities
- ✓ Develop and maintain a safe, viable community
- ✓ Encourage and enable public participation

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Section 93

- Manages operations
- Advises, make recommendations to Council
- Implements Council decision
- Signing authority
- Liaison for public, stakeholders, staff, and external contractors.

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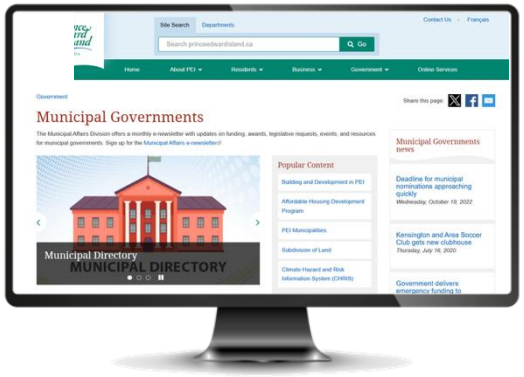
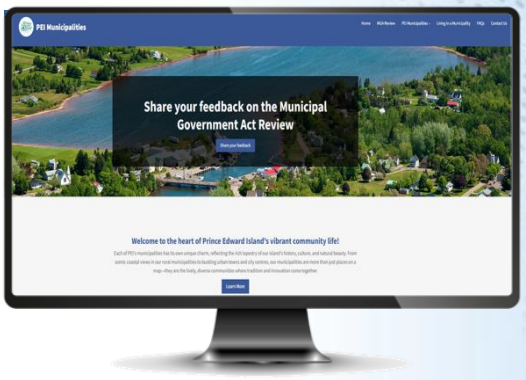
Municipal Governments



PEI Municipal Elections



PEI Municipalities



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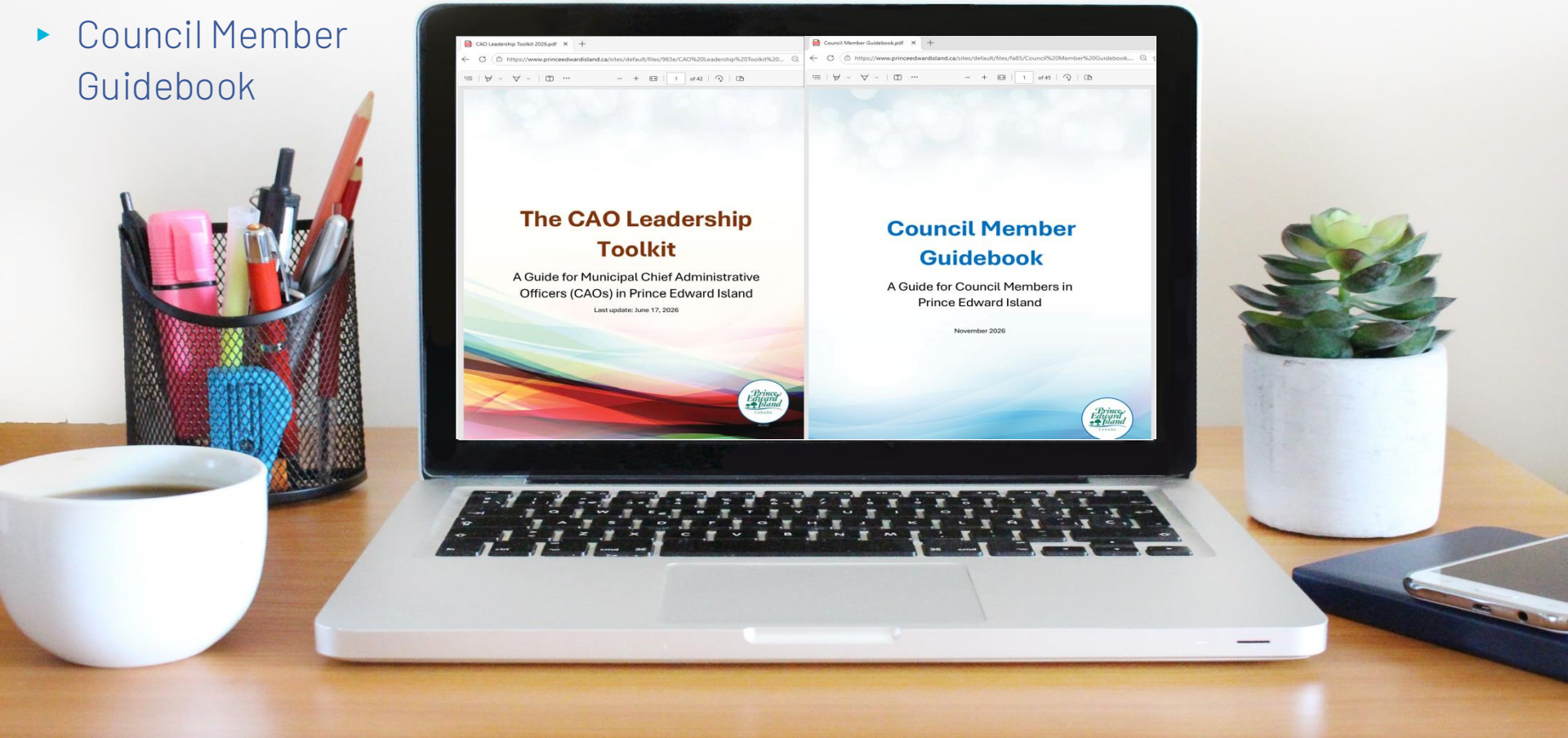
Anchor Documents:

- CAO Handbook
- Council Member Guidebook



MA Resources



Code of Conduct Training for

PEI Municipal Councils



Welcome to the eLearning course on Code of Conduct Training for PEI Municipal Councils.

Select the "Start the Course" button, or the "Next" button, to begin.

START THE COURSE

Prince Edward Island

Council Orientation Sessions

Monday, November 23
Afton Community Hall
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24
Linkletter Community Centre
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.





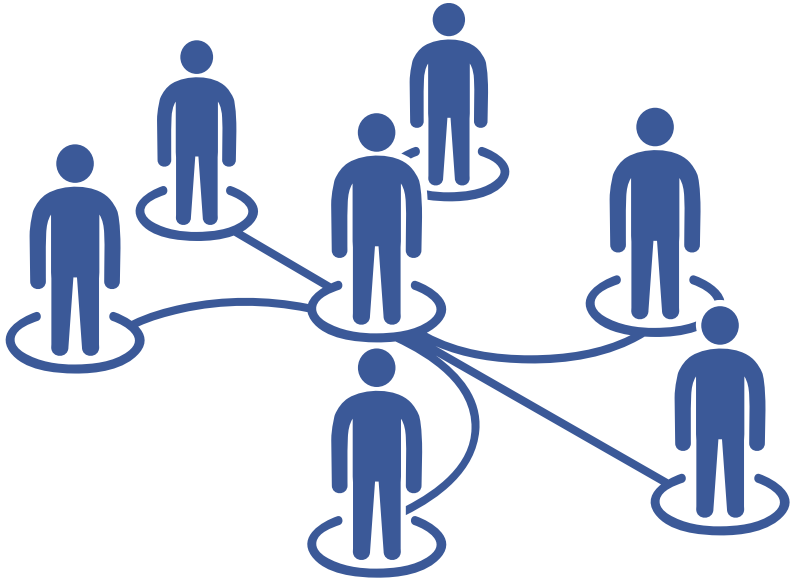
On Request Training Opportunities

Government Support

- The Anti-Racism Office, within PEI's Executive Council Office, works across government to reduce systemic racism, advance equity, and promote inclusion through collaborative policies and measurable progress.
- The Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) is responsible to coordinate and manage emergency management activities. EMO works with municipalities on their municipal emergency management program.
- Department of Land and Environment provides responsible land stewardship based on efficient and sustainable land use planning and protection of the natural and built environment. The department also takes action to safeguard the environment, to protect the province's air, land, and water resources, and to increase resilience to the impacts of climate change.
  - Municipal Planning Staff
  - Water and Wastewater Staff
- Infrastructure Secretariat is a joint initiative between the Government of Canada and the Government of Prince Edward Island. Millions of dollars have been invested in municipalities across the province to support major capital projects.

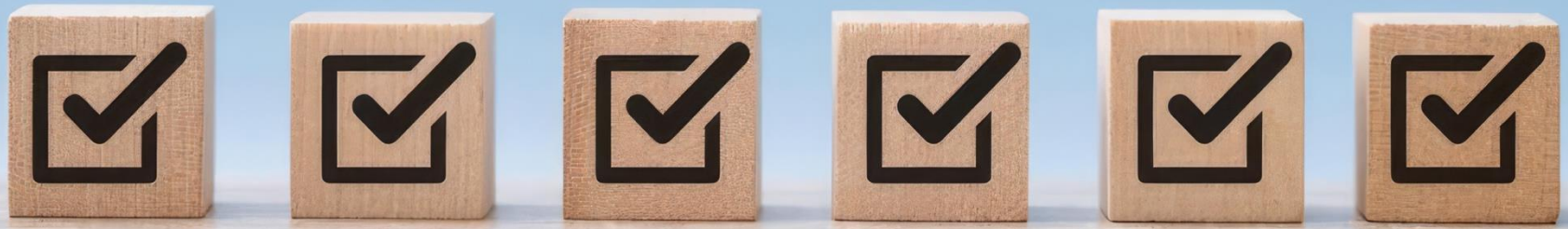
Government Support

- The Rural and Regional Development Division provides funding streams for municipalities that enhance, maintain, or expand access to spaces and services that strengthen rural communities, and helps increase a community's or organization's capacity to support population growth, economic development, and the delivery of services that enhance rural communities.
- The Provincial Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshals work with the PEI Fire Fighters Association to support fire fighters and ensure protection and safety for all Islanders. In Prince Edward Island there are 22 fire departments run by municipalities and 14 departments run by private fire companies.
- And more ...



Other Support

- The Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM)
- The Association of Municipal Administrators of PEI (AMA-PEI) is a valuable network of CAOs that offers professional development, advice, and peer support.
- The Ombudsperson of PEI is independently established by the Legislative Assembly of PEI and helps to ensure fairness and transparency in municipal operations.
- The Coalition for Women's Leadership (CWL) is a non-partisan organization dedicated to advancing women's leadership in the political, civic and democratic life of PEI.



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