

The FEVER

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Having so often failed as a peacemaker and negotiator, Donald Trump has changed himself into a war monger, so thousands of people have already been killed or injured, including at least 180 American military members. The global economy is being affected in many negative ways, and Trump, his allies, enablers and supporters appear to care less about the suffering of others.

Millions of people are being displaced from their homes and even their country. Infrastructures and economies of many cities and entire countries are being damaged. Venezuela, Cuba and other South America countries have been subject to American military action and policing. Trump threats of tariffs, invasions and even annexation hang over Greenland and other foreign countries, and he is still advocating that Canada should be annexed.



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Paddle Prairie Settlement to get new school

Alberta Chiefs lobby King Charles for help in protecting treaty rights and separation from Canada talk by Premier Smith

New ways being found to manage diabetes



Wabasca Minor Hockey Association produced this congratulatory Facebook poster for its Under 15 Hockey Team after a victorious tournament held in Wabasca which gave the local Eagles a championship title.

[More details next issue](#)



Wabasca Eagles Under 18 Girls have won another set of volleyball gold medals. [Another photo/details on Page 7.](#)

Superintendent's Highlights: New to Northland and CTS Days



February 20 Board highlights

Superintendent of Schools and CEO Cal Johnson presented his report to the Board, with members of the Executive Team assisting in specific areas. Deputy Superintendent Scott Meunier highlighted the recent New to Northland training. New teachers took part in cultural learning and discussions that support Truth and Reconciliation. The training helps staff better understand the communities they serve and the context in which they teach.

Associate Superintendent Mark Owens and Acting Associate Superintendent Amy Savill shared highlights from CTS Days across Northland. Students earned credits while exploring career and trade pathways such as welding, carpentry, culinary arts, mechanics and work experience placements.

More information is available on the Northland School Division website <https://www.nsd61.ca/about-us/division-news/post/northland-hosts-career-and-technology-studies-cts-days-january-27-29>.



CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (CTS) DAYS
JANUARY 27-29, 2026



BIGSTONE CREE NATION TRUST EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Trust Administrator

Bigstone Cree Nation Trust is seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the position of a permanent full-time Trust Administrator in the community of Wabasca, Alberta. The individual must be well organized with the ability to work independently, have the ability to multi-task, possess strong work ethic and have an experienced level of knowledge of Trust Law, Trust Administration and Finance Operations.

DUTIES/ RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist members in preparing new proposals or presentations based upon their needs.
- Serve as the administrative contact for Membership, third party, vendors and providers.
- Liaise with other trust service providers on trust matters as required, including legal counsel, investment managers, investment consultation, auditors, etc.
- Provide monthly reports to Bigstone Cree nation trustees.
- Identify opportunities to increase probability, create capacity and reduce expenses.
- Assist in the development of policies and procedures for trust operations or program guidelines.
- Monitor bank activity reports such as transaction history, cash balances, and transactions.
- Prepare cheque requisitions.
- Reconcile bank statements with software monthly.
- Participate in internal projects and initiatives of varying scope and responsibility.
- Other duties as requested.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Business Administration Certificate or Diploma in Advanced Accounting and Finance and/or equivalent education and experience will be considered.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Be respectful, honest, and trustworthy; demonstrate sound work ethic.
- Extensive knowledge and appreciation for Bigstone Cree Nation people, culture, language, history, values, traditions, and extended family relationships.
- Maintain high degree of confidentiality.
- Valid Class 5 Alberta Driver's license, and reliable transportation.
- Must be bondable - a criminal record check is required.

Submit cover letter, resume, C.W.I.S and criminal record check to:

**Bigstone Cree Nation Trust
Box 990 Wabasca, AB, T0G 2K0
Email: trust@bigstone.ca
Tele: 780-891-4803**

Closing date for this employment opportunity will be March 16, 2026.

Thank you in advance for all the applicants. Only applicants that meet the criteria will be contacted for an interview.

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS:

ANGER MANAGEMENT GROUP THERAPY



WABASCA

Date: March 20, 2026

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Location: Bigstone Community
Wellness

Maximum 6 persons

CALLING LAKE

Date: March 27, 2026

Time: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Calling Lake Library

Maximum 6 persons

For Wabasca, please contact
Community Wellness Reception,
780-891-3777 OR 1-877-767-7060

For Calling Lake, please contact
Charmaise Cardinal @780-331-3810
David Clearwater @780-331-3027



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Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement to get new school

Northland School Division is celebrating an important step forward for Paddle Prairie School.

The Alberta Government has approved funding to begin planning for a replacement school.

The project was announced as part of Budget 2026, which includes new school projects across Alberta. The approval allows planning work to begin for a new school that will serve students and families in the Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement.

Northland School Division has consistently identified Paddle Prairie School as a priority for replacement through its capital plans submitted to the Alberta Government. The Board of Trustees has also highlighted the need for a new school during meetings with provincial leaders as part of its advocacy efforts.

“This announcement reflects years of advocacy by the Board of Trustees to bring attention to the need for a new school in Paddle Prairie,” said Board Chair Tanya Fayant. “We are grateful to Minister Dan Williams for listening and supporting this request, and we thank the leadership of Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement for standing

with us and speaking to the importance of this project for students and families in the settlement.”

“A replacement school in Paddle Prairie will support Northland School Division’s Education Plan priorities of Connections Supporting Truth and Reconciliation and Holistic Learning,” said Superintendent of Schools and CEO Cal Johnson.

“This project also reflects our commitment to responsible resourcing by taking action to improve the learning spaces students and staff rely on every day. A modern school will provide space for language and culture, land-based learning, and stronger high school programming so students in the settlement can thrive and grow into contributing members of the settlement and society.”

Paddle Prairie School serves students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Built in stages beginning in the 1970s, the current facility no longer has the space needed to support several important program areas. With planning now approved, the next phase will involve working with the Alberta Government on the early stages of design and development.



BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS
CHIPEWYAN LAKE

COME JOIN US FOR
ST. PATRICK'S DAY BEADING

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF BEADING AND CRAFTING.

MARCH 17, 2026
5PM-7PM
AT THE CHIPEWYAN LAKE HALL

AGES 10 AND UP
SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT IVY ALOOK
@780-891-8569

Families should have fun most weeks working on the Fun Puzzle page in Focus!

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS:

A Gospel Healing JAMBOREE

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND HEALING

MARCH 16TH, 2026 IN WABASCA AT THE GEORGE D AUGER HALL FROM 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

MARCH 17TH, 2026 IN CALLING LAKE AT THE COMMUNITY COMPLEX FROM 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

MARCH 18TH, 2026 IN CHIPEWYAN LAKE AT THE COMMUNITY HALL FROM 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

“FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM IS THROUGH A GENEROUS GIFT FROM THE NATIONAL SIXTIES SCOOP HEALING FOUNDATION OF CANADA.”

For more information contact Deborah Thunder or Denise Cardinal at the Bigstone Community Wellness office : Ph: 780-891-3777 or Toll Free: 1-877-767-7060

Bigstone Community Wellness Presents: in Wabasca

Youth Bingo Night

When: March 20th, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 20 Youth (Boys and Girls)
Ages: 9 - 18

Snacks Prizes and Tons of Fun
Join us for some Friends and Laughter

CALL TO REGISTER: BERNADETTE SCHNEIDER OR KEVIN MUSKWA AT 780-891-3777 OR TOLL FREE: 1-877-767-7060

Loon River man charged for making threats

A Red Earth Creek homeowner had a man armed with a knife and a hammer enter his residence about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 3. The unwanted male visitor threatened the homeowner with the knife and hammer

responding to the report of the intruder who fled.

RCMP investigated and were able to identify a suspect who is a resident of Loon River First Nation

Dick Andrew Noskiye was arrested on two counts of assault with a weapon and uttering threats.

The accused was remanded in custody by a justice of the peace and is to appear in court on March 17 in Red Earth Creek.

RCMP need tips on fatal crash

McLennan RCMP are still looking for help in finding a black Ford F150 and its driver who on February 18 had involvement between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., in a fatal collision on Highway 49, just South of Highway 676, in the MD of Smoky River.

Dashcam footage has revealed the F150 overtook a semi-truck hauling lumber and that caused a head-on collision with a semi hauling petroleum. One of the semi drivers was killed.

McLennan RCMP can be called: 780-324-3061.



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:

Girls Night Escape Room

Does your team have what it takes to make it out of the escape room?

When: March 20th, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 10 Youth
Ages: 10 - 17

CALL TO REGISTER: BERNADETTE SCHNEIDER AT 780-891-3777 OR TOLL FREE: 1-877-787-7080

Board Meeting Highlights



February 20, 2026

Bus replacement plan moves forward

The Board received an update on the division's bus replacement plan and the condition of the current fleet.

Following the presentation, the Board authorized Administration to proceed with tendering for three new school buses. Replacing aging buses on a planned schedule helps maintain safe and reliable



transportation for students across the communities Northland School Division serves.

Two-way radio contract approved

The Board approved a six-year equipment lease and services contract with NextCom to upgrade two-way radios across the division's bus fleet. The new system will improve communication between buses, schools and the Transportation Department. It will also support reliable service in areas without cellular coverage by using Starlink connectivity on select routes. Leasing the equipment provides a predictable cost structure and includes a full warranty for the six-year term. Installation is expected to be completed before the start of the next school year.



Pedestrian Safety

Be Visible at Night



Wear reflective clothing or carry a light when walking near roads after dark.

Drivers can only avoid what they can see.

Bigstone Community Wellness & Calling Lake School Presents Calling Lake

WINTER festival

MARCH 14, 2026

Calling Lake School Field
12pm-3pm

Everyone Welcome

Lunch to Be Served at 12pm inside the gym
Sleigh Rides & Door Prizes

***Concession provided by Calling Lake School for their Fundraiser**

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Calling Lake School

Chiefs carry campaign against Premier Smith, talk of separation with trip to Great Britain to discuss issues with King Charles III

A statement was issued from the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nation and other Chiefs following their meeting in Buckingham Palace with King Charles III on Wednesday, March 12.

Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations Grand Chief and Sunchild First Nation Chief Joey Pete and Louis Bull Tribe Chief Desmond Bull met with His Majesty King Charles III today.

The meeting affirmed Treaties 1 to 11 as sacred covenants among First Nations and the British Crown and included related matters of mutual interest and concern.

Chief Bull thanked His Majesty and the other delegates for this important meeting.

“His Majesty The King was welcoming, very interested in what we had to say and asked a lot of questions,” said Grand Chief Pete. “We made him aware of the separatism issue in Alberta and the threat to treaties it represents. He expressed his concern and committed to learning more.”

“I took the opportunity to ask The King on behalf of Treaty No. 6, 7 and 8 Nations to issue a Royal Proclamation reaffirming our sacred Treaty relationship and Sovereign Rights.

“It was a significant meeting, as Treaty partners and equals.”

“We were honoured to meet with The King,” said Chief Bull. “It was an important opportunity to speak with him directly about Treaty matters.

“We also used this time to alert him to the international implications of the threats our Treaties currently face and Canada’s ongoing failure to meet Treaty obligations. He took it all very seriously.”

Invitation to visit Alberta

During the meeting, a formal invitation was ex-

tended to His Majesty The King to attend the 150th Commemoration of Treaty No. 6 Celebrations during August in Edmonton. His acceptance and attendance would be a powerful symbol of the Crown’s commitment to the Treaty relationship.

Grand Chief Pete and Chief Bull requested a future audience with King Charles III for the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations – to continue dialogue on the importance of upholding the spirit, intent, and obligations of the Treaty relationship.

Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:

IRS Inquest

Elders Survivor Gathering

Chipewyan Lake Community Hall

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

IRS Update:

- Building connections and sharing through discussion and activities
- Building the story/narrative for monument planning

Lunch and Beverages will be provided



For more information, please contact Treena Gladue

at 780-891-3777 or Toll Free 1-877-767-7060

E-mail: treena.gladue@bigstonehealth.ca



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:

4 Week Youth Cooking Series

Week 1:

Kitchen Safety & Using Electric Appliances

When: March 17th, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 10 Youth
Ages: 10 - 17

Must have waiver form filled out prior to cooking programming.

Call to register: Bernadette Schneider at 780-891-3777 or toll free: 1-877-767-7060



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:

4 Week Youth Cooking Series

Week 2:

Taco In A Bag

When: March 24th, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 10 Youth
Ages: 10 - 17

Must have waiver form filled out prior to cooking programming.

Call to register: Bernadette Schneider at 780-891-3777 or toll free: 1-877-767-7060



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:

4 Week Youth Cooking Series

Week 3:

Pizza

When: March 31st, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 10 Youth
Ages: 10 - 17

Must have waiver form filled out prior to cooking programming.

Call to register: Bernadette Schneider at 780-891-3777 or toll free: 1-877-767-7060



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:
in Wabasca

4 Week Youth Cooking Series

Week 4:

Chicken Dinner in an InstaPot

When: April 7th, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: Community Kitchen next to ATB Updated Venue

Maximum: 8 Youth (Boys and Girls)
Ages: 10 - 17

Must have waiver form filled out prior to cooking programming.

Call to register: Bernadette Schneider at 780-891-3777 or toll free: 1-877-767-7060

Women recognized

Sunday was International Women’s Day and Alberta Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women Tanya Fir issued the following statement on International Women’s Day:

“For generations, women have defined Alberta’s social, cultural and economic story. Today, on International Women’s Day, we honour the strength, vision and courage of women and girls whose contributions have left a lasting impact in Alberta and around the world.

“Alberta’s government is committed to championing the continued success of women and girls as they break barriers, build businesses and lead meaningful change across our province. By prioritizing women’s safety, enhancing their economic security and expanding their opportunities in underrepresented industries, we are building a province where every woman can pursue her goals with confidence.

Supporting help offered

“Through targeted investments in training, programs and scholarships, including the Women in STEM, Persons Case and Women in Technical and Applied Arts scholarships, we are supporting women as they step into high-demand careers, pursue bold ideas and achieve their fullest potential.

“We also recognize that

safety and financial independence go hand in hand. Through Alberta’s 10-year Strategy to End Gender-Based Violence, we are enhancing supports for survivors, improving com-

munity safety and helping women build secure, stable futures.

“On International Women’s Day, we celebrate the women and girls who lead, create and inspire those

around them every day. From the Famous Five to the women shaping our communities today, together we are building an even brighter and stronger future for Alberta.”



Team picture: Front Row left to right: Ashley Auger, Karsyn Gullion, and Tessa Anderson-Noskey. Back Row left to right: Assistant Coaches Mathew Auger and Kevin Bigstone, Sky Young, Amaris Noskiye, Harmony Gladue, Kayla Bigstone, Khyelle Mirabete, Bradie Sinclair, Head Coach Marcel Auger.

Wabasca Volleyball Club’s Under 18 Girls Team played in an Alberta Volleyball sanctioned this past weekend, hosted by the Tri-Area Warriors Volleyball Club. “Our girls played seven hard-fought matches and came out with the Gold Medals,” said head coach Marcel Auger.



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March 19th 4:30-6:30pm

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Join in the activities!

- nail pounding
- snow bowling
- building snow forts
- scavenger hunt
- snow shoeing
- tug of war
- fire making
- moose calling
- ...and more



Come support the Grads and buy supper:

- Buy a hotdog, chips and a drink
- Buy some 50/50 tickets
- Enter the door prize draw



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Canadian entertainers, Canadian venue, large Canadian Indigenous audience; Americans scam some fans in U.S. \$\$\$

By Bruce Thomas

A fan of William Prince, the singer/songwriter from Peguis First Nation in Manitoba, in late February, I happened to check his website in the last days of February and it said he would be in Edmonton Friday, March 6, at the Northern Jubilee Auditorium.

Great. While I had attended his concert at McDougall Church in Edmonton, I had missed his first one at the Jube, so let's go to his second. Prominent on the Prince website was ticketsonsale.com, so I clicked it and picked two tickets for seats on one of the side balconies listed for \$79 each. No choice given for seat selection but I assumed that would come later.

What should have raised alarm bells to a guy who constantly writes about scams is after the credit card information was given and accepted, two receipts with QR codes showed up and stated this was confirmation of the sale. There was some other information given but it was a bit confusing. But more confusing was the red sentence near the bottom of the screen: **Sale in US dollars \$207.**

Some discussion was held about whether the after-the-fact revelation of payment was actually in U.S. dollars, meaning about \$48 dollars more expensive due to the exchange rate, should have us call the credit card company to cancel the transaction.

Since the concert was only a week away, and there might be no seats left since we had read William's first Jube concert had attracted a close-to-sold-out crowd, we decided to just stay with the "tickets" we had.

Ticket sales for big events have become an industry

Ironically, the day before the purchase of the "tickets," I had listened to a CBC radio show which discussed how across North America and in other parts of the world, concert and live theatre tickets were becoming so expensive that anyone on low or even median income were unable to get tickets.

Reasons for this is that Ticketmaster/LiveNation and other large players in marketing tickets and promotions have put a stranglehold on popular venues of all sizes by saying they will not handle ticket sales for venues that do not agree to give them the rights to be the main ticket seller for all larger events.

The most popular bands and other big venue performers in past years were often dealing directly with the venues and had their own ticket sales and marketing crews, but that is changing quickly due to the pressures of the big ticket marketers, a growing number of third-party selling operators including questionable ones like ticketsonsale.

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New strategies to manage diabetes daily

(NC) Managing diabetes effectively often comes down to the small, everyday choices. Routine, consistency and a strong support system can contribute to long-term success, both in life and in diabetes management.

Let data help drive your decisions

Using data can help people make more informed choices. Tracking your nutrition and exercise doesn't have to be intensive. It's less about chasing numbers, and more about understanding what those numbers mean for your body.

For people with diabetes, sensor-based glucose technology, like Abbott's latest FreeStyle Libre 3 Plus sensor, can provide real-time glucose readings throughout the day. That lets you see how your nutrition, exercise and medication affect your levels. When you can see how meals and activity affect your glucose, the data can help you make informed choices daily and develop healthy habits overall.

Support matters

Surrounding yourself with a strong community—family, medical professionals, friends and coaches—lets

you benefit from their experience and advice and draw on their strength. Just like no athlete makes it to the podium alone, you don't have to manage your health alone, either.

With the right support systems, combined with data, technology, a consistent routine and coaching, you can build the confidence to make progress along your health journey.



It is UCP Government's repeated poor fiscal handling of budgets that has brought on current and future deficits except when oil/gas temporarily cause a boom that mostly benefit industry exec's and investors

See Focus Page 3 for Parkland article

We borrowed books from the...

...library to learn how to make kites to fly!



Kids: color stuff in!



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Has your neighbourhood had some March Winds invading?

Strong wind can blow a flying bird off its course, so I like to stay on the ground and have fun on days when there are powerful wind gusts.



I like wind. Gentle breezes cool us and carry sounds of laughter. Ocean breezes smell so good! Picnic breezes lift our kites high into the air. When strong storm winds blow, they howl and shake the house.

But, while the winds wrap around homes, people curl up with good books and families slow down to play board games together. Have you ever heard the saying that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb? That means that the month starts off windy, but at the end it is calm. **Let's see if you can do my windy puzzles!**

March Winds Blow!

March:

- the month named after _____, the Roman God of war
- may have more than one full _____
- birthstone
- is when the _____ season begins
- Saint _____ Day is on the seventeenth
- is the _____ month of the year
- a month of breezy or _____ days
- Pisces and Aries are the _____ signs
- jonquils and daffodils are its special _____
- has thirty-one _____

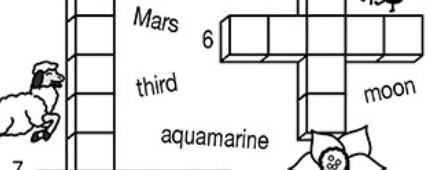
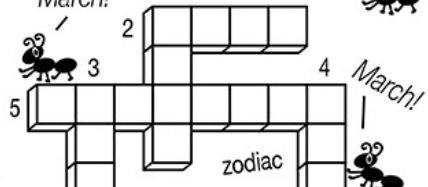
The wind **ROARS** into March!



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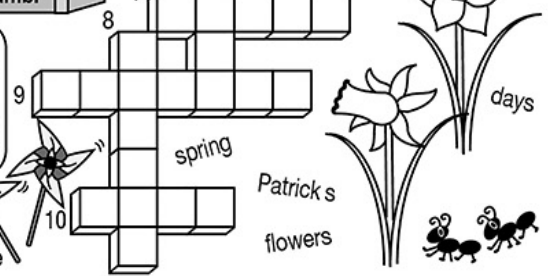
March!



March
In like a lion,
out like a lamb!



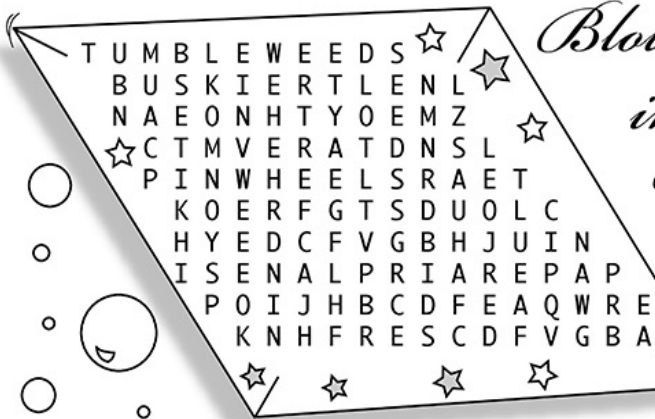
Often, March starts off blustery and a bit chilly, then ends in calm and warmth.



Match these expressions to what they mean:

- in the wind
- get wind of
- take the wind out of one's sails
- throw caution to the wind
- gone with the wind

- is gone forever
- make a risky move
- is about to happen
- to find out about something secret
- to surprise someone by doing something better than them or by finding they made a mistake



Blowing in the Wind

In 1806, a Rear Admiral in the Royal Navy, Sir Francis Beaufort, created a table of wind speeds and how they would affect ocean waves and the use of a ship's sails. The **Beaufort Wind Scale** is a table of wind speed. It has been changed a little bit over the years, but is still the table that weather forecasters and sailors use today.

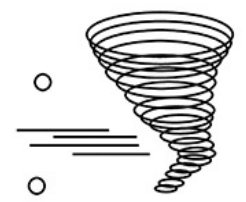
Match the wind speed to the effect it has:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. calm day (0 up to 1 mph) | A. leaves rustle |
| 2. light breeze (4-7 mph) | B. smoke rises straight up |
| 3. near gale (32-38 mph) | C. widespread damage |
| 4. violent storm (64-72 mph) | D. extreme damage |
| 5. hurricane (72-82 mph) | E. whole trees in motion |

Here are twelve things that blow in the wind. Only six of these are hidden in the puzzle. **Can you find and circle them?**

- | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| pinwheels | tumbleweeds | flags | clouds |
| windsocks | drying clothes | bubbles | chimes |
| ocean waves | paper airplanes | kites | seeds |

Tornadoes are the most violent storms. Their whirling winds can reach 200-300 mph!



Parkland Institute says Alberta Government keeps punching itself

By Richard Acuna, Executive Director, Parkland Institute

A person walks into a doctor's office, and the following conversation ensues.

Patient:

Doctor, I keep getting these bruises on my face, and it's incredibly painful.

Doctor:

I think I see what the problem is.

Patient, relieved and excited:

Oh, thank you! Tell me how to fix it! I'll do anything!

Doctor:

My advice is that you stop punching yourself in the face like you're doing now. That will surely help.

Patient, red with rage and punching themselves even harder:

What a quack! And you call yourself a doctor?

On February 28, two days after delivering a provincial budget with a \$9.4 billion deficit, Alberta Finance Minister Nate Horner told Calgary Chamber of Commerce that this is a more challenging year than previous budgets, with low oil prices, global uncertainty and strain on infrastructure and services; that no finance minister wants to table a budget with a deficit; and that the province has chosen stability.

The minister knows the solution to deficits, instability, and strained infrastructure and services. He also knows that the deficit was not caused by population growth, the federal government, or even low oil prices.

But just like the patient who refuses to stop punching themselves in the face, the government keeps applying the wrong remedies and wondering why nothing heals. So, to make it easier for Mr. Horner and his government, here's the simple four-step stop-punching-yourself-in-the-face treatment plan we all need.

Step one: Stabilize revenues

The first solution is perhaps the most obvious one. So obvious, in fact, that the government publishes it annually in their fiscal plan (this year it's on page 131), and on its website. By the Alberta government's own calculations, if we had the same tax regime (personal, business, and other taxes) as the province with the next lowest taxes, British Columbia, that would generate an additional \$16.9 billion in revenues in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. If we emulated Ontario or Saskatchewan, the difference climbs to just over \$22 billion, and importing the tax regime of Quebec would generate an extra \$31.1 billion. Note that even if we just copied BC's sales tax and none of the other taxes, that would be more than enough to eliminate the proposed deficit.

What that means is Alberta could maintain the lowest individual and business taxes in the country, eliminate the deficit, and actually generate a surplus that would help properly fund our education, health care, social services, and infrastructure, all regardless of international oil prices.

Beyond not raising taxes, however, the UCP has also opted to keep punching Alberta in the face by actually reducing the amount of tax revenues coming into provincial coffers. On January 1, 2025, Danielle Smith created a new personal tax bracket of 8% on the first \$60,000 earned, removing over \$1 billion in the first year alone. This was, of course, on top of Jason Kenney's decision to cut the corporate tax rate by a third in 2020.

Step two: End the oil and gas addiction

Beyond directly reducing the province's revenue streams, this flawed regime only serves to increase our dependence on natural resources to fund our public services and infrastructure. In 1999-2000, the last fiscal year before Ralph Klein fundamentally changed our tax regime, Alberta was raising enough from individual and corporate taxes to pay for approximately 53% of

our provincial operating costs. In the 2026-2027 budget, that proportion has fallen to barely 33%. That leaves non-renewable resource revenues to make up the bulk of the difference.

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BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity



REFERRAL DRIVER Full-Time (Permanent) Shift Work – 8 hours/day Wabasca, AB

The Bigstone Referral Unit in Wabasca, AB is seeking one (1) experienced Referral Driver to join our talented Health Team. 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.

At Bigstone Health Commission, you are more than an employee – you are part of a community. Our work is rooted in respect for culture, connection, and service to the members of Bigstone Cree Nation. We offer a supportive and welcoming workplace where your contributions matter, your growth is encouraged, and your work helps strengthen health services for present and future generations. Joining our team means building a meaningful career while giving back to community. 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:

- Transport clients in the community, with possibility of out-of-town driving
- Must be familiar with geographical locations of Athabasca, Westlock, Fort McMurray, St. Paul, Bonnyville and Edmonton area
- Must be familiar with Edmonton and surrounding areas
- Must be comfortable with in city driving
- Must follow all transportation safety rules and regulations
- Must clean vehicle daily, and report any problems with vehicle as necessary
- Must ensure vehicles are equipped with an emergency aide at all times
- Must take direction from clerks as to coordination of trip schedule
- Filling out and handing in daily logbooks, inspection reports and trip sheets
- Other duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Valid Class 1, 2 or 4 Driver's license
- Excellent communication skills, oral, and written
- Able to speak and understand the Cree language is an asset
- High School Education
- Standard First Aid/ CPR (current)
- Must have reliable transportation

Benefits:

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

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

Please forward your Cover Letter, Resume & 3 Work Related References, Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check, Child & Youth Intervention Check and Driver's Abstract. **(All checks must be current within the last 6 months and included in the application to be considered)**

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 ON: February 26, 2026

Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest, 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.

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CALLING LAKE

Homework Club



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March - June

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Paint • Dance • Celebrate Creativity

Let's light up the night with music,
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TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

TIME: 5pm to 7pm

AGES 12 AND UP



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
IVY ALOOK @ (780) 891-8569

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CHIPEWYAN LAKE

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"REEL IN MEMORIES
ONE FISH AT A TIME"

TUESDAY, MARCH 24th, 2026

TIME: 12PM TO 3PM

- ☑ Family-Friendly Activity
- ☑ Biggest Catch Prize

- ☑ Weiner Roast
- ☑ Hot Chocolate



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT IVY ALOOK (780) 891-8569

REPOSTING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LAKEVIEW SPORTS CENTRE CONCESSION OPERATION

The MD of Opportunity is seeking proposals from persons interested in operating the Lakeview Sports Centre Concession in Wabasca under a 1-year contract with option(s) to renew.

Contractor Requirements:

- 18 years of age or older and bondable
- Able to obtain \$2 Million liability insurance
- Able to obtain an MD business license
- Monthly rental fee of \$200.00
- Able to pay damage deposit of \$500.00
- Provide a satisfactory criminal record & vulnerable sector checks for employees
- Operate concession full time
- Offer healthy choices along with "fast food options"
- Provide own supplies for food service
- Must obtain Alberta Health Services: Food Handling Permit
- Maintain license area including daily cleaning of the kitchen, dining tables and washrooms

Proposals should list:

- Your experience in food service
- Proposed menu and hours of operation
- Copies of proponent certification (Food Safety, First Aid, etc.)

Submit proposal to Angela Lightning
Email: angela.lightning@mdopportunity.ab.ca
780-891-2659

Proposals can be also dropped off at the Lakeview Sports Centre, 102 Opportunity Drive, Wabasca, Ab

OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS UNTIL SUITABLE CANDIDATE IS FOUND



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Family Community Support Services (FCSS)

Support Worker

Permanent Part Time - Red Earth Creek

The MD of Opportunity is now accepting resumes for a permanent part time FCSS Support Worker. The FCSS Support Worker for Red Earth Creek plays a key role in strengthening community well-being through prevention-based services, collaboration, and culturally responsive support.

This position focuses on connecting individuals, families, and community partners, while delivering programs that build capacity, reduce barriers, and enhance quality of life. The successful candidate will also possess these attributes: compassionate, community-minded, reliable, and comfortable working with diverse populations.

Key Responsibilities:

- Deliver prevention-based programs and community activities.
- Provide Volunteer Income Tax support to low-income individuals and families.
- Collaborate with local agencies and community partners.
- Connect community members to appropriate resources and services.
- Promote FCSS programs and support community engagement.
- Complete basic reporting and administrative duties.
- Other duties as assigned from time to time.

Qualifications:

- Experience in community or human services an asset.
- Strong communication and relationship-building skills.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and work independently.
- Willingness to learn income tax processes (training provided).
- Valid Class 5 Drivers License.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Interested individuals are asked to submit their Resume and three work related references to:

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

The personal information submitted pursuant to this advertisement will be utilized for this Employment Opportunity only and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act.



Request for Proposals

The MD of Opportunity is requesting proposals to Contract the Disposal of White Goods & Scrap Metals

for Red Earth, Wabasca, Calling Lake Sites.

RFP Packages can be picked up at the Your Nearest MD Office, MD Website or APC Site

(Alberta Purchasing Connection).

Deadline date: March 17, 2026 at 11:00:00 a.m.MT

Must be received with the following conditions:

- In a Sealed Envelope
- Marked **03 - 17 - 2026**
- Delivered to Wabasca Main Office

If you have any questions, please call the office at 780-891-3778



Request for Proposals – 8-2026

The MD Of Opportunity is requesting proposals to contract replacing two hydrants in Wabasca

RFP Packages can be picked up at your nearest MD Office, MD Website or APC site (Alberta Purchasing Connection)

Deadline date: March 19, 2026 at 11:00 am MT

Must be received with the following conditions:

- In a sealed envelope
- Marked - Request for Proposal 8-2026 – Wabasca Hydrant Replacement
- Delivered to Wabasca Main Office
- Emailed to: tenders@mdopportunity.ab.ca

Contact Person:

Earl Gullion at 780-891-3778, earl.gullion@mdopportunity.ab.ca or Kevin Pothier, P.Eng. (technical inquires) at 780-260-0419, kpothier@mesl.ca

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DEPUTY REGIONAL FIRE CHIEF Permanent Full Time Position

The Municipal District of Opportunity is accepting resumes for the permanent, full-time position of Deputy Regional Fire Chief. Reporting to the Regional Fire Chief, the Deputy Regional Fire Chief will assist in helping to manage M.D of Opportunity Fire Departments. The ideal candidate must possess a high degree of integrity, professionalism, confidentiality, a high moral and ethical character. The ideal candidate will have an excellent ability to exercise independent judgment and show initiative to perform duties with minimal supervision and should possess multi-tasking and excellent interpersonal skills. This individual must be prepared to work in a team environment. This position is stationed in Wabasca and will require travel to the hamlets of Red Earth Creek, Calling Lake, and Sandy Lake. Due to the nature of this position, a non-typical work schedule is necessary, with a minimum of 72.5-hours bi-weekly that includes evenings and weekends. Occasional overtime may be required.

Essential job functions include, but not limited to:

- ♦ Assist with the development and delivery of standardized training programs for all MD fire departments.
- ♦ Development and maintenance of operational guidelines.
- ♦ Assist with the planning and development of operational and capital project budgets.
- ♦ Assist with Fire department recruitment and retention initiatives.
- ♦ Will help with overseeing mutual aid and other agency agreements drafted by Regional Fire Chief; and
- ♦ Ensuring safe and efficient operations of all fire departments including monthly inspections.

Qualifications:

- Grade 12 diploma or GED
- Minimum of five years' direct fire service experience, preferably in a responsibility and leadership role and knowledge in Fire Prevention.
- Must have NFPA 1001 Level 2.
- NFPA 1041 Level 2, NFPA 1051 or S-215 and ICS-200 would be an asset.
- NFPA 1002 and NFPA 1072 or equivalent would be an asset.
- Good written/verbal communications and public relations skills.
- Must have a valid Class 5 Driver's License with a Q endorsement.
- Must be proficient in the use of computers and relevant software programs.
- Knowledge of provincial and municipal regulations and legislation.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Salary range for this position is based on qualifications. Interested candidates are requested to submit their resume along with 3 work references to the attention of:

Human Resources Department
MD of Opportunity Box 60, Wabasca, AB TOG 2KO
Phone: (780) 891-3778 Fax: (780) 891-4283
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Jokes to use on March 17!

What would you get if you crossed Christmas with St. Patrick's Day? **St. O'Claus**

What do you call an Irish spider?

Paddy LongLegs

UCP Government keeps making same mistakes ... from Focus Page 3

The problem is that oil and gas are some of the most volatile and unpredictable revenue sources out there. In the week following the US and Israeli bombing of Iran, the international price of oil (WTI) went up by over US\$20 a barrel. Every dollar change in the annual average price of WTI means a difference of \$680 million to Alberta's books. That's the opposite of fiscal stability.

As if the province weren't punching itself in the face hard enough, Danielle Smith's solution to our overdependence on energy revenues is to push for more pipelines so we can produce even more bitumen and make our entire economy and fiscal regime even more dependent on one thing.

Consecutive Alberta governments have insisted that more pipelines would enable us to grow our oil and gas industry, which in turn would result in more jobs and more provincial revenues, increasing our fiscal stability and ability to fund services and infrastructure. Since the opening of the TMX pipeline in 2024, it's true that we have been producing and exporting more bitumen than ever before. This record production, however, has been accompanied by unemployment rates regularly above the national average, and royalty revenues that are actually less than revenues from personal taxes. So, beyond the increased volatility, we are also increasing our dependence on a resource that is generating fewer jobs and revenues per barrel than it was just a few years ago.

Step three: Stop giving money away

It's not just on the revenue side that the Alberta government is explicitly making choices that will inflict maximum pain and suffering upon Albertans. Health care is the prime example. The budget allocates over half a billion dollars more to funding private facilities to perform surgeries outside of the public health-care system, despite the evidence that this practice has actually increased surgical wait times while also increasing costs. In fact, they have recently doubled down on privatized healthcare by enabling a two-tier system where money buys access and opening the door to US-style private insurance for medically necessary procedures. In both these instances, the overall health-care budget increases, but the money actually goes to line the pockets of corporations and investors rather than toward improved outcomes. Nothing says "let me punch myself in the face" like taking the few tax dollars we're receiving and using them to reduce services.

Step four: Stop with the chaos-making

All of this privatization is happening against the backdrop of the Alberta government's unnecessary overhaul and reorganization of our entire health system. Blowing up Alberta Health Services to create four new, different entities in its place, and then creating a fifth entity to run administration for the four bodies is the epitome of spending hundreds of millions of dollars to rearrange deck chairs on the Titanic.

The government initially pegged the cost of the restructure at \$85 million, and although there has been no reporting yet on the actual costs, the number will almost certainly be higher than that. In addition, Budget 2026 allocates \$2.3 billion to Health Shared Services, the new crown corporation tasked with centralizing corporate services for the sector. After two years and hundreds of millions of dollars, the only visible results from the transition and restructuring are chaos, confusion, and frustration from staff and patients across the system. Once again, spending more to deliver less.

A similar situation plays out in education, where Alberta public schools receive some of the lowest per-student funding in the country while private schools pocket some of the highest. It's true that Budget 2026 provides a significant increase to education funding — but that increase also applies to private schools that are, in many cases, run by friends, donors, and even relatives of the UCP leadership. Once again, using tax dollars to subsidize private tuition while the public system suffers.

As usual, Budget 2026 highlights the degree to which the Alberta government's woes are entirely self-inflicted. The treatment plan is simple and obvious:

Fix the tax system to provide adequate revenues stability and reduce dependence on volatile international oil prices, while maintaining the lowest taxes in the country;

Stop doubling down on oil and gas expansion and pipelines as fiscal and economic panaceas, when history shows that it just increases over-dependence on a single resource that reduces stability and whose returns continue to decline;

Stop throwing money at privatization schemes that increase costs, diminish public services, and only serve to enrich wealthy corporations and individuals; and stop trying to reinvent the wheel by investing in expensive reorganizations and band-aid solutions that cost more and only serve to create chaos and confusion.

Whether it's because their family and friends benefit from chaos and scarcity in public services, or because they value the ideologies and tactics that occasionally cause oil price spikes, it appears the Alberta government remains content to continue punching itself in the face and blaming its resulting pain, cuts, and bruises on outside forces. No amount of Turkish Tylenol will mask that pain for the rest of us.

Parkland Institute is an Alberta-wide, non-partisan research centre situated within the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta. Parkland Institute studies economic, social, cultural, and political issues facing Albertans and Canadians, using the perspective of political economy. The Institute shares the results of its research widely and promotes discussion of the issues its research raises. Parkland Institute exists because of widespread concern about the changes within the political and economic culture of Alberta and Canada.

**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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BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION
Employment Opportunity



EVENT PLANNING COORDINATOR

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

Bigstone Community Wellness is seeking an experienced, highly motivated, and dependable Event Planning Coordinator 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 Indigenous culture, a desire for continuing professional development and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

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Key Responsibilities

- Assist the Community Wellness Manager on tasks as requested
- Plan, coordinate and assist program staff with Community Wellness programs, events and community events and ensuring all deadlines are met
- Coordination of events, i.e., booking venues, securing caterer(s), booking speakers, etc.
- Maintain organized records for all events, functions and programs.
- Partner with other departments to promote and deliver programs or events
- Refer clients to the appropriate resources
- Prepare posters for all programs as needed
- Prepare monthly calendars
- Assist with set-ups and teardowns of events when needed
- Must be flexible and available on short notice
- Perform any other duties as assigned

Education and Experience:

- Office Administration Diploma or Degree in relevant field is required
- Must have excellent interpersonal, organizational and communication skills, both oral and written
- Provide own transportation
- Willing to attend training as required
- Knowledge of Indigenous culture and language is a definite asset

Benefits:

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

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

ALL applications MUST include: Cover Letter, Resume & 3 Work Related References, Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check and Child & Youth Intervention Check
(All checks must be current within the last 6 months)

**Bigstone Health Commission
Human Resources Department**

Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

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

Closing Date for this Employment Opportunity is: **Tuesday March 24, 2026 @ 4:30 pm**

POSTED ON March 10, 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.

March Winds Blow!

1. calm day (0 up to 1 mph) A. leaves rustle
2. light breeze (4-7 mph) B. smoke rises straight up
3. near gale (32-38 mph) C. widespread damage
4. violent storm (64-72 mph) D. extreme damage
5. hurricane (72-82 mph) E. whole trees in motion

1. in the wind A. is gone forever
2. get wind of B. make a risky move
3. take the wind out of one's sails C. is about to happen
4. throw caution to the wind D. to find out about something secret
5. gone with the wind E. to surprise someone by doing better or by finding a mistake they made

Strong gusts made this blow out of Chatter's hands:

UMBRELLA

The wind **FOURS** into March!

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William Prince concert ticket saga ... from Focus Page 1

Back to my experience

More confusing e-mails came from ticketsonsale, and one message indicated actual online tickets and seat numbers might not be sent, but if you are concerned just click on the "Contact Us." I did and I was not surprised that nothing happened.

I clicked instead on Google search for ticketsonsale, and such enough, "scam" was the most common word to be found. How many times have I suggested to readers and friends to always research first, persons or organizations, you might be dealing with. Shame on me!

The most amusing final messages from ticketsonsale came Thursday and the morning of the concert, saying parking was limited at the Jube so it would be best to buy online from ticketsonsale - and there were two choices. One was \$19 and the other \$90 - with no mention of whether that would be in Canadian funds, US dollars or maybe even Euros (currently a Euro equals \$1.58 Canadian so the deluxe \$90 spots would only cost \$142.20 which would be a good deal if a complete detailing came with it).

Having been to many events at the Jube, I had always either parked for free if we wanted a healthy walk before and after the show, used the parkade with little worry about the reasonable price, and now there are plenty of outside sports for \$7.00 "during Jube events."

Conclusion of ticket situation

Although now worried hours before show time that seeing William Prince might be a real problem in regards to the more expensive "tickets" and be more costly if new ones had to be purchased, I printed all the emails from ticketsonsale and went to the ticket office and explained the situation. The Jube staff seemed to have heard it all before and within minutes printed up two tickets that had not been sold in the section we had originally chosen.

The kind staffers also said the CBC radio show on the ticket industry was correct, and advised (if you go to concerts and other events, read this) if you are interested in attending, call the venue's sales office and you are most likely to get the lowest price and best advice on available seat selection.

Review of the concert

I'll save that for next week's Pondering column. If you attended, please email what you thought of the show to wabascafever@shaw.ca or text to 780-554-7280, prior to Monday noon, March 16.

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