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As 2020 is coming to a close, the Calgary Region Airshed Zone would like to ask you for your membership and commitment to air quality in our region.

We are very excited to announce 3 new initiatives for CRAZ municipal members in 2021:

- ❖ A new initiative with Environment Canada (ECCC) that will help CRAZ deliver new Purple Air Sensors to our member municipalities. The data collected will assist municipalities in decision making during air quality events. The sensors will be collecting Particulate Matter<sub>2.5</sub> and this data will be available online for the municipality to view.
- ❖ The Municipal Air Quality Management Toolkit will be available in 2021 for all municipal members of CRAZ. The Toolkit has been designed to help municipalities develop municipal air quality management plans and take action to improve local ambient air quality in alignment with Clearing the Air: Alberta's Renewed Clean Air Strategy (CAS), the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan, 2014-2024 (SSRP), the SSRP Air Quality Management Framework, and the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS).
- ❖ A working group has been created with CRAZ multi-stakeholders and they are creating a new Wildfire Smoke and Health Toolkit. This Toolkit will guide municipalities on how to prepare, communicate and educate citizens in their region about the health effects of smoke due to wildfires. This toolkit is being developed and will be available free of charge to CRAZ members in 2021.
- ❖ The Portable Air Monitoring Lab (PAML) is deployed on a four-year monitoring operation. PAML is currently located in the City of Chestermere and will be completing monitoring in Aldersyde, and Canmore in 2021/2022. [PAML Deployment](#)

Being a CRAZ member, you help lead our path in creating a vision to have great air quality in our region. This allows us to react and prepare to Provincial and Federal government guidelines, educate the public in your region and be your air quality specialists.

CRAZ requires municipal membership fees to continue to undertake the work we do on your behalf. Your municipal membership and support are important for CRAZ to continue to operate. To learn more about CRAZ and membership please visit us [www.craz/membership](http://www.craz/membership)

Sincerely,

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*Attached: Purple Air Project Information Sheet*