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Upcoming Events****[Fall Session and AGM](#)**

Calgary - Sep 21



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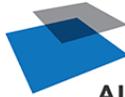
In June of this year, Tecterra redesigned their website to make it simpler for you and other geomatics business innovators to find the Tecterra program or programs that will best serve you, starting from your needs.

At Tecterra.com, you can now start from the "HOW IT WORKS" button on the home page and select from a list of needs with which Tecterra can help.

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Tecterra is the Alberta Geomatics Group Title sponsor and we thank them for their ongoing support of the geomatics community.

ADP Releases Mapping Product Assessment**ALBERTA DATA
PARTNERSHIPS**

Alberta Data Partnerships has released its [Canada and International Mapping Product Review and Assessment](#) assessing practices, funding models, and other specifications with respect to cadastral, titles, and disposition mapping. Derived from a survey of 17 varied jurisdictions, both Canadian and international, the report comments on 37 key components from funding to data specifications and stakeholder engagement. Of note, Alberta was the only Canadian jurisdiction identified which manages and maintains both its Cadastral and Disposition Mapping without government funding.

CRP Prepares for Launch of LocalIntel

In anticipation of the launch of the Calgary Region [LocalIntel](#) site this fall, the [Calgary Regional Partnership](#) GIS Program has been creating regional data layers that will be available on the Calgary Region Open Data site, along with hundreds of other municipal layers. Check out calgaryregionopendata.ca, and stay tuned for the Calgary Region LocalIntel site coming very soon!



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Event Re-Cap: SAIT BGIS Industry Night

Verda Kocabas

The AGG was happy to support the annual SAIT BGIS Industry Night again this past May at the SAIT Campus.

In past years, this event has often been structured to allow companies and community supporters to host students in a tradeshow setting where they could learn about and connect with companies in Alberta employing the skills and knowledge which form the SAIT BGIS program. This year, the SAIT BGIS Club thought it would be best to take the opportunity to showcase the BGIS students and the work they are capable of. Students paid admission to host industry attendees free of charge and present their project posters demonstrating some of the skills developed through their SAIT studies.



Industry attendance was strong and engaged and the SAIT BGIS Club received support from [ESRI Canada](#) and [Maptown](#), both generous community supporters, in addition to AGG and [SAIT Students' Association](#), and [SAIT School of Construction](#).

On behalf of AGG and SAIT BGIS Club, I would like to thank all of the students, industry attendees, and supporters and sponsors of this event.

Event Re-Cap: Speaker Series: RME Geomatics

Scott McHale

In June, our first Speaker Series event was hosted by [RME Geomatics](#) who provided food & drink at Brewsters and gave a brief presentation on the RME history and its current services and offerings. The presentation was very well received by our room of 20 or so attendees. Even better was the opportunity for us to chat with the RME folks – some from as far away as Ottawa – on the technical side of their innovations in drone and aerial sensing technologies. Thanks to Chris Polowick, Ben Vallieres, and Jesse Avery, all of RME Geomatics, for their attendance in addition to presenter Peter Sydoruk, also part of RME and a member of the AGG board.



The very engaging presentation and Q&A led to many lively discussions on industry and technology and a great opportunity for connecting community members from all around the industry.

We'd like to thank RME Geomatics again for their support and engagement. [Contact the AGG](#) to talk about hosting your own Speaker Series event.

AGG Open: Create Opportunity

Scott McHale

Our 2016 Annual General Meeting included a panel discussion on how geomatics students and professionals could position themselves for job opportunities in a market experiencing a significant downturn.

Conversation then, and since, has highlighted the need for opportunities to grow, test, and demonstrate geomatics skills for people who might not have found work in geomatics or whose current work isn't offering those opportunities.

At this year's AGM - [Thursday, September 21 at SAIT MacDonald Hall](#) - we will take a few moments to introduce you to our **AGG Open** initiative.

Spearheaded by our inaugural leadership team and directed by the Alberta Geomatics Group board, the AGG Open is a clearinghouse for GIS learning, real-world projects, and open data sources and challenges from within the Alberta Geomatics community.

Our inaugural leadership team consists of committed volunteers who have contributed their time and effort to creating and growing a catalog of simple open-source development lessons and administering our GitHub repository. That team consists of:

- **James Banting**, M.Sc. Geography, President, Delta Geomatics.
- **Hassaan Rafique**, Fortis, BC.
- **GK Sra**, SAIT BGIS practicum student.

We will begin simply by including some very basic open-source web-map development lessons along with links to open data sources, other educational resources, and real-world projects which can benefit from community engagement. The web-map lessons will be linked to our GitHub code repository allowing folks to build upon that code-base as they develop new skills and ideas for development.

Our next steps will include working with industry and community to cultivate projects - we believe we have our first - on which many community members can contribute as well as developing events and routines for connecting participants and projects and communicating results.

Please [register for our AGM](#) and learn more about how you can get involved with this exciting initiative.

In the meantime, I would like to thank James, Hassaan, and GK for devoting their time and skills in getting this initiative up and running. We look forward seeing this develop further.

Featured Events

2017 Fall Session & AGM

September 21, 10am - 2pm

SAIT - MacDonald Hall (1301 16 Ave NW, Calgary)

Join us for coffee and lunch and 4 great speakers in addition to our brief AGM, held over lunch, during which we will speak to the past year and future initiatives of the AGG.

Our keynote speaker:

- Alonzo de la Cruz, of Suncor: "The Complexities of Geomatics at Suncor".

In addition to Alonzo, we have:

- Matt Wirzba, of Planet: "SPOT Streaming Imagery Service for Western Canada";
- Sue Carr, of PPDM Association: "PPDM and Spatial Data"; and
- Josh Goertzen, of IHS Markit: "Maps That Fit Their Purpose".

[Register Today!](#)



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Events from Around

If you have geomatics events you would like the AGG to publicize, let us know by [emailing us](#). You can also post your own geomatics events on the Community Calendar at [GeoAlliance Canada!](#)

[MGUG 2017 Fall Conference:](#)

October 23, Winnipeg

[GIS-Pro 2017: URISA's 55th Annual Conference for GIS Professionals](#)

Oct 23-26, 2017, Jacksonville Fla.



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