

Oilers win one game, but must win two more to advance in playoffs

Back on their home ice Tuesday evening, Edmonton Oilers won by a convincing 4-1 score, the first of three consecutive games they must win against the Anaheim Ducks to advance to round 2 of the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Game 6 will be played in California Thursday with an eight o'clock start. If the Ducks are victorious, the playoffs are over for the Oilers and their loyal fans.

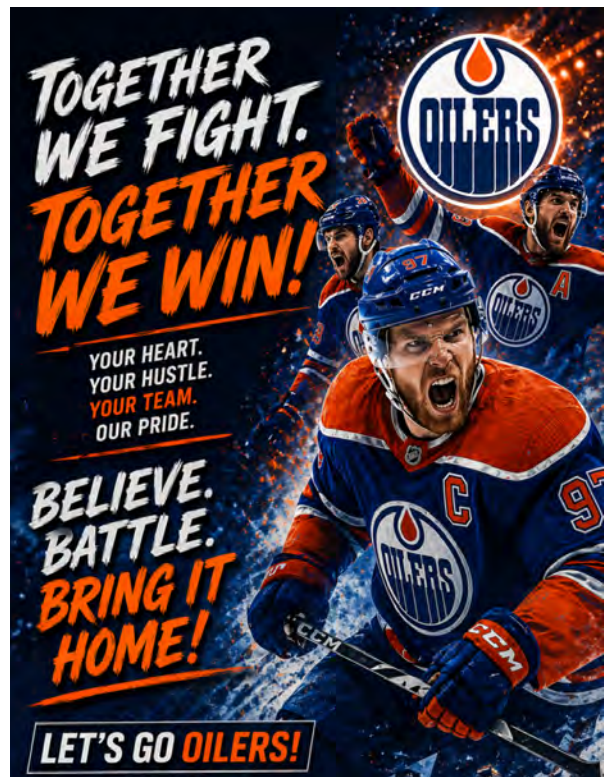
If the Oilers win Game 6, then both teams will have a last chance on Saturday, May 2, at Edmonton's Rogers Place to advance to the second round of playoffs.

The Oilers have twice before in playoff rounds survived being in 1-3 positions and then winning three games in a row to advance to the next round, but this time they face a somewhat younger team which during the 2025/26 regular season, made it a habit to clinch winning goals in the third period or in overtime.

So far in this series, it was the Oilers who got the late winning goal to claim the first game, 4-3, on April 20.

However it was the Ducks quacking like winners with a 6-4 victory April 22, a 7-4 win April 24, and an overtime 4-3 notched April 26. That overtime goal was controversial as to whether the puck actually completely crossed the netline. Oilers fans claimed one video clip showed it did not, but the referees had the final ruling which was that the goal was legitimate.

After the first four games, Anaheim players had produced 20 goals while Edmonton had netted 15. Tuesday's 4-1 count for the Oilers, reduced the Ducks' lead to 21 to 19.



Check Out Fever Page 4 to see how other Cup playoffs have been going in Round 1

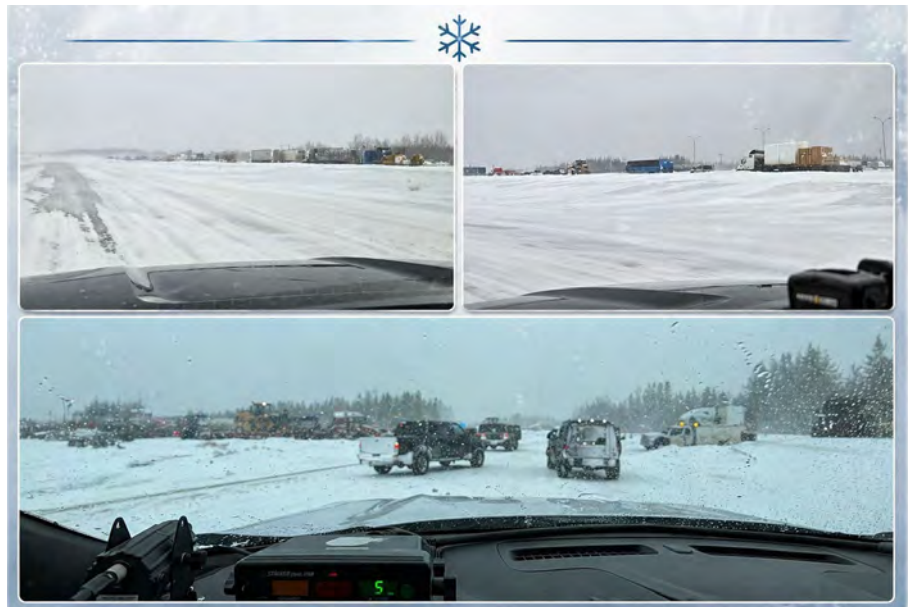
Northern Alberta News | Features | Commentary \$1.90

The FEVER

Volume 27, Issue 15

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Snowstorm chaos strands hundreds on northeast highways



A powerful late-April snowstorm brought parts of northeastern Alberta, particularly Lac La Biche to Fort McMurray region to a standstill from Friday through Sunday, leaving hundreds of motorists and their passengers stranded, highways closed, with the main ones being 63 and 181.

Emergency crews, RCMP, and volunteer groups with Jeeps and other vehicle able to handle snow were kept busy around the clock.

According to Alberta RCMP, heavy snowfall, strong winds, and whiteout conditions created treacherous driving environments, forcing authorities to strongly advise against all travel and the roads were actually closed to traffic.

At the height of the crisis, approximately 300 or more vehicles were stranded along Highway 63, one of the province's key northern routes and heavily travelled to the commuting oilsands workers and suppliers

Motorists reported being trapped for more than 24 hours, with some enduring up to 36 hours in freezing conditions as snowdrifts—reaching 2 to 3 feet high—blocked rescue and clearing efforts.

A traveller heading to a Fort McMurray event as a vendor described how she drove into a ditch after whiteout conditions eliminated visibility, leaving her stranded and her small rented trailer overturned. She reported losses exceeding \$70,000 due to freezing-

damaged goods in the trailer and car.

Emergency crews, including RCMP, tow operators, and snowplows, worked continuously to reach stranded drivers. In one critical incident, officers in the Wood Buffalo region assisted a motorist facing a medical emergency. Police and highway maintenance workers provided food and water where possible.

Despite the harsh conditions, stories of community support from Fort McMurray and other area residents emerged, with volunteers driving food, water, warm clothing to the stranded travellers.

Authorities emphasized that travel advisories are issued based on real-time safety risks and urged the public to take them seriously.

Drivers are being reminded to check Alberta 511, carry emergency supplies, and avoid unnecessary travel during severe weather.

As conditions gradually improve, officials continue to warn Albertans: safety must come first when winter returns unexpectedly.

There has been some public criticism that the RCMP and other authorities should have actually evacuated the most vulnerable stranded people as there were many passenger vehicles carrying families with elderly persons, children and babies.

There were no reports of deaths or injuries related to this extreme weather event.



Oilfield Services

Multi-part Forms
 Waybills
 Trip Inspections
 Job Hazard Assessments
 Carrier Tickets
 Shop Tickets
 Flushby Tickets
 Timesheets
 and More

We can help you
 with all the printed
 items you need for your
 oilfield service

Contact us today!



Scope
 Printing & Publishing

780.474.8929 | 1.877.508.5727
 info@scopeprinting.com

scopeprinting.com

Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit busy investigating murders

Elderly man victim of homicide at gas station in Peace River

Charges of Manslaughter, Criminal negligence causing death, and Dangerous driving causing death were announced Saturday against 37-year-old Daniel Michel Campion in relation to the death of Hashi Guled, age 74, whose body was found near the gas pumps of the Petro-Canada station on 78 Street in Peace River about 4:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 23.

RCMP officers viewed "video surveillance showing

a suspect stealing a vehicle, getting into the driver seat and running over the victim, ultimately resulting in his death."

The vehicle stolen from victim Hashi Guled was a red 2025 Dodge Caravan with white business lettering on its sides and a white taxi ramp on its roof.

In the public appeal to help identify the suspect in the video, all the outer clothing worn by the suspect was well described described from the video of the incident.

Staff Sergeant Tyrone

Brand of the Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit in the next media release is quoted, "With community support, we were able to quickly identify and arrest the suspect in this tragic death."

The accused, Campion, is being held in custody and his next court date will occur May 25 in the Alberta Court of Justice in Peace River.

Arrest made in B.C. related to murder in Vermilion, AB

Alberta RCMP announced on Sunday that on the

day before, April 25, Vermilion RCMP with assistance from the Major Crimes Unit made an arrest in the January 21, 2026 murder of Brady Snelgrave, age 30, in his residence in Vermilion.

On April 22, Alberta Major Crime Unit secured "sufficient evidence to support charges and obtained an arrest warrant for Hill."

It was also known that the subject of the warrant had fled Alberta after the murder and was living in

Sooke, British Columbia. Sooke is located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, about 40 kilometres was of Victoria.

With the help from two RCMP detachments in Sooke and the West Shore, along with some assistance from the public, Cole Hill was located and arrested. On Sunday he was remanded in custody and waiting for arrangements for police to transport to Alberta.

On the day of Snel-

Environment Canada Weather Forecast

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

April 30 to April 28

Thursday night..Clear. Low plus 3.
 Friday..Sunny. High 15.
 Friday night..Clear. Low minus 3.
 Saturday..Sunny. High 20.
 Saturday night..Clear. Low plus 2.
 Sunday..Sunny. High 17.
 Sunday night..Cloudy periods. Low plus 2.
 Monday..Mix of sun/cloud. High 17.
 Monday night..Cloudy periods. Low plus 1.
 Tuesday..Mix of sun/cloud. High 16.
 Normals for the period..Low plus 1. High 14.

Peerless Lake man charged with assault and other crimes

A man called Red Earth Creek RCMP about 2:45 a.m., Saturday, April, complaining that another was attempting to stab him.

He also said he had already been punched in the face and was bleeding.

When officers arrived at the scene, they were able to locate the suspect, but the male began resisting the police.

Officers gained control of the situation and arrested the man.

As a result of the investigation of the entire incident prior to the police arriving at the scene and the suspect's resisting the officers, Alex Julius Okemow, age 49 and a resident of Peerless Lake was charged with:

- Assault with a weapon;

- Assault;
- Obstruct police officer;
- Resisting arrest; and
- Mischief.

Okemow was brought before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody.

He is to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice in Red Earth Creek on June 30.

Read The Fever regularly for news of crime & crashes



Celebrating the life of
DARROL DIERKHISING

12/11/1949-12/28/2025

MAY 9TH 2026

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

GEORGE D HALL FOR CELEBRATION 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

"GOODBYES ARE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO LOVE WITH THEIR EYES. BECAUSE FOR THOSE WHO LOVE WITH HEART AND SOUL, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS SEPERATION"



Your future is calling.

Answer it with NLC.

APPLY FOR A CREDIT PROGRAM on Wednesday, May 13 and we'll waive the \$50 application fee.

NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE

LEARN WHERE YOU LIVE

www.northernlakescollege.ca
 1-866-652-3456

Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

To my friends and neighbours, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the wonderful Pokar Rally. It was a great celebration of our community. Everyone coming together to share, support and have a good time. So much laughter, smiles, hugs, and sharing memories. Super prizes, lovely food, friends visiting and participating in all the different events.

Thank you, Shelley for hosting at Darrol's old stomping grounds. Gerald was a wonderful master of the Rally. Thanks to the staff for setting and cleaning up. Thanks to the church ladies for your work putting everything together. So grateful to Cathy Cardinal for your expertise, old friend. To all the donated items, gift cards, food, a tree, a ribbon skirt and earrings. Thank you so much. It was a night I will always remember.

A feeling of belonging flowing through me. Darrol was smiling down on all of us, shouting thank you. Bless you all for your kindness.

Sincerely,
The Dierkhising family.

Bigstone Nation hosting workshop on how moose, caribou being affected by logging in BCN territory

At Sandy Lake Hall on May 20, all community members are invited to learn about and/or share their knowledge about the populations of moose and caribou, and what affect logging operations may be having on their habitat within Bigstone Cree Nation's territorial boundaries.



The workshop will begin 5:30 p.m. with opening ceremonies and then be followed by a dinner. The workshop will start at 6:30 and continue until 8 p.m..

During the evening, there will be talk about and ideas invited on possible pilot projects that might help preserve the habitat in a way that will support large and healthy populations of caribou and moose.



Bigstone Community Wellness presents:



Missing Murdered Indigenous People Event
May 4th, 5th & 6th, 2026

Open Invite

Memorial Table Display

You are invited to bring a picture and a short write up of your loved one and we will display it on our Memorial Table.

There will also be a banner to display our loved ones and a short write up as well that will be displayed on the wall of the event.

For more information please contact
Coreen Houle and Cecile Young:
Ph: 780-891-3777 or Toll Free:
1-877-767-7060





MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY

The following Development Permits were processed on April 23, 2026:

26-DP-016 – 0624554;3;3 - Wabasca Development: Outdoor Storage
Zoned as CH – Highway Commercial 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.

Child Car Seat Safety

Secure Every Ride

Always buckle children into the correct car seat or booster seat for their age and size.





Bigstone Cree Nation Education Authority Employment Opportunity Maintenance Labourer

Bigstone Cree Nation Education Authority is currently seeking a self-motivated individual to fill a full-time Maintenance Labourer position. The ideal candidate is an energetic and team oriented individual with a strong work ethic. The Maintenance Labourer is responsible for maintenance of all schools such as the High School, OPK School, and ELC. They work under the direction of the Principal, may perform activities such as cleaning, and assisting with light maintenance. The primary goal is keeping the facilities running efficiently and effectively.

Responsibilities:

- Inspect the playground equipment
- Sweep and clean the walkways around the school
- Pick up garbage around the school grounds
- Snow removal and de-icing of the walkways around the school
- Physical strength, including the ability to lift at least 50 pounds
- Mobility, including the ability to climb ladders and fit into tight spaces
- Assist with unloading of the sysco truck as requested
- Set up and take down events happening at the schools (ei. Christmas concerts, staff meetings, PD Days)
- Move equipment and furniture
- Pick up supplies as needed
- Basic landscaping knowledge and skills
- Installation of new and added-on equipment
- Perform in a team environment with minimal supervision

Qualifications:

- Class 5 Drivers Licence
- High school diploma or GED
- Ability to stand or walk for extended periods of time; ability to bend, kneel, stoop, lift or move heavy equipment, able to move or lift at least 50 pounds.
- Ability to work in a team and follow instructions from supervisors
- May be required to work outside of normal work hours
- Experience with routine maintenance operations
- A valid First Aid Certificate would be considered an asset.
- A valid Child Youth Intervention check (within 6 months)
- Must provide a clear Criminal Record Check with the Vulnerable Sector upon being hired

Closing Date: May 8, 2026

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

Fax: 780-891-2178

Or drop off in person at: Suite #8 - 911

Mistassinij Road S



Bigstone Community Wellness presents:



Missing Murdered Indigenous People Event

All students invited to attend

May 4th, 2026

Chipewyan Lake, AB

Community Hall

1:00 pm - 6:45 pm

May 5th, 2026

Wabasca, AB

George D. Auger Hall

1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

May 6th, 2026

Calling Lake, AB

Calling Lake Community Complex

1:00 pm - 8:45 pm



For more information please contact

Coreen Houle and Cecile Young:

Ph: 780-891-3777 or Toll Free:

1-877-767-7060



Contact The Fever: scopepub@shaw.ca 1-877-508-5727



M.D. OF
OPPORTUNITY
ba"Δ<P`
(Main Office)

P.O. Box 60 Wabasca, AB

Phone (780) 891-3778 T0G 2K0 Fax (780) 891-4283

NOTICE OF SMALL BUSINESS SUB-CLASS BYLAW

The Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 will again provide the Non-Residential properties to be divided into sub-classes of vacant non-residential property, small business property, and other nonresidential property.

This is to allow small business property owners who run a business with not more than 25 full time employees, or who have businesses leasing their property, to apply for a reduced property tax rate for the 2026 taxation year.

To qualify for this property tax rate, an application form is required and is available at the MD Administration offices in Wabasca, Calling Lake and Red Earth Creek. The deadline to submit your application is **Friday, May 15, 2026**.

If you have any questions regarding this bylaw, please contact the municipal office in Wabasca at 780-891-3778.

Dated this 13th day of April 2026

Chad Tullis,

Chief Administrative Officer

FROM A BACK ISSUE OF THE FEVER

SPRING OF 2001

A Tory blue wave swept over the March 12, 2001, election of Members of Legislative Assembly of Alberta. Premier Ralph Klein was re-elected and saw the Progressive Conservative seats in the legislature increase to 74 from the 64 elected in 1997.

Liberals were reduced to seven seats with only 27.4 per cent of the popular vote, compared to the PC's 74.2. The New Democratic Party won only two seats with only 2.8 per cent of the voters' support.

Both Mike Cardinal of Athabasca-Wabasca riding and Pearl Calahasen of Lesser Slave Lake were elected to their fourth terms as MLAs. Cardinal took 4,237 votes (66.7%) while Calahasen got the approval from 4,767 voters (74.2%).

.....

Provincial wildfire officials were worried in early March that lack of snow and mild weather in the first two of months of 2001 had raised the risks of drought and wildfires. Provincially, the regions around Wabasca, Fort McMurray and Cypress Hills were in the most danger.

By mid-May of 2001, the earlier prediction of a bad wildlife season was coming true with Slave Lake Forest Protection Area already having had 50 events and seventeen new fires starting in one week of May, thanks in part, to an earlier lightning season.

.....

Anna Tallman was labelled a hero for saving a nine-year-old boy at the scene of a late night incident involving a semi-trailer unit hauling propane and two pick-up trucks on May 23, 2001, on Highway 44, 15 kilometres south of Red Earth Creek. A gasoline fire was caused by the collision of the pick-ups after one of the smaller trucks clipped the southbound semi-unit and then veered into the path of the northbound pick-up.

The explosive fire involving the gas tanks of both pick-ups which were carrying a collective total of nine people, killed six.

Deaths involving the southbound truck were two men from Loon River Band and two brothers from Whitefish Lake First Nation. The northbound pickup was carrying five people home to Loon River and two adult women were killed.

Two of the four women in the northbound vehicle managed to get out of it before it exploded and Tallman in another vehicle arriving at the flaming wreckage scene took a baseball bat to one of the truck's windows to pull the nine-year-old male passenger out before the explosion. The boy was not injured.

Of the two women escaping the burning northbound pickup, one was hospitalized in Slave Lake while more serious injuries led to the second woman being flown to an Edmonton hospital.

Red Earth Creek RCMP said they believe alcohol was likely a factor in the cause of the tragedy.

*Articles from more FEVER 2001 issues
will be presented in the first May 2026 issue*



Public Input Opportunity for Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Inc. 2026 Vegetation Management Program

What: Post harvest application of glyphosate herbicide within harvested areas to control grass and other competing vegetation.

Where: In the following Townships within the Wabasca area:

TWP/RGE/M

TWP-071 RGE-23 MER-4

TWP-072 RGE-23 MER-4

TWP-073 RGE-20 MER-4

TWP-074 RGE-19 MER-4

When: August, September 2026

How: Application of glyphosate using aerial methods.

Should you have any questions or wish to provide input to the above-mentioned project please contact:

**Silviculture Forester
Tree Time Services Inc.
260 - 2121 Premier Way
Sherwood Park, AB T8H 0B8
Phone: 780-472-8878**

Wabasca, Alberta

September 16 - 22, 2026



**We humbly ask Facilitators & Knowledge Keepers to
come share your knowledge with us for our
community & people.**

**We are requesting submissions of quotes/proposals
from individuals/ families or groups for 2026.**

SEND DETAILS: HOW YOU WILL DELIVER, WHAT PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT TO LEARN FROM YOUR STATION, INCLUDE YOUR NAME, TEAM NAMES/HELPERS, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, WHAT YOU NEED FROM US AS HOSTS FOR EXAMPLE, TABLES, CHAIRS, TENT

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO LOCALS FROM THE MD OF OPPORTUNITY REGION FIRST

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: MAY 15, 2026 @ 4:00 P.M.

**For 2026 we will host a
Youth Round Dance, Feast & Giveaway
September 22nd, 2026**



CONTACT FCSS JANICE OR JODI
@ 780-891-2659 EXT 403 OR 405
EMAIL: JANICE.AUGER@MDOPPORTUNITY.AB.CA





Bigstone Cree Nation Education Authority Employment Opportunity 1 Full-time Custodian

Bigstone Cree Nation Education Authority is seeking a highly reliable, team oriented and motivated individual to fill the position of a custodian. The individual is responsible to perform a variety of basic custodial functions following established standards for cleanliness and safety. Duties may include but are not limited to: scrubbing, cleaning, and sanitizing washrooms, meeting rooms, offices, locker rooms, gyms; replenishing lavatory supplies, removing trash, and emptying waste baskets; sweeping, vacuuming, mopping and buffing floors; cleaning windows, walls, and light fixtures; dusting, etc. to ensure that the school building is cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis to support the maintenance team in keeping the facilities running efficiently and effectively.

Responsibilities:

- Understand and Operate all cleaning equipment and supplies.
- Have adequate knowledge of all cleaning chemicals and safe techniques for mixing them.
- Disinfect and wipe down all surface areas including, but not limited to tabletops, desks, doorknobs and counter-tops (on top and underneath surfaces) daily.
- Disinfect and wipe computer screens, keyboards, and computer mice.
- Disinfect and wipe down table legs, desk legs and chair legs daily
- Sinks, toilets, mirrors, bathroom stall walls, hand sanitizers and paper towel racks are disinfected and wiped down daily.
- Disinfect any ledges, window panes, fire extinguisher cases, wooden beams, display case in foyer, and fridge.
- Check and replace any shortage of paper towel, toilet paper and hand sanitizer products.
- Yearly deep cleaning of the school
- Effectively perform all other duties assigned.

Qualifications:

- Experience in custodial cleaning is considered to be an asset
- Knowledge of all cleaning chemicals
- Ability to work in a team environment, as well as the ability to work with minimal to no supervision.
- Possess the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHIMIS) certificate and a valid First Aid Certificate
- Reliable Transportation
- Satisfactory Child Youth Intervention Check
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check with the Vulnerable Sector upon hire

Closing Date: May 12, 2026

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

Human Resources

CLICK TO APPLY ONLINE on our website (**PREFERRED**) OR

Email: human.resources@bigstoneeducation.ca

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

Fax: 780-891-2178

Or drop off in person at: Suite #8 - 911 Mistassiniy Road S

Thank you in advance to all who submitted an application, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

UCP policies add to cost of living ...

Continued from front page of Focus

had been in line with those in the rest of Canada.

A few options were always available to the Alberta government to reverse this longstanding trend and secure stable prices and supply. One would be to return to a regulated electricity market. This could be done using the existing Alberta Utilities Commission, which currently regulates electricity transmission and distribution. In addition to re-regulating, the Alberta government could create a public entity for electricity generation by gradually acquiring privately held power generation infrastructure, as well as building new infrastructure, including for renewable energy.

Instead, the UCP has resorted to measures that have deferred the problem or provided temporary, partial relief. For example, during the 2021-2023 surge in electricity prices, the UCP offered a \$500 electricity bill rebate that was distributed between July 2022 and April 2023. Though the price of electricity remained high well after April, reaching between 25 and 33 cents per kilowatt hour by July 2023, the rebate was not extended.

For a brief period, between January and March 2023, under its so-called Affordability Action Plan, the UCP capped electricity prices at 13.5 cents per kilowatt hour and loaned \$200 million to electricity companies to cover the gap between the capped price and the market price. The loan was ultimately transferred to the 40% of Albertans then on the Regulated Rate Option, who footed the bill by paying additional fees of \$10 to \$20 a month charged between April 2023 and December 2024.

As a result of the Alberta government's failure to re-regulate the electricity market and add new public electricity generation capacity, residents of Alberta continue to face the highest electricity costs among all provinces.

Post-secondary tuition

The large increase in college and university tuition fees is a direct reflection of major cuts made by the UCP to their funding. Between 2019 and 2023, the UCP cut post-secondary education by more than half a billion dollars, representing a decrease of 31%. Operating support budget decreased by 18.8%, from \$2.43 billion in 2018-2019 to \$1.97 billion in 2022-2023. Post-secondary institutions were also forced to make up a growing share of their budgets themselves, with own-source revenue rising from 43% in 2018-2019 to 58% in 2025-2026.

Concurrently, the UCP lifted the freeze on tuition fees, permitting post-secondary institutions to increase them by up to 7% per year. The minister of advanced education also allowed exceptional tuition fee increases beyond 7%, upon approval. For the academic year 2022-2023, for example, the University of Alberta was approved to increase tuition fees by between 16% and 71% for 12 programs, including business, engineering, law, medicine, and pharmacy.

Due, in part, to the efforts of students' associations, in the academic year 2024-2025, the maximum annual tuition fee increase was reduced to 2%. Nevertheless, the burden on students to carry the weight of decreased provincial funding has been tremendous. In a consultation conducted by the University of Calgary in November 2023, 71% of the participating students expressed that their ability to pay tuition fees would be very impacted if another round of increases were to be implemented, while 72% said their mental health would be very impacted. Continued Page 9



Bigstone Lot 25 Corp

Employment Opportunity

**MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL ASSETS SUPERVISOR****One Permanent Full-Time****Monday – Friday 7 hours/ day****Wabasca, Alberta**

Bigstone Lot 25 Corporation is seeking a highly organized and motivated Maintenance & Capital Assets Supervisor to oversee facility maintenance operations and manage capital assets across multiple sites. This role is responsible for supervising maintenance staff, ensuring efficient building operations, and maintaining accurate asset records while supporting the delivery of quality services to the Bigstone Cree Nation. The successful candidate will play a key leadership role in ensuring safe, functional, and well-maintained facilities while promoting a culture of professionalism, accountability, and teamwork.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Supervise and coordinate maintenance and custodial staff across multiple facilities
- Oversee day-to-day maintenance operations, including work orders, repairs, and preventative maintenance
- Maintain and manage a computerized capital asset inventory system
- Develop and maintain building and housing file systems and databases
- Track, reconcile, and report maintenance requests, tickets, and operational documentation
- Coordinate procurement of maintenance supplies and services in collaboration with purchasing
- Ensure compliance with reporting, auditing, licensing, and quality assurance requirements
- Support housing operations, including unit assignments, rental agreements, and tenant coordination
- Maintain up-to-date insurance records and asset documentation
- Provide administrative and operational support to senior management as required
- Respond to emergency maintenance situations as needed
- Other duties as requested

Education and Experience:

- Diploma or Certificate in Office Administration, or related field (or equivalent experience)
- Minimum 3-5 years of experience in maintenance, facilities, or asset management
- Previous supervisory or leadership experience is required
- Strong knowledge of maintenance systems, asset tracking, and facility operations
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel) and computerized tracking systems
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License
- First Aid/CPR certification (or willingness to obtain within 6 months)

Benefits:

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

Salary is dependent on qualifications

Please forward your Cover Letter, Resume (including 3 work related references), & Criminal Record 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 ON April 16, 2026

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

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

On the question of how another round of increases would affect their housing, 54% noted they would be very impacted, and regarding food security, 51% reported that their food security would be very impacted by further tuition fee increases.

Auto insurance

Shortly after taking office in 2019, Jason Kenney scrapped the NDP's 5% cap on auto insurance premium increases, allowing insurers to set their own rates subject to approval by the Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board. The UCP government claimed this would ensure a sustainable industry able to respond to the needs of Albertans.

Between the first quarter of 2019 and the second quarter of 2020, auto insurance premiums rose by an average of 24 percent. Following continuing increases in 2021 and 2022, the government put a pause on rate increases in 2023. In 2024, the government introduced an auto insurance increase capped at 3.7% for 'good drivers' and 10% for others. These were raised to 7.5% for 'good drivers' and 12.5% for others in 2025.

The auto insurance industry argues that the reasons for elevated premiums in Alberta include high costs related to insurance claim litigation, vehicle parts and repair, and vehicle theft, as well as the health-care levy and insurance premium tax charged by the Alberta government.

The net insurance service ratio (NISR) is a measure of profitability in the insurance industry, where a NISR surpassing 80% is an indication of potential unprofitability. Statistics Canada reports that during 2023 and 2024, the NISR in most provinces was above 80%. Only in Alberta did this lead to a small number of insurance firms withdrawing from the province.

British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Quebec all have public auto insurers along with insurance systems based on the no-fault model. They are also four of the five provinces with the lowest auto insurance rates in the country.

Instead of considering establishing a public auto insurance company, the Alberta government has opted to implement half of the solution by reforming the system to a no-fault-based model. As in the instance of electricity generation, the UCP refuses to consider solutions to high costs through public ownership, prioritizing ideology over affordability.

Underfunding municipalities

Since Budget 2019, the Alberta government has steadily raised the education property tax requisition — the amount it requires municipalities to collect from property owners and remit to the province — ranging from an increase of 1% in 2019 to 16% in Budget 2026. For many municipalities, this meant double-digit increases in the provincial portion of property taxes over time. The town of Okotoks, for example, has seen a cumulative increase of almost 60% between 2024 and 2026. This limits the ability of municipalities to raise the municipal portion of the tax, though municipalities are in need of revenue to make up for shortfalls in infrastructure funding from the province. An example of the latter is the UCP's Local Government Fiscal Framework funding program for infrastructure, which began in 2024. Rather than a starting amount of \$1.75 billion, as called for by Alberta Municipalities, the UCP started at \$722 million.

More of this report on how UCP policies are affecting affordability will continue in the May 7 FEVER

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS
CALLING LAKE

Homework Club



*CALLING LAKE LIBRARY

*GRADES 7+

March - June

EVERY MONDAY
& TUESDAY

CALLING LAKE
LIBRARY

3:15PM-4PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ALEX GOLD 780-331-3810



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:
in Wabasca

Girls Night Smoothies and a Flick

****REVISED DATE****

When: May 1st, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 20 Youth

Ages: 9 - 17

Popcorn, Smoothies and a Movie (Title to follow)

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



MD Opportunity
Family and Community
Support Services



MD OF
OPPORTUNITY
ba."Δ<^"

Guitar Strap for Boys & Men

All supplies provided

Dates: May 20th & May 21st, 2026

Times: 5 pm to 8 pm

Where: 2854 Newatim Drive

(Across from Lloyd C Memorial Park)

Snacks & Drinks provided

Register with Jodi Decoine
@ 273-0191



MD Opportunity
Family and Community
Support Services



MD OF
OPPORTUNITY
ba."Δ<^"

Gun Strap Making for Boys & Men

All supplies provided for designing , cutting, tooling

Dates: June 2nd to 4th, 2026

Times: 5 pm to 8 pm

Where: 2854 Newatim Drive

(Across from Lloyd C Memorial Park)

Snacks & Drinks provided

Register with Jodi Decoine
@ 273-0191

All inventory supplies provided by our amazing funder!





BILLIONS PROMISED — WILL CREE COMMUNITIES FINALLY SEE BETTER HOUSING?

By Priya Philips, Staff Writer
The Government of Canada has announced nearly \$2 billion in funding to improve housing conditions for Indigenous communities across the country. The funding includes \$780 million in new investments, along with previously committed funds and additional emergency support.

For many Cree communities in Northern Alberta, where overcrowding and aging homes remain a daily challenge, the announcement brings hope and questions. While the funding aims to build new homes and repair existing ones, experts say the overall housing gap is still far greater than what current investments can cover.

The key question now is simple: Will this funding finally reach the families who need it most?

WHAT THE FUNDING WILL DO



BUILD NEW HOMES
Reduce overcrowding in families and support growing communities.



REPAIR EXISTING HOUSES
Fix mould, unsafe conditions and improve heating, insulation, and water systems.



SUPPORT URBAN FAMILIES
Housing support for Indigenous people living off-reserve in cities and towns.

EXPERT VIEW — IS IT ENOUGH?

While the \$2 billion announcement is significant, housing experts and Indigenous leaders agree:

“IT IS ONLY A SMALL STEP TOWARD SOLVING A MUCH LARGER PROBLEM.”

The national housing gap is estimated at over **\$135 billion**, meaning current funding addresses only a fraction of the need.

CREE COMMUNITY IMPACT

For Cree Nations such as those across Northern Alberta, housing is not just about shelter — it is about health, dignity, and future generations.

Many families continue to live:

- In overcrowded homes
- In buildings affected by mould and poor insulation
- In conditions that contribute to respiratory illness and stress



Local leaders say funding must:

- ✓ Reach communities faster
- ✓ Be controlled by Indigenous leadership
- ✓ Reflect real community needs

INDIGENOUS HOUSING CRISIS BY THE NUMBERS



150,000+
HOMES NEEDED
across First Nations



85,000
HOMES REQUIRE
MAJOR REPAIRS



\$135 BILLION
ESTIMATED TOTAL
HOUSING GAP



\$2 BILLION
ANNOUNCED IN 2026
FUNDING

Source: Government of Canada & national Indigenous housing reports

REAL PROJECT EXAMPLE

TREATY ONE TERRITORY



260
HOMES
UNDER
CONSTRUCTION



\$91
MILLION
INVESTMENT



OVER 60%
INDIGENOUS
WORKFORCE
INVOLVED

This model highlights a growing shift toward Indigenous-led housing solutions.

WHAT COMES NEXT?



How quickly money reaches communities



Whether projects are led locally



Long-term commitments beyond short-term funding

For Cree communities, the expectation is clear:
**NOT JUST PROMISES — BUT REAL HOMES,
REAL CHANGE, AND REAL RESULTS.**



**Bigstone Community Wellness
presents:**



Missing Murdered Indigenous People Event

Save The Dates

May 4th, 2026

Chipewyan Lake, AB

Community Hall

1:00 pm - 6:45 pm

May 5th, 2026

Wabasca, AB

George D. Auger Hall

1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

May 6th, 2026

Calling Lake, AB

Calling Lake Community Complex

1:00 pm - 8:45 pm



For more information please contact

Coreen Houle and Cecile Young:

Ph: 780-891-3777 or Toll Free:

1-877-767-7060



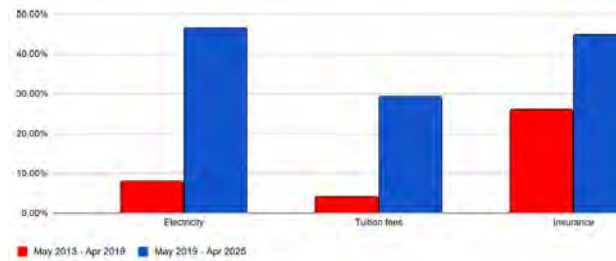
Expensive by Design...

How UCP Policies Sabotage Affordability in Alberta

By Salimah Valiani, Parkland Institute

Affordability issues plague every province in Canada — but not to the same degree. In Alberta, for example, the cost of living was the second-highest in the country in 2024, based on Statistics Canada’s basic market measure. Not surprisingly, cost-of-living issues consistently lead public opinion surveys in the province, with a recent Abacus poll showing that 64% of Albertans rank it as their top concern.

Cumulative Price Growth Over Six-Year Periods (%): Electricity, Tuition Fees, and Auto Insurance, Alberta, May 2013-April 2019 and May 2019-April 2025:



Source: Calculations based on Table 18-10-0004-01 Consumer Price Index, monthly, not seasonally adjusted

The UCP (United Conservative Party) government claims to prioritize affordability and has included it in the portfolio of one of its ministers. In practice, however, this priority is nowhere to be seen. The fact that the word “affordability” never appears in the 2026 budget is emblematic of this disconnect between promise and practice. Worse still, key policy choices made by the UCP since it took office in 2019 have deepened, rather than addressed, the affordability crisis in Alberta.

In some areas, UCP policy has been the driving force behind significant price increases. To illustrate this, this article starts by comparing cumulative price changes in three areas — electricity, post-secondary tu-

ition fees, and auto insurance — over the six years before the UCP took office and the six years after.

Between May 2013 and April 2019, electricity prices rose by a total of 8%, while between May 2019 and April 2025, they rose by 47% — almost six times as much. Tuition fees followed a similar pattern, rising from 5% in the 2013-2019 period to 29% between 2019 and 2025, while auto insurance premiums increased by 26% in the 2013-2019 period, versus 45% between 2019 and 2025.

Electricity

The massive increase in the cost of Alberta electricity in the last six years can be explained by a combination of the exercise of market power by large electricity generators, heat-related weather events causing increased demand, a

surge in natural gas prices globally, and a shortage of power plants due to the lack of investment by private electricity companies.

In 2001, Alberta became the only province to deregulate electricity generation. Since then, the province has experienced several instances of supply falling short of demand, with electricity sold at prices higher than the marginal cost of production. In the words of professor of economics Junaid Jahangir, “insufficient capacity and market power are characteristic of the deregulated electricity market.”

Energy economist Eduardo Sepulveda estimates that, between 2001 and 2024, Albertans paid \$24 billion more for electricity

Continued on FEVER Page 8

FOCUS

Supplement of News, Employment Ads and Classified Ads for Readers of *The FEVER*

The FEVER

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Number of smaller businesses falling across Canada – bad news for economy, particularly in rural areas

By Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)

More Alberta businesses have closed than opened for six consecutive quarters, and more than half (55%) of small business owners say they would not recommend starting a business now, according to new research by the (CFIB).

CFIB’s new report, *Canada’s Entrepreneurial Drought, Part 1: The Shrinking Business Landscape*, is the first in a two-part series examining the growing imbalance between business creation and closures across the country.

The entrepreneurial drought, a sustained period of four or more quarters where business exits outpace new business entries, has been ongoing since early 2024. While the overall trend of business creation in Canada has been declining since mid-1980s, openings had mostly outpaced business closures. That’s not the case anymore.

In the second quarter of 2025, Alberta exit rates reached 6.6%, while entry rates fell to 5.4% in Q4 2025, marking some of the highest closure rates and weakest startup activity outside the pandemic.

“Small businesses have watched governments hand out billions of dollars to multinationals while ignoring the realities on Main Street. Governments need to wake up.

“If we want a more productive and competitive economy tomorrow, we need more small businesses today,” said Keyli Loeppky, CFIB director of Alberta and interprovincial affairs.

“Small business priorities should be government priorities. That means reducing taxes, cutting red tape, and promoting investment and entrepreneurship across the country.”

The challenges behind the entrepreneurial drought go beyond business entry and exit trends. Four-in-ten (40%) small firms said they feel unsupported by the Alberta government, and only 12% strongly believed the provincial government had a clear vision for entrepreneurship.

Looking nationally, 73% are not confident in the federal government. High costs, tax and payroll pressures, complex rules, red tape, and ongoing labour challenges against a backdrop of persistent global uncertainty, all make entrepreneurship more difficult and less attractive.

“Canada’s economic foundation is crumbling. Governments need to stop just papering over the cracks and really refocus efforts on policies that improve the small business environment,” said Kayode Southwood, CFIB senior policy analyst for Alberta.

“We cannot afford to regulate ambition out of our economy. When more than half of current small business owners are telling you they wouldn’t recommend starting a business, it’s time to listen.” A second report comes next week.

Alberta Government Dashboard: Week of April 19 to 25, 2026

317 (19099 this season) Influenza cases	74 (6019 this season) SARS-CoV-2 cases	112 (4910 this season) RSV cases
8% Influenza positivity	2% SARS-CoV-2 positivity	3% RSV positivity
45 Influenza in hospital**	38 SARS-CoV-2 in hospital**	46 RSV in hospital**
4 Influenza in ICU**	2 SARS-CoV-2 in ICU**	4 RSV in ICU**
0 (272 this season) Influenza deaths	1 (122 this season) SARS-CoV-2 deaths	0 (56 this season) RSV deaths

Can you find the bug who wants pie?



Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com

Annimills LLC © 2026 V19

We want the freshest vegetables and fruits.

Kids: color stuff in!



Farmers' Markets give both urban and rural residents opportunities to eat locally produced foods and other products such as clothing, art and woodworking.

Fresh! At the Farmers' Market!



You can't buy fresher fruits and vegetables than those at the farm or the farmers market! I love buying my berries, peaches and apples there!

Ooooooo...pie!

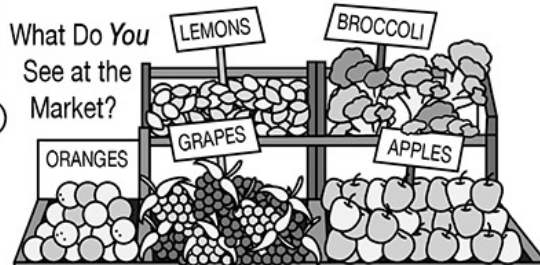
Have you ever been to a farmers' market? It is a place where farmers bring, set up and sell their fruits, vegetables, potted plants and baked goods.

Most of these markets are held once a week, often at fairgrounds or in parking lots. Some people like to go to the market because they enjoy talking with other shoppers and asking farmers about their products. Others enjoy being outside where their children can play a little and help to choose and buy items.

There are many sights at the farmers' market. Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- green and yellow _____ piled high
- home-baked _____
- _____ for weighing food
- straw _____ for cooling heads
- _____ giving shade
- _____ talking and selling
- freshly cut _____
- samples of juicy _____ to try
- dried _____ hanging
- _____ laden with foods and potted plants
- _____ listing prices
- _____ to carry food and supplies to the market

What Do You See at the Market?



FRESH PRODUCE

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

8 _____

9 _____

10 _____

11 _____

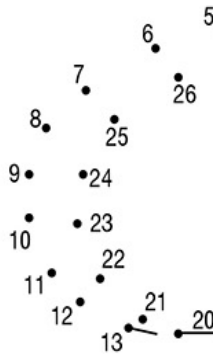
12 _____

bread scales signs herbs trucks tables fruits vegetables farmers hats tarps flowers

Orange glad that there are so many vegetables, fruits, baked goods and fresh eggs and salsas to choose from?

As Fresh As Fresh Can Be!

- while some products are available all year round, in some areas, foods from the farms follow the _____
- in the _____: lettuce, radishes, asparagus...
- in the _____: corn, cucumbers, tomatoes...
- in the _____: squash, broccoli, potatoes...
- in the _____: turnips, kale, brussels sprouts...



Honey is from a farmer's _____,
Maple syrup is from his _____,
Home-baked bread is from his _____,
Flowers from _____ tended with lovin'!

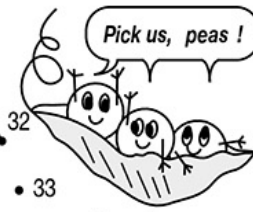
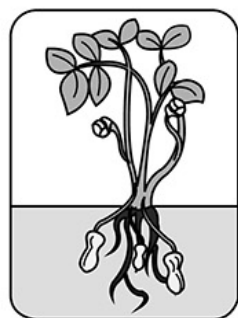
All With Lovin'!

Follow the dots to see a favorite homemade item!



Fill in the poem with these words:

- gardens oven trees bees



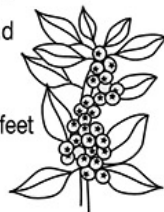
Pick us, peas!

- apples
- pumpkins
- potatoes
- blueberries
- tomatoes

Where Does It Grow?

How do foods grow? Where do you find the foods below when you want to harvest them? Match these foods to where you find them:

- under the ground
- trees
- vines
- plants (about 3 feet high)/vines
- bushes



- out of the ground on a plant with spiky leaves
 - on woody vines
 - flower above the ground, but grow below ground
 - roots that grow in the ground
 - grow on tall plants (not trees)
- peanuts
 - pineapple
 - grapes
 - bananas
 - beets

Consider joining the **TEAM** at the **Municipal District** of **Opportunity #17**



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Seasonal Equipment Operators Wabasca & Red Earth Creek Temporary Full Time

The individual chosen for this temporary full-time/seasonal position in the M.D. of Opportunity (ending in October) with our Public Works Department at our Wabasca and Red Earth Creek locations will be responsible for the following duties and any other duties required:

- ♦ Operation of various equipment within the Public Works Department.
- ♦ Responsible for operation & routine maintenance of a variety of light & heavy equipment; mowing equipment and tractors.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Hauling gravel and driving the MD bus for rentals.

Qualifications:

- **Valid Class 3 Drivers License with Air Brakes (Class 1 preferred).**
- A minimum of Grade 12 or a minimum of two years' experience may be considered;
- Ability to work independently or as a team player;
- Ability to exercise good judgment on operation of light/heavy equipment as it relates to safety;
- Clean Driver's Abstract.

Interested persons are invited to submit their Resume, current Criminal Record Check and three (3) work related references to:

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

This advertisement will close on May 1, 2026

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 Seasonal Equipment Operators Calling Lake - Temporary Full Time

The individual chosen for this temporary full-time/seasonal position in the M.D. of Opportunity (ending in October) with our Public Works Department at our Calling Lake location will be responsible for the following duties and any other duties required:

- ♦ Operation of various equipment within the Public Works Department.
- ♦ Responsible for operation & routine maintenance of a variety of light & heavy equipment; mowing equipment and tractors.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Hauling gravel

Qualifications:

- **Valid Class 5 Drivers License**
- A minimum of Grade 10 or a minimum of two years' experience may be considered;
- Ability to work independently or as a team player;
- Ability to exercise good judgment on operation of light/heavy equipment as it relates to safety;
- Clean Driver's Abstract.

Interested persons are invited to submit their Resume, current Criminal Record Check and three (3) work related references to:

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

This advertisement will close on May 1, 2026

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

Those who are placing employment ads. submitting other notices, photos, news, are reminded that The Fever's current e-mail addresses are:

scopepub@shaw.ca

or for printing and also Fever items

info@scopeprinting.com

As Seasons Change!

As the seasons change, so do your choices at the farmers' market. Summer turns into autumn! The days have cooler temperatures and get shorter. At this time, the growing season ends in some areas of the country. They are the days when farmers will harvest and get ready for winter.

1. Draw a line through the 5 items that are "Disappearing" from the market in late summer!
2. Circle the 5 items that are at the market in the fall or are Appearing.
3. Mark an X on the 4 items that can be sold all year long.



More job opportunities within the District of Opportunity ...



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Cash Management Analyst Finance Department in Wabasca Temporary Full Time Position

The Municipal District of Opportunity is looking for an individual to fill a temporary full-time position as a Cash Management Analyst for the Finance Department. Direct reporting for this position is with the Chief Financial Officer. This individual must be self-motivated and willing to work in a team-oriented environment.

Responsibilities

- ◆ Directs cash management operations to include daily cash administration, management of current accounts and bank relations.
- ◆ Maintain confidential records and files;
- ◆ Timely reconciles cash application and disbursements. Responsible for Revenue and deposit reconciliations of all MD facilities both remote and local. Discrepancies to be reported on a timely basis.
- ◆ Understand and manage appropriate accounting procedures and processes;
- ◆ Monitor bank service fees and address quality issues;
- ◆ Recommend, implement and maintain process improvements;
- ◆ Monitors cash transactions to ensure that bank account balances to the report and any unusual items are investigated;
- ◆ Reconciles bank accounts on a monthly basis
- ◆ Records the M.D. business Mastercard transactions on a timely basis.
- ◆ Other duties that may be assigned

Qualifications

- ◆ High School Diploma and Office Administrative Certificate are desired. Education & Experience equivalencies will also be considered
- ◆ With a minimum of one year office related experience
- ◆ Knowledge of general office procedures.
- ◆ Knowledge of general accounting procedures would be a definite asset
- ◆ Computer skills a definite asset (Microsoft Environment – Word & Excel)
- ◆ Good public relation skills and a team oriented person.
- ◆ 2-3 years' experience in Finance or Accounting, with a strong background in Cash Management is a definite asset.
- ◆ Must have Valid Driver's License.
- ◆ Ability to obtain a satisfactory criminal record check at time of hire.

Applicants can send in Resumes and three (3) work related references. Salary negotiable based on education and experience to the attention of:

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

This advertisement will close on May 5, 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.

Funds offered for food/ag community projects

With the Municipal District of Opportunity and Bigstone Cree Nation both pursuing projects in recent years to have community involvement in vegetable gardening, fruit trees and other projects that will lead to more local people producing a portion of food for their family tables, perhaps an existing group or a new project organization should be looking at funding from Farm Credit Canada (FCC).

The federal agency, headquartered in Regina, is now accepting applications for its AgriSpirit Fund, which in its words, "supports capital projects that help enrich the lives of rural Canadians.

"Applications are open to registered charities and non-profit organizations in rural Canada that partner with municipal, territorial, or provincial governments, as well as those that partner with First Na-

tions, Inuit, or Métis governments and communities.

"The fund supports projects in communities with fewer than 50,000 people. Projects can receive between \$10,000 and \$25,000, from a total available fund of \$1.5 million."

May 15 is the deadline for 2026 funding and more information is available online at www.fcc-agrispiritfund.ca.

Examples of past projects include construction or improvements to public buildings, refrigeration and equipment to support food waste reduction, projects to improve accessibility and inclusion, greenhouses, and agriculture and food initiatives.

Since starting the AgriSpirit Fund in 2004, FCC has supported 1,778 capital projects in rural Canada totaling \$24 million in donations.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

(6) Server Positions – Wabasca Temporary Part-Time Position

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking to fill 6 Temporary Casual Server positions at the Eagle Point Golf Course in Wabasca. The ideal candidates should be outgoing and energetic people with demonstrated skills in their area of work, they must have good communication and be team oriented. Successful individuals must provide high-quality service and meet provincial AHS Standards.

Primary responsibilities are:

- ✓ Customer Service: Greeting guests warmly, presenting menus, explaining daily specials, and answering questions about ingredients or preparation.
- ✓ Order Taking & Delivery: Accurately taking food and beverage orders and entering them into the Point of Sale (POS) system.
- ✓ Service Coordination: Coordinating with kitchen staff to ensure food is delivered promptly and correctly.
- ✓ Maintenance: Clearing, cleaning, and resetting tables, as well as maintaining a clean dining area which includes floors, bar and washrooms
- ✓ Financial Transactions: Totaling bills, processing payments (cash/credit) & returning change.
- ✓ Operation of the bar cart on a routine daily schedule.
- ✓ Work 5 days per week (on a 7-day shift rotation), which includes mornings, afternoons, evenings and weekends
- ✓ Daily inventory

Qualifications required:

- ✓ Food Handling certificate(s)
- ✓ Pro Serve Certification
- ✓ Minimum of 1 year experience
- ✓ First Aid Certificate (other safety tickets are considered assets)
- ✓ Must be 18 years or older
- ✓ Must have a valid class 5 driver's license.
- ✓ Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience. Send resume with 3 work related references to:

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

**This advertisement will remain open until
May 5, 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 & Protection of Privacy Act.

Join The Energetic Team in Action Improving Life in M.D. #17 Communities



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY -WABASCA

Manager of Safety and Emergency Management Permanent Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is looking for an individual to fill a Permanent Full-Time position as Manager of Safety and Emergency Management in the community of Wabasca. Reporting directly to the Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services, this individual will work closely on the management team and with all supervisors and staff to promote the company Safety and Emergency Management program and policies within the municipality. This position will require travel within the community and out of community to our other hamlets of Red Earth Creek, Calling Lake, Sandy Lake and Chipewyan Lake. Furthermore, the individual may be required or requested to work some evenings and weekends.

The successful applicant would ideally have a safety background or be willing to work towards obtaining various safety designations. They should have proven leadership skills as they will be responsible for supervising the Safety Advisor. The ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment, prioritize, meet deadlines and communicate clearly and effectively are essential qualities for this role. Interpersonal skills are necessary and this individual must be self-motivated and willing to work in a team oriented environment.

Responsibilities:

- ◆ Assisting with matters relating to the development and implementation of the HS Management system;
- ◆ Assist the Safety Advisor in training Managers/Supervisors with Worksite Inspections and Worksite Incident Investigations;
- ◆ Participating in employee training, including development and delivery of course material;
- ◆ Conducting Health and Safety Audits;
- ◆ Responsible for maintaining and updating the MD's Emergency Management Program
- ◆ Completing safety and emergency management administrative tasks.

Qualifications:

- ◆ Must have High School Diploma or Equivalency;
- ◆ NCSO designation preferred, but not required;
- ◆ An understanding of Municipal Health and Safety systems and audit protocol would be an asset;
- ◆ Must have ICS 100, 200 & 300 or willing to obtain these;
- ◆ Computer skills a definite asset (Microsoft Environment – Word & Excel);
- ◆ Good public relation skills and excellent communication skills (both verbal and written);
- ◆ Must have a Valid Class 5 Driver's License;
- ◆ Able and willing to travel as required;
- ◆ Ability to obtain a satisfactory criminal record check and vulnerable sector check upon hire;
- ◆ Knowledge of applicable Legislation is an asset.

Interested persons are invited to submit their Resume along with three work related references to:

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

The closing date for this position is May 5, 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.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (2) Cook Positions – Wabasca Temporary Full Time Positions

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking to fill two Temporary Full-Time Cook positions at the Eagle Point Golf Course in Wabasca. The ideal candidates should be outgoing and energetic people person with demonstrated skills in their area of work, who are self-starters and team oriented. The successful individuals will help deliver a high-quality service and meet provincial AHS Standards.

Primary responsibilities are:

- ✓ Prepare and serve meals daily
- ✓ Maintain food inventory and place food orders as scheduled
- ✓ Clear, clean, and sanitize work areas
- ✓ Adhere to provincial health and safety standards for food handling and storage
- ✓ Ensure the facility complies with AGLC licensing requirements
- ✓ This position requires lifting and other manual tasks
- ✓ Work 5 days per week (on a 7-day shift rotation), which include mornings, afternoons, evenings and weekends

Qualifications required:

- ✓ Food Handling certificate(s)
- ✓ Minimum of one year cooking experience
- ✓ First Aid Certificate (other safety tickets are considered assets)
- ✓ Knowledge in the proper use and maintenance of kitchen equipment
- ✓ Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience. Send resume with 3 work related references to:

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

**This advertisement will remain open until
May 5, 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 & Protection of Privacy Act.

2-bedroom apartments for Rent in Wabasca

**\$1500/month plus Electricity
1-bedroom furnished/unfurnished
apartments available this winter
Call Joe @780-447-1712**



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
& REGULATORY SERVICES**

Permanent Full Time Position - Wabasca

The Municipal District of Opportunity is currently seeking a dynamic, team-oriented and self-motivated individual to fill the permanent full-time position of Assistant Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services. The person chosen for this position will have extensive managerial experience together with a strong financial background and strong supervisory skills. Reporting to the Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services, the Assistant Director will be responsible in helping manage department staff and assigned functions in Human Resources, Daycares, Planning and Development and our Safety and Emergency Management department as well as Fire Services and other duties that may be assigned by the Director.

The preferred candidate will have experience in the direct supervision of staff including planning/assigning work, coaching and performance monitoring, as well as experience in working with local government and legislative systems along with Provincial, Federal and First Nation Government agencies. Well-developed organizational, time management, computer, and interpersonal skills are also required. The position requires an individual who is a team player prepared to work closely with the management team and department managers and supervisors. Experience in Diamond Software would be an asset.

Qualifications:

1. Degree in Business Administration or Public Administration is an asset.
2. A minimum of 5 years of management experience at a senior level working in a complex and culturally diverse environment.
3. Understanding financial reports including budgetary guidelines.
4. Extensive knowledge of budgeting practices, and the ability to work with minimum supervision.
5. Experience in Human Resources and Labor Relations Management as well as Daycare Licensing and Land Title/Planning reporting requirements.
6. A valid class 5 Drivers License.
7. A satisfactory criminal record check upon hire.

Salary will commensurate with experience and qualifications, which includes an excellent benefit package and matching RRSP plan. Interested persons are invited to submit their resume, three work related references to:

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

This advertisement will close on May 5, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

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

Power outage in Wabasca / Sap refuses to run this spring

By Bruce Thomas

Community Crier Darlene Jackson revealed early Monday evening that Atco told her Wabasca's latest power outage was caused by goose colliding with a power line. "I wanted the ducks to fry, not a goose. Go Oilers!" she posted on Facebook.

In reaction, to Darlene's report, Chantelle Orr had the best and most obvious comment: "What a silly goose." But Gary L. Cardinal gave Darlene a looping animation of a duck with a flaming head.

This writer was speculating on Monday

night if the Oilers lose the fifth game on Tuesday and thus get knocked out of the players, Wabasca should send Darlene to give the entire Oilers squad a real tongue-lashing about disappointing so many fans in northern Alberta.

Robert Zobot of Bigstone Community Wellness has become a victim of recent unusual weather.

A few weeks ago he posted an ad for "Learn how to tap birch trees with an Elder." He expected to hold the week long session in April. Continued on Page 7

Careers / Classifieds Wabasca Fever Newspaper

1-800-315-7826

Advertising

Get your message out! Province wide classifieds. Reach readers through 75 community newspapers in Alberta including the Wabasca Fever! Only \$269. (25 words or less) 1-800-315-7826; or e-mail: wabascafever@shaw.ca

Buildings for Sale

INTEGRITY POST FRAME BUILDINGS since 2008 BUILT WITH CONCRETE POSTS. Barns, Shops, Riding Arenas, Machine Sheds and more!!! – sales@integritybuilt.com 1-866-974-7678 www.integritybuilt.com.

Coming Events

WILD ROSE ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE. May 8 & 9, 2026. Friday 5 pm - 9 pm, Saturday 9 am - 5 pm at Edmonton Inn Conference Centre. 11834 Kingsway Ave. \$10 admission. Free parking. See wildroseantiques.ca

Employment

ROCKY MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT is NOW HIRING: AG Equipment Techs, Heavy Equipment Techs - JM & App, Assistant Parts Managers and Shop Foreman. View Open Roles & Apply: www.rockymtn.com/careers. Relocation and Signing Bonus Offered.

Feed and Seed

BARLEY – *NEW-AB Standswell* Smooth AWN, High Yielding, Grain and Forage Great Lodging Resistance. 1st NITROGEN USE EFFICIENT CEREAL IN CANADA. OTHER BARLEY: Cerveza, CDC Austenson, CDC Durango, CDC Maverick, Esma, Sundre. WHEAT – Pintail, Forage or

Grain. OATS – AC Juniper, AC Morgan, AC Mustang, Derby, CDC S01 Super Oat. PEAS – Very Early Yellow Peas, Forage Peas. ALSO AVAILABLE: Polish Canola & Spring Triticale. Special pricing on truckloads. www.mastinseeds.com 403-556-2609.

FORAGE SEED FOR SALE: Organic and conventional: Sweet Clover, Alfalfa, Red Clover, Smooth Brome, Meadow Brome, Crested Wheatgrass, Timothy, etc. Free Delivery! Birch Rose Acres Ltd. 306-921-9942.

Services

WHITE SPRUCE TREES: 5' average \$50. Installation ONLY \$19. Includes: hole augered, Wurzel Dip enzyme injection, bark mulch application, staking. Minimum order 25. One-time fuel charge: \$150-300. Crystal Springs, 403-820-0961. Quality guaranteed. albertasprucetrees.com

PRIVATE MORTGAGE LENDER. All real estate types considered. No credit checks done. Deal direct with lender and get quick approval. 403-543-0927; www.firstandsecondmortgages.ca.

OSOYOOS LAKESHORE VILLA: Executive villa in Osoyoos, BC, breathtaking lake views, just 3 minutes from town. Vacation in Canada's warmest destination. Or warmer weather, two luxurious 5-star resort units in Phoenix, Arizona. Doug 306-716-2671 or visit osoyooslakevilla.com.

**Check The Fever
WEEKLY
for News, Notices,
Commentary**

Too cold for birch sap... continued from page 6

With birch tapping season usually happening in April, Zabot advised people interested in the Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; harvest of birch sap that it would start the second or third or even the fourth week of April. Zabot is more optimistic that with the arrival of May, there may be a string of days

BIGSTONE BUSINESS SERVICES LTD

Employment Opportunity



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

The Bigstone Business Services (GP) Ltd. is currently recruiting an energetic, team-oriented, and self-motivated individual to fill a full-time position as an Alberta Registries Clerk. The ideal candidate will be directly responsible for the following duties & possess the noted qualifications:

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Delivers exceptional service to Registry customers and prospects
- Demonstrate professionalism with all customer interactions
- Supports customer transactions needs based on customer traffic
- Develop, maintain, and build relationships with customers
- Process cash and other transactions while abiding by current policies
- Ensure branch assets are safeguarded
- Continuous learning and training
- Follows through on risk and compliance processes and policies to ensure we safeguard our customers' assets, maintain their privacy, and act in their best interest.
- Assess and complete product and service transactions, accurately, confidentially and in a timely manner
- Complies with legal and regulatory requirements for the jurisdiction
- Escalates complex or unresolved customer situations to managers as required
- Answer over the phone enquiries
- Handle payments
- Maintain strict confidentiality with respect to sensitive customer information
- Effectively carry out duties, under the direction of the Manager
- Other duties may be requested from time to time

Education and Experience:

- Business Management Certificate or Diploma is considered an asset
- Previous experience in Customer Service role is an asset
- Previous Accounting or Bank Teller experience is an asset
- Must have a valid Class 5 Drivers License

Benefits:

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

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

Please forward your Cover Letter, Resume (including 3 work related references), & Criminal Record 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: April 27, 2026

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

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

with temperatures reaching into the teens and even higher than 20 degrees C so the sap will start running profusely.

Benefits: - Hydration: Birch sap is an excellent natural moisturizer. It contains sugars and amino acids that help to retain moisture in the skin, leaving it hydrated and plump. Anti-inflammatory: Can help to soothe irritated and inflamed skin, making it beneficial for sensitive skin, eczema or rosacea.

Call Zabot, 780-891-8252, to see if and when the tapping may begin.



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:

Human Resources Department

Municipal District of Opportunity No.17

Box 60 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

Phone: (780) 891-3778 or Fax: (780) 891-4283

Email hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca

This job advertisement will remain open until May 12, 2026.

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
Casual Early Childhood Educators
Wabasca**

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking to fill casual positions at the MD Daycare in Wabasca, AB. The ideal candidates should be outgoing and energetic with demonstrated skills in their area of work, who are self-starters and team-oriented. The successful individuals will help create and deliver a high quality early learning childcare service that meets MD policy as well as provincial Childcare Licensing.

Primary responsibilities are to:

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

Qualifications required:

- ✓ Child Development Certification Level 1, 2 and or 3;
- ✓ Valid Class 5 Drivers License and reliable transportation;
- ✓ Child First Aid and/or Standard First Aid certificate;
- ✓ A current satisfactory Criminal Record Check and Child Youth Intervention Check must be provided prior to hire.

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

**Human Resource 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 May 5, 2026 at 3:00pm.**

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.

Enjoy Newspaper Fun puzzles almost every week in The Fever!

Fresh! At the Farmers' Market!

What Do You See at the Market?

LEMONS, BROCCOLI, GRAPES, APPLES, ORANGES

FRESH PRODUCE

I love buying my berries, peaches and apples there!

Pick us, peas!

Honey is from a farmer's bees.
Maple syrup is from his trees.
Home-baked bread is from his oven.
Flowers from gardens tended with lovin'!

Where Does It Grow?
1. B, 2. C, 3. A, 4. E, 5. D
1. C, 2. A, 3. B, 4. E, 5. D

As Seasons Change!

I love a juicy peach!

Orange glad that there are so many vegetables, fruits, baked goods and fresh eggs and salsas to choose from?

by Animis LLC © 2026

Crossword Puzzle:
1. V E G E T A B L E S
2. R C T
3. T A R P S
4. H A
5. E
6. F A R M E R S
7. F
8. L U
9. D
10. T A B L E S
11. I G
12. T R U C K S
H E R B S



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
(1) Supervisor/Cook Position – Wabasca
Temporary Full Time Position**

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking to fill 1 Temporary Full-Time Supervisor/Cook position at the Eagle Point Golf Course in Wabasca. The ideal candidate should be outgoing and energetic person with demonstrated supervisor skills in their area of work, they must have good communication and be team oriented. The successful individual will help create a menu and deliver a high-quality service and meet provincial AHS Standards.

Primary responsibilities are:

- ✓ Supervise all kitchen staff (other cooks and servers)
- ✓ Prepare and serve meals daily
- ✓ Maintain food inventory and place food orders as scheduled
- ✓ Clear, clean, and sanitize work areas
- ✓ Adhere to provincial health and safety standards for food handling and storage
- ✓ Ensure the facility complies with AGLC licensing requirements
- ✓ This position requires lifting and other manual tasks
- ✓ Working 5 days per week (on a 7-day shift rotation, which includes mornings, afternoons, evenings and weekends)

Qualifications required:

- ✓ Food Handling certificate(s)
- ✓ Pro Serve Certification
- ✓ Minimum of 3 years cooking experience
- ✓ Supervisor experience
- ✓ First Aid Certificate (other safety tickets are considered assets)
- ✓ Knowledge in the proper use and maintenance of kitchen equipment
- ✓ Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience. Send resume with 3 work related references to:

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

This advertisement will remain open until May 5, 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 & Protection of Privacy Act.

**Wabasca A.A. Group
meets at No Limits Boxing Club
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.**

**Narcotics Anonymous
Meetings Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
No Limits Boxing Club, Wabasca
Further Information: 780-773-3330**