

Margo Auger elected Chief of Bigstone Cree Nation

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	CHIPEWYAN LAKE COUNCILLORS	
	NOSKIYE, STELLA	OAR, ELVIS
	Elected by acclamation	



Newly Elected Bigstone Cree Nation Chief Margo Auger



National Day for
Truth and
Reconciliation

September 30



Publisher's Ponderings – Miscellaneous Notes

By Bruce Thomas

• Some readers may be curious about why The Fever is now listing sources after many of its articles. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is causing a lot of changes in the world we know. It is doing a lot of good things in the world, but also a lot of bad things and even companies and people involved in its creation, and continued development of AI have issued warnings that AI may have the capability by itself to destroy humanity.

At the Fever, we have been using AI since the fall of 2025 for creating cartoons, illustrations, creating advertising, and more recently finding and researching news and feature content for the pages of the Fever, its website, its Facebook and social media.

Throughout history, "modern" technology or new creations of whatever come to the attention of bad-minded people who find a way to weaponize it or use it to steal from others. Look how many ways you can now become the target of scammers.

Back to the topics of this paper and AI, disinformation is a big threat in many ways - it is now used by many countries to interfere in the politics of other countries; it used to generate more scams and frauds.

At the Fever, we do not want to be spreading disinformation, so on serious topics we tell our readers what are our sources of our information. We have done that for decades with crime reports and many stories about government and health matters.

• The 2026 Grey Cup is to be played in Calgary Sunday, November 15 with kick-off at 5 p.m.. This will be the 113th Grey Cup, so it is very, very doubtful anyone attending this year was at the first annual game. Still expected to be the combatants are Edmonton Elks for the west and Montreal Alouettes for the east.



With a current record of 11 wins and four losses, the statisticians figure Edmonton has a 78.24% probability of being on the field on November 15 while Montreal with a current tally of 11 wins and three losses has a 74.29% chance of lining up opposite the Elks. Runners-up to play if the top two fall apart in the final games of the regular season are BC Lions (8-6 currently) and Toronto Argonauts (9-6).

Slightly favoured to win the Cup by the stats people are the Elks' 39.28% to the Alouettes' 37.68%. Although the bettors on Tuesday had Montreal had a +170 odds, compared to the Elks +425 odds.

• According to the pollsters, the most popular politician in Alberta right now is Liberal Prime Minister Mark Carney. Actually his popularity seems to be international because he has handled Donald Trump in the correct manner – as a bratty, immature bully whose antics should just be ignored as much as they can be.



Trump now has his lowest popularity scores. If the Republicans lose big time in the mid-term elections and no longer control the House and Senate, the insane world of Trump may really start winding down.

• The first game of the NHL regular season did not go well for the Edmonton Oilers. Evan Bouchard certainly shined in the game with his hat trick plus two assists, and Vasily Podkolzin got the other two goals. Connor McDavid influenced the game with two assists. Leon Draisaitl, Alex Formenton and Ryan Shea each got credit for one assist.

Oiler goalie Tristan Jarry did not have a good game, facing 23 shots on his net and having six of them go in for a .739 save percentage. Vancouver goalie Keven Lankinen had to face 37 shots and five were netted, giving him a .865 save percentage, not a high mark but just enough for his team to get a 6-5 victory.

We will have to wait to see what happens in the rematch Thursday in Vancouver. One game doesn't determine how the entire season is going to

shake out, but the Oilers have had too many past early seasons where they just seem unable to get more marks in the victory column. Hopefully that won't occur in 2025/26.

A Friend In Deed

Keekenow Senior Facility
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Keekenow Senior Facility is launching a heartfelt community program — "A Friend In Deed."

We are calling on caring individuals who would like to volunteer their time to visit and support an Elder.

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- Reduce social isolation
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Get Involved Today!

Contact Clara Moberly
Keekenow Senior Facility
780-891-2985

Strengthening Community Through Care & Connection

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

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.

- Food and coffee provided.
- Open to all community members.
- Transportation available.

Contact Recovery Care Staff
Crystal Gambler Gladu
780 - 891 - 3777
crystal.gladu@bigstonehealth.ca

Are successful social programs being ended, to generate new Alberta funding announcements?

By Cherry Nyx

Poundmaker's Lodge Treatment Centres is closing its Day Program because it lacks ongoing provincial funding. The culturally grounded program served urban Indigenous people, including parents who could not leave their children to enter residential treatment.

Poundmaker's residential centre remains open, but a residential bed does not replace care that a parent can attend during the day.

Premier Danielle Smith's government regularly announces spending on addiction treatment and recovery. Poundmaker's closure raises a question those announcements do not answer: which services are people losing while the province creates others and why?

In Edmonton, Aboriginal Counseling Services of Alberta lost funding for the women's and children's portion of Circle of Safety, a family violence program. The organization said the women's circle was on pause after a loss of more than \$135,000. Funding for the men's portion continued. Indigenous women and children still needed the suspended service.

In Red Deer, Alberta ended its grant agreements with Turning Point Society in 2025. Turning Point subsequently closed its vulnerable women's program and downtown drop in, which had recorded more than 16,000 visits between April and November of that year.

Funding also supported infection testing and treatment, harm reduction supplies and outreach to surrounding communities. The province said other providers would take over services.

Months later, a community foundation provided bridge funding after reporting rural satellite sites had gone without supplies. Alberta should show which services were transferred, when they resumed and who could access them.

In Grande Prairie, Wapiti Community Support Association said the loss of roughly \$1.45 million in provincial funding would end its Foundations substance-free transitional housing program and case management services.

Wapiti officials said more than 175 people used the affected services and 19 work positions were at risk. Alberta described the funding as a pilot ending and offered \$100,000 for the transition. Keeping an emergency shelter open does not preserve staff nor housing support that help people leave it.

The Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton paused new intakes for adult counselling, child and youth counselling, and several therapy groups in March 2025. A \$1.8 million grant to reduce its wait list was not renewed, and the centre also lost an Alberta Health Services funding agreement. Existing clients and those already on the wait list were to continue receiving scheduled services. Alberta pointed to increased funding for sexual assault centres across the province. That province-wide figure does not tell us where new clients turned away in Edmonton received care.

YW Calgary ended its Children and Family Counselling program in August 2025 after losing funding for that service. Alberta said the grant had expired, YW Calgary's overall provincial funding had increased and a new family violence grant was available. Those facts deserve reporting. So does the

loss of counselling for the children and families who used that particular program.

Alberta also discontinued the Child and Youth Support Program in 2025. It provided benefits to adult caregivers looking after children outside the child intervention system when their parents could not care for them. The province said about 650 caregivers would see changes and that the money would be redirected to other family supports. Foster and kinship caregivers within the child intervention system were unaffected by this decision. The families who used the discontinued program deserve an account of what replaced their benefits.

More than a dozen women's shelters, mostly in rural Alberta, were notified of funding reductions totalling nearly \$1 million a year under a new allocation model. True North in Strathmore identified a proposed \$70,000 reduction. After public pressure, the province provided transition funding and delayed that reduction until April 2027. True North remains open. The shelter sector

received more funding overall, but the new formula still left individual rural shelters fighting to protect their budgets.

The changes extend to direct assistance. Alberta reduced income eligibility thresholds by nine per cent for the Alberta Seniors Benefit, Special Needs Assistance for Seniors, and a home adaptation grant. Its budget projects savings of \$23 million in 2026 to 2027 and \$31 million annually afterward. More restrictive eligibility means some seniors no longer qualify for help they previously could receive.

The Community Initiatives Program allocation fell by \$2 million in 2025 to 2026, according to the Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations. Family and Community Support Services funding remained at \$105 million in 2026 to 2027. That is a funding freeze, not a dollar cut, but its provincial association says rising costs and demand are straining local prevention programs.

Legal Aid Alberta requires a distinction. Alberta reduced its direct grant by \$22 million in 2025 to 2026, while saying a larger contribution from the Alberta Law Foundation would maintain Legal Aid's total funding at \$110 million. The following budget proposed an increase. The question is what the foundation had less money to fund elsewhere after it was asked to contribute more to Legal Aid.

Alberta has also closed supervised consumption services. Red Deer's overdose prevention site closed in March 2025. Calgary's Sheldon M. Chumir site and Lethbridge's mobile service closed in June 2026 as the province shifted toward other treatment. A study following Red Deer's closure did not find a statistically significant short term increase in emergency visits or suspected opioid related ambulance calls among identifiable clients. It did find a rising trend in hospital admissions, and its authors said the limited follow up left the full effects uncertain. Calgary and Lethbridge's later outcomes must be measured from the evidence, not assumed.

Smith's government is investing in recovery communities, including Indigenous led facilities. It has increased funding in some sectors even as individual organizations lose grants. That is precisely why its broad spending totals are an inadequate answer. Poundmaker's Day Program, Circle of Safety, Turning Point's outreach and the other affected services had particular clients, locations and purposes.

The UCP should publish what each discontinued program cost, what replaced it, when the replacement began and whether the people who relied on it could actually get in. Until it can answer those questions, its announcements describe what the government spent. They do not establish that the people who lost care received it somewhere else.

Sources: Poundmaker's Lodge Treatment Centres; Aboriginal Counseling Services of Alberta; Turning Point Society of Central Alberta; Community Foundation of Central Alberta; Wapiti Community Support Association; Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton; YW Calgary; SPEC Association for Children and Families; Alberta Council of Women's Shelters; True North; Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta; Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations; Government of Alberta budget and program records; CityNews; Global News; rdnewsNOW; EverythingGP; CHAT News Today.



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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY

The following Development Permits were processed on September 21, 2026

26-DP-042 – 472RS;1;3 - Wabasca

Development: Sea Can

Zoned as R1A – Residential District – Approved

26-DP-045 – 2520921;21;10 - Wabasca

Development: Modular Home – Rear Variance

Zoned as R1A – 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.



Charge of murder laid in 2023 Child Lake killing

A first degree murder charge has been laid against a suspect in the death of 48-year-old Trevor Fournier on July, 17, 2023 at his residence at Child Lake First Nation.

High Level RCMP announced the arrest of Jardin Cardinal, 21, of Child Lake First Nation after more than a three-year investigation by Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit assisted by High Level RCMP, Peace River Forensic Identification Section and the Chief Medical Examiner in Edmonton.

It was determined the victim had died as a result of a gunshot wound.

According to a news release, the accused “was brought before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody. He is to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice in High Level on October 1.”

Screen Test celebrates 35 years

For 35 years, Alberta Health has been fighting breast cancer, the most common cancer among women in the province, with its mobile mammography program. In its first year of operation, starting in October 1990 with one travelling, the free Screen Test service trailer visited 26 communities.

Now there are two trailers visiting 120 communities per year and seeing up to 15,000 clients.

During the program’s 35 years over 575,000 mammograms were conducted and 28,068 abnormalities were discovered and 3,100 breast cancers were identified.



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Box 22
Calling Lake, Alberta
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Municipal District of Opportunity GREATER NORTH FOUNDATION

Are you interested in serving your community?

The MD of Opportunity is seeking a dedicated and community-minded individual to serve as a **Member-at-Large** on the Greater North Foundation Board on behalf of the municipality. The appointment is for a one-year term.

Board Structure

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 8 appointed members from Contributing Municipalities.

The MD of Opportunity participates in the Foundation because Calling Lake is within the municipality and some MD residents use the Foundation’s lodges and homes.

Member Duties

The member is expected to attend Board meetings and report to the MD of Opportunity Council as needed.

Regular Board meetings are held every second month, with special meetings scheduled throughout the year as required. Meetings typically rotate among Athabasca, Boyle and Lac La Biche. Members will be notified of any location changes.

Letter of Interest

Individuals interested in serving on the board are invited to submit a letter of interest by **October 14, 2026**. Submissions may be sent by email, delivered in person or mailed to the Municipal District of Opportunity using the contact information below:

Lynda Gray
Executive Assistant to Administration
MD of Opportunity
PO Box 60
Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
lynda.gray@mdopportunity.ab.ca

The appointment for this Board will be made on October 19, 2026 at the Organizational meeting of Council. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Lynda Gray at 780-891-3778 or email lynda.gray@mdopportunity.ab.ca.



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Municipal District of Opportunity MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD

Are you interested in serving your community?

The MD of Opportunity is recruiting one volunteer to serve as a **Member-at-Large** on the Municipal Library Board representing Calling Lake, Wabasca and Red Earth Creek. The appointment is for a three-year term.

Board Structure

The Library Board consists of no fewer than five and no more than 10 members appointed by Council. No more than two Council members may serve on the municipal library board. Appointments are for terms of up to three years.

Board Duties

Subject to any enactment that limits its authority, the municipal library board has full management and control of the municipal library established by the board. In accordance with the regulations, it shall organize, promote and maintain comprehensive and efficient library services in the municipality or municipalities it serves. The board may also cooperate with other boards and libraries in providing those services.

Budget

Before December 1 each year, the municipal board shall prepare a budget and an estimate of the funds required to operate and manage the municipal library during the ensuing fiscal year. The board shall submit the budget and estimate to the council of the municipality.

Accounts

The municipal board keeps account of its receipts, payments, credits and liabilities, ensures a person who is not a member of the municipal board and whose qualifications are satisfactory to council to review the accounts each calendar year & prepares and submits a financial report to council immediately after its completion.

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Lesser Slave Lake

Your Guide to Voting

Referendum

In this referendum, electors will be asked to vote on 10 questions. Nine questions require a "Yes" or "No" response. One question asks electors to choose between two options.

You have three ways to vote:

1. **Vote during Advance Voting** from October 13 to 17, 2026, at an advance voting place in your electoral division.
2. **Vote on Election Day, October 19, 2026** at your designated voting place.
3. **If you've already requested a special ballot**, it must be received by mail at Elections Alberta by 5:00pm on October 16. Canada Post recommends you mail it no later than October 9.



Advance Voting Tuesday, October 13 to Saturday, October 17

During advance voting, you must vote at a voting place in your electoral division.

Advance voting places in your electoral division are listed below. Or visit elections.ab.ca to find your voting place.

Advance Voting Places		Tuesday, October 13	Wednesday, October 14	Thursday, October 15	Friday, October 16	Saturday, October 17
Lakeland Centre 101 Main St SE, Slave Lake		9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm
Red Earth Creek Community Hall 175 Forestry Rd, Red Earth Creek		9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm			
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 37 4721 51 Ave, High Prairie		9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm
Wabasca Community Hall 910 Stony Point Rd, Wabasca-Desmarais					9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm

Be referendum ready.

1. **Save time by registering to vote before advance voting or Election Day.**
Visit [Voterlink.ab.ca](https://voterlink.ab.ca)
2. **Review identification requirements before you vote.**
3. **View referendum questions at elections.ab.ca/elections/referendum**

Lesser Slave Lake

Your Guide to Voting



Election Day Monday, October 19, 2026

Election Day voting hours are 9:00am to 8:00pm.

On Election Day you must vote at your assigned voting place, which will be one of the places listed below. To find your designated voting place scan the QR code and enter your residential address.

VOTING PLACE LEGEND: Lesser Slave Lake

Use the map to locate your residential address. Find the letter assigned to your voting area, then match it to the voting place listed below.

A Cadotte Lake School Carifelle Ave Cadotte Lake 	B Calling Lake Community Complex 2824 Central Dr Calling Lake 	C Chip Lake Community Hall 1 Chip Rd Chipewyan Lake 	D Clarence Jaycox School Loon River First Nation Loon Lake No 235 
E Community Christian Centre 612 6 St SE Slave Lake 	F Driftpile Church Addition Driftpile Cree Nation Driftpile River No 150 	G East Prairie Community Hall E Prairie Metis Settlement East Prairie 	H Enilda Community Hall 804 1 Ave Enilda 
I Gift Lake Community Hall Gift Lake Metis Settlement Gift Lake 	J Kapawe'no Community Hall Kapawe'no First Nation Kapawe'no First Nation No 150B (Freeman 150B) 	K Kinuso Seniors Centre 215 2 St Kinuso 	L Peavine Recreation Centre Peavine Metis Settlement Peavine 
M Peerless Lake Community Hall Napesis Dr Peerless Lake 	N Prairie Echo Community Hall 762A29 Rge Rd 162 Prairie Echo 	O Red Earth Creek Community Hall 175 Forestry Rd Red Earth Creek 	P Royal Canadian Legion Branch 37 4721 51 Ave High Prairie 
Q Sandy Lake Community Hall 890 Raven Rd Sandy Lake 	R Slave Lake Pioneers Drop-In Center 208 4 Ave NE Slave Lake 	S Smith Community Complex And Arena 606 9 St Smith 	 Scan to find your voting place
T Sucker Creek Rec Centre Block 200 Unit 2002 SE -18-74-14-5 Sucker Creek No 150A 	U Sunset House Community Hall 70566 Hwy 747 Sunset House 	V Trout Lake Community Hall Saktouwah Dr Trout Lake 	
W Ventures Hall SW-11-86-14-W5 Little Buffalo 	X Wabasca Community Hall 910 Stony Point Rd Wabasca-Desmarais 	Y Widewater Community Complex 72046 Southshore Dr E Wagner 	

Unofficial results will be posted after voting closes and ballots are counted at results.elections.ab.ca.

Official results will be posted October 29, 2026, at officialresults.elections.ab.ca.

Returning Offices



Main Office

101 Main St SE,
Slave Lake, AB T0G 2A4

Returning Officer:

Amy Engler Wilson
Phone: 1 (833) 483-2825
Email: ed70@elections.ab.ca

Office Hours

Mon to Fri: 9am – 6pm
Saturday: 10am – 4pm
Voting Days: 9am – 8pm

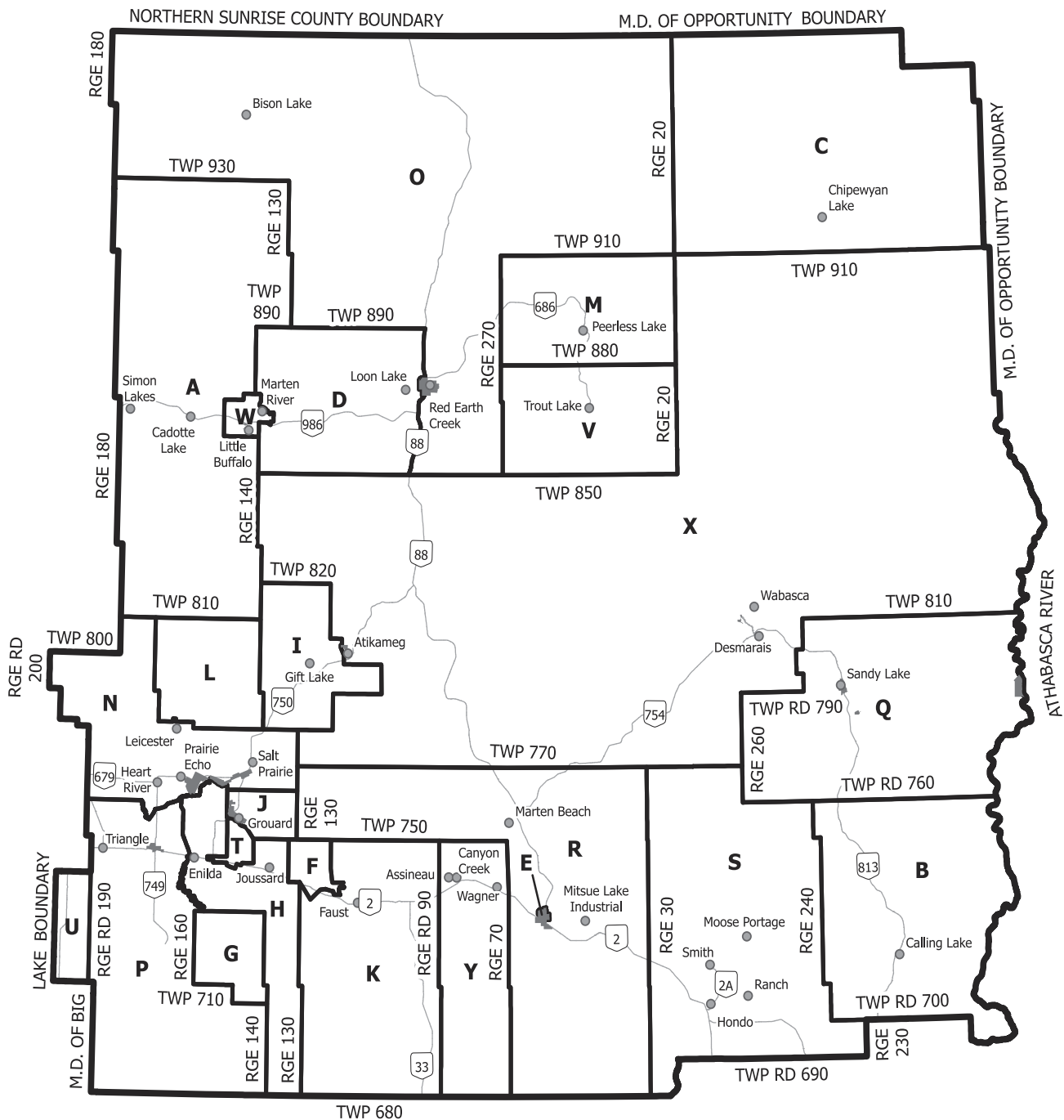
Accessible Voting



Barrier-free Access

All voting places are evaluated and modified, where possible, to provide barrier-free access to voters. Visit elections.ab.ca/accessibility to view accessibility information for each voting place.

Please refer to the Voting Place Legend.



School bus, passenger vehicle collide in Beaver County; Male Camrose driver killed

Tofield RCMP were called to the rural intersection of Range Road 170 and Township Road 502 in Beaver County on Monday, September 28, after a school bus and passenger vehicle collided.

The driver of the car, a 31-year-old Camrose man was declared deceased at the scene.

The driver of the bus and a lone teenage passenger were not injured.

RCMP reported that preliminary investigation appeared to show that the crash occurred because the bus failed to yield at the intersection.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Director of Recreation & Culture Permanent Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is currently seeking a dynamic, team-oriented and self-motivated individual to fill the position of **Assistant Director of Recreation & Culture**. Reporting directly to the Director of Recreation and Culture, the Assistant Director will play a vital role in delivering high-quality local government services and management for the communities within the Municipal District of Opportunity. This position involves supporting the role in providing overall direction to the recreation and culture staff, including managers and supervisors. The Assistant Director will support the Director in managing current responsibilities, ensuring all recreation facilities operate smoothly, and that staff understand and adhere to the safety program. Some other duties include but are not limited to as follows:

Responsibilities:

- ❖ Assist in providing support to all managers in Recreation & Culture.
- ❖ Reports for the Director including month end, grant applications,
- ❖ Assist in Capital Project Management of all capital in Recreation
- ❖ Assist and oversee Special Events/Projects such as Canada Day, Remembrance Day, partnerships with Bigstone Cree Nation, Annual Golf Tournament.
- ❖ For the development of programs that are relevant to the needs of all municipal communities.
- ❖ For ensuring the staff of safe work practices and the safety of patrons.
- ❖ For developing an operational budget that allows Recreation and Culture to maintain the desired level of service.

Qualifications:

- ❖ Degree in Recreation or other related discipline from a recognized post-secondary institution or three years of supervisory experience supplemented with training in a Recreation field.
- ❖ Extensive experience in the supervision and direction of staff.
- ❖ A minimum of three years' experience in program development, proposal writing, and project reporting and budgeting would be an asset (excellent writing skills).
- ❖ Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing to prepare reports and make presentations.
- ❖ Excellent working knowledge of various computer applications including Microsoft Excel, Word and others.
- ❖ Background in Sports or Recreation, Coaching experience is an asset,
- ❖ Valid Driver's License
- ❖ Ability to obtain satisfactory criminal record and vulnerable sector check and Child Intervention Check upon hire.

The salary range for this position will commensurate based experience and qualifications. Interested individuals are invited to submit their resume and three work related references to:

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

This advertisement will close on October 1, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

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 and Protection of Privacy Act. Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Privacy Act.

More Time Given to Apply for Alberta's \$100 Energy Rebate

Albertans now have more time to apply for the province's \$100 Alberta Energy Rebate, after the Government of Alberta extended the application deadline to October 31, 2026.

The rebate is a one-time direct payment of \$100 for each eligible Albertan. The province says the payment is meant to help households manage the cost of everyday essentials while energy prices and cost-of-living pressures remain high.

According to the Government of Alberta, more than 1.45 million Albertans have already applied for or received the rebate. The province says more than 97 per cent of those applicants have already received their \$100 payment.

To qualify, applicants must be 18 years of age or older as of July 1, 2026, be an Alberta resident, have filed a 2025 tax return, and have a total household annual income of \$225,000 or less.

Some Albertans were automatically enrolled, including people receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped, the Alberta Disability Assistance Program, and Income Support.

The rebate is not taxable and does not need to be reported to the Canada Revenue Agency. The province also says receiving the payment will not affect eligibility for AISH, Income Support, Alberta Seniors Benefit, or federal seniors' programs. The Alberta Energy Rebate application portal opened on July 1.



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The Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 Wabasca Forcemain Mulching – Request for Proposal 17-2026

Sealed quotations marked "MD of Opportunity – Request for Proposal 17-2026 – Wabasca Forcemain Mulching" will be received via email to tenders@mdopportunity.ab.ca or received in a sealed envelope at the MD of Opportunity's Wabasca Office, #2077 Mistassiniy Road North Wabasca, Alberta up to 11:00 AM LOCAL TIME, Tuesday October 6, 2026.

The Municipal District of Opportunity (MD) requests written proposals from qualified vendors to provide service for mulching along the right of way for the sanitary forcemain from the Main Lift Station to the Lagoon in Wabasca. The clearing by mulching area is approximately 10 Ha along the forcemain right of way at a width of 10 m.

Tender documents are available by emailing a request to jkitz@mesl.ca.

Inquiries can be directed to;

Earl Gullion
Director of Utilities
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Healing Hands 4U

Cell: 780-891-0396

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Parkland Institute judges referendum questions on immigration to be bias, unnecessary

On October 19, 2026, Albertans will vote on 10 referendum questions put forth by Premier Danielle Smith and her United Conservative Party (UCP) government. The question that has received the most attention relates to Alberta's place in Canada and whether Albertans support "comenc[ing] the legal process...to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada."

Less attention has been paid to the four questions that address constitutional issues and the five questions that focus on immigration and temporary residents in Alberta. This policy brief addresses the five immigration-related questions.

In February 2026, a few days before presenting a provincial budget projecting a \$9.4 billion deficit, Premier Danielle Smith announced the five immigration questions that would be on the ballot in October. The rationale behind the need for the questions, according to the premier, was that immigration numbers are "out of control" and "overwhelming [Alberta's] core social services" (Bellefontaine 2026a).

The premier also made it clear that she supports these positions. Taken together, these five questions suggest that Alberta's fiscal problems can be blamed on a large number of temporary residents who are overburdening Alberta's health care, education, and other social services — and not paying for them.

This policy brief examines the strategy behind the premier's immigration questions. It seeks to clarify two important issues: Why immigration? And why now, when immigration and temporary resident numbers have declined both in Alberta and across Canada? (Markusoff 2026).

Indeed, 2026 marks the first year that Canada's population did not grow - a direct result of substantial cuts to temporary resident numbers (Zimonjic 2026).

These questions will likely serve their intended political purpose, namely, to blame the ballooning deficit and Alberta's social and economic challenges on an ambiguously defined "other."

The language framing the immigration questions also aligns with a broader posture of blaming Ottawa for the province's problems, in this case its "disastrous open border immigration policies" (Smith 2026) and seeks to take control over immigration from the federal government.

The immigration debate cannot be divorced from the wider social, political, and economic context in Alberta, including:

1. Positive attitudes toward immigration are declining among a majority of Canadians. Albertans lead the country in antiimmigrant sentiment, with 56 per cent of Canadians and 67 per cent of Albertans believing that there is "too much immigration" to Canada (EnviroNics Institute for Survey Research 2025).

2. Alberta's independence movement promotes an explicitly xenophobic and anti-immigrant political agenda, and this is driving the government's position on immigration.

3. Decades of underinvestment in education, health care, and other social supports are leading to conditions where scarcity is the dominant frame through which residents of Alberta experience public services.

The environment is ripe for a political strategy that scapegoats and targets minority communities rather than addressing the fundamental economic and social challenges facing the province.

This brief addresses each of these contextual factors (decline in public support for immigration, separatism, and a lack of investment in Alberta's social infrastructure) to ex-

plain why the UCP is leveraging immigration and why they are doing it now.

The brief concludes by considering the possible consequences of this political strategy and the impact of this rhetoric in Alberta.

Albertans are being asked to vote on ten questions in the October referendum. The question that has received the most attention is the question related to Alberta separation.

A group of separatist activists under the banner of Stay Free Alberta gathered signatures on a citizen petition demanding the government include the following question on the ballot in October: "Do you agree that the Province of Alberta should cease to be part of Canada to become an independent state?"

First Nations, including Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, Blood Tribe, Piikani Nation, and Siksika First Nation, challenged the separatist petition at the Alberta Court of King's Bench, and the justice found the province had failed its duty to consult with First Nations, ostensibly preventing the separatist question from moving forward (Bellefontaine 2026b).

On May 21, 2026, Premier Smith announced that the following question would be placed on the referendum ballot in October: "Should Alberta remain a province of Canada or should the Government of Alberta commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada?"

More of this Parkland Institute Report will appear next issue



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Mental health funding for First Nations students

Alberta's government has announced new funding to support mental health and specialized learning services for First Nations students.

The province says \$4.9 million will be provided to First Nations and First Nations education authorities with on-reserve schools through the Specialized Learning and Mental Health Supports Grant.

The funding is intended to help students access supports closer to home, including mental health screening, staff training, wellness supports, mental health literacy, and programs that create safer learning environments.

The province said the funding is especially important for rural and remote communities, where access to specialized staff and services can be more difficult.

Education and Indigenous Relations officials said the goal is to help students feel supported, stay connected to their communities and culture, and succeed in school.

Energy agreement could shape power future for northwest Canada

Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories have signed an agreement to work together on nuclear energy and stronger electricity connections.

The agreement was announced by Alberta government on September 14, making it a current development topic for communities concerned about energy reliability, growth and investment.

A framework will be created for the three jurisdictions to share information and explore nuclear generation technologies, including large-scale nuclear reactors, small modular reactors and microreactors. Also to be studied are ways to improve electricity transmission between the two provinces and territory.

Alberta says the goal is to support reliable, affordable and sustainable electricity while strengthening regional energy security. Premier Danielle Smith said Alberta's economy is growing and the province will need dependable power to support homes, businesses and the energy sector.

If power demand continues to rise, stronger grid connections could help reduce pressure on the system and support future economic development.

The agreement does not mean a nuclear project will be built immediately. It is an early-stage cooperation agreement. The governments will study nuclear technology, financing, environmental assessments, regulatory approvals, uranium supply, and nuclear waste management.

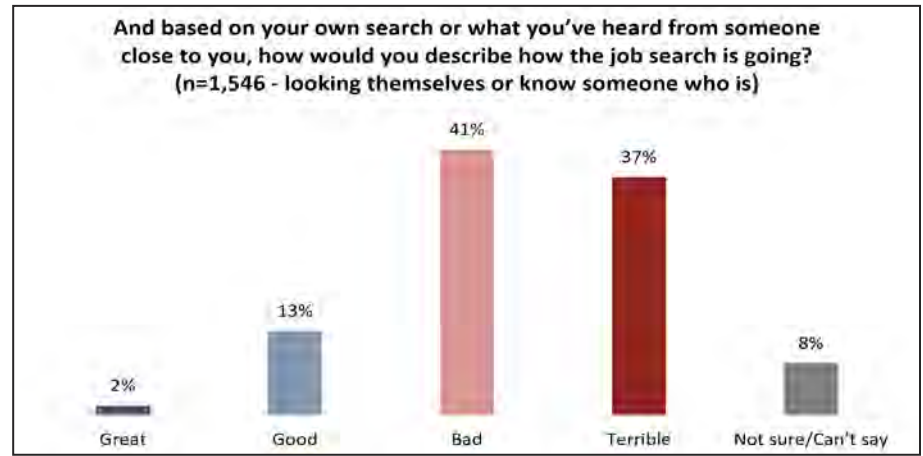
Canadians with secured jobs seem to be optimistic despite rises in cost of living; majority seeking jobs worried about their futures, surviving higher prices

September 29, 2026 – Canada's labour market has spent much of 2026 treading water. After eight months of alternating gains and losses, the country has added just 26,000 net jobs since the beginning of the year, including a loss of 42,000 positions in August.

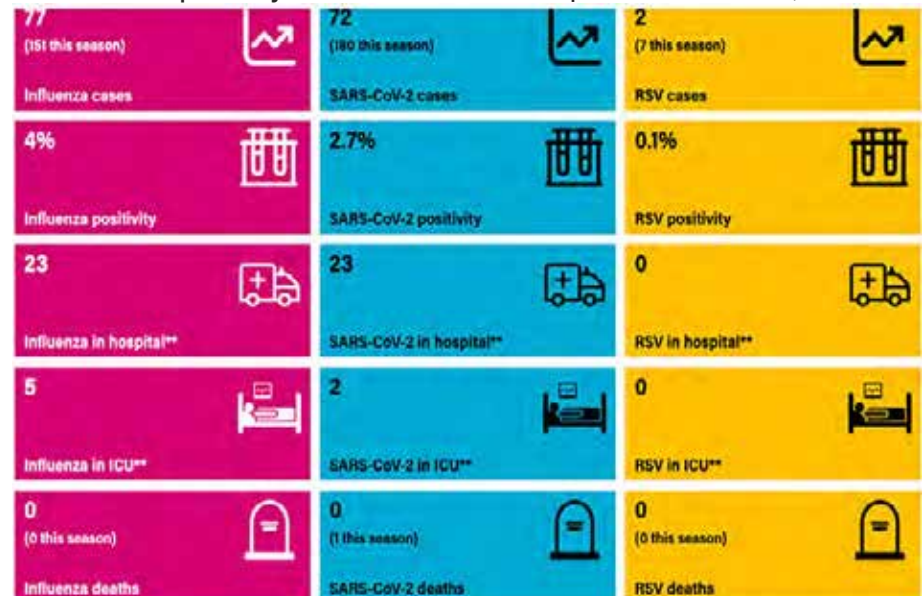
And while layoffs remain relatively uncommon – the August layoff rate of 0.8 per cent was slightly below where it stood a year ago – other indicators point to a labour market offering fewer opportunities for those on the outside looking in. There are now nearly three unemployed Canadians for

every vacant position in the country, almost triple the ratio seen during the labour shortages of 2022 and well above the roughly two-to-one ratio that prevailed before the pandemic.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute find this divide reflected in Canadians' own experiences. Nearly nine-in-10 employed Canadians (87%) describe their current jobs as secure, unchanged from last year. But among those looking for work themselves or who know someone who is, more than three-quarters (77%) describe the job search as "bad" or "terrible." ... Page 7



Alberta Respiratory Viruses: Week of September 13 to 19, 2026



After the first three weeks of the 2025/26 Alberta Respiratory Viruses season, it is difficult to judge what is ahead for Albertans.

The 2024/25 season set a new annual record for the province in regards to influenza deaths - 182.

Meanwhile, Covid fatalities last season numbered only 133 and the RSV's claimed 87 deaths.

The first death of the new season was recorded in the Covid column.

While both the flu and Covid have had confirmed cases over 150 each as of

September 19 (151 and 180 respectively), cases of RSV illnesses were only seven.

Colder weather and holiday indoor celebrations at the end of one year and a new year usually see big spikes in all illnesses, but forecasts of a mild winter may have an influence.

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...colors to try to create new colors!



Kids: color stuff in!

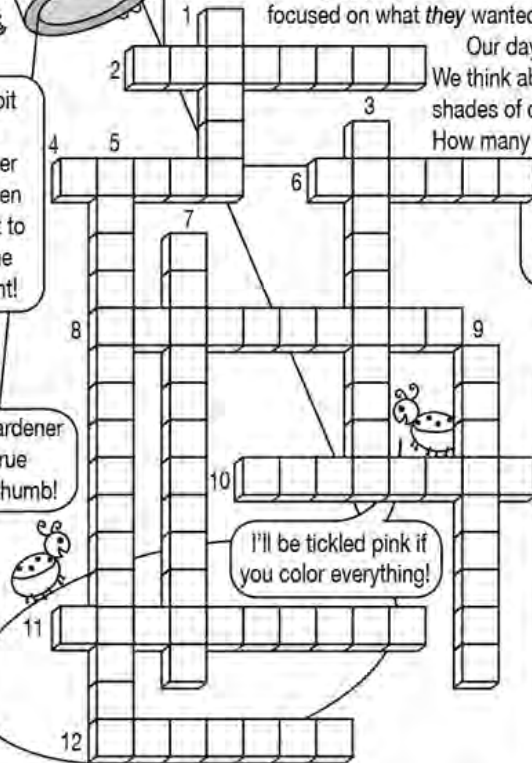


Get your family involved - everyone has to say what colour is their favourite and name five things which are that colour!



It's a bit of a red-letter day when you get to be in the spotlight!

My gardener has a true green thumb!



When I went to the circus, I noticed that the main acts were highlighted with colored lights. The lighting crew used spotlights and color to attract the audience's attention, drawing our eyes to where the action was. By doing this they also drew our attention away from workers in the shadows who were setting up props and doing other jobs. We all focused on what *they* wanted us to see.

Our days are filled with color. We think about and use different shades of colors for many things. How many colors can you name?

Ladybugs can be yellow, orange or red with black spots!



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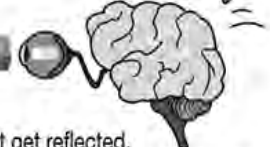
I'll be tickled pink if you color everything!

Colors in the Spotlight!



How Do We See Color?

When an object - in this case, an apple - is exposed to sunlight, it absorbs some parts (wavelengths) of the light, but not all.



Some of the wavelengths of the light get reflected.

When we look at the apple, this reflected light strikes millions of special cells (cones) in our eyes. The information from the cones is sent to our brains, which tell us that the apple is a lovely red!

Read the clues to fill in the "colorful" crossword:

1. players wear the colors of their _____
2. red roses = love, expressing our _____
3. to make things look nice: materials for clothes or home; jewelry
4. on maps: yellow = land, blue = water
5. to trick the eye, in printing
6. flower bed, fruit bowl, cosmetics
7. red = hot, blue = cool
8. to make blend into the surroundings (soldiers in jungle)
9. red, white and blue, for flags or emblems
10. an artistic work hung on the wall
11. flashing yellow arrow on the road, pointing the way
12. white flag = a wish to surrender



I go to a white elephant sale once in a blue moon.

Words That Color Our World!

We use the names and images of colors to express our feelings and ideas. We give colors meanings! Can you match these expressions to their "true blue" meanings?

1. show a green - eyed monster
2. a black cloud over one's head
3. have a yellow streak
4. see red
5. feel blue
6. have a heart of gold

- A. feel sad
- B. be a coward
- C. be jealous
- D. have a big problem
- E. become very angry
- F. be a kind person



1. put an agreement in black and white
2. blue-ribbon pie
3. get the green light
4. see the world through rose-colored glasses
5. be in the red
6. as white as a ghost

- A. only see the good things
- B. the very best
- C. be very pale from a scare, illness
- D. write it down
- E. be in debt
- F. be able to start something

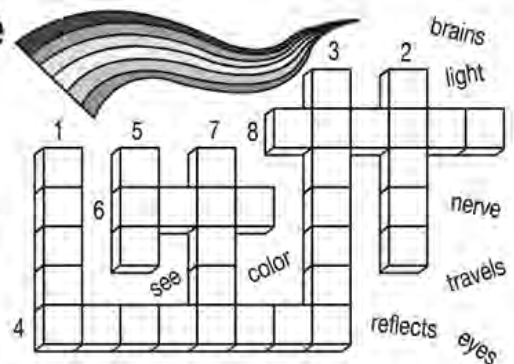


The Science of Seeing Color

Color is wonderful! But, how do we see color?

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle!

1. Do you know how we are able to see _____?
2. It all has to do with _____ and how our eyes see it.
3. Light _____ in tiny bits and different size wavelengths.
4. When we look at an object, its surface bounces or _____ some wavelengths of light and not others.



5. We _____ the wavelengths of light that are bounced off.
6. They enter our _____, which have cells shaped like rods and cones that can sense the light.
7. This information is sent out the back of our eyes, along the optic _____ to our brains.
8. Our _____ tell us that the grass is green or the sky is blue!

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

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

Required Qualifications:

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

Duties/responsibilities are but not limited to:

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

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

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

**Human Resources Department
Municipal District of Opportunity
Box 60, Wabasca, AB. T0G 2K0
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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CUSTODIAN

Wabasca – Permanent Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is now accepting resumes for a permanent full time custodian position in our Facility Maintenance Department in Wabasca. The custodian will be responsible for the daily cleaning, maintenance of various buildings, organizing inventory of all cleaning supplies and equipment. The position entails a full spring and fall cleaning (including but not limited to shampooing of carpets, washing windows inside and out, washing walls, etc.) and may include minor maintenance.

Applicants must possess and meet the following qualifications and requirements:

- Ability to work on their feet for a complete shift of an 8 hours/day while constantly bending, stretching, walking and lifting or moving things.
- Ability to communicate effectively with others.
- Preparation of monthly building repairs and maintenance reports.
- Ordering and maintaining cleaning supplies and inventory.
- Must have a minimum of Grade 10 Education or higher.
- Must possess WHMIS or be willing to take training.
- Other Security Checks (CWIS) that may be required.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.
- **Valid Class 5 Drivers License is required as you will be driving to different facility locations.**

Salary range for this position will reflect on qualifications and experience. Interested individuals may submit their Resumes and three (3) work related references:

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Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide response to crisis situations in communities.
- Act as advocates for individuals, community members requesting mental health support.
- Assess crisis situations, provide follow up post crisis support, and connect to appropriate care.
- Provide program information, resources and assistance to service providers.
- Create and participate in working partnerships with mental health agencies / committees to ensure effective delivery of the crisis team program services in community.
- Willing to travel to provide program services in Wabasca, Calling Lake and Chipewyan Lake.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong organizational, communication and decision-making skills
- Strong attention to detail and a high level of accuracy in completing tasks.
- Demonstrate ability to maintain privacy and confidentiality.
- Must possess excellent communication skills, both written and oral

Education and Experience:

- Availability to work evenings, weekends, and holidays as requested
- Willing to take any necessary training that is required
- Willing to travel within Alberta
- Must be dependable and reliable
- Class 5 Drivers License
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CLOSING DATE: *Until a Suitable Candidate is Found*

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Heavy Duty Journeyman Technician

Wabasca— Permanent Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is now accepting applications for a full-time permanent Heavy Duty Journeyman Technician in Wabasca. The individual chosen for this permanent full-time position will be responsible for the following duties on the municipal fleet equipment.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications:

- Red Seal Journeyman Certificate.
- A Valid Driver's License.
- Good hearing, eyesight and manual dexterity.
- Experience with heavy equipment or heavy truck with repairs and maintenance.
- Ability to interpret work orders and technical manuals.
- Ability to keep up to date with changes in technology.
- Write service reports.
- Ability to work within a Microsoft Office computer environment.
- Understanding of NSC Regulations.
- Ability to use scan tools.
- A satisfactory criminal record check upon hire.

Duties include:

- Perform scheduled maintenance services such as oil changes, lubrications, etc.
- Advise the Shop Foreman of work performed general equipment conditions and future repair requirements.
- Assist the Shop Foreman in determining mechanical problems by examining equipment, using diagnostic equipment, and test driving the vehicles.
- Responsible for the dismantling of faulty assemblies, repair and/replace worn or damaged parts.
- Other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

The working conditions for the service technician vary considerably from one job to another. Some duties will be performed in the shop, construction sites and sometimes outdoors in all types of weather conditions. Travel requirements and hours of work also may vary. The salary range for this position is based on experience and qualifications.

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

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Arena/Parks Operator **Red Earth Creek – Permanent Full Time**

The Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 is now accepting applications for one Full Time Arena/Parks Operator for the community of Red Earth Creek. Some duties include but are not limited to:

Responsibilities:

- Keeping proper checklists of areas cleaned.
- Maintaining a clean atmosphere at all times and ensuring facility is properly maintained
- Issue receipt payments.
- Supervise patrons in the Facility.
- Perform minor maintenance as required at the arena in winter and in summer months maintain the parks, cleaning, grass cutting and weed whacking.
- Keep an updated list of cleaning inventory.
- Work towards facility viability and self-sufficiency.
- Must be able to make and maintain ice for skating and curling rinks, this will include painting markers.
- Report daily to the Manager of Recreation for Red Earth Creek.

Qualifications:

- Level 1 & 2 Arena Operators Certificate or ability to attain one.
- A valid Class 5 Driver's License.
- The ability to operate a Zamboni or any other required equipment such as z-tracks and weed whackers.
- The ability to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.
- A willingness & ability to cross train in other positions.
- Knowledge & experience in arena operations with respect to ice-making, janitorial care-taking, maintenance.
- The ability to establish & maintain effective working relationships with officials, authorities, minor hockey & the general public.
- Proven communication, public relation, interpersonal skills and the ability to exercise independent judgment & initiative in completing assigned duties.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire.

The salary range for this position is based on qualifications and experience. Interested persons are invited to send their Resumes, three work related references to:

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Please send a copy of your detailed menu and bid
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Please apply by: October 7, 2026

Indigenous languages help line now offering health advice

In time for the 2026 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Alberta Primary Health introduced its Indigenous Support Phone Line which provides help to First Nations, Métis and Inuit persons if they have questions about getting access to health services.

The service is free and available Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at 1-844-944-4744 or through 8-1-1.

According to a news release, "The Indigenous Support Line connects callers with Indigenous listeners who provide confidential, culturally informed support, and guidance.

"Whether callers need help accessing services, addressing concerns, connecting with Indigenous cultural supports, or finding assistance for mental health and addiction challenges, Indigenous listeners are here to help.

"Indigenous listeners can also connect callers with translation services in 23 Indigenous languages, helping reduce barriers to care and ensuring more Albertans can access the support they need."



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Bigstone Cree Nation Education Authority Employment Opportunity

1 Full-Time Cook Assistant (2026-2027 School Year)

Bigstone Cree Nation Education Authority is seeking **1 Full-time Cook Assistant**. The Candidate must be responsible, team oriented and self motivated while working collaboratively with the Manager of Special Programs and Head Cook to establish a plan to ensure healthy well balanced meals for the students at the school. The cook assistant must be familiar with meal planning, all food service equipment and must have a warm personality with a sincere desire to work with children and school staff.

Responsibilities:

- To ensure meal planning and monthly menus for the school
- To ensure that all meals are served in an efficient and pleasant manner with few leftovers
- Team player with the other cooks and all the staff at the school
- To ensure high standard of services are provided for the students and staff
- To ensure food and kitchen is clean and meets all health and safety expectations for the environment and food handling.
- Demonstrate good personal hygiene at all times
- Work cooperatively as a member of a school team
- Make a positive contribution to the school's functions and activities
- All other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Clear Criminal record check with Vulnerable sector and clear Child Intervention Check
- Must have a food handling certificate
- Working in fast paced environment
- Ability to stand for extended periods
- Attention to detail
- Demonstrate ethical behavior
- Demonstrate responsible behavior towards attendance and work schedule

Closing Date: October 7th, 2026 at 4:30pm

Salary: Based on a salary grid that is progressive and based on years of experience.

Please submit cover letter, resume, supporting documents and references in confidence to:

Human Resources

<https://www.bigstoneeducation.ca/careers> (PREFERRED) OR

Email: human.resources@bigstoneeducation.ca

Mail: P.O. Box 870, Wabasca, Alberta, T0G 2K0

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Payroll Analyst Permanent Full Time - Wabasca

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking a highly organized, self-motivated individual possessing sound payroll knowledge to fill a permanent full-time position of Finance Analyst. Working in payroll, the successful applicant will be under the supervision of the Assistant Manager of Financial Reporting and will be responsible for assisting in the following areas:

Responsibilities:

- Calculation & reporting of entitlements for employees (vacation, personal leave, sick leave, special leave, including retro payments)
- Employee setups in Great Plains, and with benefit providers: Alberta Municipalities - Sunlife, LAPP, and RRSP/TFSA.
- Termination processes of employees as required from time to time.
- Bi-weekly time summary entries for permanent, temporary, and special project employees; semi-monthly entries for Council and monthly entries for firefighters.
- Prepare online submissions for benefit payments and records of employment.
- Prepare bank transactions for our benefit carrier and ensure accuracy of payments.
- Prepare and remit statutory payments to Canada Revenue Agency.
- Ensure that the policies and procedures related to the payroll function are adhered to.
- Prepare submissions for annual payroll reporting for T4's, LAPP and WCB.
- Other duties that may be assigned.
- Conduct the required year-end reconciliations and prepare the associated reports.

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma, Business Administrative Diploma and Canadian Payroll Compliance Practitioner Certificate are desired or a minimum of two years of payroll experience may be considered
- Knowledge of general office procedures, Payroll and benefit plans.
- Computer skills a definite asset (Microsoft Environment – Word/Excel and Great Plains Dynamics)
- A team-oriented person with good public relations, analytical and interpersonal skills.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check will be required at time of hire.

Salary will commensurate with experience and qualifications. For further information, please contact Omar Khalil at 780-891-3778. Interested individuals are asked to submit their resumes with 3 work related references to the attention of the:

**Human Resources Department
Municipal District of Opportunity No.17
Box 60, Wabasca, AB T0G-2K0 Phone: (780) 891-3778 Fax: 891-4283
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Fuel tax relief has begun

Albertans will see some relief at the gas pumps starting October 1, as the provincial government suspends the full provincial fuel tax on gasoline and diesel.

The provincial government says the move will save drivers 13 cents per litre every time they fill up until the end of the year. The government said the decision was made because global uncertainty, trade pressures and rising energy prices are putting extra pressure on household budgets.

The tax relief is expected to help families, commuters, local businesses, delivery operators and others who depend on fuel for daily travel and work.

The province says it will monitor pump prices to make sure savings are passed on to Albertans. Suspected unfair pricing can be reported through Alberta's Report a Rip-Off line at 1-877-427-4088.

Fuel tax rates are reviewed every three months, with the next review period beginning later this year.

Alberta Adds Pre-Treatment Homes to Support Addiction Recovery

Alberta is adding new pre-treatment homes in Edmonton to help people who have completed detox and are waiting to enter addiction treatment.

The Government of Alberta announced on September 29 that it is providing more than \$330,000 in new funding to Oxford House to support two new pre-treatment homes in Edmonton. The province says the homes will provide safe and stable living environments for about 140 Albertans each year.

Pre-treatment housing is meant to help people during the difficult period between detox and formal addiction treatment. This can be a vulnerable time, when people may need structure, support and a safe place to stay while waiting for the next step in their recovery.

According to the province, one of the new homes will be for men and the other will be for women. Each home will have a house lead providing 24-hour on-site support. Addiction counsellors and recovery coaches will also help clients build healthy habits, prevent relapse and understand their treatment options.

The province says the new beds are the first part of a larger investment of more than \$10 million to expand pre-treatment and post-treatment housing for Albertans pursuing recovery from addiction.

Although the homes are being opened in Edmonton, addiction and recovery services are an issue across Alberta, including rural and northern communities where access to treatment can be more difficult. Stable housing and support before treatment can help people stay connected to recovery instead of returning to unsafe situations.

The government said Edmonton remains a major concern in Alberta's opioid crisis, accounting for more than half of opioid-related deaths in the province. Officials say expanding pre-treatment beds is one way to close the gap between detox, treatment and long-term recovery.

Albertans who need help with mental health or addiction challenges, or who are looking for support for a loved one, can call or text 211 Alberta for information about services available in their community.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Equipment Operator Wabasca – Permanent Full Time

The individual chosen for this permanent full-time position in the M.D. of Opportunity with our Public Works Department at our Wabasca location will be responsible for the following duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17 Wabasca EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Administrative Support – Temporary Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is looking for an individual to work in the Wabasca Administration office on a temporary full-time basis. For this maternity leave cover off candidates should be welcoming, patient and professional at all times, be well-organized with the ability to work independently and multitask in a fast-paced environment, possess strong work ethic, have experience with Microsoft Office products, proficient writing skills, ability to maintain confidentiality, ability to interact with many different personalities and to work as part of a dynamic team is crucial, possess a sense of humor and ability to maintain composure under stress. The expectations of the position include but not limited to be as follows:

- Fulfill all aspects of the office duties in the Wabasca Administration office;
- Answer telephone, direct and/or respond to inquiries;
- Daily filing, cash receipting, preparation of bank deposits, transporting outgoing mail;
- Assist in maintaining and updating all organizational contacts, equipment list and all MD forms;
- Provide information to the taxpayers and members of the general public in completing necessary forms and applications for the various programs and rentals provided by MD;
- Other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

Qualifications

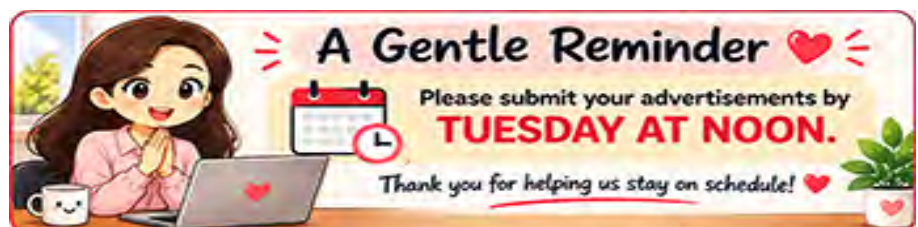
- High School Diploma and Office Administrative Certificate are desired and/or extensive office experience and working with the general public;
- Computer skills a definite asset (Microsoft Environment – Word, Excel, Great Plains);
- Valid class 5 operator's license;
- Fluent in English and Cree would be a definite asset.
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BIGSTONE PHARMACY LTD

Employment Opportunity



PHARMACY ASSISTANT

Permanent Full-Time
Wabasca, Alberta

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

Duties and Responsibilities:

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

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

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

Education and Experience:

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

Benefits:

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

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

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

Human Resources Department

PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

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

CLOSING DATE: Until a Suitable Candidate is found.

POSTED: September 29, 2026

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Pin-up Calendars

Send your family photo or branded calendar to the people on your list.

Include your family photo or company photo, logo & information.

The background may be switched to include colours that are more your style or brand.

Our calendars are printed on heavier stock, are perfect for year-round use, and have numbers that are easy to read.

11X17 PIN-UP CALENDAR

Use the space included for all of your important dates, or switch it out for a favourite recipe, or a fun fact about your business.

- 10 \$4.00 each
- 20 \$3.75 each
- 50 \$3.00 each

8.5X11 PIN-UP CALENDAR

These calendars are printed both sides, and the back of the calendar can include a short newsletter about your family or business, along with something fun, like a favourite recipe...it's up to you.

- 10 \$4.25 each
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We can also print coiled and stapled wall calendars, as well as magnet calendars.



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