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St. Theresa School students and staff showed off their costumes on Halloween
[More Photos on Fever Page 9](#) Photos: Denis Carnochan

MD #17 council continues with Auger, Powell as leaders



Reeve Marcel D. Auger



Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell



Canadians, even some who never have attended a professional baseball game or watched it on screen, became eager fans of the Toronto Blue Jays. Canada's only Major Baseball League team came so-so-close to beating the Los Angeles Dodgers in the crucial final game Halloween Night. There were many tears across Canada as this World Series came at a time when the country needed a boost against America which seems more like an enemy than a friendly neighbour, thanks to Trump politics.

[More on this topic on Page 2](#)

Above scene of sad fans is AI-generated

Trafficking wildlife is global crime including Alberta

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Bigstone Cree and 12 other Nations will share revenue from Tamarack established oilfield assets



Representatives at the Project Action Open House at Wabasca's Lakeview Sports Centre Tuesday evening were (Left to Right) Lawrence Orr, Dwayne Yellowknife and Denise Rathbone of Bigstone Council; Kevin Screen, Tamarack Chief Operating Officer; Tyrone Gullion, BCN Business Relations Manager; Romeo Cardinal of Bigstone Council; Mario Auger, Manager of Indigenous Engagement; Shafak Sajid, Senior Manager, Engagement; and Steven Kroeker, Chief Investment Officer. [More Detail in Next Issue](#) Photo: Michelle Grach

Publisher's Ponderings ...

• Canadians have a lot to be proud of as a country despite some of the various hardships being felt by a good percentage of the population. Those hardships include the very large number of people who are homeless or in families where dependence on food banks is necessary. There are also the growing number of Canadians, often in their late teens or twenties losing their jobs due to artificial intelligence, and people who are owning or employed by businesses which are struggling due to all the tariff issues made by an unhinged American wannabe king.



But on the positive side and on being proud of their nation, there are millions of Canadians who show their love of country and desire to strike back at those outsiders who are trying to ruin, perhaps even end Canada which is 157 years old. Respected around the world as a decent democratic country which is more likely to aid other countries than pick fights with them. A good percentage of Canadians are trying to shop only for Canadian products or items not coming from the United States; there are also those who are boycotting vacations and other trips into the States.

Sports play large in the North American culture and often can reflect the moods of both Canada and U.S.. There is no doubt that a vast majority of Canadians were rooting for the Toronto Blue Jays and were pretty devastated when the team came so close but lost by one run. And thanks to the Edmonton Oilers, hockey-loving Canadians not only have the pleasure of having teams that are competitive right up to Stanley Cup time with the Edmonton going to the Cup finals for the past two years. Canadians can also be proud this country has produced the majority of the best players since the National Hockey League was created.

• It was hard to believe Monday night that The Ducks had quacked their way to the top of the Pacific Division in the NHL Western Conference. The California team had won three in a row and rose to 15 points in 11 games, tied with Golden Knights who also had played 11 games. And also tied with the Oilers who just dropped a game to the St. Louis Blues who got the only third period goal to break the 2-2 score.

Edmonton was third in a three-way tie because it had played 14 games. While Connor McDavid and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins each got two assists, credited with Oilers' goals were Andrew Mangiapane and Jack Roslovic.

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A column of news & commentary

• When in this season will the Oilers start putting together decent streaks of victories, rather than this "win one, lose one, but also only win half your games in overtime"?



Actually looking at the rest of the league, the majority of the teams appear sluggish in regard to racking up wins. In the Western Conference, at the end of Monday action, only three teams in the Pacific Division had won 50% or more of their games and in the Central Division, four teams had, but really showing off were the Jets having won nine of 12 contests and the Utah Mammoth which is playing very well according to a lot of commentators and fans. Utah had won eight of its first 12 games.

The data indicates a lot of Eastern Conference team are beating the Central and Western teams because 10 of the 16 teams have won 50% or more of their games. The Canadiens, Red Wings, Devils have won nine games each, while the Penguins had eight games in its win column.

Still comparatively early in the season, but most fans like to see their favourite team always winning more games than losing.

• According to a Conversation Canada article, an international study by universities in the U.S. and Europe found that in countries with female leaders or females with important roles in government that there is less risk of civil wars developing or if civil wars start they end with less bloodshed and damages within the country.



With this knowledge, look at the photo on Page 3 of the newly elected Municipal District Council and notice that of the 11 members, there is only Darlene Jackson representing the female population of the MD. What will happen if some type of civic strife occurs?

Considering Ms. Jackson's council experience and popularity among Wabasca constituents and fans, she is probably quite capable of handling ten squabbling male colleagues. Does anyone disagree?

• There are many noble things people can do in their lives, and last week, one of them was advertised on Page 5 of The Fever: Foster Care-giving.

Making a positive difference in the life of a child or maybe a pair of siblings, going through a very confusing, often chaotic time might be the most satisfying experience in the life of an individual, couple or family. Think about it, talk about it with the others in your home, then go online to: Alberta.ca/FosterCaregivers.



Environment Canada Weather Forecast

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

October 6 to 11

Thursday night..60% risk of flurries. Low minus 4.
Friday..Cloudy. High minus 2.
Friday night..Cloudy. Low minus 6.
Saturday..Cloudy. High minus 2.
Saturday night..Cloudy periods. Low minus 4.
Sunday..Cloudy. High plus 2.
Sunday night..60 % showers or flurries. Low minus 3.
Monday..A mix of sun and cloud. High plus 3.
Monday night..Cloudy periods. Low minus 5.
Tuesday..A mix of sun and cloud. High plus 2.
Normals for the period..Low minus 10. High minus 2.





OCTOBER 2025 ELECTED COUNCIL OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17

Left to Right – Top Row: Cecil Gladue (Calling Lake), Kevin Bigstone (Sandy Lake), Marshall D. Auger (Reeve – Wabasca), Robin Guild (Wabasca), Brendan Powell (Deputy Reeve – Red Earth Creek), Marcel C. Auger (Wabasca), Roy Yellowknee (Chipewyan Lake); Left to Right – Bottom Row: Gerald Johnson (Calling Lake), Leo Alook (Trout Lake), Darlene Jackson (Wabasca), Louis A. Cardinal (Peerless Lake).



Senior's Heating Fuel Grant

The purpose of the Senior's Heating Fuel Grant is to provide funding for eligible residents to ensure their residences are sufficiently heated to promote public safety and well-being.

Applications must be received by the MD of Opportunity no later than December 1 of the current year. See your local office for the heat grant application form.

An Applicant may apply for a grant to be reimbursed for the purchase of heating fuel, including propane, natural gas, or firewood for the indoor heating of their residential property.

Applications will be reviewed and prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis up to budget availability.

The maximum grant for a heating fuel is \$1,000 per calendar year per applicant/household.

A checklist of the information required, in addition to the application form, must be completed and provided with the application in order to be considered. *Include your heat/gas provider bill.*

Individuals must reside at the residential property at the date of application.

Annual Income Threshold of Permanent Residents

Number of Occupants	Maximum Annual Net Household Income
1 Persons	\$75,000
2 Persons	\$85,000
3 Persons	\$95,000
4 Persons	\$100,000

Information to be Included with Application:

- ☐ Proof of permanent residency (municipal utility bill, provincial or federal documentation showing the Applicant's address)
- ☐ Proof of annual income threshold (Notice(s) of Assessment for the most recent tax year, including Schedule 90 if tax-exempt income is earned by the individual)
- ☐ Proof of age (Photo ID)
- ☐ Invoice and receipt showing the type of fuel purchased and the total invoice amount, copy of heat/gas provider

Questions or further information, call FCSS 780-891-2659 ext 403 Jodi Decoine or 405 Janice Auger

Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 OFFICIAL 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Ward 1 (Wabasca)

Marcel C. Auger

Marcel Dale Auger

Robin Guild

Darlene Jackson

Ward 2 (Calling Lake)

Cecil Gladue

Gerald Johnson

Ward 3 (Sandy Lake)

Kevin Bigstone

Ward 4 (Peerless Lake)

Louis A. Cardinal

Ward 5 (Trout Lake)

Leo Alook (elected by acclamation)

Ward 6 (Red Earth Creek)

Brendan Powell (elected by acclamation)

Ward 7 (Chipewyan Lake)

Roy Yellowknee



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Board Meeting Highlights

October 25, 2025



Tanya Fayant, Board Chair



Robin Guild, Vice Chair

2025-2029 Board of Trustees sworn in at Organizational Meeting

Members of the Board of Trustees were officially sworn in during the Organizational Meeting. Following the ceremony, trustees elected their leadership for the new term. Ward 5 Trustee Tanya Fayant (Elizabeth Métis Settlement and Fishing Lake Métis Settlement) was re-elected as Board Chair. Ward 7 Trustee Robin Guild (Wabasca and Chipewyan Lake) was also re-elected as Vice Chair. Serving alongside the Chair and Vice Chair are the following trustees:

Ward 1: Jonelle Laboucane – Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement and Keg River

Ward 2: Marianne Moberly – Susa Creek

Ward 3: Karen Noskey – Gift Lake Métis Settlement and Peavine Métis Settlement

Ward 4: Jesse Lamouche – East Prairie Métis Settlement and Grouard

Ward 6: Darrell Anderson – Desmarais and Sandy Lake

Ward 8: Richard Monias – Calling Lake

Ward 9: Jules Nokohoo – Anzac, Janvier, and Conklin

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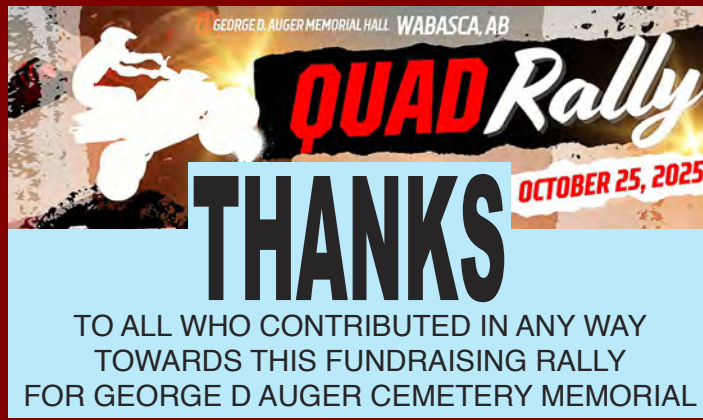
ALL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 10:00 A.M. UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE

DATE	TYPE	LOCATION	VENUE
November 5, 2025	1 st Draft Interim Operating Budget Review	Wabasca	Council Chambers
November 6, 2025	1 st Draft Interim Capital Budget Review	Wabasca	Council Chambers
November 10, 2025	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
November 24, 2025	Delegation	Wabasca	Council Chambers
December 4, 2025	2nd Interim Operating & Capital Budget Review	Wabasca	Council Chambers
December 8, 2025	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
January 12, 2026	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
January 28, 2026	Delegation	Calling Lake	Community Complex
February 9, 2026	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
February 23, 2026	Delegation	Chipewyan Lake	Community Hall
March 9, 2026	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
March 23, 2026	Delegation	Red Earth Creek	Community Hall
April 13, 2026	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
April 27, 2026	Delegation	Sandy Lake	Community Hall
May 11, 2026	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
May 25, 2026	Delegation	Red Earth Creek	Community Hall
June 8, 2026	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
June 22, 2026	Delegation	Calling Lake	Community Complex
July 13, 2026	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
July 27, 2026	Delegation	Sandy Lake	Community Hall
August 10, 2026	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
August 24, 2026	Delegation	Calling Lake	Community Complex
September 14, 2026	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
September 28, 2026	Delegation	Red Earth Creek	Community Hall
October 13, 2026	Regular	Wabasca	Council Chambers
October 19, 2026	Organizational	Wabasca	Council Chambers
October 26, 2026	Delegation	Chipewyan Lake	Community Hall
Wabasca Office	780-891-3776 (tele)	780-891-4283 (fax)	1-888-891-3776 (toll free)
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President Rump probably plans to change all U.S. national monuments like the Lincoln Memorial to his name ...

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Supporting this event in various ways were the following businesses and organizations:

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Special thanks to all the individuals who contributed in one or more ways to this event:

Darlene Jackson • Darrel Gullion • John Gullion • Cindy Moore • Irene Pirie
Chad Sinclair • Bugzy Woodcock • Clayton Auger • Derrick Laboucan • Ryan Orr
Beatrice Davidson • Darlene Jackson • Leslie Auger • Carla Johnson
Trina Mineault • Charla Shaw • Christina Cardinal • Anne Steinhauer
Devon Rathbone • Tracey Rathbone • Lyle Cardinal • Don A. Alook
Dorothy Yellowknee • John Albert Young • Jason Supernault
and apologies if we have missed someone else who did help to make this a success

Last but not least, ALL of the Riders!

Message from Organizer Laurie Cardinal:

Thank you to all the people who supported me through the planning process. This Fundraiser was a bit different for me, in the sense that I also wanted to give back in some way I'm not sure if it was because Mom liked to give and help/donate where and when she could. I know this one hit different as I started planning. Thank you to all who supported me along the way. Much appreciated!



It was a fun rally, but for some it meant a clean-up of machines & bodies afterwards!

Sabotaging Prevention Alberta's 'Preventative Health' Ministry Is Anything But

In Part 1, the author suggests that the Alberta Government started showing its aversion to anything that its most conservative and even extremist supporters wanted to eliminate.

The pandemic became both the breeding ground

PART 2 Excerpts from Blog written by Parkland Institute's research manager **Rebecca Graff-McRae**

and testing time for people deciding what they should have freedom to do or not do.

With Covid-19 killing people around the world and most people following the advice of medical experts as

well as responsible politicians like Jason Kenney advising Albertans to follow that advice and heed the Chief Medical Officer's instruction, the "freedom fighters" began organizing to not only ignore any med-

ical advice, but also protested against it.

Part 2: UCP Immunization Policy: limiting supply, restricting eligibility, imposing cost barriers!

In August 2025, the government of Alberta, via one of its many ministries of not-quite-healthcare, announced it would be undertaking a radical overhaul of the province's Covid-19 vaccination program.

As the federal immunization initiative and associated funding had ended, responsibility for procurement and delivery of vaccines reverted to the provinces and territories.

For the autumn/winter 2025/26 season, Albertans would be required to "pre-order" their intended vaccines – and pay a \$100 administration fee.

After several years of seemingly random changes to vaccine availability –

from multi-hour queues booking online, to large-scale AHS immunizing blitzes in vacant warehouses and 'for lease' Pier One buildings, to private pharmacies – as well as a non-existent strategy to tackle the largest measles outbreak in North America, the announcement has only added to a widespread sense of confusion and disorganization.

Combined with various local and international anti-vaxx movements which are armed with disinformation and ivermectin, the lack of a coherent approach or consistent, evidence-based messaging by the province has made navigating immunizations a minefield for Albertans.

The policy shift was justified in a statement by Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services:

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Superintendent's Highlights: Learning, staff development, and school restoration

Superintendent of Schools Cal Johnson shared updates connected to Northland School Division's Education Plan.

Under Priority 1: Connections Supporting Truth and Reconciliation, the report highlighted the success of the 2025 Northland Games held in Wabasca. Students from across the division took part in traditional and athletic events, beginning with an opening ceremony that featured drumming, prayer, and a keynote address from Taylor McPherson, a proud member of the Miawpukek First Nation, program coordinator with the Indigenous Sport Council of Alberta, and former winner of The Amazing Race Canada. Students and staff from Grouard School also visited Pelican Mountain School for a cultural learning experience that included raising a tipi.



For Priority 2: Holistic Learning, students in Grades 1–3 completed literacy and numeracy assessments between September and early October. These assessments support early learning and guide classroom instruction across the division.

Under Priority 3: Excellent People Supporting Students, support staff worked to organize school libraries and secretaries participated in in-person professional learning to strengthen their skills.



Finally, **Priority 4:** Responsible

Resourcing included updates on restoration work at Chipewyan Lake School following wildfire damage and the province's approval for Northland to use \$2.2 million in reserves over two years to support student learning. Funding will focus on four key areas: continuing support for educational assistants, expanding collegiate programming and dual credit opportunities, improving library resources, and upgrading technology and network infrastructure.

Marie Louise Auger

May 18, 1934 - October 21, 2025

It is with profound sadness, we announce the passing of Marie Louise Auger, who left us on October 21, 2025, at the age of 91.

Surrounded by her loved ones, she departed peacefully at the Wabasca Hospital.

We warmly invite all to join us for her funeral service to be held at St. Martin's Catholic Church on November 8, 2025 at 1 p.m. with interment at Wabasca Cemetery to follow.

We will then gather for a meal at Wabasca Community Hall (George D Auger Memorial Hall), where we will honor and celebrate the cherished memories of Louise's life.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Louise's name to the Alzheimer Society of Alberta.



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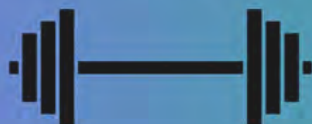
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HEALTHMINISTER:

“In previous years, we’ve seen significant vaccine wastage. By shifting to a targeted approach and introducing pre-ordering, we aim to better align supply with demand – ensuring we remain fiscally responsible while continuing to protect those at highest risk.”

Alberta broke ranks as the first province not offering free, universal access to the vaccine (although the Quebec government has now issued similar conditions, including a fee).

The new policy not only imposed financial and access barriers, it also created a sense of scarcity: despite

requiring a pre-order, the government of Alberta determined in advance the number of vaccines that would be ordered and would not commit to ensuring a dose would be available for every Albertan who wanted one.

The key words used were, “pending availability.”

According to City News, “The province said it has ordered 485,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine for the fall of 2025 – about 250,000 fewer doses than were administered last year.”

This figure does not seem to be reflective of any data regarding the number of Albertans with underlying

conditions or the number of people actively seeking the vaccine – it is predicated on fewer people seeking the vaccine than in previous years.

If 500 000 Albertans with qualifying conditions make appointments to get vaccinated under the priority phase, some 15,000 vulnerable people would be left doubly at risk: a lack of individual protection and an insufficient base for community-wide immunity.

Those who booked vaccination appointments under subsequent phases may not receive their shots once the initial supply is allocated.

The fundamental principle of public health as preventative health is that the cost is justified for the greater objective – saving lives.

This relies on government facilitating public immunization programs that make it as easy as possible for as many people as possible to access in order to gain the widest possible coverage.

The “return on investment”, even in strictly financial terms, is many magnitudes higher than the costs to public services and the wider economy of doing nothing.

The fee is only one mechanism by which the UCP government is restricting access.

This policy shift is neither politically neutral nor morally neutral – as we have seen with the tragic consequences of this government’s approach to measles immunization.

Dr. Darren Markland, an

intensive care physician at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton (who sadly and suddenly passed away in September), raised “significant concerns about the mechanism by which people are able to obtain vaccines this year.

Making access to vaccinations as easy as possible has always been key for getting our vaccination rates up, and in fact, [this] process seems to be the opposite.

It’s a tariff on health care, and that is not what we are supposed to be doing to keep the vulnerable safe.”

It is essential, therefore, that we break down and evaluate the claims made by the Premier and Minister of Primary and Preventative Health.

Are they supported by reliable evidence? Will these policy changes have the impacts this government attests?

Will those impacts actually cause more harm than good for many Albertans?

Claim: “Significant vac-

Next Issue: A short summary of conclusions reached

cine wastage”

The province has claimed that during the 2024-25 respiratory virus season, more than 400 000 doses went unused or expired.

When COVID-19 immunization was federally managed, supplies were monitored and managed to ensure coverage gaps were met and that wastage was minimized.

Initiatives were created to donate as many surplus doses as possible to other regions and countries around the world.

Why would the province not have a vaccine donation program in place?

All public health programs recognize that some spoilage of doses is inevitable – it is factored into the cost-benefit.

In a 2022 study, Aubrey et al report that: According to a survey conducted by The Canadian Press published in November 2021, Canada has reported the wastage of over one million doses of COVID-19 vaccines (Djuric & Osman)

Board Meeting Highlights

October 25, 2025



Draft 2025–2026 budget presented to the Board

Secretary-Treasurer Douglas Aird presented the 2025–2026 Draft Budget to the Board of Trustees.



The draft reflects tighter finances this year due to enrollment changes, inflation, and reduced provincial stabilization funding. Overall revenues and expenses are expected to be slightly lower than last year, mainly due to adjustments in enrollment and

the funding formula. The budget continues to align with Northland School Division’s Education Plan and focuses on supporting students through strong classroom programs, school food services, and reliable transportation.

Highlights and key priorities

- Programs such as the School Food Services Hot Lunch Program and transportation for all students will continue.
- Funding for 30 Educational Assistants added in 2024–2025 is being maintained.
- Educational support for literacy, numeracy, and collegiate programming remains a focus.
- Contingencies are in place for inflation, student enrollment, carbon tax, fuel prices, and contract changes.
- Investments continue in technology and housing to support student learning and staff retention.

The division will continue refining the budget ahead of the Fall Budget Update at the November Regular Board Meeting.

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More St. Theresa School Classes show off Halloween costumes



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Historical Notes from Past Pages!

In the fall of 2014, The Fever reported:

- Mohamed Moallem was the Valedictorian at the graduation of the Class of 2014 of Mistassiniy School in Wabasca. There were 24 graduates, including nine from the Careers Pathway program.

- Bigstone Cree Nation Housing Department indicated that it was making little progress in fixing the housing shortage on its reserves for several reasons including too little federal funding, the higher expense of building single detached homes in remote areas compared to in cities and their suburbs, and the inability of band members needing homes to qualify for mortgages or other forms of financing.

Calling Lake Arts program was offering local youths a variety of activities under the direction of Lance Cardinal who was employed by the Municipal District of Opportunity.



Around the world and even in Wabasca, Donald Rump is often best known as some outlandish cartoon character than a world leader.

Wabasca's No Limits Boxing Club hosted the Northern Alberta Gold Belt Championship at Lakeview Sports Centre. Keegan-Schram, a local boxer, was awarded an Alberta Gold Belt at the end of his bout.

Bigstone Cree actor Gerald Auger was getting attention with his role in a CBC television western drama series.

Northland School Division school board and administrators made a pledge to improve provincial testing scores of students after Alberta Education criticism.

**Watch for Historical
Columns each week!**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

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OPEN LETTER FROM TEACHERS' PRESIDENT TO PREMIER, EDUCATION MINISTER

OCTOBER 4, 2025:

Dear Madam Premier and Minister Nicolaides

As the elected representative of over 51,000 Alberta teachers, I am writing to condemn the decision of your government to use Bill 2, the Back to School Act, to impose a legislated settle-

ment on teachers while simultaneously, through the use of section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, overriding our fundamental freedoms of association and free expression.

While government has attempted to justify this legislation as the only means of bringing the teachers' lawful strike to a conclusion, in fact, alternative approaches were available to you.

Most notably, you could have chosen to negotiate to include a student-teacher ratio or a class-size cap or provisions to better manage the education of students with complex needs in the collective agreement.

The Association provided potential approaches to achieving this, which were rejected out of hand.

Alternatively, you could have sought to refer the outstanding matters to fair and unfettered mediation or arbitration and simultaneously preserved the capacity of local teacher bargaining units to engage in bargaining with their employer boards.

Instead, you chose to pass Bill 2 in the darkness of the night, having stifled any opportunity for meaningful debate in the seat of our province's democracy.

This first use of the Charter's notwithstanding clause in an act of the Alberta legislature is a stain upon your record and undercuts the credibility of the many calls you have made for all levels of government to respect the rights of citizens.

Even those who have no immediate stake in the particular issues that brought teachers to strike for 16 days recognize that rights and freedoms are indivisible and that this action establishes a precedent for further intrusions by government.

Premier and Minister, you still have an opportunity to do what is right. I encourage you before the end of this legislative session to repeal Bill 2, and particularly its invocation of the notwithstanding clause, and thus restore the right of teachers to bargain and, if necessary, to strike as provided for in the Charter as it has been interpreted and applied by the courts over the last three decades.

There are solutions to the accumulated challenges facing Alberta's public education system

and the teachers who work every day within it.

What Albertans require from you is the political will to reach agreement on concrete solutions that teachers, students, parents and Albertans can have confidence in.

Jason C Schilling, President

Board Meeting Highlights

October 25, 2025



Board approves changes to flag protocols

The Board of Trustees approved raising flags at Northland schools and buildings so that they can be respectfully lowered to recognize current significant passings when appropriate. In 2021, following the confirmation of unmarked graves at former residential school sites across Canada, the Board and Administration directed all schools to lower their flags to half-mast. This decision honoured the children who never returned home and those who continue to be affected by residential schools. Flags have remained at half-mast since that time.

The Board also directed Administration to install an Every Child Matters flag and flagpole at the Central Office in Peace River. This flag will remain at half-mast in remembrance of the children who never returned home from residential schools.

Board approves Bill Woodward School international field trip to Paris



The Board approved an international field trip for Bill Woodward School students to visit Paris from March 24th to April 10th, 2026. The trip will

take place through EF Educational Tours and includes visits to major landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, and the Notre-Dame Cathedral. 11 students and three chaperones plan to take part in the trip. Students began fundraising in May 2025 and continue to raise money to help cover costs. Any remaining balance will be paid by the parents.

As outlined in Administrative Procedure 260, international and out-of-province field trips lasting more than three school days must be approved by the Board before fundraising begins and at least three months before the departure date.

Board Meeting Highlights

October 25, 2025

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Department leads work supporting Truth and Reconciliation



Debbie Mineault
Director of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education

Holly Brandsma
Land-Based Learning Coordinator

Virginia Cardinal, First Nations Métis, and Inuit Education Program Assistant

The First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Department continues to lead work that supports Northland School Division's Education Plan, especially Priority 1: Connections Supporting Truth and Reconciliation.

The department is helping schools strengthen connections to culture, language, and community. This includes working with Elders and Knowledge Keepers, expanding land-based learning, and developing classroom resources that reflect Indigenous ways of knowing. The department is also supporting staff through professional learning focused on Indigenous histories, cultures, and perspectives.

A key part of this work focuses on language learning. The department has supported Cree language preservation through video resources and helped instructors strengthen Denesuline teaching and learning. These efforts reflect ongoing partnerships with linguists, Elders, and community members. The team is also helping principals and teachers welcome Elders into classrooms, build relationships with local communities, and create more inclusive learning environments for students.

Through this work, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Department continues to build cultural pride, connection, and understanding across Northland schools and communities.

Visit <https://www.nsd61.ca/governance/board-meetings> to view upcoming Regular Board Meeting dates and Board-related documents.

Note: These writings do not constitute the official record of the Northland School Division. They are, however, provided as general information relating to the action taken at board meetings. For further information, please call 780-624-2060 or 1-800-362-1360.

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Lunch & Indoors Services @ 12:00 pm



We Remember

Man shot, killed in Cold Lake, suspect arrested for murder

A trailer complex in Cold Lake became the scene of a RCMP murder investigation the morning of Saturday, November 1 when a complaint of shots being fired was received.

Officers arriving at the complex discovered a deceased 46-year-old man identified as Nairy Desaulnier, a Cold Lake resident. Within minutes of the discovery, another caller to the RCMP reported that a man with a firearm was trying to gain entry into a residence at another location.

Shortly after 9:15 a.m., that man was arrested and according to RCMP, “A search incidental to the arrest revealed a loaded firearm, extra ammunition, a taser and brass knuckles.” By this time, the arrested man was identified as the shooter, and Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit became involved.

Wesley Wanderingspirit, 39, of Cold Lake was charged with second-degree murder and a justice of peace remanded him in custody.

RCMP made a public appeal for anyone with information or witnessing anything related to the crime, the victim or the alleged shooter to contact Cold Lake RCMP or give anonymous tips through Crime Stoppers.

November: Adoption Awareness

Alberta says its support for adopting is good

Minister of Children and Family Services Searle Turton statement:

“Every child deserves a loving, forever family. Each November, Alberta’s government is proud to recognize the many Alberta families making a life-changing difference for children and youth by choosing to adopt.

“National Adoption Awareness Month provides an opportunity to highlight the many children and youth still looking for their forever home. The power to make a profound, life-changing difference begins with you. By offering children and youth unwavering love, care and support, you help lay a foundation for a brighter future.

“I am so grateful for all the adoptive parents who provide unconditional love and nurturing homes to young people in need. The impact of your actions doesn’t go unnoticed.

“Alberta remains a leader in adoption, making building forever families an easier, more affordable journey. Supports available to adoptive parents include an increased tax credit and a \$6,000 subsidy to reduce adoption costs through a licensed agency by as much as 50 per cent.

“As an adoptive parent myself, being able to provide a loving home to a child in need continues to be one of the most enriching, meaningful things my family and I have done. It’s never too late to consider opening your heart and your home to a child or youth in need.”

Wildlife Crime in Alberta:

A Hidden Threat to Nature and Justice

By Priya Phillips

Illegal wildlife trade may sound like something that happens in Africa or Asia — elephants, rhinos, and tigers far from here.

But the truth is closer to home. Northern Alberta’s forests, lakes, and muskeg are quietly becoming part of a global web of trafficking and poaching.

Wildlife trafficking is one of the world’s significant criminal industries. It thrives on greed, secrecy, and corruption.

Round the globe, and increasingly across Canada, it help drives animals toward extinction. Each illegal kill weakens ecosystems that have balanced life in the North for generations.

When bears, eagles, or fish disappear in large numbers, the ripple spreads through every stream, forest, and community that depends on them.

Earlier this year, investigators near Lesser Slave Lake uncovered the illegal harvest and sale of over 2,000 pounds of fish, including walleye and northern pike. These crimes may look small compared to global ivory or shark-fin trades, yet they expose the same ruthless networks that profit from nature’s loss.

Crime, Corruption and Path Forward

Wildlife crime is not just about animals, it’s about people, power, and money.

Investigations across Canada show that wildlife is sometimes traded like currency: bear hides for drugs, fish for firearms, feathers for cash. The same smugglers who move animal parts also launder money and traffic other contraband.

Each illegal sale strengthens the underworld, and weakens honest communities.

Financial investigators have even traced money transfers from Canadian traffickers to overseas buyers through shell companies and fake export permits. The profits feed

The Vanishing Wild



An AI-generated illustration

corruption, not conservation. Every dollar gained from this trade fuels the same systems that erode trust in governments and legitimate businesses.

For northern Alberta, the danger is real. Vast lands, remote roads, and sparse patrols make it easy for criminals to act unseen. Meanwhile, agencies that handle these cases are stretched thin. Conservation officers, police, and border agents often work separately, each seeing only part of the puzzle.

The solution begins with awareness. Local people — especially in Cree and Métis communities who know the land best — are key allies in protecting it.

Reporting suspicious activity to police or fish and wildlife officers, supporting ethical businesses, and teaching youth the value of living wildlife, all help cut off the traffickers’ path.

Stiffer punishment required

Governments must also treat wildlife crime as organized crime, not a minor offence. That means stronger penalties, coordinated investigations, and tighter monitoring of exports and online sales.

Protecting wildlife is not just about saving animals — it’s about defending integrity and fairness. The destruction of nature and the rise of corruption are two sides of the same coin.

If northern Alberta stands together — communities, leaders, and law enforcement, we can ensure that the moose, bear, and eagle remain symbols of strength, not victims of greed. Because when we lose our wildlife, we lose part of who we are.

“We don’t own the planet Earth, we belong to it. And we must share it with our wildlife.” — Steve Irwin, renowned Australian wildlife expert and conservationist.



Objections raised over government not extending contract of auditor general so he can finish his investigations

Release from Alberta Friends of Medicare

Monday, UCP MLAs voted to reject an extension on the Auditor General's contract, while he is actively investigating major allegations of government corruption in Alberta's private surgical contracts. It's now unclear if Auditor General Doug Wylie will be able to complete his investigation and report into these corruption allegations before his term ends in April 2026.

"The government has repeatedly assured Albertans that a public inquiry into corruption allegations wasn't needed because of other investigations under way. But now their MLAs have voted to end the contract of one of the people doing an investigation before he can finish his work," said Chris Galloway, executive director of Friends of Medicare.

"Albertans deserve full accountability and transparency as to how our public health care dollars have been spent. Instead, we've had a report from a government-controlled, limited third-party process, followed by the firing of our Auditor General in the middle of an investigation."

Auditor General Doug Wylie has a strong track record when it comes to increasing awareness, accountability and transparency on health care issues in Alberta, including two important reports on Long-Term Care released in 2023.

On top of the current investigation into corruption allegations, Albertans are anxiously awaiting the report into the government's failed community labs contract with Dynalife. That report, launched in October 2023, is finally expected to be tabled very soon. It was initially expected in early 2024, but then faced delays due to struggles faced by the Auditor General's office in gathering the interviews and information required.

"Albertans deserve a fully empowered public inquiry with a wide mandate to call witnesses and look into the entirety of this government's health care procurement processes and decisions. This is the only way Albertans can be assured we will get complete answers on the ongoing allegations of corruption," said Galloway.

"There's potentially hundreds of millions of our public health care dollars in question here. Without a public inquiry, how can Albertans have any faith that this government isn't simply trying to sweep this scandal under the rug!? At this point anything less than a public inquiry is completely unacceptable."

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Employment Opportunity



DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Full Time (Permanent)

Monday to Friday – 7 hours/day

Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Health Commission is seeking an experienced and strategic Director of Operations to join our leadership team. Reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Director of Operations will serve as an executive support to the CEO, ensuring organizational priorities are translated into action across all departments. This key leadership role will bring together senior management to drive accountability, streamline operations, and maintain alignment with Bigstone Health Commission's mission, vision and values. The ideal candidate will have strong leadership capabilities, be a relationship-driven leader with extensive operational experience, a deep understanding of First Nations health systems, and the ability to foster unity and collaboration across multidisciplinary teams.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work closely with the CEO to translate strategic direction into actionable goals and measurable outcomes.
- Act as a trusted advisor to the CEO, providing insight, operational oversight, and proactive solutions to emerging challenges.
- Lead senior management meetings, ensuring alignment, accountability, and follow-through on organizational initiatives.
- Support the CEO in driving organizational culture, fostering teamwork, and enhancing communication across departments.
- Oversee daily operations of designated programs (i.e.: Bigstone Health Benefits & Bigstone Referral Unit) to ensure smooth, efficient and complaint program delivery.
- Monitor performance metrics, operational plans, program policies, and budget execution for all departments.
- Ensure that reporting, program policies and procedures align with Contribution Agreements, Health Transfer Agreements, and regulatory standards.
- Develop, implement and evaluate operational strategies to improve efficiency, service quality and staff engagement.
- Provide regular operational updates, reports, and recommendations to the CEO as needed.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with government agencies, partners, and community stakeholders.
- Must be local or willing to relocate to Wabasca, Alberta on a full-time basis.
- Must be willing to travel.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledge of Indigenous Services Canada programs, First Nations health governance, and related legislation.
- Strong leadership, facilitation, and change management abilities.
- Exceptional organizational, analytical, and problem-solving skills.
- Advanced communication and presentation skills with the ability to engage and inspire.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and related tools.
- Ability to speak Cree is an asset.

Education and Experience:

- Post-secondary education (Diploma or Degree) in Business Administration, Health Administration, or related field or equivalent.
- Minimum 5–7 years of progressive management experience, preferably in a First Nations health organization.
- Experience as a senior leader or operations executive supporting a CEO or equivalent.
- Certified First Nations Health Manager (CFNHM) designation is an asset.
- Valid Class 5 driver's license required.

Benefits:

- Accommodation available if not local candidates
- Competitive Salary
- Paid Vacation & Sick Time
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Salary is dependent on experience and qualifications.

Send Cover Letter, Resume, Criminal Record Check along with 3 work related references to:
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Human Resources Department
Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

Website: <https://bigstonehealth.ca/jobs/> or via Email to: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca
Closing Date for this Employment Opportunity will be: **Until a Suitable Candidate is found.**
Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Posted on: October 29, 2025

Health Sciences Association campaigns against long wait times, shortage of health professionals

As more than half a million Albertans experience long waits for care, the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA) is launching a new public campaign calling for a better deal for Alberta's health-care professionals and better health care for all Albertans.

The "Put Yourself in Their Shoes" campaign asks Albertans to step into the experience of the province's 30,000 specialized health-care professionals who continue to deliver critical care to patients in a system stretched to its limits.

Recent data shows more

than 80,000 Albertans are waiting for surgery, 170,000 for diagnostics, and 250,000 for specialist appointments.

Long waits recently resulted in a cancelled chemotherapy treatment for an 11-year-old boy.

"Every day, our members see the consequences of

short staffing, dangerous workloads, and burnout.

"They are doing everything they can for their patients, but they cannot keep doing more with less," said HSAA Vice-President Leanne Alfaro.

"In a global shortage of health workers, Alberta

must be competitive. This means real action to retain and recruit the professionals needed to cut these long wait times now, not later.

"Today, we are sounding the alarm and we're asking for Albertans to help us call for more support for these professionals." ... see page 7

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- Ensures that all maintenance requests are certified; approved & authorized
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- Ensure and keep record of drivers' licenses and safety tickets are up to date
- Assist with reports and batching
- Transfer of vehicles for maintenance
- Book vehicle maintenance
- Assist and perform other duties as needed

Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:

- Ability to demonstrate good judgment and initiative;
- Strong writing skills for letters, reports, etc.
- Excellent telephone etiquette;
- Ability to deal with public in a pleasant, professional manner;
- Strong computer skills in research, word and excel;
- Must know office procedures.
- Must have good verbal and written communication skills
- Must be organized and have good time management skills
- Must be able to work independently; take initiative when necessary and be a team player

Education and Experience:

- High School Diploma or Certification in Office Administration
- Minimum of one (1) year working in an office environment
- Must have a valid driver's license, class 5 minimum
- Standard First Aid with CPR
- Experience with MS Office database and other related software applications is essential

Benefits:

- Competitive Salary
- Paid Annual Vacation Leave
- Paid Health & Wellness Leave
- Employer Matching Registered Pension Plan
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Human Resources Department

PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

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CLOSING DATE: Until a Suitable Candidate is found.

POSTED: October 29, 2025

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Alberta Education explains cancellation of provincial exams and tests due to lost teaching time during October strike action

Alberta students will not have to worry about taking diploma exams and Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests in January as the Department of Education and Childhood announced on Friday that had been cancelled province-wide.

The reason cited in a news release was: "To ensure students and teachers can concentrate on learning after lost instructional time due to the teacher strike.

"The cancellation will not affect students' ability to apply to, be accepted by, or attend post-secondary institutions.

Students who choose not to write at a later date will receive their school-awarded mark as their final official course mark. A notation will be added to transcripts confirming that no diploma exam was written.

"This ensures there is no impact on students' ability to graduate or transition into post-secondary programs.

"School authorities will meet all learning outcomes for the school year and will have flexibility to adjust the school calendar as needed. Any changes in the school calendar will be communicated to families by their school."

According to the province, "Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) are administered annually to all Alberta students in grades 6 and 9. These standardized tests reflect the essentials that all Alberta students are expected to achieve, regardless of school choice or location.

"PATs help: determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn, report to Albertans how well

students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling, and assist schools, au-

thorities and the province in monitoring and improving student learning

"The tests occur in Janu-

ary, May and June for English and Français/French language arts, math, science and social studies."

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Employment Opportunity



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Wabasca, Alberta

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- Repair or replace plumbing, electrical fixtures, doors, windows, and other building components
- Coordinate and oversee work completed by contractors and suppliers
- Ensure compliance with Health & Safety and Fire Code regulations and the Alberta Occupational Health & Safety Act
- Maintain an organized work order and key inventory system
- Report and document maintenance issues, vandalism, and safety concerns
- Ensure all equipment and tools are in good working condition
- Conduct safety checks and ensure fire extinguishers and emergency systems are maintained
- Prepare regular maintenance activity reports and annual O&M reports
- Provide after-hours and weekend on-call support when required
- Collaborate with Managers, Supervisors, and maintenance staff to achieve operational goals
- Other duties as assigned

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Strong leadership and organizational skills.
- Hands-on experience in building maintenance, repairs, and preventative maintenance.
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple priorities.
- Strong problem-solving and time management skills.
- Knowledge of cleaning procedures, tools, and safety standards.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office.
- Physically fit to lift up to 50 lbs and perform repetitive physical tasks.
- Ability to operate equipment such as forklifts or skid steers.
- Honest, trustworthy and respectful
- Flexible and adaptable with strong work ethics
- Safety-conscious and a team player
- Ability to be on-call as needed

Education and Experience:

- High School Diploma (preferred)
- Journeyman/Red Seal Certification is an asset
- Any Courses in mechanical drawing, electricity, woodworking, plumbing, blueprint reading, and computers are useful
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License
- Fork Lift or Skid Steer Ticket an asset
- Must have W.H.M.I.S Certificate, H2S, Standard First Aid & Fall Protection, or be willing to obtain

Benefits:

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Calgary experiencing rash of pedestrian deaths

Pedestrian injuries and deaths continue to climb on the streets of Calgary.

This past Saturday afternoon an 87-year-old woman died of her injuries in hospital after being struck in a crosswalk by an SUV driven by a 60-year-old male driver turning left at the intersection of 9th Avenue and 1st Street S.E..

On Halloween night two hit-and-run collisions between pedestrians and vehicles

were reported and another serious injury collision involving a pedestrian occurred Saturday in southeast Calgary.

Saturday night saw two more pedestrians struck, one suffered life-threatening injuries.

In October, three pedestrians died on the streets, and the city has reached a record of 11 pedestrian deaths in 2025, breaking the previous record of ten.



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Heavy Duty Journeyman Technician

Calling Lake— Permanent Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is now accepting applications for a full time permanent Heavy Duty Journeyman Technician in Calling Lake. 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.
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Duties include:

- Perform scheduled maintenance services such as oil changes, lubrications, etc.
- Advise the Area Foreman of work performed general equipment conditions and future repair requirements.
- Assist the Area Foreman in determining mechanical problems by examining equipment, using diagnostic equipment, 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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HAAA campaigns ...

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The campaign includes new radio, digital and social media advertising that share the real stories of the people behind Alberta's care system. HSAA members include diagnostic imaging technologists, respiratory therapists, paramedics, pharmacists, addictions counsellors, physiotherapists and 200 other professions providing essential care across the province.

As part of the campaign, HSAA is also launching "Code Blue Wednesdays" to show visible solidarity among members across Alberta.

Each Wednesday, health-care professionals will be

wearing blue clothing and HSAA gear to work as they stand together for a better deal.

"Our members have waited 18 months for a new contract," said Alfaro.

"As we return to the bargaining table, we are asking the provincial government to respect, value and invest in their ability to deliver the high-quality care patients and their families deserve."

Albertans are also invited

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to share their own stories and messages of support online at hsaa.ca/StandWith.

Members of the public can submit a short message, thank you, or story about how short staffing and long waits have affected their care.

HSAA will be bringing these messages to Alberta Health Services directly when bargaining resumes November 12th.

"We are all connected by

this crisis. Health-care professionals cannot fix it alone.

"We need Albertans to stand with us and call for the changes needed to retain and recruit the specialists needed to meaningfully lower these wait times and improve care," said Alfaro.

HSAA represents more than 30,000 specialized health care professionals, including 22,000 members under collective agreement.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CUSTODIAN POSITION

Casual – Red Earth Creek, AB

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking to fill a casual custodian position at the MD Daycare in Red Earth Creek, AB. The ideal candidate should be outgoing and energetic people with demonstrated skills in their area of work, who are self-starters and team oriented. This position will be responsible for the overall cleanliness and maintenance of the facility. Reporting to the Supervisor of Child Care Services at Red Earth Creek, this position requires an individual who is reliable.

- Cleaning and maintenance
- Ensure the Childcare facility complies with Childcare licensing requirements.
- This position requires lifting and other manual tasks
- Ordering and maintaining inventory of cleaning supplies and tools
- Organizing the daycare storage
- Shovel snow, sweep the walkways and the Child care Centre outdoor play area
- Close and secure Childcare facility daily
- First Aid certificate and WHMIS would be an asset
- Must have valid Class 5 Drivers License and reliable transportation
- Must provide both a current Criminal Record Check and Intervention Record Check upon hire.

Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience. Please send resume with 3 work related references to the attention of:

**Human Resources Department
Municipal District of Opportunity
Box 60 - Wabasca, AB T0G 2K0
Phone: (780) 891-3778 Fax: (780) 891-4283
Email: hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca
This advertisement will remain open until
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 and Protection of Privacy Act.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Utilities Operator Trainee

Permanent Full Time - Wabasca

The Municipal District of Opportunity has five hamlets located within the boundaries, home to nearly 4,000 people. Under the general direction of the Utilities Supervisor, and Compliance Supervisor, the Utilities Trainee has direct responsibility for the daily operations of our water treatment plants and may be responsible for providing program support to field staff, participating in the maintenance of municipal facilities, routine maintenance and repair of water plants in Wabasca, Chip Lake and Sandy Lake, Alberta. The Utilities Trainee are responsible for water & distribution, collection, maintenance and repairs. Other responsibilities include ordering supplies, preparing and submitting reports also conduct weekly safety and health walk-through inspections of all work facilities. Ensuring that provincial standards are met in the operation of water and sewer systems also abide by Municipal District of Opportunity Safety Program (COR):

***Must be able to eventually participate in the on-call rotation.**

1. Must have a Grade 12 Alberta Education Diploma (with a copy available) and/or Transcript or Equivalent GED
2. Must have a valid Class 5 Drivers License.
3. Safety Tickets would be an Asset but not required.
4. A satisfactory criminal record check upon hire.

The position requires an individual who is a team player. A detailed job description is available upon request as well as the hours of work information. An Ideal candidate can work in all weather conditions, able to lift 50 lb. pails, and has a willingness to train.

For questions regarding the position please contact Utilities Director, Earl Gullion, at: 780-891-8230.

The salary range for this position is dependent on qualifications with an excellent benefits package.

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume, along with three work related references and a **copy of their grade 12 diploma** to:

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This position will remain open until November 5, 2025, at 3:00 pm.

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