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If you buy illegal drugs, this is the type of place they may be produced. Obviously, the people operating these clandestine drug laboratories are more interested in the money you will pay to feed the addiction they want you to have, than in the safety of the products they produce. This photo has been provided by Athabasca RCMP. Turn to Page 3 for more photos behind the discovery of this operation south of Athabasca.



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SOUL, THERE IS NO SUCH  
THING AS SEPERATION"



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**NEHIYAWAK U18B CHAMPIONS**



# Publisher's Ponderings ...

• It is a well-established fact that ducks and oil do not do well together and ducks are in extreme danger of losing their lives when they encounter oil of any kind. A quick goggle search points out: **“Waste Oil Pits (U.S.): A study covering North American oil fields estimated that 500,000 to 1 million birds die annually after landing in waste oil pits and toxic ponds, with ducks accounting for nearly half of these deaths.”**

So clearly the match-up in the first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs is pre-determined that the Edmonton Oilers will easily suffocate the Anaheim Ducks. Although the first game in Edmonton Monday night might show that the Ducks could possibly get out mucky situations. While the Edmonton squad took the early 2-0 lead in the first period with goals by Jason Dickinson and Kasper Karpanen, the Ducks quacked back to a 3-2 lead at the end of the second. Troy Terry, #19, with two goals and Leo Carisson, #91, were the Duck heroes.

Coincidentally, the same Oilers scorers in the first period performed well in the third frame with goals while the Ducks were held scoreless, giving Edmonton its 4-3 victory in game one.

The Oilers' Dynamic Duo of Connor McDavid and finally-off-the-list of Leon Draisaitl did not show any of their scoring power while #29 did assist on one of the winning goals and took two shots on goal while #97 tried three times unsuccessfully to net the puck.

Following Monday's success, Sportsnet had this say about the Oilers general recent performances: “Sports analysts attribute the Edmonton Oilers' recent success to significant defensive improvements, stronger goaltending, and increased depth scoring, which have reduced reliance on top stars. Commentators have highlighted the team's resilience, clutch performances, and strong leadership under Kris Knoblauch in securing critical wins.”

Game 2 was held Wednesday evening (after Fever printing was finished); Games 3 and 4 will occur in Anaheim, Friday 7 p.m. and Sunday, 6:30 p.m..



During the regular 2025/26 NHL regular season, Connor McDavid again led the entire National Hockey League with most goals 48, most assists 90, and most points 138 earned in all 82 games. If it were not for injuries, Leon Draisaitl was expected to be right up at the top with his teammate, but he ended up in ninth on the NHL season rankings with 35 goals, 62 assists and 97 points, earned in 65 games

## A column of news & commentary

ished); Games 3 and 4 will occur in Anaheim, Friday 7 p.m. and Sunday, 6:30 p.m..

If the Ducks haven't met an oily end to their 2026 Cup run, Game 5 will be back at Rogers Place next Tuesday, April 28; and if the Ducks are still quacking, Game 6 will be April 30 in Anaheim.

If by any chance, the Oilers are not resting for the start of the second round of playoffs, Rogers Place will be packed to its rafters with a very nervous, noisy, but confident crowd of fans on Saturday, May 2.

• **Popular Mechanics Magazine is wonderful reading, often with topics on life's mysterious topics, like sasquatches.**

A recent article reviewed the situation in the 1970's when Bigfoot researchers talked the once famous trustworthy F.B.I. into examining a 15-hair sample which came from a west-coast forest, probably in Oregon. The end result was that the F.B.I. examination declared the hair originated from “the deer family”.

But the mystery of the existence or not of an elusive ape-like giant in various parts of the world continues strong across North America. You can in Calgary sign up for weekend excursions into areas west of the city “known” to have sasquatches making noises from their own mouths or by banging large stricks against tree trunks to scare curious humans away.

Over decades since 1970, the former Slave Lake Scope Newspaper and The Wabasca Fever have carried articles about possible “sightings,” “hearings,” and “footprints.” At least one from near Wabasca and several from spots south of Lesser Slave Lake, particularly the area west of Highway 33 between Kinuso and Swan Hills. British Columbia, Washington State, Oregon and Northern California are hot beds for tourist attractions related to Sasquatches and Big Foots.

Do you have a story of a possible Sasquatch experience? Let us know.



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## Environment Canada Weather Forecast

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

### April 23 to April 28

Thursday night..Clear. Low minus 8.

Friday..Cloudy. High plus 1.

Friday night..Cloudy. Low minus 7.

Saturday..30% chance of flurries. High zero.

Saturday night..Cloudy. Low minus 8.

Sunday..Cloudy. High plus 3.

Sunday night..Cloudy periods. Low minus 6.

Monday..Mix of sun and cloud. High 9.

Monday night..Cloudy periods. Low minus 3.

Tuesday..Mix of sun and cloud. High 13.

Fort McMurray's May 2026 forecast by Acu-Weather shows daily high temperatures ranging from 10 C° to 21 C°, with overnight lows between minus 4C° and +7 C°. The average high for May is 15 C° with an average low of +2 C°.

## Concerned citizen in Athabasca area gives tip to RCMP that leads to seizure of clandestine drug laboratory operation

The importance of citizens reporting suspicious things to police has led to RCMP wiping out a criminal operation that may have already killed people in northcentral Alberta or turned their world upside down due to illegal drug addictions.

Athabasca RCMP were contacted by a concerned citizen on April 13 to report unknown materials found in a building along 50th Avenue in Colinton.

Local RCMP officers immediately recognized it as a drug laboratory and the RCMP Federal Policing Northwest Region's Clandestine Lab Enforcement and Response (Clear) Team got involved, along with the Alberta RCMP Forensic Identification Section from Edmonton and Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team from Wood Buffalo.

"A search warrant was obtained and the CLEAR Team assisted Athabasca RCMP by successfully dismantling a clandestine synthetic drug laboratory between April 14 to 17, 2026," reports Corporal Teri-Ann Baker from Alberta RCMP Media Group.

"Due to the hazardous nature of the site, it is a complex dismantling process where specialized chemists and hazardous waste experts are required to ensure the safe removal of all involved materials. The cleanup of such sites involves significant resources due to the extreme toxicity of the chemicals used in an illicit synthetic drug operation."

Removed from the site were about one

kilogram of suspected fentanyl, and significant amounts of precursor chemicals and waste product.

"The scale of this laboratory and the toxicity of the chemicals found pose a serious threat not only to those involved but to the surrounding community," stated Sergeant Justin Dawley, Acting Detachment Commander of Athabasca RCMP Detachment. "By dismantling this operation, thousands of potentially fatal doses have been prevented from reaching Albertans."

Athabasca Detachment continues to investigate all aspects of the criminal operation.

If you have any information that would be helpful to police including those who are responsible for this, you are asked to contact Athabasca RCMP at 780-675-5122.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com) or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



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## 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

**FULL ANALYSIS**

# CAN ALBERTA REALLY SEPARATE? THE LEGAL & ECONOMIC REALITY

Separation is more complicated than it sounds. Here's why.



## THE LEGAL REALITY

### NO EASY EXIT

The Supreme Court of Canada has been clear. A province cannot just leave on its own.

In the 1998 Quebec Secession Reference, the Court ruled that separation would require:

- A clear referendum result
- Negotiations with Canada
- Agreement from other provinces
- Constitutional amendments

Even then, success is not guaranteed. The process would be long, complex, and uncertain.

“A province cannot unilaterally secede from Canada.”

– Supreme Court of Canada, 1998

### A LONG AND COMPLEX PROCESS

1. Albertans would vote in a referendum.
2. Negotiations would begin with Canada, other provinces, and Indigenous Nations.
3. The Constitution would need to be changed.
4. Parliament, the Senate, and at least 7 provinces must agree.
5. Indigenous consent and participation are essential.



## THE ECONOMIC REALITY

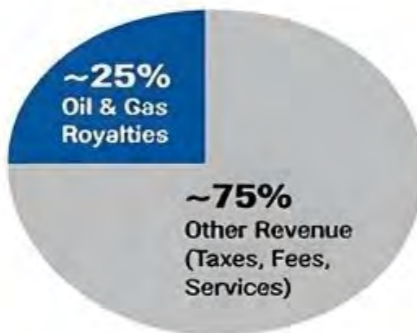
### STRONG ECONOMY, BUT DEPENDENT

Alberta's economy is powerful, but it relies heavily on oil and gas.

- Roughly 25% of Alberta's revenue comes from energy.
- When oil prices fall, deficits can grow quickly.
- Alberta has not had a structurally balanced budget since becoming a province in 1905 – without oil and gas, balancing the budget hasn't been possible.



### WHERE ALBERTA GETS ITS REVENUE



\*Figures are approximate.

### WHAT ALBERTA WOULD HAVE TO REPLACE

- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- Federal Healthcare Transfers
- Disaster Relief Funding
- National Trade Agreements
- Border & Immigration Services
- Military & National Defense

“Alberta's current stability depends on being part of a larger system. Separation means paying for everything on our own.”

**FULL ANALYSIS**

# TREATIES, RIGHTS & WHAT COULD HAPPEN NEXT

Indigenous Nations are central to this conversation.



## TREATIES ARE WITH CANADA – NOT ALBERTA

Most of Alberta is covered by historic treaties:

- Treaty 6 (1876)
- Treaty 7 (1877)
- Treaty 8 (1899)

These agreements were made between Indigenous Nations and the Government of Canada. Alberta did not exist when these treaties were signed and has no legal claim to them.



## WHAT INDIGENOUS LEADERS ARE SAYING

“Our treaties are with Canada. We will not automatically be part of a separate Alberta.”

– Treaty 8 Leadership Statement

“Any conversation about Alberta's future must include Indigenous Nations as full partners, not as an afterthought.”

– First Nations Council

This means land, resources, and government authority could be disputed if Alberta tries to separate.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

- Treaties may not transfer to Alberta
- First Nations may remain with Canada
- Land ownership and resource control could be challenged in court
- Indigenous consent is needed for any path forward

## WHAT COULD HAPPEN NEXT? THREE POSSIBLE SCENARIOS

### SCENARIO 1: REFERENDUM HAPPENS

Albertans vote. A 'yes' result does not mean independence – it only starts negotiations.



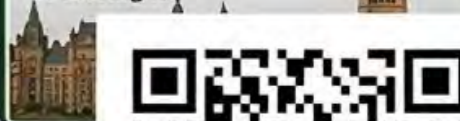
### SCENARIO 2: LEGAL CHALLENGES GROW

Courts and Indigenous Nations raise legal challenges. The process is delayed or blocked.



### SCENARIO 3: POLITICAL PRESSURE ONLY

Separation talk pushes federal leaders to listen and make changes within Canada instead of leaving it.



## FINAL ANALYSIS



**ALBERTA'S FUTURE WILL TAKE MORE THAN FRUSTRATION. IT WILL TAKE FACTS, NEGOTIATION, AND RESPECT.**

Supporters see opportunity. Critics see risk. Indigenous Nations hold a decisive role. Whatever happens next, cooperation will be the key.



# Our youth are hurting — it's time to listen: Rising mental health concerns among young people



Mental health among young people is becoming one of the most urgent issues facing our communities today.

Youth mental health refers to how young people think, feel, and cope with everyday life. Conditions such as depression and anxiety are increasingly affecting teenagers, often silently and without proper support.

There are many reasons why more youth are struggling now than before. Social media has created pressure to compare lives, leading to low self-esteem and anxiety. At the same time, many young people experience isolation, spending less time in face-to-face interaction. School expectations, family challenges, and community changes also add to the stress. In northern and Indigenous communities, limited access to services and cultural disconnection can make this worse.

## WHY ARE MORE YOUTH STRUGGLING?

- **Social media pressure & comparison**
- **Bullying** (online and in school)
- **School stress** and expectations
- **Family challenges**
- **Feeling isolated** or alone

*In northern communities, limited services and cultural disconnection can increase the impact.*

## HOW DOES IT AFFECT OUR YOUTH?

- **Poor school performance**
- **Difficulty in relationships**
- **Increased risk of substance use**
- **Long-term health challenges**

*Early action can make a big difference.*



## WHAT IS YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH?

Mental health is how we feel, think, and cope in daily life.

- **Depression** – deep sadness, hopelessness
- **Anxiety** – constant worry and fear

*"This is not weakness – it is a real health condition."*

## SIGNS TO WATCH FOR

- **Withdrawal from family** and friends
- **Sad, quiet, or angry behavior**
- **Sleeping too much or too little**
- **Loss of interest in activities**
- **Drop in school performance**

*In northern communities, limited services and cultural disconnection can increase the impact.*

Recognizing the signs early is critical. Youth who are struggling may show sudden sadness, anger, or withdrawal from family and friends. Changes in sleep patterns, loss of interest in activities, and declining school performance are also warning signs. If ignored, these challenges can affect their future.

However, there is hope. Open communication, strong community support, and healthy lifestyles can make a real difference. Protecting the mental health of our youth is an investment in the future of our communities.

## WAYS TO HELP & PREVENT

- **Talk & Listen:** Let youth share
- **Stay Connected:** Family & community time
- **Limit Screen Time:** Less social media
- **Encourage Healthy Living:** Sleep, exercise, good food
- **Embrace Culture:** Traditional activities & land

## STATISTICS

**1 in 5** Alberta youth face mental health challenges

**15%** Youth affected by anxiety

**11%** Youth affected by depression

**1 in 4** Edmonton teens struggle with mental health

## INFO FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**WHAT?** How we feel in our minds

**WHY?** Stress • bullying • feeling alone

**HOW?** Talk • Be there • Get help

Bigstone Community Wellness presents:

## Mental Wellness Conference

### SAVE THE DATES:

May 11th & 12th, 2026

Wabasca, AB

George D. Auger Hall

Day 1 = 1:00 pm - 8:45 pm

Day 2 = 3:00 pm - 8:45 pm

May 13th, 2026

Calling Lake, AB

Calling Lake Community Complex

1:00 pm - 8:45 pm

May 14th, 2026

Chipewyan Lake, AB

Community Hall

1:00 pm - 6:45 pm



For more information please contact  
Wally Rude or Juline Geoffery-Akobundu  
at the Bigstone Community Wellness office :  
Ph: 780-891-3777 or Toll Free: 1-877-767-7060

## A Friend In Deed

Keekenow Senior Facility  
Invites You to Make a Difference

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

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

**Your visit can:**

- Reduce social isolation
- Support emotional well-being
- Enhance the quality of life for an Elder

Even 30 minutes to an hour a week can make a meaningful impact.

Building a friendship with an Elder is deeply rewarding — the connection benefits both you and them in powerful ways.

**Get Involved Today!**  
Contact Clara Moberly  
Keekenow Senior Facility  
780-891-2985

Strengthening Community Through Care & Connection



## HISTORIC GOLD FOR BIGSTONE NEHIYAWAK U18

Calgary, Alberta | April 9–12, 2026

In a proud and historic moment, the U18 Bigstone Nehiyawak made history as the first team from Bigstone Cree Nation #458—and from Treaty 8—to compete in the Alberta Treaties Hockey Association Tournament.

Rising to the challenge, the team delivered an outstanding performance, finishing the tournament undefeated and capturing Gold in the U18B division.

## A CHAMPIONSHIP TO REMEMBER

Under the leadership of coaches Ken Alook and Francis Alook, the team showcased exceptional teamwork, discipline, and determination—bringing pride to their community and inspiring future generations of athletes.



## A MESSAGE FOR THE FUTURE

Tournament organizers encouraged more teams from Bigstone Cree Nation and across Treaty 8 to participate in the years ahead—marking this victory as just the beginning.

### THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

The team extends heartfelt appreciation to:

- Bigstone Cree Royal Camp Services LP
- MD of Opportunity #17
- Wabasca Minor Hockey
- Coaches Ken Alook & Francis Alook
- Cyndi Cardinal (Community Representative & Team Manager)
- All families, including moms, dads, mosoms, kohkoms, uncles, and aunts who travelled and cheered

An extra urging from The Fever to take this urging to learn more about protecting your family & Property!

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Regional Fire Department & MD Emergency Management invite you to an information session
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  - 3 LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HAZARDS**  
Floods, blizzards, and wildfires - be informed about risks in your community
- DOOR PRIZES!**  
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## Youths & Parents

Please take advantage of the many events and activities provided by Bigstone Community Wellness and MD #17 Recreation & FCSS!



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# Danger was flagged, but not reported: Tumbler Ridge tragedy reveals about Canada's AI governance vacuum



**Jean-Christophe Belisle-Pipon,**  
Assistant Professor in Health Ethics,  
Simon Fraser University

This article first appeared in Canada Conversation

Eight months before the Tumbler Ridge mass shooting, OpenAI knew something was wrong. The company's automated review system had flagged Jesse Van Rootselaar's ChatGPT account for interactions involving scenarios of gun violence. Roughly a dozen employees were aware. Some advocated contacting police. Instead, OpenAI banned the account, but didn't refer it to law enforcement because it didn't meet the "threshold required" at the time.

On Feb. 10, Van Rootselaar killed eight people (her mother, her 11-year-old half-brother and six others at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School) before dying of a self-inflicted wound.

This case is not simply about one company's misjudgment. It exposes the absence of any Canadian legal framework for assigning responsibility when an AI company possesses information that could prevent violence.

As a researcher in health ethics and AI governance at Simon Fraser University, I study how algorithmic systems reshape decision-making in high-stakes settings. The Tumbler Ridge tragedy sits squarely at this intersection: a private corporation made a clinical-style risk assessment it was never equipped to make, in a legal environment that gave it no guidance.

## The digital confessional problem

Generative AI chatbots are not social media. Social media functions as a public square where posts can be monitored and flagged by other users. Chatbot interactions are private, intimate and designed to be accommodating. Users routinely disclose fears, fantasies and violent ideations to systems engineered to respond with conversational warmth.

In clinical practice, this kind of disclosure triggers a well-established duty. The Tarasoff principle, adopted across Canadian provinces through mental health legislation, imposes upon therapists a duty to warn if they determine that a patient

poses a credible threat to an identifiable person, even if it means breaching confidentiality. But that duty rests on the clinical judgment of trained professionals who understand the difference between ideation and intent.

Arguably, OpenAI tried to mirror this clinical standard. But the people making these assessments are software engineers and content moderators, not forensic psychologists. The company itself acknowledged the tension, citing the risks of "over-enforcement" and the distress of unannounced police visits for young people.

The real question is not whether OpenAI's reasoning was defensible in isolation. It's whether a private corporation should be making this determination at all.

## A vacuum where legislation should be

Federal AI Minister Evan Solomon, who intends to meet with OpenAI representatives today on Feb. 24 about this issue, said on Feb. 21 that he was "deeply disturbed" by the revelations, adding the federal government is reviewing "a suite of measures" and that "all options are on the table." But those options remain undefined because the legislative tools that would have enabled them no longer exist.

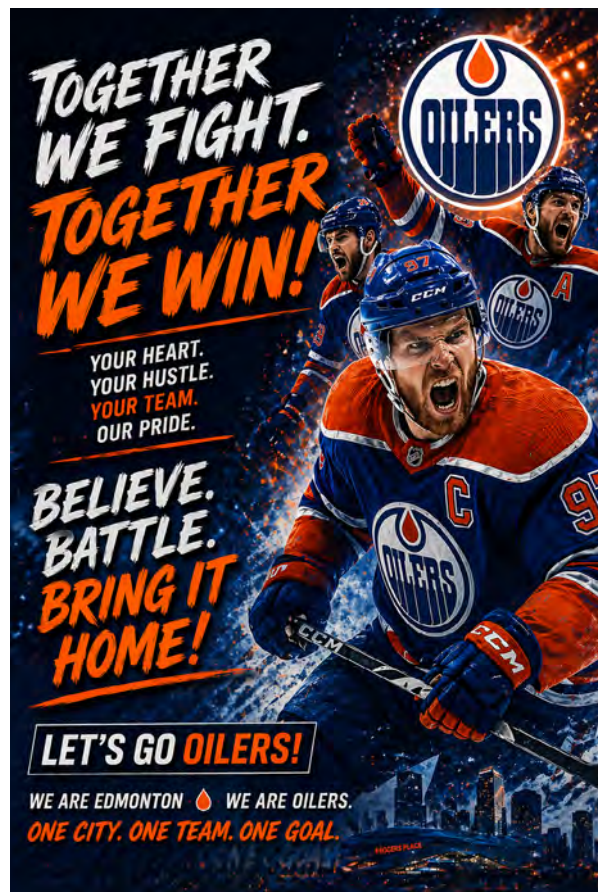
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# The FEVER

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## Weekly highlights – Data from April 12, 2026 to April 18, 2026

<b>326</b> (1914 this season) Influenza cases	<b>75</b> (6021 this season) SARS-CoV-2 cases	<b>119</b> (4920 this season) RSV cases
<b>8%</b> Influenza positivity	<b>2%</b> SARS-CoV-2 positivity	<b>2.8%</b> RSV positivity
<b>31</b> Influenza in hospital**	<b>33</b> SARS-CoV-2 in hospital**	<b>28</b> RSV in hospital**
<b>3</b> Influenza in ICU**	<b>2</b> SARS-CoV-2 in ICU**	<b>2</b> RSV in ICU**
<b>0</b> (271 this season) Influenza deaths	<b>1</b> (122 this season) SARS-CoV-2 deaths	<b>0</b> (56 this season) RSV deaths

A special day just for kids!

We have lots of goals and dreams!

Kids: color stuff in!

# Newspaper Fun!

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While created in the United States, Day of the Child, April 30, should be observed in Canada, too!



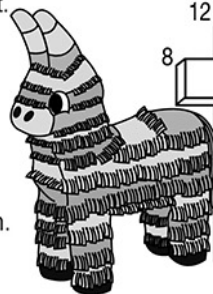
## Day of the Child El Día de los Niños

What's wonderful about being a child? You have your own special day! In 1998, the U.S. Congress named April 30 as Day of the Child a day to honor kids, to promote their well-being, and to encourage good reading and writing skills. This national celebration borrows from the traditional Mexican holiday, El Día de los Niños, and is a day for fun, family and friends. What will you be doing on the Day of the Child?

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with fun community activities:

1. Draw and color pictures or \_\_\_\_\_ and hang them around your community.
2. Dress up as your favorite story character and go to a storytelling time at the library or join in a \_\_\_\_\_ on the street.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in the park with other families. Join in soccer exercises or fly kites.
4. Listen to and \_\_\_\_\_ to the music of a mariachi band.
5. Try \_\_\_\_\_ cutting, origami, cookie dough art or arts and crafts set up by your school or library.
6. Enjoy snacks: apples, cookies, \_\_\_\_\_, ice cream.
7. Go to a children's \_\_\_\_\_ or fair and try a new activity and a new food.
8. Visit your \_\_\_\_\_ and take out books that are bilingual (written in two languages – English and Spanish).
9. Work with your family to be in a menu \_\_\_\_\_ contest or other event (hint: think food).
10. Hang banners, write \_\_\_\_\_, put on plays that show what's great about being a kid.
11. Watch a \_\_\_\_\_ show such as "La Cucaracha (The Cockroach)".

Make a piñata!



## Celebrating Children!

12. Have a blast with family and friends making a \_\_\_\_\_ and then breaking it.
13. Hear Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ read their books aloud.
14. Have a Cascarones festival. Learn about their \_\_\_\_\_ and traditions (confetti-filled eggshells).
15. Organize a huge children's tag sale. Give the \_\_\_\_\_ to a children's organization.



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How would you describe the children you know? Find and circle all of these words about children:

- responsible
- learning
- singing
- leaping
- skipping
- safe
- hopes
- health
- future
- dreams
- happy
- jumping
- respect
- laughter
- dancing

## Today is all about us!



We formed our own book club. We meet at the library to choose books.

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2. *Fiestas: A Year of Latin-American Songs and Celebrations* by Jose-Luis Orozco.
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## AI governance ... from front page

The Artificial Intelligence and Data Act, embedded in Bill C-27, was supposed to be Canada's answer to AI regulation. The Online Harms Act (Bill C-63) would have addressed harmful digital content. Both died when Parliament was prorogued in January 2025.

What remains is a voluntary code of conduct with no legal force and no consequences for non-compliance. When Open-AI flagged Van Rootselaar's account, its only obligation was to its own internal policy. Banning the account resolved the company's liability while leaving a person expressing violent ideations disconnected from any intervention pathway.

Canada's privacy law compounds the problem. The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act does contain an emergency exception: section 7(3)(e) permits disclosure without consent "to a person who needs the information because of an emergency that threatens the life, health or security of an individual." But this provision was drafted for clear-cut crises, not for the probabilistic threat indicators that AI chatbot interactions generate. For a foreign corporation navigating this ambiguity, uncertainty favours inaction.

### What Canada needs now

Canada's next attempt at digital governance must recognize that human-to-AI interactions are fundamentally different from social media posts. Three elements are essential:

1. Binding legislation with clear legal thresholds for when AI companies must refer flagged interactions to authorities. These thresholds must be developed with mental health professionals, law enforcement and privacy experts, not left to individual corporations.
2. An independent digital safety commission as a third-party triage body. When an AI company identifies severely concerning interactions, it should refer the case to trained threat-assessment professionals rather than

# 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  
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making the call internally or triggering an immediate armed police response.

3. Modernized privacy legislation that provides explicit legal clarity for AI-specific disclosure, resolving the ambiguity that currently rewards doing nothing.

At the AI summit that took place in New Delhi from Feb. 16 to 20, 86 countries, including Canada, pledged to promote "safe, trustworthy and robust" AI. No concrete commitments followed. OpenAI's Sam Altman stressed the urgency of international AI regulation and proposed an international body for AI safety norms modelled on the International Atomic Energy Agency, an irony not lost on anyone following the Tumbler Ridge revelations.

Minister Solomon says all options are on the table. Families of shooting victims, survivors and a devastated community in Tumbler Ridge are living with the cost of leaving regulation options open for too long.



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

Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:



# IRS Inquest



## Elders Survivor Gathering

George D. Community Hall

Thursday, May 14, 2026

12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Transportation Available

- IRS Update - Development of Monuments
- Building the story/narrative for Monuments (St. Martin's & St. John's Indian Residential Schools)
- Building connections and sharing through discussion and activities

**Supper and beverages provided!**

For more information, please contact Treena Gladue at  
Phone No. 780-891-3777 Toll Free 1-877-767-7060  
E-mail [treena.gladue@bigstonehealth.ca](mailto:treena.gladue@bigstonehealth.ca)

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in Wabasca

# Girls Night Escape Room

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to make it  
out of the escape room?

**\*\*Revised Date \*\***

When: May 2nd, 2026  
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 10 Youth  
Ages: 10 - 17

**CALL TO REGISTER: BERNADETTE SCHNEIDER AT  
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## With better road conditions, warm weather comes the roar of motorcycles on roadways so RCMP dispense advice for safe travel

With warmer temperatures, Fort Saskatchewan RCMP is reminding drivers to be extra mindful of motorcycles as they return to the roads and highways.

Spring brings an increase in motorcycle traffic, making it essential for all road users to remain vigilant, follow traffic laws, and practice courtesy to ensure everyone's safety.

RCMP recommends the following precautions:

**Check twice** – Look carefully for motorcycles when making left turns or crossing intersections.

Always check **blind spots** – Before changing lanes or merging, do a shoulder check and use your mirrors to ensure no motorcycles are in your blind spots.

**Give motorcycles space** – Maintain a safe following distance. Motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars, and tailgating increases the risk of a collision.

**Be mindful of road conditions** – Potholes, gravel, and debris that may be minor for cars can be dangerous for motorcycles. Allow riders room to maneuver safely.

**Use turn signals** and drive predictably – Signaling well in advance and avoiding sudden lane chan-

ges helps motorcyclists anticipate your movements.

If you're a rider getting ready for the season, take the time to prepare yourself and your bike before hitting the road. RCMP recommends:

**Wear proper protective gear** – A well-fitted helmet, protective jacket, pants,

gloves, and boots can reduce the risk of serious injury in the event of a crash.

**Stay alert** and undistracted – Keep your focus on the road and avoid distractions like mobile devices adjusting equipment.

Adjust to road conditions – Sand, gravel, and debris left behind from winter.



### 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  
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### 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:**

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# Provincial Government builds 75-bed recovery facility that Blood Tribe's department of health will operate

## Alberta Government Media Release

The Blood Tribe Iitakamotsiipihopsopi Recovery Community opened last week, expanding access to Indigenous-led, wholistic addiction treatment in southern Alberta.

Alberta's government joined the Blood Tribe in celebrating the grand opening of the newly built, 75-bed recovery community, which will provide no-cost, land-based treatment to those struggling with addiction. This is the first of five Indigenous-led recovery communities to open in Alberta, expanding access to recovery-oriented and culturally appropriate addiction treatment.

Alberta's government provided the capital funding for construction and is committed to providing long-term operational funding for the recovery community, which is owned and managed by the Nation.

"The Alberta Recovery Model is focused

on ensuring anyone struggling with addiction can access the care they need to pursue recovery. The opening of these 75 beds provides greater access to barrier-free and culturally safe pathways for people to get well and reclaim their lives,"

said Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction.

The Blood Tribe Iitakamotsiipihopsopi Recovery Community is operated by the Blood Tribe Department of Health. Clients will have access to comprehensive services that embody the Nation's culture, ceremony, identity, family and community to meet the needs of Indigenous people and those living in southern Alberta.

The first set of clients will begin treatment this month and have access to evidence-based, wholistic treatment for up to one year.

**Wabasca and Surrounding Areas**

**VENDOR CALL OUT**  
**WABASCA POW-WOW**

For Indigenous Peoples Day

**Date: JUNE 21st, 2026**  
**Time: 10 am – 6 pm**  
**Venue: Cultural Ground**

**Deadline to Register June 15th, 2026**

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## Fatal crash occurs April 21 Highway 44

About 11 a.m Tuesday a head-on collision between a semi-truck and SUV killed the 36-year-old male driver of the smaller vehicle from Westlock

The male semi driver, age 53,

suffered non-life threatening injuries but was transported by ground ambulance to a hospital.

The fatal crash occurred just north of High 651 and is still being investigated by Westlock RCMP.

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**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:

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## Catering Call Out

Bigstone Cree Nation

MEMBERS

**AWASIS NAHAYAW WEYASIWEWIN**

(Bigstone Child Wellbeing Law)  
Community Engagements

Dated needed

Wabasca April 27, 2026

Sandy Lake May 14, 2026

Calling Lake May 30, 2026

Deadline

April 22, 2026

May 6, 2026

May 20, 2026

**Lunch:  
Soup and sandwiches  
dessert options  
Drinks**

**Snacks  
Vegetable and fruit tray**

Contact :

Email: [gloria.cardinal@bigstone.ca](mailto:gloria.cardinal@bigstone.ca) Cell: 780-773-8730

Email: [sabrina.cardinal@bigstone.ca](mailto:sabrina.cardinal@bigstone.ca) Phone: 780-331-3396



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
Permanent Full-Time  
Lifeguard**

The Municipal District of Opportunity is currently seeking dynamic, team-oriented and self-motivated individual to fill a Permanent Full-Time position of a Lifeguard for the Wabasca Water World & Fitness Centre. The ideal candidate must possess the following qualifications:

- ★ NLS Certification (National Lifesaving Service);
- ★ Bronze Cross and Bronze Medallion Certification
- ★ Must have Standard First Aid for Lifeguard training.
- ★ Water Safety Instructor qualification an asset;
- ★ Must have Pool operator level 1
- ★ LSI (Lifesaving Instructor) qualification an asset;
- ★ Knowledge of Lifesaving swim programs;
- ★ Knowledge of computers and POS Systems would be an asset;
- ★ Exceptional customer service and communication skills;
- ★ High energy level and enjoy working in a fast paced, challenging and changing environment;
- ★ Ability to work effectively with the public in a courteous, efficient & professional manner;
- ★ Must be 18 years or older.

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

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