



## November CRE Membership Update

Greetings to all our CRE members!

New COVID-19 regulations came in to place from the Alberta Government on November 24, 2020. CRE is a conference/event center in an enhanced zone, which means all facilities are closed to the public. For the full press release please use the link:

<https://cre.ab.ca/blog/2020/11/25/camrose-regional-exhibition-cre-covid-19-update-november-2020/>

At the beginning of November CRE staff went down to Red Deer to help with registration at the Thanks For Farming Tour. This tour was a great opportunity to talk with industry leaders and event experts. This event was put on with all precautions taken to keep guests, exhibitors, and staff safe. CRE was delighted to assist with registrations and to be a part of making safe events happen.

We were able to host one cattle sale before the restrictions were put in place. Once again taking every precaution possible to keep our guests and community safe. Measures included masks, temperature checks, contact tracing waivers, socially distanced seating and more. The health and safety of exhibitors and animals that go through our facility will always remain a top priority. Unfortunately, with the shut down, a few of our booked cattle sales were not able to go ahead on site at CRE. We will continue to advocate to the government for the allowance of agriculture activities such as cattle sales to go ahead.

The CRE Holiday Event did not go forward this season but we were excited to host a virtual Teddy Bear Disco on November 27<sup>th</sup>. CRE gave away over \$300 in prizes to the 35 families that participated! The holiday event in 2022 will be the CRE Holiday Hoe-down. CRE will bring back favorite activities such as the community performance stage, cookie decorating, crafts, and Teddy Bear Disco.

This year in place of the staple BULL-NANZA raffle that is held at Canadian Bull Congress, CRE is running a MEAT-NANZA raffle. We chose to do a MEAT-NANZA because it would appeal to a wider audience and we wanted to keep something going during Canadian Bull Congress week. The amazing prizes are sure to fill your freezer! With this raffle CRE was able to support local producers and businesses and it will raise funds for future operations at CRE.

<https://cre.ab.ca/events/meat-nanza-prize-raffle/>

CRE is holding the Annual General Meeting on January 6th at 7PM. At this point we are planning on conducting the meeting in person at CRE in Hirsch Hall. Masks will be required, and social distancing protocols will be followed. We will contact you if any changes are made to the meeting. At this AGM updated CRE bylaws are up for approval. We also have new changes and benefits coming to our membership model! These are changes that directly affect you as members and we recommend joining us for this AGM.

Thank you for sticking with the CRE through this tough year. We appreciate all of our members. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact CRE directly via phone 780-672-3640 or via email at [cre@cre.ab.ca](mailto:cre@cre.ab.ca). Thank you for being part of the CRE Membership!