

With democracy being threatened in the United States, and even in Alberta, being informed about all levels of government is great, but VOTING is most important

Please cast your ballot(s) in Monday's (October 20) Alberta Municipal Elections



A Wabasca residence was vandalized Saturday night with rocks thrown through a bedroom window and two tires on a pickup slashed. More details on Fever Page 3.

**Teachers still on strike
but have put forth proposal
for settlement**

**Meanwhile, postal workers
are back at work, but holding
rotating strikes**

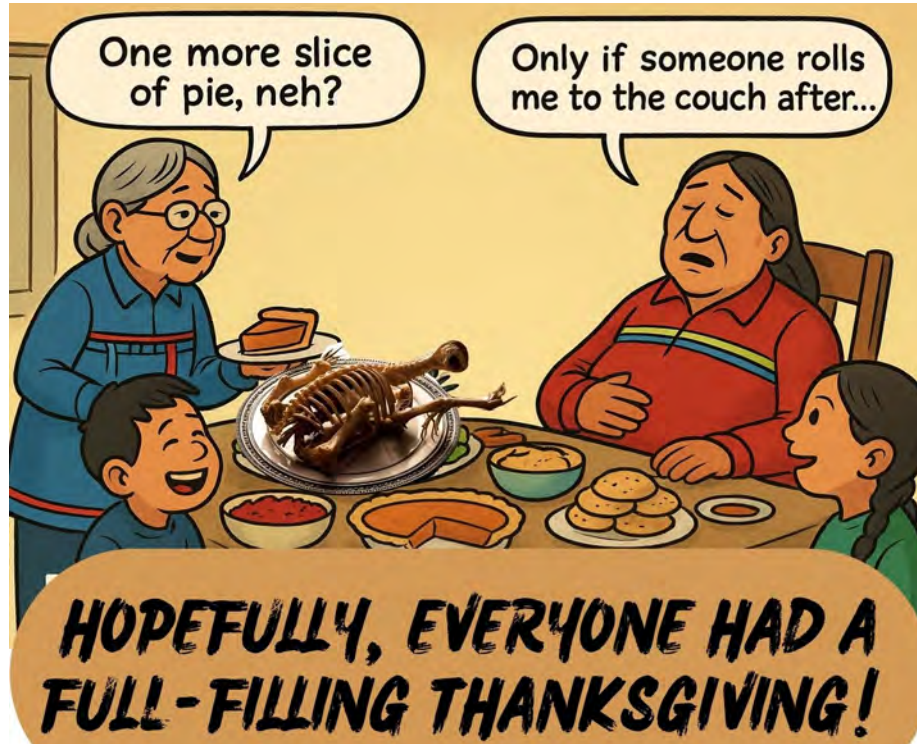
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With shovels in hand, these women pose for a photo before harvesting potatoes at Wabasca Community Garden. Check Next Issue for More!

Publisher's Ponderings ...

• Are city people smarter than rural people?

If you have an opinion on this topic, please e-mail it to wabascafever@shaw.ca. We pose this question because according to Lumosity, an organization that tries to improve human intelligence through solving all types of puzzles, city people are better at solving puzzles than their rural counterparts. Here's a media release distributed last week:

"A study of Lumosity users found that people living in densely populated cities scored higher on fluid intelligence (the ability to solve new problems) and improved faster on Working Memory and Task-Switching games. Researchers linked these skills to executive function, which underpins Planning and Multitasking.

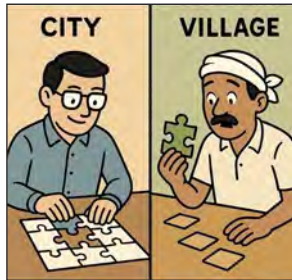
"Interestingly, high executive function appears largely genetic, suggesting that people with strong cognitive skills may self-select into cities. On the other hand, city living also fosters a lot of cognitive stimulation, exposing residents to richer challenges in day-to-day living, as well as competition in schools and the job market. That is to say, perhaps the environment also contributes to these differences.

"Whatever your zip code, you can always train your brain with Lumosity."

So if this is true, here's a puzzle for you to think about and, again, if you have a good answer (serious or humorous) email it by October 23 to wabascafever@shaw.ca.



An Edmonton city slicker whose life evolves around living in an Ice District 45th floor condo, working at a lower floor office job, and he never ventures further than a 104 Avenue restaurant has a chance meeting with a friendly Swan Hills guy who invites him to go on a hike with him in an area southwest of the town. When this hike occurs and the two are on a trail kilometres from their vehicle, a very angry Grizzly Bear charges out of the bush 25 metres away. Who survives? E-mail answer to wabascafever@shaw.ca. If we get five or more answers, we will pick the best (in our humble opinion) and reward a prize!



A column of news & commentary

• Too many people die because some people love the excitement of flames, fire trucks and the chaos caused by a fire. All arsonists should face severe punishment, but what should happen to 29-year-old Jonathan Rinderknecht, accused for setting one of last January's wildfires in Los Angeles that killed 12 people and destroyed about 6,000 homes?

The cost of the Palisades fire has been estimated to be \$150 billion U.S. dollars. Another fire in the same region of Los Angeles as the Palisades Fire was even worse. It killed 19 people and destroyed 9,400 structures. Investigators have suspicions that Rinderknecht may eventually be connected to the start of that fire, too. As if the United States doesn't have enough horror via mass murders caused by crazy people with assault rifles, they may have one arsonist responsible for 31 deaths!



• With only two weeks left in the Canadian Football League's regular season, Edmonton Elks still have a chance to get into the playoffs for the Grey Cup.



The CFL West Division standings before this weekend's action are: Saskatchewan Roughriders 12-4; BC Lions 9-7; Calgary Stampeders 9-7; Winnipeg Blue Bombers 8-8; Edmonton Elks 7-9.

A win Friday evening against the BC Lions is essential for the Elks' hopes as is a victory in their last game of the regular season - another Battle of Alberta in Edmonton on Friday, October 24.

But the Elks, even if they win both remaining games, are also going to have to pray some big losses are suffered by the teams just above them. Being in last place most of the regular season is not a good omen for expecting to get into the championship final.

• Meanwhile, Canadians have really been doing a lot of cheering for the Toronto Bluejays to make it into baseball's World Series. Canada's only team in the Major Leagues did so well with high scoring wins over the New York Yankees.



But in the first two games of the American League finals, the Jays have suffered low-scoring losses at the hands of Seattle Mariners, 3-1 and 10-3. This paper was printed prior to Wednesday night's third game in Seattle, but if Toronto lost Wednesday night, it is likely the squad may lose the best-of-seven series and miss the World Series after having a pretty impressive regular season.

Environment Canada Weather Forecast

Wabasca - Peerless Lake - Gift Lake - Red Earth Creek - Cadotte Lake

October 16 to 21

Thursday night..40 percent showers. Low plus 4.
Friday..Mix of sun/cloud. High 10.
Friday night..Cloudy periods. Low zero..
Saturday..Sunny. High 11.
Saturday night..Increasing cloudiness. Low plus 1.
Sunday..Cloudy..High 8.
Sunday night.. 30 percent showers. Low minus 2.
Monday..Mix of sun/cloud. High plus 4.
Monday night..Cloudy periods. Low minus 4.
Tuesday..Mix of sun/cloud. High 6.
Normals for the period..Low minus 3. High 8.



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MD of Opportunity No. 17

Municipal Election for Council

**Wabasca Candidate
Ernie Grach**

It has been a busy few weeks getting ready for the election. Lots of posters, different opinions and lots of support from the people in Wabasca. I still have some home visits to make and I hope I get to all of you before the election on October 20.

The most important thing in this election is that as many people as possible get out and vote. Your participation will make a positive difference to our community and to the MD on the whole.

My platform is simple. The key is that I listen to what you have to say and if possible, help you bring your concerns to the council table. I believe in supporting local businesses, supporting the non-profits in our community, promoting youth employment and helping councillors improve housing for low income people throughout the MD.

Our infrastructure needs to be expanded to accommodate new housing starts, which would include fast tracking improvements to our potable water system. A suggestion I received while going door to door was that we spend a bit less on new projects and that we make sure our existing buildings are well maintained. After all, we spent millions building the pool, two halls and an arena, just to mention a few, in Wabasca. Those in our affiliated communities need the same kind of attention.

And finally, I love Wabasca. Michelle and I have been here for 41 years now, raised five children, all of whom attended our local schools, and now that we're retired, have the time and energy to continue to contribute to Wabasca and of course the entire MD.

On October 20, please give me your vote so I can work with the other councillors to move our MD into the future.

Kind Regards, Ernie Grach

**RCMP investigating vandalism to Wabasca house, vehicle**

Lyle Cardinal was angry Saturday morning to find out that two bricks had been thrown through the window of his son's bedroom at their Wabasca residence during the early morning hours.

He went outside and found that tires on his vehicle had been slashed.

Lyle had been awoken by a loud noise around 3:00 a.m. and went to the living room and looked out the windows, but did not see anything suspicious, so he went back to bed.

It was a few hours later that he discovered the broken glass and damaged tires.

"Thank God, he wasn't here last night," Cardinal had written on his Facebook page, referring to his son not staying home that night.

The bricks and the shattering glass could have injured anyone in the bedroom, he believes.

Cardinal on Facebook

appealed to anyone who

knew anything about the attack to contact him or the RCMP.



At Bigstone Health Commission, staff members were all smiles to promote the need for all adults, parents and children to get their immunizations in order to protect themselves from flu, Covid, measles and other viruses.

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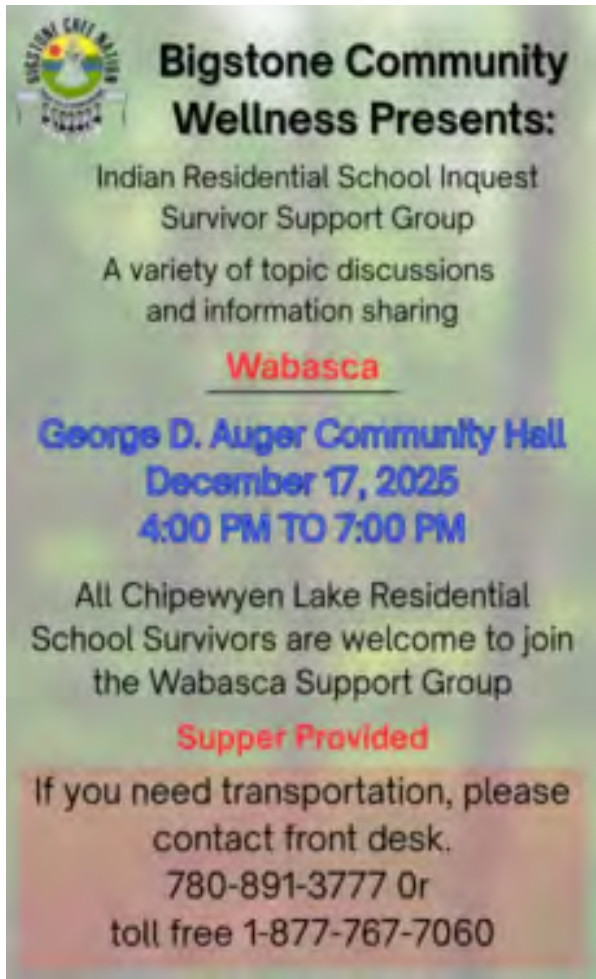
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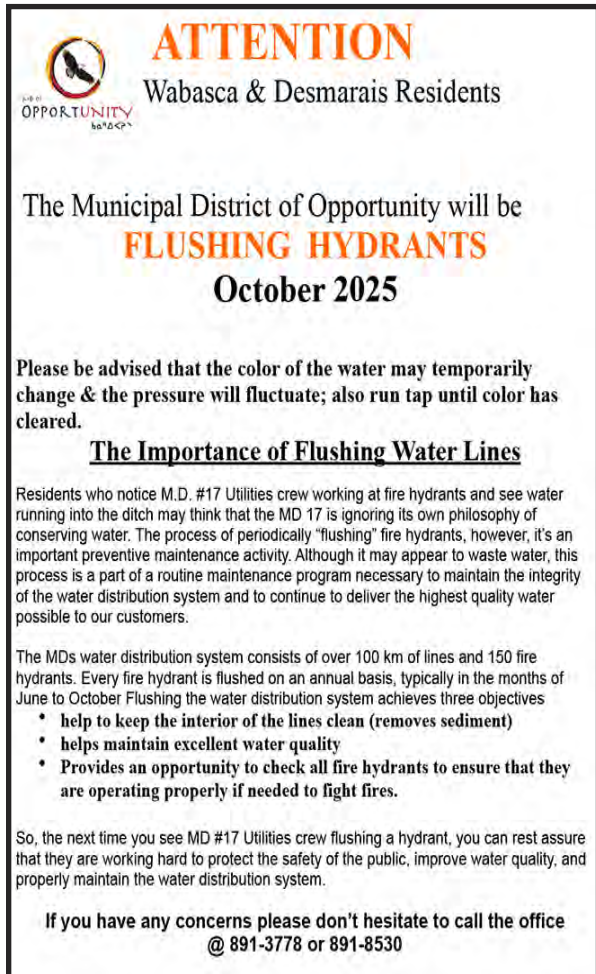
Wabasca

George D. Auger Community Hall
December 17, 2025
4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

All Chipewy Lake Residential
School Survivors are welcome to join
the Wabasca Support Group

Supper Provided

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780-891-3777 Or
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ATTENTION
Wabasca & Desmarais Residents

The Municipal District of Opportunity will be
FLUSHING HYDRANTS
October 2025

Please be advised that the color of the water may temporarily
change & the pressure will fluctuate; also run tap until color has
cleared.

The Importance of Flushing Water Lines

Residents who notice M.D. #17 Utilities crew working at fire hydrants and see water
running into the ditch may think that the MD 17 is ignoring its own philosophy of
conserving water. The process of periodically "flushing" fire hydrants, however, it's an
important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, this
process is a part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity
of the water distribution system and to continue to deliver the highest quality water
possible to our customers.

The MDs water distribution system consists of over 100 km of lines and 150 fire
hydrants. Every fire hydrant is flushed on an annual basis, typically in the months of
June to October. Flushing the water distribution system achieves three objectives

- help to keep the interior of the lines clean (removes sediment)
- helps maintain excellent water quality
- Provides an opportunity to check all fire hydrants to ensure that they
are operating properly if needed to fight fires.

So, the next time you see MD #17 Utilities crew flushing a hydrant, you can rest assure
that they are working hard to protect the safety of the public, improve water quality, and
properly maintain the water distribution system.

If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to call the office
@ 891-3778 or 891-8530

FORM 7 **NOTICE OF ELECTION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION**
Local Authorities Election Act
(Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: THE NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office	Number of Vacancies	Ward
Trustee	1	6
Trustee	1	8

Voting will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Voting stations will be located at:

Ward	Polling Station Location	Address
6	Mistassiniy School Former Pelican Mountain School	Desmarais, Alberta Sandy Lake, Alberta
8	Calling Lake School	Calling Lake, Alberta

In order to vote, you must produce for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification
required by section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act. This includes a driver's licence or motor
vehicle operator's licence issued by the Government of Alberta, or an identification card issued by the
Government of Alberta that contains your photograph, name, and address.

If your government-issued ID only shows a box number, you must also bring a second document that lists
your street address or legal land address. If you do not have identification, or cannot confirm your
current address, another registered voter in your voting area can vouch for you.

To vote in a Northland School Division trustee election, you must be at least 18 years old, a Canadian
citizen, and live in Alberta with your residence in the local jurisdiction on election day. Residents of
certain First Nations reserves where agreements with the Division are in place are also eligible to vote.

For information, please call Northland School Division: 780-624-2060.

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Douglas Aird
Returning Officer

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FOR MD 17 COUNCIL

A fresh start for our
community

October 20, 2025

BBB warns of scammers targeting parents getting provincial dollars during teachers strike

Better Business Bureau, Calgary

As the labour dispute impacting students in Alberta continues, parents in the province are being warned to watch out for spoof websites that imitate the provincial government's Parent Payment Program portal.

The province launched the portal on Oct. 14 to provide eligible parents and guardians \$30 per child (under the age of 12) per instructional day to offset costs while schools remain closed.

The provincial government warns that 'any website requesting personal and financial information

to register for payments is fraudulent and not affiliated with the Government of Alberta'.

"This is a classic spoof scam," says Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen, President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Alberta and East Kootenay.

She adds, "Scammers are first and foremost opportunists. The current situation is viewed by fraudsters as an opportunity to scam people out of their personal information and hard earned money."

Also be aware that scammers may be sending out links for fake websites through email and text

messages."

To apply for the funds parents must login with a verified Alberta.ca account.

How to avoid fake websites:

Look closely at the domain name: One way fake websites trick people is by using a domain name that is extremely close to a real business or organization's domain name.

Upon closer examination, you might notice that two letters are swapped or it's just slightly misspelled. If you find a spelling error in the domain name, you're not on the official site and it's best to close the tab.

Be careful with links in emails: Phishing scams are extremely common. A scammer might send you an email that looks like it comes from a reputable source in hopes that you'll click on the links without a second thought.

Always hover over links in unsolicited emails and even in emails that come from a brand, business, or person you think you know. If the link doesn't match the blue text or if it's a short link and you can't tell where it leads, don't click it.

If you do, you may end up on a lookalike website where personal information could be compromised.

FORM 7

Notice of Election for Voter Identification

Local Authorities Election Act
Section 12, 35, 46, 53

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Offices(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If applicable)
Councillor	4	Ward 1 (Wabasca)
Councillor	2	Ward 2 (Calling Lake)
Councillor	1	Ward 3 (Sandy Lake)
Councillor	1	Ward 4 (Peerless Lake)
Councillor	1	Ward 7 (Chipewyan Lake)

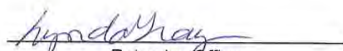
Voting will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.
Start Time

and 8:00 p.m. Voting stations will be located at:
Closing Time

LOCATION	LOCATION ONLY FOR VOTERS RESIDING IN:	ADDRESS
Wabasca Community Hall	Ward 1 (Wabasca)	910A Stony Point Road
Calling Lake Community Complex	Ward 2 (Calling Lake)	2824 Central Drive
Sandy Lake Community Hall	Ward 3 (Sandy Lake)	890 Raven Road
Peerless Lake Community Hall	Ward 4 (Peerless Lake)	520 Napeesis Drive
Chipewyan Lake Community Hall	Ward 7 (Chipewyan Lake)	300 Chip Lake Road

In order to vote, you must produce for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

DATED at the _____ Hamlet _____ of _____ Wabasca _____, in the
Province of Alberta, this 29th day of September, 2025.


Returning Officer

Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17

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Calling Lake
T0G 0K0
Phone (780) 331-3860
Fax (780) 331-3950

(Main Office)
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2077 Mistassiniy Road North
Wabasca, Alberta
T0G 2K0

(Area Office)
Box 50
Red Earth Creek
T0G 1X0
Phone (780) 649-3427
Fax (780) 649-3440

Phone (780) 891-3778

Fax: (780) 891-4283



NOTICES

RESIDENTS IN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17

As per Section 193 (3) of the Municipal Government Act:
NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Council and to the General Public:

THE SCHEDULED ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF
OCTOBER 21, 2025 (Tuesday) at 10:00 A.M.
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO:

Date: OCTOBER 28, 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:00 A.M.

**Place: WABASCA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WABASCA, AB**

If you have any questions, please call Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer
at (780) 891-3778 or toll free at 1-888-891-3778.

As per Section 193 (3) of the Municipal Government Act:
NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Council and to the General Public:

THE SCHEDULED DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING OF
OCTOBER 22, 2025 (Wednesday) at 10:00 A.M.
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO:

Date: OCTOBER 29, 2025 (Wednesday)

Time: 10:00 A.M.

**Place: CHIPEWYAN LAKE COMMUNITY HALL
CHIPEWYAN LAKE, AB**

If you have any questions, please call Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer
at (780) 891-3778 or toll free at 1-888-891-3778.

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**Friday, October 17 will see the launch
of The Fever website**

news updates, past issues archive, special features



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Rain Snow or Shine!

Two missing women are located deceased, but RCMP say deaths are not deemed suspicious

RCMP Detachments throughout Alberta deal with a lot of missing persons cases - some days up to ten or more media releases are created, asking the public to be on the lookout for people of various ages and both genders.

The majority of these releases end up being followed with a second one saying "located and is safe."

On October 11, Cold Lake RCMP reported that a 71-year-old local woman was reported missing and may have gone kayaking. On October 13, the update was that she was found deceased, but her death was not believed to be suspicious.

On September 29, Jasmine Cardinal, age 23, of Little Buffalo was reported missing. It was not until October 14 that Peace River Regional RCMP announced that she had been located deceased, but that her death was not suspicious.

BC First Nations Justice Council, RCMP trying diversion tactic to address historical overincarceration of Indigenous people

BC First Nations Justice Council (BCFNJC) and the Prince George RCMP have signed a letter of agreement on October 14, marking a milestone advancement in Strategy 1 of the BC First Nations Justice Strategy, which aims to address the over-incarceration of Indigenous people by using diversion.

The first-of-its-kind in Canada, the Indigenous Di-

version Centre (IDC) is a therapeutic diversion model that focuses on the root causes of offending by providing a caring cultural environment where true rehabilitation and healing can occur.

The IDC aims to intervene early to prevent re-offenses and provide participants with an alternate path away from harm.

"This is a momentous ad-

vancement of Indigenous-led justice reform and a start to transforming the relationship between First Nations and policing," said Kory Wilson (Hemas Kla-Lee-Kla), Chair of the Justice Council.

While the IDC opened its doors with a soft launch of its post-release program in July, the diversion pilot project is now fully underway, with both pre-charge and post-release programming available to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit adults living in Prince George.

The pre-charge program diverts Indigenous people from being charged with eligible offences to the IDC instead, where they commit to following an individualized 90-day diversion plan to have their charges dropped.

The post-release program supports Indigenous individuals after their release from provincial or federal custody to reintegrate into their community.

Participants can join Ceremony, attend land-based and Elder teachings, learn skills in 'Atsoo's Kitchen' (grandmother kitchen), and access social work support, clinical counselling, as well as other services.

Indigenous prison data

- According to BC Correction Services 36% of individuals in BC provincial custody self-identify as Indigenous, despite Indigenous people making up approximately 6% of BC's adult population.

- The Prince George Regional Correctional Centre is currently over capacity, with 63% of inmates identifying as Indigenous.

If this diversion program proves it's worth over time, it is likely to serve as a model for similar programs in other provinces where there are high rates of Indigenous people in custody.



Proposed Bylaw 2025-22

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 2025-22 on September 22, 2025.

This bylaw authorizes Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount up to \$100,000.00 for the purpose of the Red Earth Airport Resurfacing.

The Municipality shall repay the 5 to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual payments of combined principal and interest installment not to exceed 20 years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Province of Alberta or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 that, unless a petition of the owners for a vote on Bylaw 2025-22 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

The deadline for a petition to be received by the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer is October 24, 2025. Second and third readings of this bylaw will be presented to Council at the October 29, 2025, Council meeting.

How to file a petition

To submit a petition in accordance with Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act:

Electors may submit a petition for a vote of the electors to determine whether the proposed bylaw or resolution should be passed.

A petition must be submitted within 15 days after the last date on which the proposed bylaw or resolution is advertised.

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the Municipal Government Act, an "elector" means:

A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councilor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Pursuant to Section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act, a person is eligible to vote in an election if the person

1. is at least 18 years old,
2. is a Canadian citizen,
3. resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day
4. And in accordance with Section 223 and Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act, a poll may be demanded in the Municipality of Municipal District of Opportunity 17 by electors equal to at least 10% of the population.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of the notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition".

Further requirements of the petition are provided in Section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.

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The FEVER

Historical Notes from Past Pages!

DURING THE FALL OF 2004 THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE FEVER:

- A large number of candidates for chief and council of Bigstone Cree Nation was causing confusion and remarks that the number showed that members were dissatisfied with current leadership. A nomination meeting held in September 2004 led to five nominations for chief and 16 nominations for three band council seats.

After the meeting, questions were raised about whether former chief Gordon T. Auger was eligible to run, plus various complaints about Bigstone Nation's election code.

In the September election, Chief Francis Gladue was re-elected with 697 votes while the next highest number of votes among challengers was Simon Beaver's 192. But there were more threats of appeals being made over election procedures.

- Meanwhile, the Municipal District of Opportunity's election in October 2004 had incumbent Reeve Paul Sinclair facing three challengers including his brother, John Sinclair. The other two nominees challenging Reeve Sinclair were Deputy Reeve David Jabot and businessman Robin Guild. In the previous election, Guild had lost to Sinclair by only 40 votes. Sinclair was re-elected.

Running for Wabasca council seats were incumbents Stonewall Jackson and George Mair, plus Marcel C. Auger, Ernie Grach, Fay Cardinal, Susan Rathbone and Ian Hopfe.

In Sandy Lake, Troy C. Stuart, Shayne Taron and Joseph Bigstone were challenging incumbent Thomas Auger. Peerless Lake nominations led to Charles Orr and Louie Okemow trying to unseat councillor James Alook.

Challenging long-time councillor Leo Alook in Trout Lake was Elmer Gullion. In Red Earth Creek, incumbent George Jadot was being challenged by David Cowan, Dolly Anderson and Cheryl Wogan.

Calling Lake saw Danny Cardinal trying to win one of the seats held by councillors Gerald Johnson and Victor Gladue. Mary Yellowknee was acclaimed a winner as she was the only nominee in Chipewyan Lake.

In the MD October election, Paul Sinclair was re-elected as Reeve while councillors elected were: Stonewall Jackson, Marcel C. Auger, Susan Rathbone, Cheryl Wogan, Gerald Johnson, Victor Gladue, Thomas Auger, James Alook, Leo Alook and Mary Yellowknee.

- Gorman Deisting, age 72, and his son Gordon escaped both death and serious injury when their uninsured trailer in Wabasca was destroyed in a gas explosion that occurred when they tried to install a pole for a satellite dish and they hit a gas line leading into the trailer. Gas built up underneath the trailer and when that gas ignited, Gordon was trapped inside the trailer but Gordon managed to save him but suffered minor facial burns.

- An Atikameg woman, age 28, was given a conditional sentence and had her license suspended for two years as a result of a rollover crash during February 2004 which killed two males, ages 20 and 30, both Atikameg residents, and injured three other people. The crash occurred on Highway 750. After pleading guilty to charges of impaired driving causing death and bodily harm she was sentenced to a year of house arrest, 200 hours of community work, and abstaining from alcohol/drugs.



Proposed Bylaw 2025-20

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 2025-20 on September 22, 2025.

This bylaw authorizes Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount up to \$1,288,920.00 for the purpose of the Red Earth Arena - Ice Refrigeration Systems.

The Municipality shall repay the indebtedness according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual payments of combined principal and interest installment not to exceed 20 years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Province of Alberta or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 that, unless a petition of the owners for a vote on Bylaw 2025-20 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

The deadline for a petition to be received by the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer is October 24, 2025. Second and third readings of this bylaw will be presented to Council at the October 29, 2025, Council meeting.

How to file a petition

To submit a petition in accordance with Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act:

Electors may submit a petition for a vote of the electors to determine whether the proposed bylaw or resolution should be passed.

A petition must be submitted within 15 days after the last date on which the proposed bylaw or resolution is advertised.

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the Municipal Government Act, an "elector" means: A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councilor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Pursuant to Section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act, a person is eligible to vote in an election if the person

1. is at least 18 years old,
2. is a Canadian citizen,
3. resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day

4. And in accordance with Section 223 and Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act, a poll may be demanded in the Municipality of Municipal District of Opportunity by electors equal to at least 10% of the population.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of the notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition".

Further requirements of the petition are provided in Section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.

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Red Earth RCMP make arrests after two separate incidents

A male and two females were arrested in the early morning hours of October 11 after RCMP responded to a break and enter.

A suspect vehicle was spotted and chased, but the male driver parked on a lease road and fled on foot, leaving two female suspected in the vehicle.

The male suspect was caught after a police dog was called into service. Officers also established that the involved vehicle had been stolen in Slave Lake and when seized had several thousands of dollars worth of stolen property in it from the break-in.

Conway Laboucan (37), a resident of Atikameg, Miranda Gladue (33) and Kayla Cardinal (28), both residents of Peace River, were charged with break and enter and possession of stolen property over \$5000.

Laboucan was charged with: Failure to

stop; Committing a crime while masked; Mischief under \$5000; and Obstruct police.

Laboucan was remanded in custody while Gladue and Cardinal were released on conditions.

Structure set on fire

The Public Works building in Loon Lake was destroyed in a fire on October 12.

RCMP investigated and identified and arrested a suspect.

Reba Noskiye (37), a resident of Trout Lake First Nation has been charged with:

- Causing damage to structure by fire;
- Break and enter;
- Two counts of resist police; and
- Mischief over \$5,000.

Noskiye was brought before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody,

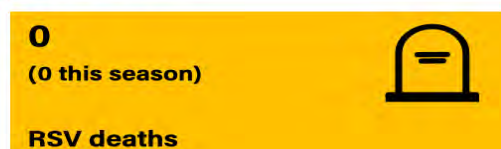
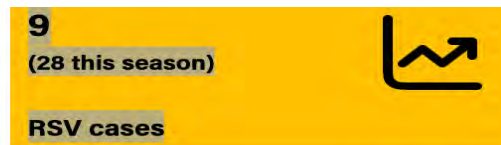
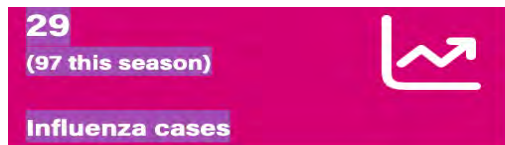
Slave Lake RCMP ask public to identify suspects

On September 24, two males and one female stole merchandise from a liquor store in Slave Lake. The individuals stole approximately \$730 worth of products, including boxes of vodka, each containing 18 bottles, a pack of American vintage iced tea and a pack of hard iced tea.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, or who can identify the photographed individuals, is asked to please contact the Slave Lake RCMP at 780-849-3999. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play store. To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play. To contact RCMP non-emergency line within any Alberta RCMP jurisdiction call 310-RCMP(7267).

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Respiratory Illnesses: Data from September 28 to October 4, 2025



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...learning about the Cherokee Nation.

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Native Americans face many of the same challenges as Canada's Indigenous people; both from the past and current U.S. government.



Cherokee Nation (Eastern Band)

Did you know that archaeologists think the first people to live in North America were the Paleo-Indians? At the end of the last Ice Age (around 12,000 years ago) these people moved from Asia into North America on a land bridge that existed then. It is believed that they lived in small family groups and moved constantly to **hunt** animals like the mastodon (an elephant-like animal that is now extinct) and to **gather** foods like berries and

nuts. Arrowheads for spears and other tools mark places where they lived.

In the Archaic period (8,000 to 1,000 BCE), families had homes with wooden poles covered with hides, which could be **moved**. In the spring they would move to the river valleys to **fish** and **collect** shellfish. In the fall they would move to the forest to hunt deer or turkey and gather nuts and berries. Archaeologists have studied **tools**, soapstone bowls, burial grounds and pottery to understand these people's ways.

In a more recent period, Woodland Indians, people are thought to have had villages as well as seasonal camps. **Corn**, a key part of the Indian diet, was introduced. The first evidence for the bow and arrow were found. It is believed that people were **trading**: salt, beads, shells, fish, pottery and animal skins.

During the next period, Mississippian Indians, settlements became more permanent. Squash, corn and beans, known as the **Three Sisters**, were important and foods from hunting and gathering were now added to the foods harvested from gardens. Beautiful **jewelry** and pottery were created too.

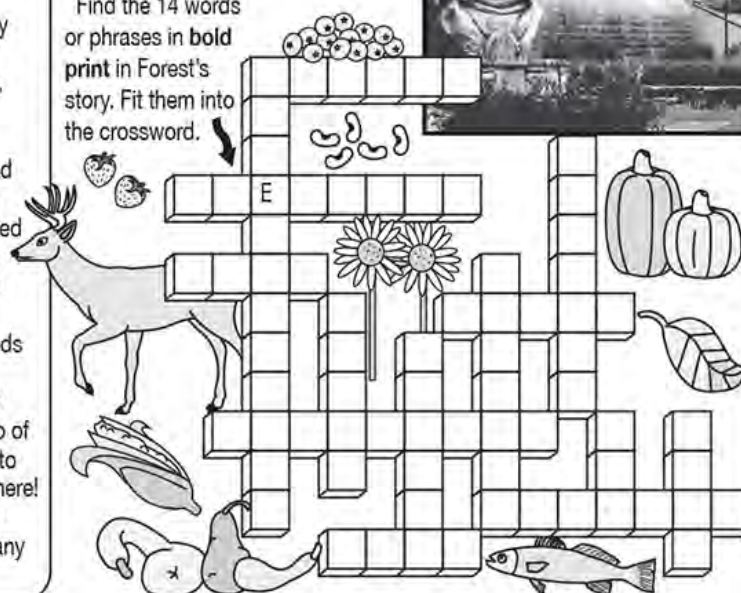
After 1650, when Europeans arrived, there were years of both peace and fighting. In 1836, the U.S. Senate accepted a **treaty** signed by a small group of **Cherokee** to sell their land and the Cherokee were forced to leave the east to be **resettled** in Oklahoma. They were expected to walk 1,000 miles to get there! On this hard walk, now called the "Trail of Tears," an estimated 4,000-8,000 people died. Some Cherokee refused to move and **hid** in the mountains. Many of their descendants now live on Qualla Boundary, a preserve.



About 15,000 Cherokee Indians live in North Carolina, mostly on tribal land. The town of Cherokee is in the Great Smoky Mountains.



Find the 14 words or phrases in **bold print** in Forest's story. Fit them into the crossword.



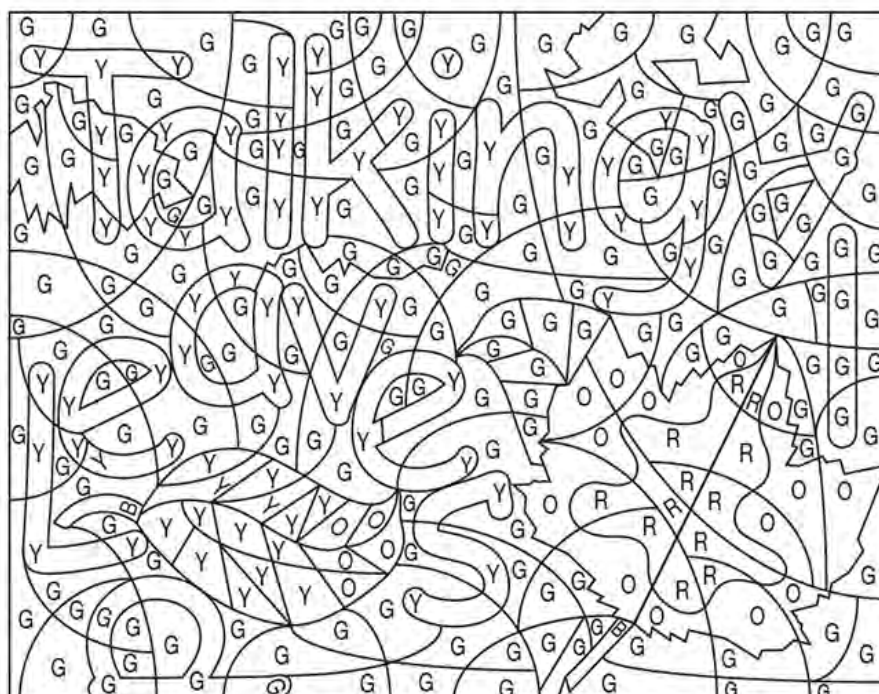
Sequoyah Invents a Cherokee Alphabet

Sequoyah was a young Cherokee who learned how to work with silver. He wanted to sign his work like the European silversmiths did, so he visited Chief Charles Hicks, who could write in English. After Sequoyah learned to write his name using the alphabet, he began to think about creating a writing system for the Cherokee language. With it, they would be able to read and write letters, write down stories and record their history. He created a system where each sound was represented by a symbol, so each letter was a syllable of a word. His system was easy to use and many Cherokee learned to read and write using it.

Sequoyah liked papers and books since they could be used to exchange ideas.

Follow the color key to see what he called them:

B = Brown
G = Green
O = Orange
R = Red
Y = Yellow



Breast Cancer Awareness Month is now, but the battle against this cancer goes on during the entire year as researchers look for preventative measures, cures

Submitted by Breast Cancer Canada

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Canada – a time to highlight a disease that impacts thousands of Canadians every year. Breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer among women and people with breasts.

In 2024, it accounted for 13% of all cancer deaths in this group.

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Employment Opportunity



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- Good written and oral communication skills
- Must be a team player and able to work with minimal supervision
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- Ability to speak Cree is an asset

Education and Experience:

- Grade 12 Diploma
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Human Resources Department
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Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca
CLOSING DATE: Until a Suitable Candidate is found.

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

POSTED: October 6, 2025

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.



The good news is that early detection saves lives and screening for breast cancer is effective. When breast cancer is found early, treatment is often less invasive, recovery is quicker, and the chances of a full recovery are much higher.

Who is at risk?

Age is a key risk factor. Most cases occur in women and people with breasts over the age of 50. That's why routine mammograms are recommended starting at age 50. However, you can discuss starting screening as early as age 40 with your healthcare provider.

What can you do?

Build breast awareness: Get familiar with how your breasts normally look and feel. If you notice any changes, report them to your healthcare provider as soon as possible.

Talk about screening: If you're 40 or older, speak with your healthcare provider about the right time for you to start mammograms.

Stay active and eat well: Regular physical activity and a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains can help lower your risk. If you drink alcohol, try to limit your intake.

Did you know?

Getting 150 minutes of moderate or 75 minutes of intense physical exercise every week can reduce your risk of developing breast cancer. For those who've had breast cancer, it can lower the risk of recurrence. Small amounts of activity throughout the day count – it all adds up.

Moderate exercise includes activities like brisk walking or cycling at a pace where you can talk but can't sing.

Vigorous exercise means activities like running or fast cycling, where speaking more than a few words without pausing for breath becomes difficult.

A note on breast cancer in males

Breast cancer in males and those not on feminizing hormones is very rare. Routine screening is not recommended for this group.

Take action this October

Learn about your risk factors and the importance of early detection. Whether for yourself or someone you care about, awareness and action make a real difference.

For more information, visit the Canadian Cancer Society website and cancer screening for CAF members.

If you or someone you know needs support as a result of a breast cancer diagnosis, there is help available.

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WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

LOCATION: BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS

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 MONDAY OCTOBER 27, 2025
 MONDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2025
 MONDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2025

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"More often than not, expecting to lose any weight without first losing the diet which made weight loss necessary is like expecting a pig to be spotless after hosing it down while it was still rolling in mud."

— Mokokoma Mokhonoana

"Leave something on your plate... 'Better to go to waste than to waist'"

— Michael Pollan,
Food Rules:
An Eater's Manual

"An over-eating mouth tortures a whole body and an over-speaking mouth tortures everybody."

— Amit Kalantri,
Wealth of Words

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Traditional Christmas meal: turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, macaroni salad, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, desserts, plates, cutlery, condiments, coffee, tea, water, juice

Please contact Queena Cardinal at
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Deadline to Submit November 10, 2025




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GIRLS GROUP

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Equipment Operator
Wabasca – Permanent Full Time

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- Operation of various equipment within the Public Works Department;
- Responsible for operation & routine maintenance of a variety of light & heavy equipment;
- Some manual labor related to maintenance of the road system, parking lots & other MD operated facilities;
- Maintenance & installation of road signage as required;
- Routine maintenance of culverts & control of flooding problems on local roads;
- Provide written reports on operations as may be required;
- Under the direction of the Area Lead Hand;

Qualifications:

- Valid Class 1 Drivers License with Air Brakes (Class 3 maybe accepted);
- A minimum of Grade 10 or a minimum of two years' experience may be considered;
- Ability to work independently and as a team player;
- Ability to exercise good judgment on the operation of light/heavy equipment as it relates to safety;
- Clean Driver's Abstract;
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

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

Human Resources Department
Municipal District of Opportunity No.17
Box 60 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
Phone: (780) 891-3778 or Fax: (780) 891-4283
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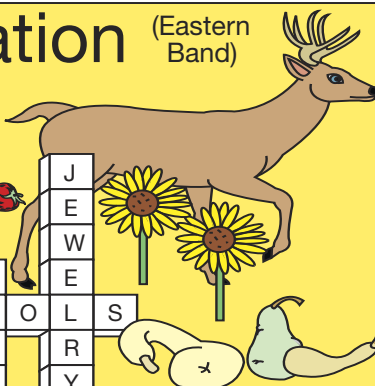
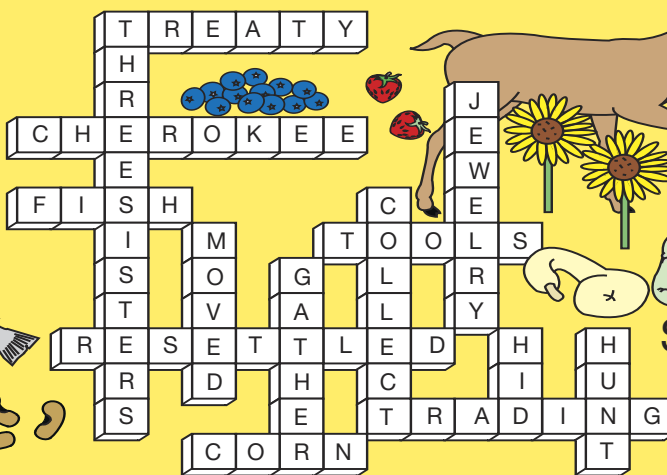


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Cherokee Nation (Eastern Band)



Sequoyah Invents an Alphabet

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Arts and Crafts

1. pottery
 2. beadwork
 3. doll
 4. baskets
 5. wooden items
 6. belt made by finger weaving
 7. masks
 8. stone artwork
 9. jewelry
- A. woven from river cane, white oak or honeysuckle
 - B. carved from maple, cherry, butternut
 - C. formed from clay, fired in pits of wood fires
 - D. made of glass, used on clothing and for jewelry
 - E. traditionally made from tree bark, gourd or animal fur
 - F. may be made of buffalo fur, mulberry bark, some beads
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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Permanent Full Time Early Childhood Educator Wabasca

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Primary responsibilities are to:

- ✓ Provide child care services by actively engaging in the supervision, care and development of children;
- ✓ Provide a safe and nurturing environment;
- ✓ Ensure the well-being of each and every child in the childcare program;
- ✓ Promote early learning programming and age appropriate developmental activities.

Qualifications required:

- ✓ Child Development Certification Level 1, 2 and or 3;
- ✓ Valid Class 5 Drivers License and reliable transportation;
- ✓ 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 and Child Intervention Check to the attention of:

**Human Resources Department
Municipal District of Opportunity
Box 60 - Wabasca, AB T0G 2K0
Phone: (780) 891-3778 Fax: (780) 891-4283
Email: hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca**

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Calling Lake, Alberta
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Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

Are you interested in serving your community?

If so, the MD of Opportunity is currently recruiting three (3) members at large, with one (1) being an alternate, to serve on the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board.

Board Structure:

The Board shall consist of two Councillors and at least three and not more than five Members at Large who are appointed by resolution of Council.

A member of large shall not be a Councillor, an employee of the Municipality, a person who carries out subdivision or development powers, duties and functions on behalf of the Municipality, or a member of a municipal planning commission.

Each Member at Large may be appointed to a term of up to three years, with the exact term being specified upon their appointment to the Board by Council.

Board Duties:

The board hears appeals, regarding decisions of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission regarding zoning and development decisions. This board meets on "as need" basis.

Individuals who are interested in serving on the above noted board are requested to submit a letter of interest by **October 22, 2025** by fax, email or mail to the Municipal District of Opportunity:

Lynda Gray
Executive Assistant to Administration
PO Box 60
2077 Mistassini Road North
Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
Fax # 780-891-4283
lynda.gray@mdopportunity.ab.ca

The appointments for this Board will be made on October 28, 2025 at the Organizational Council meeting. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Lynda Gray at 780-891-3778 or email lynda.gray@mdopportunity.ab.ca.

Groups are working in Calgary to have Education Minister recalled from being in Alberta Legislative Assembly

Citizen action groups are cropping up in Calgary and may be formed perhaps in Edmonton as well to try to have United Conservative Party MLA's removed from the legislature by filing recall applications with Elections Alberta on the grounds of poor performances and working against the best interests of their constituents.

The first filing for a recall application came on October 7 and was aimed at Education Minister and MLA for the Calgary-Bow riding, Demetrios Nicolaides.

Jenny Yeremi, a concerned parent, did the filing on the grounds that "Nicolaides' and

his government's policies are responsible for the crisis-state of public education in Alberta; with their chronic underfunding, under-resourcing and disrespect of public school teachers, students, staff, and curricula while favouring private school interests."

Yeremi has the support of various provincial groups and individuals who have actively protested against the UCP on public education issues. Supporters of Yeremi believe that if they can somehow have five UCP MLA's recalled, the UCP could be forced into a losing election.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Security Officer

Red Earth Creek - Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is accepting resumes for a full-time Security Officer position for the community of Red Earth Creek. Hours of work will be shift work, mainly night shift including weekends and statutory holidays. The Security Officer reports to the Manager of Bylaw Enforcement and will work in close cooperation with other MD staff, Community Peace Officers, External Security Agencies and the RCMP.

Position duties include:

- Uniformed night-security patrol of MD facilities and public areas in Red Earth Creek.
- Observing, recording, and reporting illicit activity such as campfires, public drinking, vandalism, suspicious activity, and crime.
- Checking doors, windows, locks and building interiors for illicit entry, damage or theft.
- Locking and unlocking parks and access gates.
- Completing documentation of patrols, incidents, and security activity.
- Using and caring for a marked MD vehicle.
- Providing information to residents regarding MD authorities and jurisdiction
- Checking and reporting street light outages
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications required:

- Must have a valid security license or the ability to obtain one.
- Must complete the Alberta Basic Security Training course and/or is awaiting license.
- A valid Class 5 Driver's License with satisfactory Driver's Abstract.
- Grade 10 or higher education; and a satisfactory Criminal Record Check.
- Good communication, public relations and interpersonal skills and the ability to exercise independent judgment in varying situations.

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

**Human Resources Department
Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17
Box 60, Wabasca, AB. T0G 2K0
Tele (780) 891-3778 or Fax (780) 891-4283
Email hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca**

This advertisement will remain open until October 27, 2025 @ 3:00 pm.

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Monday to Friday – 7 hours/day

Wabasca, Alberta

The Bigstone Health Commission is seeking a detail-oriented and organized Human Resources File Clerk to support our HR department by maintaining and managing employee records, both physical and digital. The ideal candidate will ensure that all HR documentation is accurate, up to date, and securely stored in compliance with company policies and legal regulations. 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:

- Organize, file, and maintain employee records in an orderly and secure filing system
- Scan and convert existing paper files into digital format, ensuring accuracy
- Create and maintain digital filing systems for efficient document management
- File new paperwork such as onboarding documents, benefits forms, and performance reviews into both physical and electronic records
- Process confidential HR documents such as employment contracts, background checks, and disciplinary records
- Support HR staff with administrative tasks, data entry, and document verification
- Ensure compliance with recordkeeping standards, data privacy, and retention policies
- Retrieve and provide documents as needs for audits, legal requests, or internal reviews

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong organizational and time management skills with the ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks
- Excellent attention to detail and accuracy in data entry
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook)
- Ability to operate scanners, copiers, and filing equipment efficiently
- Strong confidentiality and discretion when handling sensitive information
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively within a team environment
- Willing to take training as required

Education and Experience:

- High school diploma or equivalent required; associate degree in business, HR, or related field preferred
- 1-2 years of clerical, administrative, or HR support experience
- Experience with scanning, filing, and digital document management preferred
- Familiarity with HR procedures and employment documentation is an asset

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

Please forward your Cover Letter, Resume (including 3 work related references), and Criminal Record 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:** *Friday October 31, 2025 at 4:30pm***POSTED:** October 15, 2025

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

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