

Racist banner against Indigenous people near Spruce Grove labelled “hate crime” by many

A roadside banner on private property along Highway 779 north of Spruce Grove is being investigated by RCMP after people complained to Morinville RCMP. (See commentary on this news on Page 2 Ponderings column.)

A photo of the sign was posted on Facebook during Heritage Days weekend and quickly generated condemnation and negative comments from many that it should be immediately taken down and someone should be held responsible for the racist message on it.

On Facebook it is reported that one man was so outraged by the banner that he drove to the property and “ripped it down.”

The Fever’s Indigenous Perspective columnist has this view on the matter:

By Cherry Nyx

This is not simply criticism of government policy or disagreement over Indigenous rights. It is a statement directed at an entire group of people based solely on their ethnicity.

It dismisses the contributions of every First Nations person and reduces millions of individual lives, histories, and achievements to a racist stereotype.

Indigenous people have served in Canada’s Armed Forces, built businesses, worked in every profession imaginable, cared for their families and communities, and continue to contribute to Alberta and Canada every day.

Thousands are doctors, nurses, teachers, tradespeople, police officers, firefighters, entrepreneurs, artists, scientists, and public servants. To claim or even suggest they have not contributed to Alberta is demonstrably false.

More importantly, signs like this have consequences.

When a message publicly targets an entire ethnic group as worthless or unwelcome, it contributes to an environment where prejudice becomes normalized. Indigenous people already experience higher rates of discrimination and are disproportionately affected by hate incidents and violence.

Public displays that single out Indigenous people or any ethnic group in a negative way, reinforce division rather than encouraging respectful debate and community building.

Canadians have every right to disagree about public policy, reconciliation terms, resource development, or the future of Alberta. Those conversations are part of a healthy democracy.

But attacking an entire people because of their ancestry crosses a different line.

Criticizing ideas is one thing. Vilifying an ethnic group is another. Regardless of where anyone stands politically, racism should never become an acceptable form of public expression.

We can debate policies. We can challenge governments. We can disagree passionately.

But no Albertan should have to drive past a sign telling them they are worthless because they are Indigenous.



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This is stormchaser Twista Hunterz on Highway 16 west of Edmonton. The photo is from his video taken July 25 when he is excited about a tornado forming. You can find him on Facebook.

THE FEVER'S SUMMER HOLIDAY

The Fever will be taking its second weekly summer holiday from August 9 to August 16.

NO PAPER ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Regular publication resumes Thursday, August 20.

We wish all our valued readers a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday!

Publisher's Ponderings – *Miscellaneous Notes*

• The front page story about the banner that is clearly racist in its message, should not only be investigated by the RCMP, but also the provincial government. Besides the nasty words of the message, the only other thing on the banner is the official Alberta Government emblem. So should we all assume that the Alberta Government endorses that message? And how many separatist signs, freedom fighters protest material and public material put out by other extremists carry official Alberta Government symbols? One might ask should the government itself be using its own official symbols (and money) on what seems to be pushing for goals it wants (powerful oil/gas industry which contributes much money



By the way, a simple internet search about the use of official provincial, territorial, and federal government on controversial topics reads like this for Alberta: "Using official Alberta government insignia like the Coat of Arms on hate messages is strictly restricted under the Emblems of Alberta Act. Unauthorized use of official armorial bearings is prohibited, and pairing provincial identity with discriminatory or hateful public notices violates the Alberta Human Rights Act when intended to expose groups to hatred or contempt." So the Alberta Government should act on this immediately or else face the consequences of being accused of supporting racism against Indigenous people.

There is also the matter that in recent times the Chiefs of Treaties 6, 7 and 8 have not been happy with lots of actions and policy decisions made by the UCP government which they say threaten treaty rights, and have launched lawsuits over these matters. Same with some individual bands not being fearful of using the courts to settle controversial matters involving the provincial government.

And for the person or persons who created the banner, maybe the Indigenous people should launch a defamation action against them?

But the best thing for Alberta would be for all parties and ethnic populations to settle their differences, respect each other, wipe out hatred and racism, and figure out a way to have truly democratic ways to improve all sectors of Alberta society from the most vulnerable to the most well-off.

• Sad news Tuesday evening for the media world and Canadians who grew up watching a certain newscaster, and older people who developed love and trust for a unique newscaster. Lloyd Robertson, former CTV News chief anchor for 35 years, has died at the age of 92.

Robertson's career spanned a lot of historical events like the falling of the Berlin Wall, and 9/11. He started broadcasting in 1952 and made at an Ontario radio station and then moved up to CBC in 1956 and gained national attention until CTV hired him in 1976. In 1984 he took over top spot as anchor and senior news editor until 2011.



• So many countries around the world are now dealing with their worse-ever wildfires and extreme heat events. The natural disaster activities like floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes/typhoons, droughts, wind-storms seem to be increasing and/or more severe. It is hard not to be thinking that the human population may soon be wiping itself out by continuing its lack of serious collective efforts to battle climate change.

Asked AI several times the question of how humans will be wiped out

and the most frequent answer it gives: Something from space will hit earth and either break it apart that all forms of life could disappear or reduce the population of humans, animals, vegetation that the humans left will have a hard if not impossible task of ever getting earth back to what it has been.

• So the loudmouth south of us, can complain about Canadians not doing enough about their wildfires, what is he doing about the wildfires in his own country? Is he sending help to the the west coast states - California, Oregon and Washington? What did he do for California with all its major fires, particularly Los Angeles' big one and right now Spokane is in serious trouble?

Well, probably not enough because those states don't vote for him and let a lot of their citizens protest against him. And here's what everyone should know Canada, according to Google's AI sources and other independent sources:: Canada has the most forest land with 245 million hectares while the United States has 212.5 million hectares.

• Although it has much more forest land than the U.S.A., Canada only has between 7,000 to 8,000 wildfires in the average year while according to the American National Interagency Fire Center, the U.S.A., currently led by a clown, has an average 63,400 wildland fires annually.



First Nations are building towards renewable energy future

By Cherry Nyg

For generations, Indigenous peoples have cared for the lands and waters that now make up Alberta.

Today, many First Nations are combining that traditional stewardship with modern technology

by investing in renewable energy projects that create jobs, reduce energy costs and generate long term economic opportunities.

These projects are about far more than producing electricity. They are about self determination.

Across Alberta, and in

may other parts of Turtle Island, First Nations are becoming owners, investors and partners in solar energy developments.

Through support from Indigenous organizations, governments and private partnerships, communities are building renewable energy systems that provide lasting benefits while reducing dependence on outside energy sources.

One example is the Lubicon Lake Band, which has developed one of Alberta's largest Indigenous owned solar projects.

The project helps lower energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and creates employment opportunities within the community.

It also demonstrates that Indigenous communities are leading innovation rather than simply participating in it.

The Alexander First Nation has also embraced renewable energy by investing in solar power as part of its broader economic development strategy.

These initiatives help diversify local economies while creating skilled employment for community members.

In northern Alberta, Wabasca was an early adopter of solar technology for its swimming pool and fitness centre which was built by the MD of Opportunity.

While obviously smaller than commercial solar farms supplying established electrical grids, the acceptance of solar in recreational buildings, businesses large and small, and homes are all showing how fast renewable sour-

B.C. fires out of control: thousands evacuated; 230 homes destroyed in one community

Over the last weekend, strong winds pushed an out of control wildfire into the Okanagan Indian Band's land near Vernon, destroying 30 homes of band members and an estimated 200 more residences near or inside the outskirts of the City of Vernon.

Some of the winds were gusting to 115 kilometres per hour.

Aircraft dumping water appeared to have saved a new band school which is also attended by students living in nearby communities, a daycare centre and a powwow arbour.

At the beginning of this week, an estimate 8,000 people are evacuated under the provisions of 37 evacuation orders.

As of Tuesday night, B.C. wildfire dashboard was reporting that there were 116 active fires burning bring the number of fires since April 1 the start of fire season to 875 fire which had covered 313,557 hectares which is far behind the totals for the last three years: 2025 - 886,410; 2024 - 1,081,159; and record year 2023 - 2,896,204.

The 20-year average for wildfire damage in the western province is 521,962 hectares.

On Tuesday, wildfire authorities were expecting warmer temperatures and high winds to worsen the situation.

ces for energy is being accepted.

Back on Indigenous people getting more and more involved, too, these examples challenge outdated stereotypes that suggest Indigenous communities are resistant to development or economic growth.

The reality is that many First Nations are helping shape Alberta's energy future by combining envi-

ronmental responsibility with sound business planning.

Renewable energy is not a solution to every challenge facing Indigenous communities.

Housing, health care and education continue to require significant investment. Renewable energy projects provide an opportunity to generate revenue, strengthen local economies.

BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) GENERALIST

One (1) Full Time (Permanent)
Monday to Friday - 7 hours/day
Wabasca, Alberta



Bigstone Health Commission is seeking a highly motivated, and dependable Information Technology (IT) Generalist to join our talented Health Team. We are seeking a motivated and versatile IT Generalist to support day-to-day IT operations across helpdesk, systems, networking, and cybersecurity. This role is ideal for someone who is eager to gain hands-on experience across multiple domains, with opportunities to actively work across helpdesk support, infrastructure, and security functions while building a well-rounded technical skill set.

This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for First Nation culture, a desire for continuing professional development, and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide first-level technical support for hardware, software, and network issues
- Troubleshoot desktops, laptops, printers, and peripherals
- Manage support tickets and document resolutions
- Assist with account setup and password resets
- Support Microsoft 365 applications
- Assist maintaining Windows servers
- Perform updates, patching, and backups
- Support Active Directory and permissions
- Assist virtualization environment
- Maintain LAN, WAN, and Wi-Fi networks
- Troubleshoot connectivity issues
- Assist DNS, DHCP, and IP configurations
- Monitor network performance and monitor system performance
- Support endpoint protection and patching
- Assist with access control
- Monitor logs and alerts
- Maintain IT inventory and assist device deployment

Education and Experience:

- Post-secondary education (Certificate or Diploma) in Information Technology and/or equivalent.
- Previous Information Technology experience
- Valid Class 5 Driver's license

Benefits:

- Competitive Salary
- Paid Annual Vacation Leave
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Salary is dependent on qualifications.

Please forward your Cover Letter, Resume (including 3 work related references), & Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check & Child & Youth Intervention Check (should be current within the last 6 months) to the:

Human Resources Department

PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: hhresumes@bigstonehealth.ca

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday August 19, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

POSTED: August 5, 2026

*Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest in our organization, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Join a team committed to supporting the health and well-being of Bigstone Cree Nation members.

The Fever will be back
from holidays soon
and new features are
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Next issue will
appear on August 20!



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SUNDAY AUGUST 2	MONDAY AUGUST 3	TUESDAY AUGUST 4	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5	THURSDAY AUGUST 6	FRIDAY AUGUST 7	SATURDAY AUGUST 8
Arrival & Registration	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Camp Set Up & Orientation	Pipe Ceremony & Opening	Land Based Learning	Wellness & Healing Activities	Fishing Derby Begins	Traditional Workshops & Skills	Cultural Activities
Wellness & Community Connection	Cultural Teachings	Cultural Teachings	Arts & Crafts Workshops	Cultural Activities	Water Front Activities	TREATY 8 URBAN CHILDREN & YOUTH SESSIONS
Site Tours & Safety	Traditional Workshops	Traditional Skills & Workshops	Youth & Family Programming	TREATY 8 URBAN CHILDREN & YOUTH SESSIONS	TREATY 8 URBAN CHILDREN & YOUTH SESSIONS	Private Door 81 & 82
Community Support	Family Activities	Family Activities	Community Support	Community Support	Community Support	Closing Ceremony & Reflections
Evening Social (Open Mkt/ Kermis)	Community Supper	Community Supper	Community Supper	Community Supper	Community Supper	Firewood & Safe Storage
Ad Meeting	Evening Campfire	Evening Campfire	Evening Campfire	Evening Campfire	Evening Campfire	

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Employment Opportunity

PHARMACY ASSISTANT

Permanent Full-Time
 Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Pharmacy Ltd is seeking an experienced, highly motivated, and dependable Pharmacy Assistant to join our talented Health Team for the Bigstone communities in which we serve in Wabasca, Calling Lake, and Chipewyan Lake. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for First Nation culture, a desire for continuing professional development and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform the technical component of dispensing including filling medication orders and filling prescriptions
- Retrieving, counting pouring, weighing, measuring medication as directed by the Pharmacist
- Invoicing prescription drug orders
- Provide immediate service to customers at the prescription counter
- Maintain proper drug storage and security
- Prepare, package and label prescription medications
- Maintain prescription and inventory record keeping systems
- Place and receive orders for stock to maintain inventory
- Accept payment for prescriptions
- Merchandising
- Other duties as required

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Must be prepared to work irregular hours
- Good organizational skills, make sound decisions and act quickly in critical circumstances
- Good knowledge of office procedures, data collection and reporting
- Be extremely observant to detail and accuracy.
- Must be able to work in a diverse environment
- Good written and oral communication skills
- Must be a team player and able to work with minimal supervision
- Maintain confidentiality in accordance with Bigstone Pharmacy Ltd policy
- Ability to speak Cree is an asset

Education and Experience:

- Grade 12 Diploma
- Pharmacy Assistant experience is an asset
- Excellent computer skills
- Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Willing to take further training

Benefits:

- ✓ Competitive Salary
- ✓ Training Provided
- ✓ Employer Matching Pension Plan
- ✓ Extended Health, Dental & Vision Plan
- ✓ Paid Vacation & Sick Time

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

Please forward your Cover Letter, Resume (including 3 work related references), Criminal Record Check & Vulnerable Sector Check to our:

Human Resources Department

PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca

CLOSING DATE: Until a Suitable Candidate is found.

POSTED: July 29, 2026

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Vision: To revive, strengthen and protect members' treaty rights to health and to enhance the quality of life of members and others living on Bigstone Traditional lands.

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Province changes automotive fluid recycling fee

Alberta Government News Release

Starting in August, Alberta's government is shifting the recycling of automotive fluid containers from the Hazardous and Special Products program to the long-established used oil recycling program.

This will lower the eco fees paid to manage these products at end of life, while still achieving our recycling goals – lower costs for the same results. This will allow more automotive fluid containers to be properly collected and recycled instead of being sent to landfill.

“Adam Thatcher spoke up after paying too much at Walmart, and I want to thank him for raising the concern. Albertans should not be hit with runaway recycling fees at the till. We looked into the issue, reviewed the options and took action to find a better way to recycle these containers for less. We can protect the environment and keep costs low, and that is exactly what we are doing.”

Grant Hunter,
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

In October 2025, Alberta worked with the organization responsible for these products to reduce the fee on windshield washer fluid containers of up to four litres from \$2.20 to

\$0.60.

Despite that direction, Calgary resident Adam Thatcher was charged \$2.20 on a \$4.98 jug at Walmart. After he raised the issue with a local media outlet, Alberta's government contacted the organization to determine why the lower fee had not been applied and launched a broader review.

“Alberta has long been a leader in effective, innovative recycling solutions. Expanding the Used Oil Recycling Program to include additional materials reflects the province's evolving marketplace and will keep valuable resources out of landfills while strengthening Alberta's circular economy.

Ed Gugenheimer,
Chief Executive Officer,
Alberta Recycling Management Authority

That review found the products could be managed through an established stewardship program at a significantly lower cost.

The recycling fee for windshield washer fluid containers will drop to \$0.12 per litre of container capacity.

For a four-litre jug, that means a fee of \$0.48 instead of the \$2.20 charge that prompted public concern. Recycling is not one-size-fits-all.

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Alberta



DASH FOR DIALYSIS RELAY RUN

SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2026

CALL OUT FOR COMMUNITY CHAMPION NOMINATIONS

We are inviting community members to help us recognize our Community Champions at this year's Dash for Dialysis Relay Run.

A Community Champion is someone who has battled kidney disease, is currently living with kidney disease, or has demonstrated outstanding support and advocacy for individuals and families affected by kidney disease.

Former Community Champions are welcome to participate.

To submit a nomination, please provide:

- The nominee's name
- Their phone number
- A brief testimonial explaining why you are nominating them

Nomination Deadline: Wednesday August 26, 2026

For more information or to submit a nomination, please contact:

Taylor Courtorielle

Phone: 780-891-2000

Email: taylor.courtiorielle@bigstonehealth.ca



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FOUR RELAY TEAMS HAVE SO FAR ENTERED Gather up your team, register, start training!

Michael Ancheta of the Relay Committee says four teams have officially entered. They are and their members are from: **Kidney Warriors** - participants coming from Leduc, GP, Colinton, Edmonton; **Calling Lake, Goodfare**; **Wabasca BHC Frontliner** - participants coming from Wabasca and Edmonton; **Team Eileen** - participants coming from Wabasca; **Team Shirley/Gladys** - participants coming from Calling Lake, Edmonton.



BIGSTONE CREE NATION TREATY DAY AGENDA

August 12, 2026



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026



9:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST Calling Lake Complex <i>Sponsored by the M.D. of Opportunity #17</i>
10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	ANNUITY PAYMENTS START Annuity Payments for BCN Members only at The Finance Department Tent
11:00 A.M.	PARADE Starting at the M.D. Arena Parking Lot and Ending at the Treaty Day Grounds Please see individual poster for details
12:00 P.M.	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS – Bigstone Cree Nation Chief & Council
12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	FREE LUNCH PROVIDED ON TREATY DAY GROUNDS VENDORS ARE WELCOME AT NO CHARGE (Must register by August 11, 2026 Please call Linda Johnson 780-331-3174) BIGSTONE CREE NATION DEPARTMENTS ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	CHILDREN'S MIDWAY – FREE RIDES
5:30 P.M.	FREE SUPPER: At the M.D. Recreation Center Entrainment to follow and Door Prizes
6:30 P.M.	HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT (18+ CO-ED) at The Calling Lake M.D. Recreation Center Grounds
11:00 P.M.	FIRE WORKS at the M.D. Cultural Grounds Across the Ball Diamonds

*ON behalf of The Bigstone Cree Nation Chief and Council
and all the staff we extend a welcome to everyone to join us in celebration.*

For more information call Linda Johnson at the
BCN Administration Office 780-331-3174

**LIMITED SEATING AND SHELTER AT THE TREATY DAY GROUNDS
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR AND UMBRELLA.**



Bigstone Cree Nation Treaty Days 2026
EVENT SCHEDULE
DAY ONE

➡ THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 2026 ➡ 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM

- 8:00 AM** PIPE CEREMONY– Tipi Village
- 9:00 AM** BREAKFAST – George D. Auger Memorial Hall
- 10:00 AM** ANNUITY PAYMENTS START – Finance Department Tent
- 10:00 AM** PROMO ITEMS START
- 10:00 AM** PARADE JUDGING – Information Booth
- 10:30 AM** PARADE – Starting at Information Booth, Ending at Lakeview Sports Center
- 12:00 PM** LUNCH – Treaty Day Grounds
- 12:00 PM** TIPI VILLAGE – Treaty Day Grounds
 - Treaty Teachings
- 1:00 PM** OPENING CEREMONY SONG
 - Comments by Chief & Council
- 1:00 PM** EVENTS BEGIN – Free Registrations for All Events (See Page 3)
****EVERYONE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE****
 - Prize Payments will be received and released by host of at each event – Managers will have Emcee announce the winners
 - Security On Site
 - Muster Point Tent
 - EMS On Site
- 2:00 PM** TUG OF WAR – In Front of Stage
- 3:00 PM** JIGGING CONTEST – On Stage
- 3:00 PM** SUPPER – BBQ – Tent Set Up
- 4:30 PM** ANNUITY PAYMENTS END
- 8:00 PM** ENTERTAINMENT

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR AND UMBRELLAS
SCHEDULE AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Transportation to and from Treaty Day grounds will be provided at pick up points.



Bigstone Cree Nation Treaty Days 2026
EVENT SCHEDULE
DAY TWO

➡ FRIDAY AUGUST 14, 2026 ➡ 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

- 9:00 AM** BREAKFAST – George D. Auger Memorial Hall
- 10:00 AM** TIPI VILLAGE
- 12:00 PM** LUNCH – Treaty Day Grounds
- 12:00 PM** ANNUITY PAYMENTS START – Finance Department Tent
- 1:00 PM** ENTERTAINMENT
- 1:00 PM** EVENTS BEGIN (SEE PAGE 3) ****EVERYONE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE****
- 4:30 PM** ANNUITY PAYMENTS END
- 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM** FIDDLE MUSIC & DANCE – Zach Willier
- 6:00 PM** SUPPER – BBQ – Tent
- 8:00 PM** TEE PEE VILLAGE – Cultural Display Area Closed
- 8:00 PM** GLOWSTICK HANDOUT – Bigstone Lot 25 Corp Tent
- 9:00 PM** CLOSING SONG
 - Local Drummers
 - Comments from the Chief
- 11:00 PM** FIREWORKS – Behind Old RCMP Detachment

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Bigstone Cree Nation Treaty Days 2026
EVENTS LIST

WAIVERS MUST BE SIGNED PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING
EVENTS & REGISTRATIONS BEGIN AT 1:00 PM BOTH DAYS
PRIZES WILL BE RECEIVED AND RELEASED BY HOST OF EACH EVENT
AT EACH EVENT

THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 2026	FRIDAY AUGUST 14, 2026
Bouncy Houses – CFS/Daycare	Bouncy Houses – CFS/Daycare
Midway 1 PM – 6 PM	Midway 1 PM – 6 PM
Children Games 1 PM – 6 PM	Children Games 1 PM – 6 PM
Youth Games 1 PM – 6 PM	Youth Games 1 PM – 6 PM
Women’s Horseshoes – Lot 25	Men’s Horseshoes – Lot 25
Strongman/Women Competition – Lands Department	Strongman/Women Competition – Lands Department
Hand Games – BCNEA	Hand Games – BCNEA
Paintball Moose Shoot – BCW	Paintball Moose Shoot – BCW
Corn Hole – Youth Department	Corn Hole – Youth Department
Crib – BOSS	Crib – BOSS
Target Shoot – OHA	Target Shoot – OHA
Nail Pounding – OHA	Nail Pounding – OHA
Log Saw Competition – OHA	Log Saw Competition – OHA
Tug of War	Plank Race
Bigfoot Relay – Social Services	
Jigging – Bigstone Justice and Public Safety	
Amazing Race – Bigstone Health Commission	

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THE FEVER CELEBRATES TREATY DAYS

Warm wishes to all Bigstone Cree Nation Members for joyful and memorable Treaty Day celebrations.



Bigstone Cree Nation Treaty Days 2026

CHIPEWYAN LAKE EVENT SCHEDULE

Monday August 10, 2026

1:00 PM

ANNUITY PAYMENTS START (Finance Department)

- Administration Grounds

1:00 PM

PROMO ITEMS START (Admin Department) Finance Area

- Raven & Lee John, 100 items

10:00 PM

LUNCH – Treaty Day Grounds –Taco Bag – Neepinise individual

1:00 PM

TREATY TEACHINGS

1:00 PM

OPENING COMMENTS CHIEF AND COUNCIL

1:00 PM

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Free registrations for all events ****EVERYONE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE**
2. Prize Payments will be received and released by host of at each event
 - Managers – Host Event share with Emcee
3. EMS on site – Sponsored By BOSS

1:00 PM

EVENTS (START TIME TO BE DETERMINED OF HOST)

- Plank Race Host ISETS
- Corn Hole – Host Culture and Recreation
- Door prizes, Candy all day
- Nail pounding/Target shoot/ Log Saw Host Housing
- Strongman/Women/youth Competition Host Land and Resources Moose shoot – Host Health Commission
- Glow sticks – Bigstone Health Holdings
- Treaty Teachings – Nation
- Cash prizes – Nation
- Ring toss – Social Services

3:00 PM

ANNUITY PAYMENTS CLOSE

3:00 PM

EVENTS START TIME – PART 2

- Cornhole Tournament Balloon Toss.
- Kids games
- Youth games
- Elder events
- Horseshoe Tournament (Subject to Change)

6:00 PM

SUPPER

- Door Prizes, Cash Door Prizes & Draws will be given out before supper

10:00 PM

FIREWORKS



OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR AUGUST 17, 2026 IN LIEU OF BCN NON-STAT HOLIDAY

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Supplement of News, Employment Ads
and Classified Ads for Readers of *The Fever*

The FEVER

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Menonite School supervisor charged with assault with weapon

As a result of an investigation that began May 20, 2026, Fort Vermilion RCMP announced on August 4 that a 37-year-old female from Cleardale, Alberta was being criminally charged for assault with a weapon as a result of her physically disciplining with a belt a child at a private school.

A parent had contacted the police about their child being disciplined and bruising and red marks were observed “across his thigh.”

A search warrant was issued and RCMP “seized a machine belt, as well as related documentation.”

According to a RCMP release, “Investigation also revealed that the practice of physically disciplining students with the ‘strap’ was being used in the Blumenort Menonite School, Wilson Prairie Menonite School and Tompkins Menonite School, as per their collective constitution, which has been given to, and signed by, the parents.

“RCMP were also made aware that the educators of these schools are not accredited teachers and are considered adults supervising children.”

“We want the public to understand that these forms of corporal punishments are criminal offences and will be treated as such,” said Cpl. Scott Coleman of Western Alberta District RCMP General Investigation Section. “We have made the Alberta’s Ministry of Education and Childcare aware of this investigation in order to prevent further harm to children.”

Person shot by RCMP officer in Cold Lake during domestic

Monday just before 10 a.m. Cold Lake RCMP got a call about a domestic dispute and when responding officers arrived at the address encountered a suspect armed with a weapon. An officer fired their service weapon and wounded the suspect whose gender and age were not revealed..

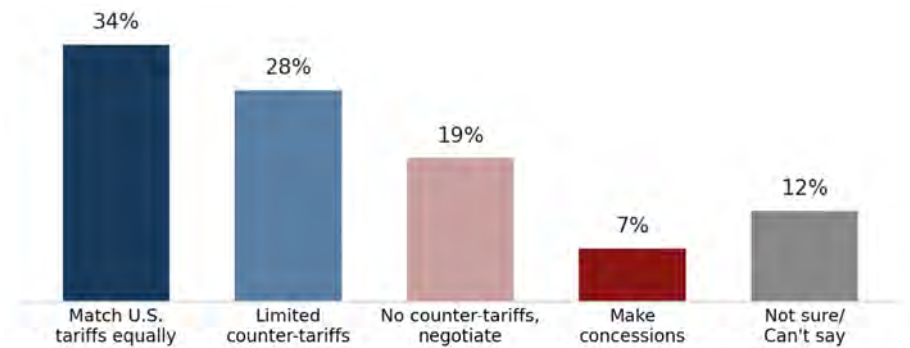
The suspect was taken to the local hospital for treatment. No officer was injured in the incident.

In compliance with legislative requirements, the Police Review Commission CEO was immediately notified who deployed ASIRT to conduct an independent investigation.

Majority of polled Canadians want to be tougher when Trump keeps pushing tariffs on exports

Which approach should Canada take in the current trade dispute?

All respondents, n=1,790



July 27, 2026 – Canadians are experiencing a “déjà vu all over again” moment as President Donald Trump announces tariffs on Canadian goods. This time, however, Trump is relying on an obscure, nearly 100-year-old provision of the Tariff Act of 1930 to target a broader swath of the Canadian economy. Despite this, Canadians’ long-established resolve as to how to respond to the latest salvo is unwavering.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds fewer than one-in-10 Canadians (7%) saying their government should capitulate to U.S. demands in order to avoid tariffs.

A strong majority would respond with counter-tariffs, though they’re divided over matching the U.S. charges dollar for dollar (34%) or responding in a more limited fashion (28%). Confidence in Prime Minister Mark Carney’s negotiating team has dropped since spring, and trust that Trump would honour any deal reached remains scarce.

Canada’s premiers are far from unified on how forcefully to respond: Ontario’s Doug Ford wants counter-tariffs matched

“dollar for dollar,” B.C.’s David Eby has floated restricting American access to critical minerals, while Saskatchewan’s Scott Moe favours a more pliable approach.

Consumers, meanwhile, show little appetite for buying more American goods even if a deal expands market access — most say they’d still keep U.S. dairy, eggs and alcohol out of their carts, deal or no deal.

U.S. President Donald Trump has once again escalated the Canada–U.S. trade dispute, threatening to impose a 50 per cent tariff on a range of Canadian products, including goods that currently qualify for tariff-free treatment under CUSMA. The proposed tariffs are set to take effect on Aug. 19 if no deal is reached.

A majority of Canadians (62%) say they want Canada to respond with its own counter-tariffs, split between matching the U.S. dollar for dollar (34%) or a more limited response (28%). One-quarter (26%) prefer Canada negotiate (19%) or make concessions (7%) without imposing its own tariffs. Only past Conservative voters are closely split between keeping their tariff powder dry and hitting back.

Domestic dispute leads to RCMP shooting man in Fox Creek

A man was shot by an RCMP officer at a residence in Fox Creek early Wednesday morning after police were called about a domestic situation about 10:15 p.m., Tuesday.

Police were told that there was a weapon in the home so the RCMP Critical Incident Program responded meaning the Emergency Response Team was also called in as well as Crisis Negotiators.

According to an RCMP media release: “Throughout the night, multiple attempts were made to get the male suspect to surrender, however, at 5:18 a.m., there was a confrontation with the suspect which resulted in an officer discharging their service firearm, striking the suspect.

“Immediate advanced medical care was

provided at the scene by responding officers, and the suspect was transported to hospital via STARS air ambulance. No officers were injured during this call.

“In compliance with legislative requirements, the Police Review Commission CEO was immediately notified who deployed ASIRT to conduct an independent investigation. The RCMP believes in accountability and transparency and in so doing will provide full support to the ASIRT investigators. Events like this are difficult for everyone involved.”

The age of the man was not revealed.

Independent of ASIRT’s investigation, the RCMP’s internal review process has been implemented as well.

RCMP issue just over 1,100 tickets during Heritage Day weekend

From July 31 to August 3, the Alberta RCMP conducted enhanced traffic safety enforcement across the province, resulting in 1,107 traffic-related tickets. Of those tickets issued, 513 were for speeding, 27 for distracted driving, and 20 for seatbelt infractions.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Early Childhood Educators Red Earth Creek

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking to fill a permanent full-time and casual positions at the Opportunity Daycare in Red Earth Creek, AB. The ideal candidate should be outgoing and energetic with demonstrated skills in their area of work, who are self-starters and team oriented. The successful individual will help create and deliver a high quality early learning childcare service that meets MD policy as well as provincial Childcare Licensing.

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- ✓ Child First Aid and/or Standard First Aid certificate;
- ✓ A current satisfactory Criminal Record Check and Child Youth Intervention Check must be provided upon to hire.

Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience. Please send resume along with 3 work related references, Criminal Record Check and Child Intervention Check to the attention of:

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Additionally, 90 drivers were removed from Alberta roads for impairment from alcohol or drugs.

The following Immediate Roadside Sanctions (IRS) were issued:

- 13 drivers received IRS 24-hour suspensions;
- 14 drivers received IRS WARNS;
- 59 drivers received IRS FAILS; and
- Four novice/commercial drivers were removed for IRS ZEROS.

Sadly, there were 28 injury collisions and five fatal collisions during the enforcement period.

"Road safety is a shared responsibility," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services.

"We all have a role to play in keeping Alberta's roads safe.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Community Peace Officers Wabasca – Permanent Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is hiring Community Peace Officers (CPO's), to be based out of the Wabasca MD Office. Community Peace Officers will be enrolled in the 12-week CPO Induction Program in Lac La Biche, AB. Upon completion of the required training, CPO's will enforce Municipal Bylaws, Animal Control Services and approved Provincial Statutes, within MD of Opportunity No. 17 boundaries. The individuals must possess a strong work ethic, maintain confidentiality, and can interact with diverse social, economic, and cultural backgrounds. Liaise with other Enforcement Agencies. Successful candidates will receive conditional Training Allowance.

Required Qualifications:

- ♦ Grade 12 Diploma/Certificate
- ♦ Minimum age 18.
- ♦ Valid Driver's License and Drivers Abstract.
- ♦ Pass Physical Abilities Evaluation and obtain Medical Clearance.
- ♦ Pass or have completed the 12-week CPO Induction Program
- ♦ Ability to speak and understand Cree is an asset.
- ♦ Ability to obtain clean criminal record check and Child Youth Intervention Check upon hire.

Duties/responsibilities are but not limited to:

- ♦ Daily administrative duties including report writing.
- ♦ Ability to multi-task and work within a team-oriented workplace.
- ♦ Document and keep accurate records/stats.
- ♦ Serving Documents.
- ♦ Animal Control duties.
- ♦ Ensure effective resolution on all investigative files.
- ♦ Polite and professional radio communications with the public and agencies.
- ♦ Assist in other duties required with the direction of the Bylaw Enforcement Manager.
- ♦ Ensure adherence to operational health and safety policies and procedures.
- ♦ Shift and evening work is required.

Inquiries about our CPO program or a detailed job description can be directed to the Manager of Bylaw Enforcement, Bill Auger @ 780-891-0988.

Interested persons are invited to submit their Resume, along with three (3) work related references to:

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*Indigenous Perspective ...**Conclusion of last week's column***Wealth of Canada came at a cost. Indigenous peoples paid it.****By Cherry Nyx**

Although the use of a pass by Indian agents on reserves was never authorized by legislation, it required many First Nations people to obtain permission before stepping off their reserve. The policy restricted for decades travel, employment, trade, family visits, and off-reserve ceremonies.

Assimilation Extended Beyond the Land

Government policy did not focus solely on territory.

In 1884, amendments to the Indian Act prohibited the potlatch, and later expanded restrictions to include ceremonies such as the Sun Dance. These ceremonies were central to governance, law, spirituality, and community life. Individuals were prosecuted, imprisoned, and ceremonial belongings were confiscated. The bans remained until 1951.

At the same time, Indigenous communities were relocated to accommodate settlement, hydroelectric projects, conservation initiatives, and other government priorities. Families often lost access to homes, hunting grounds, traplines, burial sites, and culturally significant places.

The economic benefits of these developments generally flowed to governments, industries, and consumers, while Indigenous communities bore much of the social and environmental cost.

Residential Schools and Child Removal

Perhaps the best-known assimilation policy was the residential school system.

Between the 1880s and 1997, approximately 150,000 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children attended government-funded, church-operated residential schools.

Children were separated from their families, prohibited from speaking their languages, and frequently experienced physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. Thousands died while attending the schools, although the exact number remains unknown because records were incomplete and many deaths were poorly documented.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission concluded that the residential school system formed part of a policy of cultural genocide because it sought to destroy the institutions and relationships that allowed Indigenous peoples to continue as distinct nations.

When residential schools gradually closed, Indigenous child removal continued through provincial child welfare systems.

Statistics Canada reported that in 2021 Indigenous children represented 53.7 percent of children in foster care while accounting for only 7.6 percent of all Canadian children aged 14 and younger. Indigenous children entered foster care at approximately 14 times the rate of non-Indigenous children.

The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal has also repeatedly found that the federal government discriminated against First Nations children through chronic underfunding of child and family services on reserve and failures in implementing Jordan's Principle.

Lasting Social and Economic Effects

Many of today's disparities have been documented extensively by federal agencies.

According to Statistics Canada, 13.5 percent of Indigenous people lived in core housing need, compared with 8.8 percent of non-Indigenous Canadians. Among Inuit, the figure reached 35.3 percent.

Indigenous households were also significantly more likely to require major repairs and report issues such as mould and unsafe drinking water.

The Office of the Correctional Investigator continues to report severe Indigenous overrepresentation in federal prisons, particularly among Indigenous women. The Supreme Court of Canada has recognized that the lasting effects of colonialism, residential schools, displacement, and systemic discrimination must be considered during sentencing through the Gladue framework.

These disparities cannot be understood in isolation from the policies that

removed land, restricted economic opportunity, separated families, and disrupted Indigenous governance and culture.

Canada's Wealth and Indigenous Lands

Canada's prosperity has been built in large measure on natural resource development.

Mining, forestry, agriculture, hydroelectricity, oil and gas, and commercial fisheries have generated billions of dollars in government revenue and private investment.

Much of that activity has occurred on the traditional territories of Indigenous nations.

Conclusion on Page 4**BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION****Employment Opportunity****INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) GENERALIST**

One (1) Full Time (Permanent)
Monday to Friday – 7 hours/day
Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Health Commission is seeking a highly motivated, and dependable Information Technology (IT) Generalist to join our talented Health Team. We are seeking a motivated and versatile IT Generalist to support day-to-day IT operations across helpdesk, systems, networking, and cybersecurity. This role is ideal for someone who is eager to gain hands-on experience across multiple domains, with opportunities to actively work across helpdesk support, infrastructure, and security functions while building a well-rounded technical skill set.

This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for First Nation culture, a desire for continuing professional development, and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide first-level technical support for hardware, software, and network issues
- Troubleshoot desktops, laptops, printers, and peripherals
- Manage support tickets and document resolutions
- Assist with account setup and password resets
- Support Microsoft 365 applications
- Assist maintaining Windows servers
- Perform updates, patching, and backups
- Support Active Directory and permissions
- Assist virtualization environment
- Maintain LAN, WAN, and Wi-Fi networks
- Troubleshoot connectivity issues
- Assist DNS, DHCP, and IP configurations
- Monitor network performance and monitor system performance
- Support endpoint protection and patching
- Assist with access control
- Monitor logs and alerts
- Maintain IT inventory and assist device deployment

Education and Experience:

- Post-secondary education (Certificate or Diploma) in Information Technology and/or equivalent.
- Previous Information Technology experience
- Valid Class 5 Driver's license

Benefits:

- Competitive Salary
- Paid Annual Vacation Leave
- Paid Health & Wellness Leave
- Employer Matching Registered Pension Plan
- Extended Health, Dental & Vision Plan

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

Please forward your Cover Letter, Resume (including 3 work related references), & Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check & Child & Youth Intervention Check (should be current within the last 6 months) to the:

Human Resources Department

PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday August 19, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

POSTED: August 5, 2026

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Join a team committed to supporting the health and well-being of Bigstone Cree Nation members.

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Today, many Indigenous communities have negotiated impact benefit agreements, modern treaties, revenue sharing arrangements, and ownership partnerships. These agreements represent important progress, but they do not erase the broader historical reality that, for generations, Indigenous communities often saw wealth extracted from their territories while receiving comparatively little benefit.

Understanding the Cost

Recognizing this history does not require assigning personal blame to Canadians living today. It does require acknowledging that Canada's prosperity developed alongside policies that dispossessed Indigenous peoples of land, restricted their economies, separated families, and attempted to suppress their cultures.

These facts are supported by court decisions, government archives, Statistics Canada, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Canada's success story is real. So is the cost it placed on Indigenous people.

BIGSTONE PHARMACY LTD

Employment Opportunity



PHARMACY ASSISTANT

Permanent Full-Time
Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Pharmacy Ltd is seeking an experienced, highly motivated, and dependable Pharmacy Assistant to join our talented Health Team for the Bigstone communities in which we serve in Wabasca, Calling Lake, and Chipewyan Lake. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for First Nation culture, a desire for continuing professional development and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform the technical component of dispensing including filling medication orders and filling prescriptions
- Retrieving, counting pouring, weighing, measuring medication as directed by the Pharmacist
- Invoicing prescription drug orders
- Provide immediate service to customers at the prescription counter
- Maintain proper drug storage and security
- Prepare, package and label prescription medications
- Maintain prescription and inventory record keeping systems
- Place and receive orders for stock to maintain inventory
- Accept payment for prescriptions
- Merchandising
- Other duties as required

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Must be prepared to work irregular hours
- Good organizational skills, make sound decisions and act quickly in critical circumstances
- Good knowledge of office procedures, data collection and reporting
- Be extremely observant to detail and accuracy.
- Must be able to work in a diverse environment
- Good written and oral communication skills
- Must be a team player and able to work with minimal supervision
- Maintain confidentiality in accordance with Bigstone Pharmacy Ltd policy
- Ability to speak Cree is an asset

Education and Experience:

- Grade 12 Diploma
- Pharmacy Assistant experience is an asset
- Excellent computer skills
- Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Willing to take further training

Benefits:

- ✓ Competitive Salary
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CLOSING DATE: Until a Suitable Candidate is found.

POSTED: July 29, 2026

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Vision: To revive, strengthen and protect members' treaty rights to health and to enhance the quality of life of members and others living on Bigstone Traditional lands.

Memorial services marks 21st year



Wabasca Revival Centre will hold the 21st Annual Memorial Services in Memory of late Pastor John F. Alook, a four-evening event in early August.

The tent event will start 7:00, the evenings of August 6, 7, 8 and 9, in Bernard and Nora Alook's yard on Highway 813.

Featured at the memorial services will be speakers, musicians and singers.

More information about the event can be obtained from Pastor Leonard G. Alook, 780-891-8358.

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Slim majority of Canadians believe wildfire season are only going to get worse

By Angus Reid Institute

Smoke from hundreds of wildfires burning across northern Ontario has blanketed large parts of Canada and drifted deep into the United States this week, triggering air-quality warnings from the Midwest to

the East Coast and threats of tariffs from the U.S. President, who argues Canada is not doing enough to control and prevent the fires.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds Canadians bracing for difficult fire seasons to be-

come the norm.

More than half (56%) say the number and impact of fires will worsen over the next 10 to 20 years, while 30 per cent say this type of challenging year is what can be expected.

Just four per cent say there's hope for better going forward.

Most also connect the growing wildfire threat to climate change, even while the proportion of Canadians saying humans are causing it continues to drop.

Three-quarters say cli-

mate change is either a major (55%) or minor factor (20%) in making fires worse, despite the number saying it is mostly caused by human activity dropping 12 points since 2021.

After three years of record-setting wildfires, the pace of burn this year has been slower than the recent past, but above the pre-2023 average.

The effect has nevertheless been devastating for Canadian communities, with more than one thousand Canadians evacuated,

four deaths among firefighting crews, and thousands more affected by smoke carried by winds across the country.

More than four-in-five (85%) say they are concerned about the impact fires are having on natural areas, three-quarters (76%) worry over potential damage to homes and property, and three-quarters (76%) are anxious over the effects of wildfire smoke on their local air quality. Three-in-five (62%) worry about impacts on businesses.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Permanent Full Time Early Childhood Educator Wabasca

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