

Canadians are tired of bully Trump's constant threats of tariffs

Wide support for Prime Minister calling off talks, saying retaliatory tariffs will hit U.S. "dollar for dollar"

August 25, 2026 – Prime Minister Mark Carney's decision to walk away from the negotiating tables with the United States on a potential trade deal to avoid new tariffs has become a launching point for escalation in what is looking to be an extended trade war.

After 18 months of turmoil, new data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds Canadians are experiencing a wide range of emotions as they digest the latest development in a U.S.-Canada trade dispute with no end immediately in sight.

One-in-five express frustration or anger after a year and a half of tariffs, while anxiety, fear and uncertainty (12%), and disappointment (7%) are also common.

But the data also shows Canadians across the country are preaching national unity over provincial interest at a majority level. Seven-in-10 (69%) Canadians want a 'Team Canada' approach from their province; majorities in every province agree, ranging from 57 per cent in Saskatchewan to 75 per cent in Manitoba.

This despite elevated concern from Canadians that this trade dispute will hurt their province.

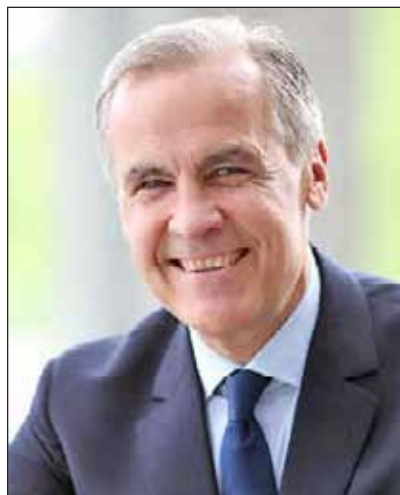
Two-thirds (66%) believe the trade war will very or badly affect their province, including 68 per cent in B.C., 70 per cent in Ontario and 70 per cent in Quebec who say this. Those three provinces are expected to be the epicentres of any job losses caused by the latest round of Trump tariffs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Land Selection Within Bigstone Cree Nation Territory

Calling Lake South – IR 183 C

This is a public notification to **All Bigstone Cree Nation (BCN) Members** that **Mathew Rathbone** has selected land for residential use within the Bigstone Cree Nation Reserve Lands.

If anyone has any appeals or prior claims to this location, please contact:

The Lands Department:
(780) 891-3836
Ext. 254

If no prior claims or concerns arise, the above named BCN Member will be granted authorization to utilize the said land for residential purposes, 2 weeks from the date of this selection:

Deadline to Appeal This Land
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Dated AUGUST 27, 2026
Jessica Johnson, Lands Officer



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APPROVED FOR
Residential Land Selection
Application
Calling Lake South – IR 183 C
August 15, 2026

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY

The following Development Permits were processed on August 17, 2026:

26-DP-037 – 0525897;30;14 – Calling Lake
Development: Sea Cans
Zoned as R1A – Residential District – **Approved**

26-DP-038 – 9524154;17;1 – Calling Lake
Development: Liquor Store
Zoned as C3 – Commercial District – **Refused**

26-DP-040 – 7822775;1 – Calling Lake
Development: Garden Suite
Zoned as R1C - Residential District – **Approved**

Any person affected by this decision may submit a written "statement of concern" on the grounds of appeal to: **Terah Yellowknee, Subdivision and Development of Appeal Board Clerk, MD of Opportunity, P.O. Box 60, Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0**, within 21 days of publication. Please quote the appropriate application number when submitting a statement of concern. The residential appeal fee is \$100.00, and the commercial appeal fee is \$400.00.



Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BYLAW No. 2026-15

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 191 of the Municipal Government Act, C. M26 as amended, the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 intends to hold a Public Hearing in consideration of a proposal to amend the *Land Use Bylaw*.

Bylaw 2026-15, being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No.17 in the Province of Alberta, proposes the amendment of the *Land Use Bylaw* as follows:

1. Removing sections that repeat the MGA, Acts, and Regulations, as it is unnecessary to include requirements in a Bylaw.
2. Removing numerous defined terms, that are unused within the *Land Use Bylaw* and unnecessary duplication of provisions.
3. Amending several sections in the *Land Use Bylaw* that currently states "to the satisfaction of the Development Authority", proposing to state clear criteria that developers must adhere to "the developer shall comply with the following requirements".

At **11:00 a.m. on Monday September 14, 2026**, the Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** at the Council Chambers in Wabasca, at which time objections or comments from the public regarding the proposed *Land Use Bylaw* amendments may be presented.

Written submissions may be provided to the Council during the Public Hearing. However, it is requested that a copy of any written submission be delivered to the Office of the Municipal District's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) by 11:00 a.m. of **Friday September 11, 2026**, in order to ensure that each member of the Council has a copy of the written submissions for the Public Hearing.

Chad Tullis, CAO
Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17
Box 60, Wabasca, AB T0G 2K0

Dated this 17th Day of August, 2026

Copies of the proposed rezoning may be reviewed and inspected and/or purchased for a nominal fee by the public at the Municipal District of Opportunity No.17 Office, 2077 Mistassini Road, Hamlet of Wabasca, during the hours of 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Northland SCHOOL DIVISION

Re-Registration

Parents and guardians can re-register students by contacting their local school starting the week of August 31, when school staff return.

New Student Registration

New students need a completed registration form and one of the following:

- Birth certificate
- Residency document
- Canadian citizenship document
- Passport

Registration forms are available at:

[www.ca/students-parents/
student-registration-forms](http://www.ca/students-parents/student-registration-forms)

Contact your local school starting the week of August 31 to complete registration.

Back To School 2026-2027

New school year is almost here!

**Classes resume
September 8, 2026**

School Supplies

School supplies will be ready for Northland School Division students, including notebooks, markers, glue sticks, pencils and more.

School Bus Information

Northland students who still need to register for busing can contact their school starting week of August 31.

Students attending a non-Northland school can register for busing at:

[www.nsd61.ca/departments/
transportation/bussing](http://www.nsd61.ca/departments/transportation/bussing)

Kindergarten Information

Kindergarten start dates may vary by school. Contact your local school to confirm the start date.

"This Is Treaty Land": First Nations Push Back Against Alberta Separation Movement





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Bigstone Community Wellness is offering Community Debriefs



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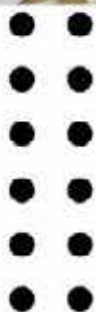
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for :

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- Groups/Agencies



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For more information, please
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Response Team @ 780-891-3777 or
Toll Free number 1-877-767-7060

- Wabasca
- Calling Lake
- Chipewyan



INSIDE LOOK AT WHAT TO HAPPEN AT 5TH ANNUAL WABASCA CULTURAL DAYS ARE ONLY 20 DAYS AWAY!

FCSS has been busy with the preparation of stations, purchasing and ordering items for the stations where needed. Booking rentals and getting posters out.

There will be videos that were completed during an opportunity to do them with Elder Mike Beaver, Marjorie Luzentales-Simpson, manager of the Honoring Life Indigenous Wellness Core; Keenan Williams, Honoring Life Indigenous Wellness Core team; Ben Steinhauer, Elder from Saddle Lake to talk about Cultural days but also Cultural heritage. Because they spoke of FCSS Staff Janice, she ended up having to try and tie them in altogether. All spoke of things that are important for revitalizing cultural heritage which helps our people and communities.

EVERYONE
IS WELCOME
TO ATTEND
THIS EVENT!

For 2026, there are new things to do as we try to incorporate "NEW" each year. We are doing a Biggest Earrings contest on September 21. Register at the Registration table. William R Auger, husband to Janice one of the organizers, had a brilliant idea to do a Cree Language game earlier in the year. Because FCSS has in the past incorporated Cree Language, it is being developed with the help of Nadine Young, and her husband John Albert. It is almost complete! Our helpers will be Bedazzling Boxes!

So kids, youth and adults, start practicing Cree! There will be a panel of Cree Language Elders to help you out. Rules of play will be on site.

There will be land based pictures with the Cree Word and Syllabics. Must register at Registrations for a chance for your name to be drawn to play a round and get a chance to win Cash/Visa's. We are very excited about this and have mentioned to a funder and other people we talk to outside of our offices/region. "Very creative to bring the Cree Language is what they are saying." We anticipate that our cases will be borrowed from our local schools; some have even advised we should trademark it. Ahhhh, too much work for FCSS at this time, and we believe that the Cree Language should be shared in as many ways as possible!

Learn how
important
culture is
in your life!

We hope people and the youth will do the surveys planned on site. They must be completed in person and are about what you did that day on the Cultural Days grounds. FABULOUS prize chance when you do! These surveys will be in person and only until September 22 at noon.

There will be lunch hour entertainment this year. Our keynote speakers are Dr. Darlene Auger at the official opening, and Matthew Cardinal at September 22 closing ceremonies, followed by the Round Dance Giveaway! Saddle Lake Singers will be in attendance at the

Round Dance.

The final day will also feature a pipe ceremony beginning 10 a.m., followed by history telling by an emcee and some of the drummers and singers. This is the time and place to learn about our ceremonies. Chances like these are limited for youth and community members to learn, if you would like to shadow the group, please contact Janice or Jodi.

First one hundred people registered at the Opening will receive Feast Bags with our beautiful MD of Opportunity Logo drawstring bag and a plate, bowl and cup. There will be free lunches served while quantities last.

This year we did a vendor call out on our FCSS MD of Opportunity Facebook Page. We have had phone calls from local vendors: Sandy's Concession, Main Squeeze, Crumb and Get It, and Starburkes Lemonade will be on site. Also, Sharika's Beading, Miss Young's Earrings; Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton artisan tents. Calls from interested vendors from as far as Calgary and Red Deer who will sell their artisan works, blankets, beaded earrings, ribbon skirts, shirts, jackets, and bags. Other inquiries are still coming in by phone and emails. At this time no one has come forward offering ice cream, popcorn or other common fair food like pizza or wings.

This event:
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as many times
as you wish

FCSS would like to give a HUGE shoutout to our employer MD of Opportunity Reeve and Council for financially supporting this milestone fifth year! And thanks to our CAO for going to bat for us since FCSS had no luck with grants this

year.

Also to Primary Care Alberta (PCA) Honouring Life for also being such as tremendous supporter of Indigenous teachings. It was actually their funding that got Cultural days started as an event that brings us altogether to honour our parents, grandparents, our ancestors in revitalizing cultural heritage back in 2022 with Moose hide tanning activity along with a few other hands-on teachings.

All of the indigenous teachings being brought forward are helping instill pride, learn new skills, connect as a community, connect families, heal, and of course reconnect our spirit to who we are as Indigenous people in the region of MD of Opportunity.

To date, businesses and industrial firms which have also contributed cash/cheques are: Headwater, Tamarack Valley, SL Ford, Stike Group, Boss Pressure, Alpac and Ward Chemical.

Thanks to all amazing Supporters, Volunteers, Participants

**If anyone has questions about this event,
please reach out to FCSS Staff
Janice Auger or Jodi Decoine**

**Office: 780-891-3778 ext 403 or 405
780-773-5564 (Janice) • 780-273-0191 (Jodi)**

WABASCA CULTURAL DAYS

SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2026

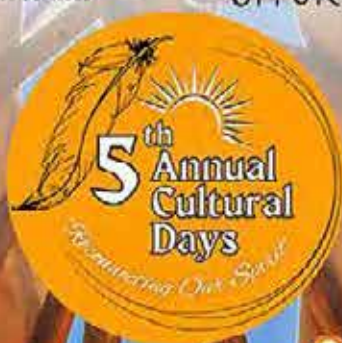
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Metis District Tent
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 WITH SADDLE LAKE SINGERS
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MORE INFO ON SEPERATE POSTER



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**VIDEOS FROM
 LAST YEARS
 CULTURAL DAYS**



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Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:



Orange Shirt Day/Youth Gathering Osow Pakowyan Kisikow/Oskayak Mamawintowin



September 23, 2026 Wabasca
George D Auger Hall
Time: 10:00am-9:00pm



September 24, 2026 Calling Lake
Community Complex
Time: 10:00am-9:00pm



September 25, 2026 Chipewyan Lake
Community Hall
Time: 12:00pm-5:00pm

For more information call
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Kyle Young & The Troubadours built their fan base one show at a time

By Cherry Nyx

Across Indigenous communities, music has always carried significance beyond entertainment. It brings people together at celebrations, gatherings, fundraisers and community events, while giving Indigenous artists opportunities to share their talent and build connections.

For Kyle Young and his band, The Troubadours, that journey began in August 2022.

Since then, the group estimates it has performed more than 300 shows, building its reputation one audience and one stage at a time.

Like many independent bands, The Troubadours have changed over the years. Members besides Young have come and gone as lives and circumstances changed, but the group continued performing.

Their shows have included weddings, anniversaries, sports fundraisers, bars, clubs, cabarets and other community events, including many in Wabasca.

Kyle says the band has generally enjoyed good turnouts, something that matters for independent musicians whose success is often built through community support, word of mouth and people and events willing to book them again and again.

Those opportunities eventually brought The Troubadours to much larger events.

In October 2023, former NHL player Andrew Ference invited the group to perform on the first day of the NHL Heritage Classic Fan Festival in Edmonton.

Just two months later, in December 2023, The Troubadours performed at a Treaty 8 Gala at River Cree Casino near Edmonton. They returned to River Cree in June 2024 to perform together at an Indigenous market. As the market continued to expand, its night and Christmas markets eventually moved toward booking solo performers rather than full bands.

Those larger appearances are impressive, but the hundreds of smaller performances deserve recognition, too.



Indigenous musicians do not build careers only on major stages. They build them in community halls, at weddings, fundraisers, local events and the countless other places where people gather. More than 300 performances represent rehearsals, travelling, late nights and hours spent setting up, performing and packing everything away again. They also represent hundreds of occasions where people trusted The Troubadours to become part of an important moment or celebration.

There is value in recognizing Indigenous success at this level. Too often, we wait until an Indigenous artist reaches national recognition before telling their story. Meanwhile, talented musicians are working throughout our communities, developing their craft and creating their own opportunities. Supporting Indigenous artists does not have to mean waiting until someone becomes famous. It can be as simple as hiring musician for an event, attending a performance, sharing their work or recommending them when an opportunity becomes available.

Kyle's music also reaches listeners beyond the live stage. His original music is available on Spotify, including "Wild Side of Life," "In Our Heartbeats," "Oasis" and "Surprise." At the time of writing, "Wild Side of Life" had surpassed 13,000 streams, showing another side of the audience Kyle has been able to build far beyond live performances.

Now, after roughly four years together, Kyle Young and the current Troubadours, because of changes in their lives, plan to take a break follow-



In his casual short-sleeve shirt, singer/songwriter Kyle Young often returns to his Bigstone/Wabasca home to entertain local fans as he did this summer.

ing an October 17 performance.

Kyle says the break is not necessarily permanent and the band is very likely to return at a later date. The people we see performing onstage have families, careers, responsibilities and lives that continue when the music stops. Sometimes stepping away does not mean giving something up. It simply means recognizing that life has entered a different season.

For Young, that means a return to his long career in construction carpentry in Edmonton. He has demonstrated what can happen when Indigenous talent is given opportunities and communities continue showing up to support it. He has shown he has talent in song writing and singing.

Hopefully, this is not the final song. It is simply an intermission.

A gentle reminder

Our deadline for submitting advertisements is every **TUESDAY BY NOON**.

Sometimes we receive ads even on Wednesday, which makes it challenging for us to plan and publish on time.

Your timely submissions make a big difference. Thank you! ❤️

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LOCATION: Bigstone Community Wellness

TIME: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Monday September 21, 2026 - Dragonfly presentation.

Monday October 5, 2026 - Women's drum circle.

Monday October 19, 2026 - Dragonfly presentation.

Monday November 9, 2026 - Beaded fringe earrings.

Monday November 30, 2026 - Beaded fringe earrings.

Monday December 14, 2026 - Game night.



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1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wabasca
George D Auger Hall
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Currently, many community members must travel weekly outside of the community to attend their dialysis appointments. For some, the travel has become so difficult that they have had to move away from their families, homes, and community to access the treatment they need.

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- Reduce the burden of weekly travel for those receiving dialysis.
- Help keep families together by making treatment accessible within the community.
- Support improved health and quality of life for individuals living with kidney disease.
- Invest directly in our community and help create a future where members can receive essential care closer to home.

Every contribution, big or small, brings us one step closer to making local dialysis services a reality. Your sponsorship can help make a lasting difference in the lives of our community members and their families.

To become a community sponsor, please contact us using the information below.

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

Taylor Courtorielle

Phone: 780-891-2000

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Thanks to all participants & volunteers for supporting 2026 Relay!



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TRUMP APPROVAL RATING IN AMERICA IS AT ITS LOWEST, ONLY ONE OUT OF THREE

Nearly half say he accomplished “nothing” this term Democrats might win House if election is not rigged

August 20, 2026 – As Canadians await the details of a new trade deal between their country and the United States, U.S. President Donald Trump’s approval has slipped to its lowest level yet. This, while Americans evaluating his record are considerably more likely to identify failures than accomplishments.

New data from Angus Reid Institute finds one-third (34%) of Americans approve of Trump’s performance as president, compared with three-in-five (58%) who disapprove.

Approval has declined modestly but steadily from 37 per cent in December and January, while disapproval has remained the majority view throughout 2026.

Asked in their own words to identify Trump’s greatest accomplishment since returning to office, nearly half (47%) say there has been none.

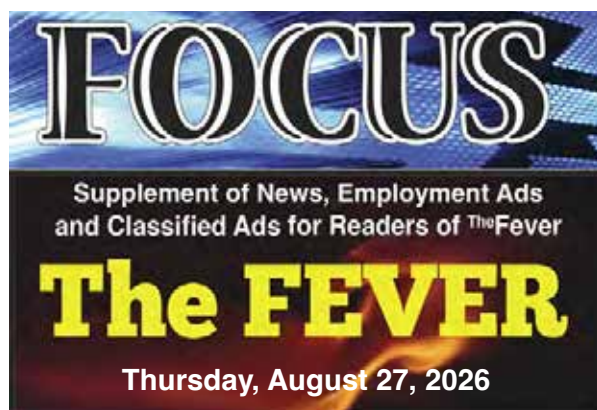
Immigration and border security – mentioned by 17 per cent – stands well ahead of other positive responses, including strong leadership or putting America first (7%) and the economy, jobs and prices (6%).

Republicans are considerably more likely to identify something positive: 78 per cent do so, compared with half (50%) of Independents and 28 per cent of Democrats.

Americans have considerably less difficulty identifying what they view as Trump’s failures.

More than one-third (36%) answer broadly that his “entire presidency” has been his greatest failure, while the ongoing war with Iran is the most commonly cited specific issue (18%).

Cost of living and inflation follow at 11 per cent. Just six per cent offer no answer when asked about Trump’s failures, compared with nearly half who name no accomplishment.



Commentary

Donald Trump continues upsetting world order by trying to use tariffs as a weapon against any country that he feels is not supporting him or not liking any whim he comes up with, not to mention that his February 28 announced ‘only-days-long’ war against Iran has entered its seventh month this week.

With the possibility of American voters electing enough Democrats in November for that party to control the House of Representatives, thus gaining some control over Trump, every day seems to offer a new almost unbelievable attack by Trump on some-

one or a country. But at the same time, politicians and people around the world are beginning to be more verbal and active in attacking Trump.

Canada is now a major target of Trump’s ire and silliness such as he is going to rename Lake Ontario Lake, Lake America because Premier Doug Ford is not afraid to call Trump names.

What should be feared is whether Trump and his enablers in the Republican Party and his billionaire supporters have already devised ways to sabotage any election and democracy in America will may end.

Fatal happenings in Alberta

A rear seat passenger of a SUV was killed in the late afternoon of August 20 when the vehicle tangled with a farm combine on Highway 842 on the Siksika First Nation, south of Cluny. The victim was a 41-year-old Siksika First Nation resident.

The driver of the SUV was transported to a Calgary hospital, suffering from serious injuries while a front seat passenger escaped with minor injuries. The operator of the combine was not injured.

Gleichen RCMP reported the next day that the collision was still under investigation.

Train hits teenager

About 4 a.m. Wednesday, August 19, Wetaskiwin RCMP were called and told by CPKC railroad police that a south-bound train had hit a pedestrian on the tracks in city limits.

A search along the railroad tracks led to the recovery of the body of an 18-year-old male resident of Maskwacis First Nation.

Two motorcyclists killed in Edmonton

In the mid-afternoon of August 23, a 22-year-old male motorcycle operator lost control while in south Edmonton and was ejected from the machine. He was treated at the scene and then rushed to hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

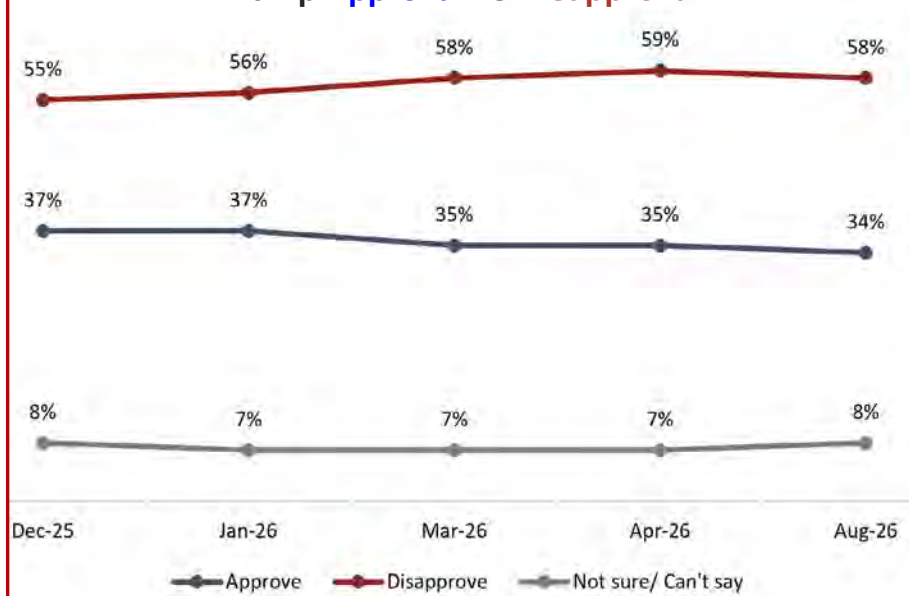
Just four days prior, the evening of August 19, a 21-year-old male on a motorcycle collided with the back of a Range Rover turning at a south Edmonton intersection. Police believe speed was a factor in this collision. The motorcyclist was declared deceased at the scene.

Teen girl killed, teen boy charged

In northeast Edmonton at 6:50 a.m., Sunday, August 16, police responded to a shooting and found a seriously injured 16-year-old girl who despite officers trying to administer first aid was pronounced deceased when EMS personnel arrived at the outside scene

Fatalities, Tragedies continued Focus Page 3

Trump Approval vs Disapproval



Besides boni-fide public opinion surveys, Trump has been the target of massive street protests on various topics and in numerous cities across the U.S.. There have been three “No Kings Protests” with the first on June 14, 2025 drawing about 5 million demonstrators; the second on October 18, 2025, about 7 million, a March 29, 2026 one being the largest single day protest in U.S. history, over 8 million people at over 3,300 sites.

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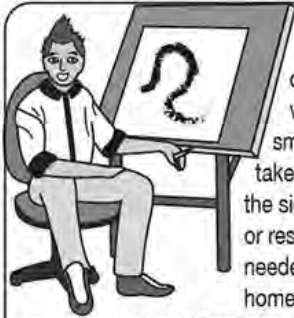
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Kids: color stuff in!



Labour Day is September 7. Why not make up a list of questions that you can ask the adults in your life, what they like best about their work.



I'll bet you can think of lots of people in your town or city who work to keep things running smoothly every day! Some people take care of older people, children or the sick. Others are ready to protect or rescue people whenever it is needed. Some workers keep our homes and yards in good repair. Shop owners stock clothing, hardware and everything else we need. Don't forget the restaurant workers and chefs who please us with delicious dishes when we are hungry! What job or career do you think you would like to have some day?

Let's Work Together!

Jobs and Careers

veterinarian

plumber

banker

florist

librarian

landscaper teacher

barber

baker

chef

mayor

pharmacist

police officer

firefighter

store clerk

street cleaner

lifeguard

nurse

minister

dry cleaner

12. works on the water pipes

13. cleans, presses clothes

14. teaches swimming lessons, keeps swimmers safe

15. plans lessons, classes

16. doctor for pets

17. leads people in prayer, takes care of a church

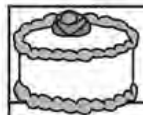
18. helps families and businesses save and use their money

19. mows lawns, plants gardens

20. lends books, helps find information

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with jobs and careers:

1. cooks in restaurant to feed people
2. gets medicines ready, gives advice
3. drives equipment that sweeps roads
4. leader of town or city, holds meetings
5. cuts or trims hair
6. cares for people, helps doctors
7. puts out fires, rescues people from buildings
8. works with flowers, plants
9. sells breads, cakes, pies
10. stocks shelves, uses register
11. protects people, keeps the peace
12. works on the water pipes
13. cleans, presses clothes
14. teaches swimming lessons, keeps swimmers safe
15. plans lessons, classes
16. doctor for pets
17. leads people in prayer, takes care of a church
18. helps families and businesses save and use their money
19. mows lawns, plants gardens
20. lends books, helps find information



Special Delivery

What's a party without a cake?

Can you help "deliver" the bakery cake to the party?

Kids Working

Kids can do some kinds of work to make money. Choose something you can do, that your parents agree to, and that you think people need done. (Make a plan with your parents – you may have to check local rules too.) Match the first part of each job with the second part:

1. squeeze lemons to
2. string beads
3. look for a route
4. walk and feed
5. baby sit children
6. take acting lessons

- A. when parents need to go out
- B. make lemonade
- C. pets for neighbors on vacation
- D. to deliver newspapers
- E. to make bracelets, necklaces
- F. and work in a movie, show



1. feed chickens or do other chores
2. borrow a rake
3. light house cleaning
4. water, bucket, soap, hose
5. clean out closets
6. fix things like

- A. to work in neighbors' yards
- B. bikes or build things like bird houses to sell
- C. dust, vacuum, pick up
- D. and have a garage sale
- E. on the family farm
- F. and wash cars with a friend



Watch for this Page most weeks in The Fever! Solutions for these puzzles are on Page 4 of Focus, this supplement!

RCMP-GRC  **MISSING / DISPARU(E)**

Xavier Noskiye

Age / Âge: 16 Hair / Cheveux: Black / Noirs

Weight / Poids: 200 lbs / livres Height / Taille: 5 ft / pieds 10 in / pouces

Last Seen / Vu(e) la dernière fois: 2026-07-03 in / à: Slave Lake

Please contact the Slave Lake RCMP Detachment at 780-849-3045

Appelez le détachement de la GRC de Slave Lake au 780-849-3045

CRIME STOPPERS 1-800-222-TIPS www.p3tips.com

 **Canada**

Fatalities — continued from Front Page

Three days later, police announced that a 16-year-old male suspect had been charged with second degree murder.

Press time flash: As many as 24 Canadians may be missing in Nepal after flash floods occurred Wednesday morning. At least 98 people killed. Many more missing.

BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION**Employment Opportunity****EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Permanent Full Time
Monday to Friday – 7 hours/day
Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Health Commission is seeking an experienced, highly detailed oriented Executive Assistant with strong administrative and organizational skills to join our talented Health Team. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for First Nations culture, a desire for continuing professional development and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide administrative support and assistance to the Director of Community Wellness including but not limited to taking minutes, scheduling interviews and meetings, travel arrangements, report planning and other office duties.
- Excellent communication skills (verbal, written, and computer application)
- Excellent computer proficiency (MS Office – Word, Excel, Outlook)
- Demonstrate ability to perform detailed work accurately and timely, independently, with minimal supervision, and collaboratively as part of a team
- Ability to prioritize multiple tasks and adapt to changing situations and conditions
- Assist with the development of meeting and communication materials
- Participate in internal/ external events
- Maintaining absolute confidentiality and discretion is imperative.
- Maintain compliance with all policies and procedures
- Ability to travel; ability to work outside regular hours when required (weekend/evenings)
- Other duties as requested

Qualifications:

- Post-Secondary Certificate or Diploma in Business Administration, Office Administration, or related fields from a recognized institution or a minimum of two (2) years equivalent experience
- Ability to speak Cree is considered an asset
- Must have excellent organizational skills
- Strong ability to multi-task
- Must possess excellent communication skills, both written and oral
- Current Certificates in CPR Level C, First Aid, and WHIMIS or willing to take training.
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License

Benefits:

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

Salary will commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Send Cover Letter, Resume and Criminal Record Check, along with 3 work related references to:
(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 will be: Until a Suitable Candidate is found

Job Ad Posted on: August 12, 2026

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

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

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Bigstone Community Wellness Presents Recovery Care Day Program Wabasca

START DATE: Tuesday, September 1, 2026

WHEN: Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for 5 weeks.

TIME: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

LOCATION: Bigstone Community Wellness

Lunch and snacks will be provided
Transportation available.

Open to all community members.
Must register to join the program.



Contact Recovery Care Staff to Register
Robert Zabol
robert.zabol@bigstonehealth.ca
OR
Cherie Cardinal
Cherie.Cardinal@bigstonehealth.ca
780-891-3777



Bear Awareness

Store garbage securely –
it helps keep bears away
from communities.

Those who are placing employment ads, submitting other notices, photos, news, are reminded current e-mail addresses are:

For printing:
info@scopeprinting.com

For Fever:
bruce.thomas@thefever.online

Careers / Classifieds

Wabasca Fever Newspaper

1-800-315-7826

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Red Earth Creek, AB

RECREATION ATTENDANT

Permanent Full-Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is currently seeking a casual Recreation Attendant in Red Earth Creek. The individual chosen for this position must be self-motivated and an enthusiastic Sports & Fitness orientated, people person to perform the following duties:

- Supervise and provide guidance to patrons.
- Able to create, run, and promote recreation programs as directed.
- Daily custodial duties.
- Promote "sports & fitness" in the community.
- Interact with staff and patrons.
- Distribution, collection and maintenance of equipment.
- Willing to initiate sporting & amp fitness programs/events.
- Set up and tear down for all recreation events.
- Submit all required paperwork/documentation at the end of each shift.
- Must be willing to work flexible hour's evenings & some weekends.

The ideal candidates must possess the following qualifications & experience in the following:

- Standard First Aid Certification is an asset.
- Must be able to work without direct supervision.
- Must be physically active and able to lift a minimum of 30lbs and a lot of youth interaction.
- Knowledge of various sports and sports equipment would be an asset.
- National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP-Certification would be an asset).
- A Valid Class 5 Driver's License, or the ability to obtain one.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Interested individuals are asked to submit their Resumes along with 3 references, a current Criminal Record Check and Child Youth Intervention Check to the attention of:

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

This posting will remain open until a Suitable Candidate is found.

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.



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- work in a movie, show

- to work in neighbors' yards
- bikes or build things like bird houses to sell
- dust, vacuum, pick up
- and have a sale
- on family farm
- and wash cars with a friend

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Researchers claim Sturgeon County data centre could add up to \$460 to Albertans' electricity bills

New independent analysis from the Pembina Institute explores the impact of Meta's new hyperscale data centre on Alberta's electricity market, and concludes that this project could add between \$270 and \$460 dol-

lars a year to Albertans' electricity bills once the data centre begins operations.

The analysis estimates the overall impact of the Meta data centre on a typical Albertans' electricity bill from 2027-2031.

From this analysis, the Pembina Institute confirms that, while Albertans could see a 6% reduction on the transmission portion of their electricity bills as a result of Meta's grid connection, the market impacts of the new Meta data centre will far outweigh the transmission savings.

These findings are in line with perspectives from industry leaders such as EPCOR, Capital Power, TransAlta, and the Alberta Electricity System Operator.

Altogether, these collective findings highlight the

importance of good policy design to mitigate the impact of connecting significant new power demand on Alberta's electricity market.

At the heart of significant electricity market pressures, and the resulting bill increases, are Alberta's "Bring Your Own Generation" rules, which allow data centres to connect to the grid before their generation is brought online.

But, as our analysis

shows, when these new large-scale data centres connect to the grid, it puts pressure on the electricity market, increasing costs until new power plants come online.

The planned policy framework also forces data centres to rely exclusively on natural gas for new generation, barring operators from choosing lower-cost alternatives, including renew-

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First Time Home Buyers Program



- The Opasikoniwew Housing Authority is now accepting Applications for the First Time Home Buyers Program.
- Eligible first-time home buyers may receive a grant of up to \$15,000 toward their down payment.
- Band members must provide a copy of their mortgage pre-approval.

Please call 780-891-2072
if you have any questions
or to request an application form

Funding is limited.
The program is first come, first served.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASUAL LIFEGUARD POSITIONS

The Municipal District of Opportunity is currently seeking dynamic, team-oriented and self-motivated individuals to fill casual positions of Lifeguard for the Wabasca Water World & Fitness Centre. The incumbent will be responsible for lifeguarding on deck. The ideal candidates must possess the following qualifications:

- NL Certification (National Lifeguard);
- Bronze Cross and Bronze Medallion Certification
- Must have Standard First Aid for Lifeguard training.
- Water Safety Instructor qualification an asset;
- LSI (Lifesaving Instructor) qualification an asset;
- Knowledge of Red Cross swim programs;
- Exceptional customer service and communication skills;
- High energy level and enjoy working in a fast paced, challenging and changing environment;
- Ability to work effectively with the public in a courteous, efficient & professional manner;
- Must be 16 years or older.

Salary will commensurate with experience and qualifications. Interested persons are invited to submit their resume with **three** work related references along with a current Criminal Record Check and Child Intervention Check to:

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

This advertisement will close on September 8, 2026

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Opasikoniwew Housing Authority (OHA) has funding available for off reserve Members

for service/maintenance calls

- These funds are to help cover the cost of emergency plumbing and heating issues and furnace and hot water bottle repairs/replacements.
- These funds do not include any renovations.
- It will be the responsibility of the homeowner to find a contractor.
- Must provide proof of home ownership and be in the Member's name.
- Forms can be picked up at the OHA office.

Funds are limited, so first come first serve!

Opasikoniwew Housing Authority now accepting Applications for Off Reserve Renovations

- Must provide proof of home ownership and be in the Member's name.
- Applications can be picked up at the OHA Office.
- Must fill out a new application. Old applications will not be accepted.
- Deadline for applications **August 28, 2026.**

If you have any questions,
please call the OHA office
(780) 891-2072

Posted August 10, 2026

Labour leader wants Canada to fight Trump with tax on oil exports to U.S.

The president of Alberta's largest worker organization has written a letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney urging him to show the leadership Alberta Premier Danielle Smith has been unwilling to demonstrate and impose an export tax on Canadian oil destined for American refineries.

"This is not about changing Trump's mind. That's a fool's errand," wrote Alberta Federation of Labour President Gil McGowan.

"The real goal should be put enough pressure on American voters – especially in crucial Midwest states – that Trump and the Republican party lose control of Congress in this fall's midterm elections ...

"Ultimately, only Amer-

icans themselves can deal with Trump. But, we can give them an unneighborly push in the right direction."

"Ever since the American president started imposing tariffs on Canada and threatening to turn us into

the 51st state, Smith has ruled out using Alberta's energy resources to as a tool to defend ourselves – even though oil is, by far, Canada's most valuable export to the United States.

"Smith reiterated that

position yesterday when she said that taking any measures involving Alberta oil would not be a 'viable option' – without explaining her rationale.

With Trump ramping up his war on Canada, Mc-

Gowan says it's time for Alberta to get off the sidelines and playing for Team Canada instead of Team MAGA.

"What we're experiencing right now isn't just a trade war – it's war on our sovereignty"



NEW HOUSING AVAILABLE

Wabasca/Desmarais Housing Authority (WDHA) is pleased to announce that **TWO** family housing units are available in the **RED EARTH COMMUNITY!**

- Both units are rent subsidized
- Eligible applicants are given priority based on need

■ Where to get an Application

- WDHA office in Wabasca
- Red Earth M.D. Office
- By request via email: housing@wdha-ksf.ca

■ Submit Your Application

(only complete applications will be considered)

- Via email: housing@wdha-ksf.ca
- In person at the WDHA office in Wabasca

■ Questions?

Wabasca/Desmarais Housing Authority (WDHA)

 housing@wdha-ksf.ca

 Phone: 780-891-2985

Electric bills may rise..

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ables and storage – both of which could be used to keep rates relatively low and stable.

While other jurisdictions are using a more robust set of policies and technologies to support data centre growth and minimize their impacts on ratepayers, Alberta has taken a much more narrow and restrictive approach, reflecting a wider policy environment that has severely constrained renewable energy development since 2023.

While our analysis focuses on the impacts of the Meta data centre under Alberta's current policy landscape, we anticipate similar, substantial, and long-term impacts as more data centres get built in Alberta.

Without a significant change in policy direction, including rate protections and the removal of long-standing anti-renewables policies, Albertans are likely to face sustained pressure on electricity bills in the years to ahead.



Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority

Wabasca/Desmarais Housing Authority is inviting qualified contractors to submit tenders to repair and replace 11 WDHA housing roof shingles.

(Residential Home Repair and/or Renovations)

Roof Shingles Replacement

Acceptance letters will be received by the Undersigned at
WDHA office at 900 Mistassiniy Road, South, Wabasca, Alberta
for the following project:

“WDHA Residential Home Repair and/or Renovations”



CLOSING DATE: Sept 12, 2026 | 5:00 PM



For information and to obtain a copy of the tender package,
please contact procurement@wdha-ksf.ca or call 780-891-2985



Email: procurement@wdha-ksf.ca



Wabasca/Desmarais Housing Authority
Box 1765
Wabasca, Alberta
T0G 2K0



Telephone Number: **780-891-2985**

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