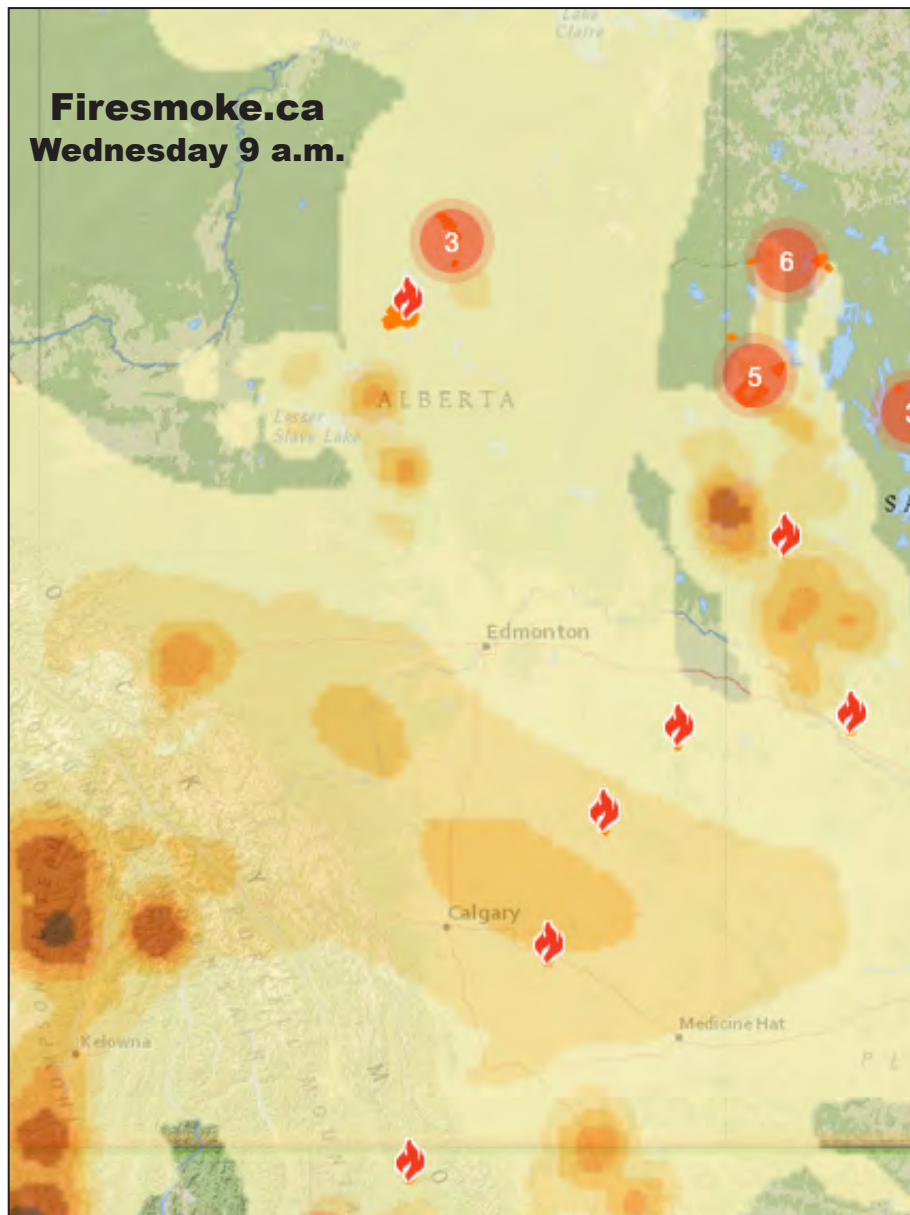


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Wildfire smoke has been causing health concerns off and on in recent weeks in most of Alberta. Edmonton region was suffering the highest of 10 on the Environment Canada scale Wednesday morning. PurpleAir monitors were giving a risk-to-everyone warning with a 240 reading in the Nipisi area and a 159 reading in Slave Lake. But at the same time, monitors in Red Earth Creek, Peerless/Trout Lake were showing very low risk readings between 23 and 33 while Wabasca readings were between 85 at Eagle Point Golf Course and 75 at George D Community Hall. PurpleAir readings between 51 and 100 means "Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be risk for some people with 24 hours of exposure, particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution. Besides the smoke being generated in Slave Lake Forest Area north of Lesser Slave Lake, Alberta is being affected by smoke drifting down from the Northwest Territories and a large amount of smoke from British Columbia.

More still to be done after Pope's IRS apology

See Focus supplement front page article



**Northland
SCHOOL DIVISION**

Northland Games in Wabasca

Today, October 2 • Mistassiniy School

Hundreds of Students

from Northland School

will be attending for a day

of competition, traditions

and community spirit

Opening Ceremonies: 9:00 a.m.

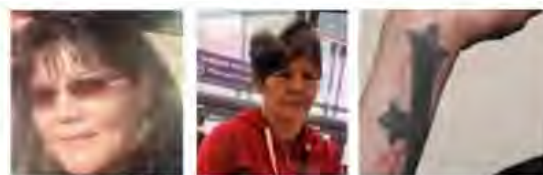
Local drummers, an Elder,

Special Games Guest:

Taylor McPherson

Mi'kmaw athlete, coach,

and winner of The Amazing Race Canada



URGENT: Have you seen Audrey BEAVER?

Missing since August 10, 2020

DOB/Age: 48 at time of disappearance

Height: 5'2"

Weight: 114 lbs

EPS File #: 20-153462

Description: Audrey BEAVER is an Indigenous female, with long brown hair and brown eyes. She has a large tattoo of a cross on her right forearm.

Audrey stayed at the Edmonton Convention Centre / Shaw shelter on August 10, 2020. She may also have gone to the camp in Old Strathcona Light Horse Park. There have been no confirmed sightings of Audrey after August 10th.

If you have any information about this individual, please contact the Edmonton Police Service at 780-423-4567 or Edmonton Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or [submit your tip online](#). Please reference the EPS file number when possible.

Edmonton Police Service

**Alberta has
lost 106 law
enforcement
officers
since 1876**

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Publisher's Ponderings ...

• One vehicle thief got surprised last Thursday and was jailed after he drove a stolen Kenworth C5000 boom truck from Bonnyville area to an industrial lot in Whitecourt, only to have RCMP officers arrest him when he stepped out of the truck. Dallas Justin Donally, age 44, did not realize that the boom truck was being tracked by a Global Positioning System (GPS).

According to the RCMP release, "Members of the Central Alberta Crime Reduction Unit (CAD CRU) were deployed and began surveillance of the vehicle, said to be worth about one million dollars, until it reached Whitecourt." The suspect has been charged with Possession of Property obtained by crime over \$5000; Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000; Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose; Possession of break in tools; and Theft of motor vehicle. He was remanded in custody until his first court appearance in St. Albert on September 29.



• People in Sundre, Alberta had a bit of a scare last Friday at the start of the school day. "There is a report of a male with a firearm wandering around the community," posted the local RCMP detachment as citizens were asked to 'shelter in place' and local schools were placed in lockdown around 8:30 a.m.. School bus drivers were ordered to stop and park in a safe place and parents were urged not to rush to schools.



Fortunately, police were able to end the shelter in place and lockdowns on the school just before 9:30 a.m. as the suspect involved in the incident was taken into custody. RCMP later reported that the suspect was carrying a

loaded shotgun.

As mentioned in The Fever recently, "shelter in place" alerts by police forces throughout Alberta have greatly increased. RCMP detachments are probably averaging two a day and city police forces may be experiencing the same or perhaps a higher number.

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A column of news & commentary

• Trade War Trump's approval rating is going down according many reliable sources, even among Republican voters.

A lot of Americans in agriculture are losing money. Soybeans are a big crop in many Republican states. ABC News reports: "China is the world's largest soybean buyer, importing more soybeans over the last five years than every other country combined, according to the American Soybean Association."

So American soybean growers are in the same sinking boat as Canadian canola growers in losing their biggest customer. China with its huge population and economic power is the biggest buyer of most things.

• So it seems when well-spoken Grade 12 students ask questions and want answers at a UCP town hall event, the UCP answer is something like go home and have your parents spank you. This latest incident is another example that the UCP bosses – we're not sure if they are elected or unelected backroom boys – never want to hear something that goes against their own personal ideology.

Perhaps the UCP just thinks kids should be seen and not heard. Afterall, those reaching puberty may be thinking about their sexual identity and might blurb out something that could indicate that they are not following the orders on their birth certificate that tells them exactly what their sexual gender is.

Of course the same UCP also does not want to hear from lots of other people – like scientists who have plenty of proof that there is man-made climate change going on, medical people who believe in vaccinations, school teachers who know their classrooms are overcrowded and other resources are lacking, experts in mining pollution who know the harmful effects various types of mining have on watersheds, financial experts who know that it is crazy to think that a provincial government is better capable of operating its own pension plan than the highly praised Canadian Pension Plan, and the list could go on and on.

• So with a 27-25 victory Saturday over the green roughies from Saskatchewan, Edmonton Elks maintain a chance to still make it into the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The sports writers predict that the EE must win their three remaining games of the regular season to be in contention. That might be tough since so far their record is 6-9.



Call for provincial government to do more for senior citizens in home/continuous care

Friends of Medicare and the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE) are renewing our calls for provincial support for seniors as the continuing care and home care crises continues.

The AUPE Women's Committee and Friends of Medicare cohosted a panel discussion, Strike a Change for Alberta Seniors, on the International Day of Older Persons (October 1) at AUPE Headquarters.

This event highlighted the need for seniors to have at least 4.5 hours of direct and accountable care.

AUPE Vice-President Sandra Azocar, said since the elimination of the previous minimum nursing care hour in the legislation and policy there have not been any improvements to

the way Alberta provides care to seniors. If anything, she said there has been a further deterioration of seniors' care.

"This forum is about giving a voice to the people who are impacted by the government's neglect of serious issues in seniors care," Azocar said. "More than 100 people gathered today – from experts in the field, seniors, advocates and workers on the frontlines – because seniors' care has been in crisis for decades and it's only gotten worse since the government's changes."

Friends of Medicare Executive Director Chris Gallaway said home care and continuing care in Alberta is in dire need of support and the government needs to act now. See Page 3

"I've been meeting with care workers across the province and what I'm hearing is both heartbreaking and incredibly troubling," Gallaway said.

"There are actions that the government can take today like reversing their removal of minimum hours of care.

"Mandating 4.5 hours of care and investing in adequate staffing levels means families know loved ones are being taken care of and seniors receive the respect and dignity they deserve."

Since launching the Strike a Change for Alberta Seniors Campaign last year, more than a thousand signatures have been collected on the letter for minimum hours of care for seniors.

For more information about the Strike a Change for Alberta Seniors or to sign the petition, visit:

<https://www.aupe.org/news-and-publications/campaigns/support-albertas-seniors>

Environment Canada Weather Forecast

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

October 2 to 7

Thursday night..Clear. Low 6.

Friday..Increasing cloudiness. High 13.

Friday night..60 percent chance of showers. Low plus 5.

Saturday..60 percent chance of showers. High 7.

Saturday night..Clearing. Low minus 3.

Sunday..Sunny. High 11.

Sunday night..Cloudy periods. Low minus 1.

Monday..A mix of sun and cloud. High 14.



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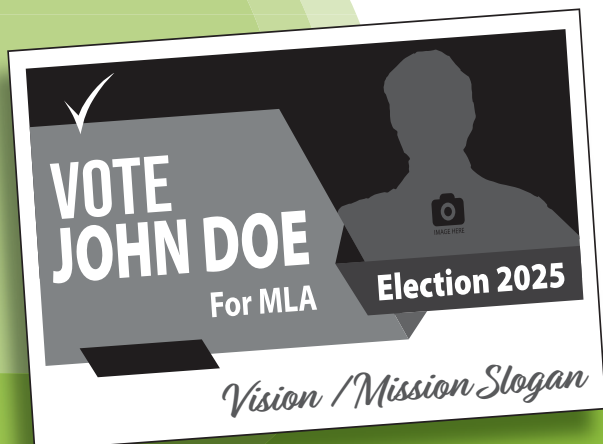
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Plight of lost autistic boy enters recovery stage; RCMP announce survival unlikely after nine days; Cadaver-trained dogs to joint search efforts

A giant search for a five-year-old autistic boy in wilderness terrain in the Crowsnest Pass region was called off Wednesday as RCMP said there was only a slim likelihood that the child could have survived since last being seen on September 21.

Darius Macdougall was walking with family members when he was noticed missing. The family had been camping.

An Alberta Search and Rescue official told media that besides being mountainous with abrupt changes in elevation, there are several streams going through the area and along them are numerous deadfalls. Overnight tempera-

tures have fallen to one digit numbers during portions of the search ordeal.

RCMP had to use a lot of their own manpower as well as trained searchers as the terrain and other hazards were dangerous.

While up to 200 trained search and rescue personnel have participated in the daily searches that started September 22, there was no trace of the boy discovered.

An unusual twist to this search, family told RCMP right at the beginning of the hunt that Darius would likely not respond to his name being called and might even try to hide from searchers.



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Land-Based Learning takes off in Northland schools

Submitted by Northland
School Division

Northland School Division (NSD) is excited to welcome Holly Brandsma as the division's new Land-Based Learning Coordinator.

In this position, Holly will help strengthen land-based learning across the Northland School Division while supporting Debbie Mineault, Director of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education.

Holly is a proud Métis woman, educator, mother, and wife connected to the historic Métis community of mânitow sâkahikanihk – Lac Ste. Anne.

She has facilitated learning in a variety of roles, including consulting, curriculum coordination, Indigenous Education and teaching from Kindergarten to Grade 12 over a span of 24 years.

"Holly's role was established in response to community engagement conversations with students, parents, guardians, and community members," said Cal Johnson, Superintendent of Schools/CEO.

"We heard that more support is needed to weave local language and culture into the curriculum.

"Holly has the experience we are looking for and the ability to work with schools and communities around language and land-based learning."

Elders to be involved

"As part of Northland's First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education team, my role will be to actively engage with Elders and Knowledge Keepers to bring collaboration, community voices and language revitalization into land-based approaches with schools," said Brandsma.



"My journey includes reclaiming language and cultural ways of knowing, and I have a deep love for being on the land.

"I am committed to advancing First Nations, Métis, and Inuit education and supporting land-based learning opportunities across Northland."

Holly holds a Bachelor of Education, has completed a Master of Indigenous Land-Based Education, and earned her Leadership Certification.



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Municipal District of Opportunity MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD

Are you interested in serving your community?

If so, the MD of Opportunity is currently recruiting two (2) Volunteers to serve as members at large on the Municipal Library Board for Calling Lake, Wabasca and Red Earth Creek:

Board Structure

The Library Board must consist of not fewer than 5 and not more than 10 members who are appointed by council. Not more than 2 members of council are members of the municipal library board.

Board Duties

The municipal board, subject to any enactment that limits its authority, has full management and control of the municipal library and shall, in accordance with the Libraries Act and Regulations; organize, promote and maintain comprehensive and efficient library services in the municipality and may co-operate with other boards and libraries in the provision of those services.

Budget

The municipal board shall before December 1st in each year prepare a budget and an estimate of the money required during the ensuing fiscal year to operate and manage the municipal library. The budget and the estimate of money shall be submitted to the council of the municipality.

Accounts

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

Individuals who are interested in serving on the above noted board are requested to submit a letter of interest by October 22, 2025 by fax, email or mail to the Municipal District of Opportunity:

Lynda Gray
Executive Assistant to Administration
PO Box 60
Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
Fax # 780-891-4283
lynda.gray@mdopportunity.ab.ca

The appointments for this Board will be made on October 28, 2025 at the Organizational Council meeting. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Lynda Gray at 780-891-3778 or email lynda.gray@mdopportunity.ab.ca.



The Pillar of Strength at Alberta Legislature Grounds honours 106 Police and Peace Officers who have died in Alberta while on duty since 1876. The Pillar has spaces for additions which hopefully will not be filled.

Fallen Police, Peace Officers honoured

This past Sunday was National Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Alberta Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services Mike Ellis issued the following statement:

"For nearly 150 years, Alberta's police and peace officers have answered the call to serve with courage, professionalism and unwavering dedication. We honour the 106 officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty since 1876. Their sacrifice is a solemn reminder of the risks police and peace officers take every day to protect the safety and well-being of our communities.

"These men and women gave everything to uphold the safety of others. Though we

can never fully repay the debt we owe, we honour their memory by reflecting on their bravery and reaffirming the values they stood for: duty, integrity and service.

"Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day is also a time to recognize the devastating loss experienced by the families, friends and colleagues of the fallen. Behind every officer are loved ones who bear the immense weight of the job's demands. Their strength and support are essential, and we acknowledge their sacrifice today as well.

"We are deeply appreciative of the courage and commitment of every officer who continues to serve today. You meet every challenge with unwavering strength and

FORM 7

Notice of Election for Voter Identification

Local Authorities Election Act
Section 12, 35, 46, 53

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Offices(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If applicable)
Councillor	4	Ward 1 (Wabasca)
Councillor	2	Ward 2 (Calling Lake)
Councillor	1	Ward 3 (Sandy Lake)
Councillor	1	Ward 4 (Peerless Lake)
Councillor	1	Ward 7 (Chipewyan Lake)

Voting will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.
Start Time

and 8:00 p.m. Voting stations will be located at:
Closing Time

LOCATION	LOCATION ONLY FOR VOTERS RESIDING IN:	ADDRESS
Wabasca Community Hall	Ward 1 (Wabasca)	910A Stony Point Road
Calling Lake Community Complex	Ward 2 (Calling Lake)	2824 Central Drive
Sandy Lake Community Hall	Ward 3 (Sandy Lake)	890 Raven Road
Peerless Lake Community Hall	Ward 4 (Peerless Lake)	520 Napeesis Drive
Chipewyan Lake Community Hall	Ward 7 (Chipewyan Lake)	300 Chip Lake Road

In order to vote, you must produce for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

DATED at the _____ Hamlet _____ of _____ Wabasca _____, in the
Province of Alberta, this 29th day of September, 2025.

Lynda May
Returning Officer

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conviction, making our communities safer every day. On behalf of all Albertans, thank you. We are deeply grateful for your service, and we will never forget the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in the pursuit of a stronger and safer Alberta."

Alberta RCMP role in ceremonies

Alberta RCMP led the Government of Alberta's Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day 2025 at the Alberta Legislature south grounds.

This is the same day as the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day ceremony in Ottawa.

Alberta's ceremony took place at the Pillar of Strength, a monument recognizing fallen officers killed in the line of duty since 1876.

106 names are inscribed on the Pillar, with six of those names added in the last decade alone.

Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day was an opportunity to honour all police and peace officers who lost their lives while serving communities in Alberta.

The day saw speeches from dignitaries as well as reading of Alberta's fallen officers' names.

"Each name etched on the Pillar of Strength tells a story of courage, a story of sacrifice," said Deputy Commissioner Trevor Daroux, Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP. "Each name represents not only a life of service, but also the deep loss felt by families, colleagues and communities."

Environment protection group wants provincial government to charge forestry company for allowing ATVs to ruin protected species habitat

Defenders of the Eastern Slopes (DOES) are calling on the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to immediately investigate and pursue enforcement action against West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (West Fraser) following West Fraser's illegal use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in the wetted channel of the Highwood River,

an area designated critical habitat for threatened bull trout under the federal Species At Risk Act (SARA).

On September 22, 23, and 24, 2025, DOES representatives witnessed and documented individuals operating ATVs across the Highwood River, where in 2023, West Fraser (previously Spray Lake Sawmills) had illegally installed a bridge over the Highwood River without proper authorization under the Fisheries Act or the SARA.

DFO subsequently ordered the bridge removed.

The individuals operating the ATVs identified themselves to the DOES representatives as forestry consultants working for West Fraser, which has proposed clear-cut logging over 2,200 hectares of forest in the Upper Highwood and Loomis Creek watersheds.

These watersheds are recognized as spawning grounds and critical habitat for bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), listed as Threatened under SARA.

DOES has submitted a formal letter of complaint to The Honourable Joanne Thompson, Minister of Fisheries, and senior DFO officials, supported by video, photographic, and geospatial evidence of the incident. DOES has requested a full investigation and the laying of charges under relevant provisions of both the Fisheries Act and SARA.

"This isn't just an isolated incident; it's the continuation of a pattern of disregard by corporations and the DFO for sensitive headwater ecosystems and the federal protections in place for species at risk,"

VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

You are eligible to vote if you are: At least 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen, your place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day, October 20, 2025.

REGISTERED VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

All **registered** voters are required to show valid government issued identification containing, at minimum, the voters photograph and name.

If you are registered, it is recommended to use one of the following common types of identification:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta Drivers Licence or Identification Card • Fishing, trapping or hunting license • Government cheque or cheque stub • Income/Property tax assessment notice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee • Statement of government benefits (e.g. Employment Insurance, old-age pension, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefits) |
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NON-REGISTERED VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

All Non-Registered Voters are Required to:

1. Complete a statement of elector eligibility that they are eligible to vote.
2. Show valid government issued identification containing the voters photograph, name and current address. It is recommended to use one of the following common types of identification:
 - Alberta Drivers Licence
 - Alberta Identification Card

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE PHOTO ID THAT VALIDATES YOUR NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS

If you are a non-registered voter unable to produce government issued photo identification that validates your name and current address or your address has recently changed, you'll be required to provide one piece of **Valid ID** with your name and current address. It is recommended to use the following common types of identification:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank/Credit Card Statement or Personal Cheque • Insurance Policy or Coverage Card • Pension Plan Benefit Statement • Residential Lease or Mortgage Statement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility Bill (e.g. telephone, utilities commission, television, hydro (electric), gas or water) • Vehicle Ownership, registration or insurance certificate |
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Bigstone Community Wellness Presents: Indian Residential Schools Inquest



Community Engagement Session

Topics of Discussion

- Survivor Names
- Monuments
- Ceremony at Grotto Site

Lakeview Sports Centre, Wabasca AB

November 10, 2025

4:00 PM—7:00 PM

Chipewyan Lake residents are welcome to attend the Wabasca session

Everyone Welcome

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For more information, please call Helen or Treena
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Movie Night
Date: October 16th
Time: 5:30pm
Location: Calling Lake Public Library.
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Wabasca
Day 2
OCTOBER 9, 1:00 - 6:00pm

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AGENDA TO FOLLOW

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Indian Residential School Inquest Survivor Support Group

A variety of topic discussions and information sharing

Wabasca

George D. Auger Community Hall

December 17, 2025

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

All Chipewyan Lake Residential School Survivors are welcome to join the
Wabasca Support Group

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NDP: Leaked Cabinet document reveals UCP will greatly increase Albertans' prescription drug costs

Following the UCP government's 40 per cent increase of co-payments on senior's drug plans, leaked cabinet documents reveal Danielle Smith's UCP government has secret plans to charge average Albertans hundreds of millions of dollars more for their prescription drugs.

"Seniors across Alberta are struggling with the cost of living. The UCP government's increase to drug co-pay is already a huge burden. This leaked plan shows this is just the beginning, the UCP plans on charging Alberta seniors even more and that's cruel,"

said Alberta's New Democrat Shadow Minister for Health, Sarah Hoffman. "Making life even more expensive for people choosing between doctor-prescribed medicine, and food, rent, or utilities is heartless."

The leaked documents outline that the UCP government's increase in Albertan's drug co-pays have been designed to cost Albertans \$18 million in new fees. The new program could end up charging average Albertans hundreds or even thousands more in new prescription drug deductibles and costs every year.

The document argues for new deductibles, new higher co-pay caps, and states, "Average income seniors would see increased costs." The program also ends all existing seniors' drug plans without ever having consulted seniors on doing so.

"The UCP has already started charging seniors a lot more for their prescription drugs," said Alberta's New Democrat Leader, Naheed Nenshi.

"They've already started the process of charging people \$10 more per prescription. But this new leaked plan makes it even worse. Their own documents show their plan will cost average Albertans even more.

"It suggests a senior couple will see their prescription bills more than double and will face hundreds of dollars in new costs for the drugs they already need. This is a massive burden for average Albertans. Under Danielle Smith, health care is in chaos, costs are going up, and wait times are increasing."

"As Alberta's former Health Minister I know we can expand the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance to bring costs down for Albertans," said Hoffman. "Instead, Danielle Smith refuses to work with others, leaves federal money on the table, and denies Albertans the benefits other Canadians enjoy. We should be working with the other provinces and territories, and with the federal government, to advance a national pharmacare plan to improve benefits for everyone."

"We need to protect our public health care and ensure medicine is accessible for everyone," said Nenshi. "You deserve drugs that are affordable for you and those you love. You deserve a government you can trust with public health care and one that will make your life more affordable. You deserve better."



Proposed Bylaw 2025-18

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 2025-18 on September 22, 2025.

This by-law authorizes Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount up to \$1,247,598.00 for the purpose of the Wabasca - Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems Project 2025.

The Municipality shall repay the indebtedness according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual payments of combined principal and interest instalments not to exceed 20 years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Province of Alberta or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 that, unless a petition of the owners for a vote on Bylaw 2025-18 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

The deadline for a petition to be received by the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer is October 24, 2025. Second and third readings of this bylaw will be presented to Council at the October 29, 2025, Council meeting.

How to file a petition

To submit a petition in accordance with Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act:

Electors may submit a petition for a vote of the electors to determine whether the proposed bylaw or resolution should be passed.

A petition must be submitted within 15 days after the last date on which the proposed bylaw or resolution is advertised.

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the Municipal Government Act, an "elector" means:

A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councilor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Pursuant to Section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act, a person is eligible to vote in an election if the person

1. is at least 18 years old,
2. is a Canadian citizen,
3. resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is in the local jurisdiction on election day,

4. And in accordance with Section 223 and Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act, a poll may be demanded in the Municipality of Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 by electors equal to at least 10% of the population.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of the notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition".

Further requirements of the petition are provided in Section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.

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Business organization gives municipal voters some thinking points about October 20 election

Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) released on Wednesday, The Small Business Vote: Priorities for Alberta's Municipal Election, a platform outlining what entrepreneurs need from their local governments to survive and thrive.

"Too many Alberta small

businesses have felt invisible to their municipal councils over the past four years" said Kayode Southwood, CFIB's Senior Policy Analyst for Alberta. "Instead of supporting local job creators, municipalities have piled on high property taxes, disruptive construction, and

layers of red tape making it harder to survive in an already uncertain economy."

Nearly three-quarters (71%) of Alberta small business owners say their municipal leaders have not paid enough attention to small business issues, while a majority (54%) feel they are

treated unfairly by their municipal government. Additionally, about three in five Alberta businesses (59%) do not believe they receive a fair value in services compared to residents given the amount of property taxes they pay.

To reverse this trend, CFIB's election platform lays out four priorities for candidates:

- Keep costs fair and predictable: Close the property tax gap, rein in spending, and deliver stronger value for tax dollars.

- Minimize construction disruptions: Establish fair compensation programs for impacted businesses and

implement policies that encourage on-time project competition.

- Support safe and thriving communities: Tackle crime and social disorder through better prevention, response, and collaboration. Cut red tape and improve service delivery: Make municipal processes simpler, faster, and more predictable.

"Municipal governments can't control global trade wars or inflation, but they can choose to respect the time, money, and hard work of their small business community," said Keyli Loepky, CFIB's Director, Alberta & Interprovincial Affairs.



Proposed Bylaw 2025-21

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 2025-21 on September 22, 2025.

This bylaw authorizes the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount up to \$1,388,855.00 for the purpose of the Wabasca - Airport Resurfacing.

The Municipality shall repay the indebtedness according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual payments of combined principal and interest instalments not to exceed 20 years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Province of Alberta or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 that, unless a petition of the owners for a vote on Bylaw 2025-21 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

The deadline for a petition to be received by the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer is October 24, 2025. Second and third readings of this bylaw will be presented to Council at the October 29, 2025, Council meeting.

How to file a petition

To submit a petition in accordance with Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act:

Electors may submit a petition for a vote of the electors to determine whether the proposed bylaw or resolution should be passed.

A petition must be submitted within 15 days after the last date on which the proposed bylaw or resolution is advertised.

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the Municipal Government Act, an "elector" means: A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councilor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Pursuant to Section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act, a person is eligible to vote in an election if the person

1. is at least 18 years old,
2. is a Canadian citizen,
3. resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day
4. And in accordance with Section 223 and Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act, a poll may be demanded in the Municipality of Municipal District electors equal to at least 10% of the population.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of the notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition".

Further requirements of the petition are provided in Section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.



Calling All Candidates: Share Your Vision in The FEVER

As the upcoming MD Council Elections draw near on October 20th, The FEVER invites all candidates in Wabasca, Calling Lake, Sandy Lake, Peerless Lake and Chipewyan Lake to share their message with the community. Meanwhile, candidates have a special opportunity to connect with residents. The FEVER is offering free space in our October editions (October 9th and October 16th) for each candidate to publish:

- An essay of up to 200 words explaining why you should be elected.
- A clear photograph of yourself (minimum resolution 140).

This is a no-cost opportunity for candidates to reach out directly to voters.

To be included:

- Submissions for the October 9th edition must be received by Friday, October 3rd.
- Submissions for the October 16th edition must be received by Friday, October 10th.

Please send your essays and photographs by email to: wabascafever@shaw.ca For more information, call us at 780-474-8928.

Let your voice be heard and help residents make an informed choice.



Historical Notes from Past Pages!

Looking through back issues of The Fever found these items making the news during the fall of 2019:

Students in Wabasca returned to their school in the fall after an extra long summer holiday. Due to threatening wildfires in late May, Wabasca was evacuated for two weeks, but even when residents returned, schools could not be reopened because while no structures were burned, wildfire smoke had contaminated school facilities so they did not re-open for the final weeks June.

Deaths in north central Alberta in late August and early September included a man in Slave Lake who was hit by a train during the evening of August 29, 2019. His injuries were severe and he died in hospital during the early morning hours.

People at the Smith Fall Fair were watching two small planes Saturday, August 31, as part of a Barry Pendrak Airshow when one of the planes disappeared from view. About an hour later, the crash site of the plane was found east of Smith and the pilot, a local man in his forties, had died in the crash.

Bears and cougars

The usual fall problem of bears invading Wabasca and Bigstone Cree Nation reserves was really bad in 2019 after wildfires during the summer had wiped out over 880,000 hectares mainly in northern Alberta. Bears were forced to flee their usual territories either because of flames or the destruction of their natural food supplies. Wabasca RCMP were getting up to four or more complaints daily that bears were raiding residential properties in search of anything to eat.

One night around midnight at the Nova Hotel in Wabasca the lobby door sensor was set off and in wandered a black bear. The bear checked out the lobby and did not find anything of interest and left. An RCMP officer wrote in his incident notes: "Yogi was declined a room."

Bears were apparently not the only critters displaced by the fires as RCMP were also told that people were hearing the sounds of cougars at night near some residential areas.

Diabetes cause early death

Golden Opportunity Medical Clinic in Wabasca, the MD of Opportunity and Bigstone Health held a Diabetes Wellness Day during which Dr. Ryan Hoskins said there was "an epidemic" of diabetes in Indigenous communities and that up to 60% of diabetic sufferers were likely to "die early" due to heart attacks or strokes associated with the disease.

Drug busts

Three Wabasca RCMP investigations during a three-day period in October 2019, led to drug charges being laid against 13 people, most of them local. Besides drugs being seized, a variety of weapons.

Traffic stops and a search warrant issued for a Loonskin Drive residence led to the arrests.

Ages of the arrested ranged from one 17-year-old youth to a 41-year-old Calling Lake man. Most of the suspects were in their twenties or thirties.

*Watch for Historical Notes
in future issues of The Fever*



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Volleyball tournament coming up at Lakeview Sports Centre

Between October 17 and 19, the second annual Woodland Classic Volleyball Tournament will be held at Wabasca's Lakeview Sports Centre.

A potential prize payout of over \$7,000 each in men's and women's divisions may be available. Team entry fee is \$600. More details: phone Drayden, 780-891-2659.



FORM 7

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION
Local Authorities Election Act
 (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: THE NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office	Number of Vacancies	Ward
Trustee	1	6
Trustee	1	8

Voting will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
 Voting stations will be located at:

Ward	Polling Station Location	Address
6	Mistassiniy School Former Pelican Mountain School	Desmarais, Alberta Sandy Lake, Alberta
8	Calling Lake School	Calling Lake, Alberta

In order to vote, you must produce for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification required by section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act. This includes a driver's licence or motor vehicle operator's licence issued by the Government of Alberta, or an identification card issued by the Government of Alberta that contains your photograph, name, and address.

If your government-issued ID only shows a box number, you must also bring a second document that lists your street address or legal land address. If you do not have identification, or cannot confirm your current address, another registered voter in your voting area can vouch for you.

To vote in a Northland School Division trustee election, you must be at least 18 years old, a Canadian citizen, and live in Alberta with your residence in the local jurisdiction on election day. Residents of certain First Nations reserves where agreements with the Division are in place are also eligible to vote.

For information, please call Northland School Division: 780-624-2060.

DATED at the Town of Peace River
 in the Province of Alberta,
 This 25th day of September, A.D., 2025.

Douglas Aird
 Returning Officer



Bigstone Community Wellness

SOCIAL WORK SUPPORT LOCATED AT THE CALLING LAKE HEALTH CENTRE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES

September 12/25 10-12 pm

September 19/25 10-12 pm

October 3/25 10-3 pm

October 10/25 10-3 pm

October 17/25 10-12 pm

October 24/25 10-3 pm

October 31/25 10-12 pm

Please Note:

Times may change due to unforeseen circumstances, call to book with Calling Lake Health Centre: **(780) 331-3810**

For more information, please call Alvina or Queena: **(780) 891-3777 or Toll- Free: 1-877-767-7060**

Bigstone Community

Wellness Presents

Nanatawehowin Mamawi-ayawin

RECOVERY CONFERENCE 2025

Save the dates.

Wabasca
 November 17 and 18, 2025
 George D. Auger MD Hall
 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Calling Lake
 November 19, 2025
 Community Complex
 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm



Contact Recovery Care Coordinator
 Robert Zabot
robert.zabot@bigstonehealth.ca
 or
 Contact Addictions Team Lead
 Brandon Noskey
brandon.noskey@bigstonehealth.ca
 780-891-3777 or
 1-877-767-7060

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS

WABASCA RECOVERY CARE INTAKE

Bigstone Community Wellness is taking registration for the next 5-week program for Wabasca. This program is free and available to anyone (18 years old and over). The program has been developed to bridge the transition from clinical care into a community recovery support program. This program includes group sessions, workshops, presentations, life skills, and many other activities.



START DATE: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

WHEN: Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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

LOCATION: Bigstone Community Wellness

Contact Recovery Care
 Staff to Register
 Robert Zabot
robert.zabot@bigstonehealth.ca
 780-891-8252
 or
 Carla Johnson
carla.johnson@bigstonehealth.ca
 780-891-3777

Lunch and Snacks will be provided.
 Transportation available.
 Open to all community members.
 Must register to join the program.

Sustained action, humility and heart needed after Pope's IRS apology

As we observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, it is relevant to remember the late Pope Francis.

As the first Latin American and Jesuit Pope, his leadership was marked by efforts to face difficult issues, including those affecting Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

One of the most significant moments of his papacy for this country was his historic public apology for the Catholic Church's role in the Indian Residential School system. This apology was long-awaited by Survivors, their families and Indigenous communities across Canada.

As the actions of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) demonstrated, and as the Pope and many others noted during his visit and since that time, reconciliation is not a single event. It is a long and difficult process requiring sustained action, humility and heart.

Reclaiming with Elders

I am a member of the Kainai Nation (Blood Tribe) of the Blackfoot Confederacy in Treaty 7 territory. My work focuses on reclaiming and reinterpreting the history of the Stolen Children Era alongside Blood Tribe Elders who are residential school Survivors. Through archival research and community partnerships, I examine the colonial policies behind multiple models of schooling imposed on Indigenous children, and how these systems operated.

About us

For more than 150 years, First Nations,

Métis and Inuit children were taken from their families and placed in institutions aimed at erasing their identities, cultures and languages. These schools inflicted deep emotional, physical, sexual and spiritual harm.

The trauma of these events has created a legacy that reverberates through generations as intergenerational trauma. The first such school, the Mohawk Institute, opened its doors in 1831. The last, the Gordon Residential School, closed in 1996.

Brave testimonies

In the 1980s, Survivors began to come forward in growing numbers to share the horrors they endured. Though many were initially met with disbelief, their collective voices grew stronger.



Brave testimonies by Survivors like Nora Bernard and many others ultimately led to the Indian Residential Schools (IRS) Settlement Agreement, the largest class-action suit in Canadian history.

As the truth emerged, formal apologies began to follow from various denominations: the United Church of Canada in 1986 and again in 1998; the Anglican



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Church of Canada in 1993, 2019 and 2022; and the Presbyterian Church in 1994.

Noticeable absence was papal apology

Catholic religious orders or dioceses offered apologies (for example, the Oblate apology in 1991), but noticeably absent for many years was an apology from the highest leadership of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper issued a federal apology following the settlement agreement in 2007.

In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada released 94 Calls to Action, which were concrete policy recommendations meant to guide Canada toward reconciliation.

Call to Action No. 58 specifically called upon the Pope to issue an apology on Canadian soil to Survivors, their families and communities for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the abuses that took place in residential schools.

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Alberta

Respiratory Illnesses: Data from September 14 to 20, 2025

10 (54 this season) Influenza cases	207 (716 this season) SARS-CoV-2 cases	3 (13 this season) RSV cases
0.6% Influenza positivity	7.8% SARS-CoV-2 positivity	0.2% RSV positivity
6 Influenza in hospital**	71 SARS-CoV-2 in hospital**	0 RSV in hospital**
0 Influenza in ICU**	4 SARS-CoV-2 in ICU**	0 RSV in ICU**
0 (0 this season) Influenza deaths	2 (7 this season) SARS-CoV-2 deaths	0 (0 this season) RSV deaths

Low number of new cases of measles

Up to noon on Monday, September 29, there was only one known communicable case of measles in all of Alberta.

Provincial health officials began tracking Measles in March 2025 and in the early days, Alberta for its population compared to Ontario was recording the highest number of cases per capita.

Within the five health regions in the province, the South Zone has had the highest number of cases, 997 of the 1,910 total (52%), followed by North Zone's 701 cases (37%).

Edmonton with 40 and Calgary with 52 cases has the lowest numbers.

After the Pope's apology ... continued from Focus front page

Clear action plans?

It was not until July 25, 2022, that Pope Francis formally issued the apology, during a historic visit to Maskwacis, Alberta.

Reactions to the apology have been mixed. For some, it marked a long-overdue acknowledgment, becoming a symbolic step toward healing.

For others, it fell short.

Critics noted that Pope Francis spoke of the abuses as being carried out by “members of the church” rather than clearly naming the institutional role of the Roman Catholic Church itself. He also failed to explicitly name all forms of abuse, omitting mention of the sexual and spiritual violence that Survivors so courageously brought to light.

Perhaps most importantly, his apology lacked a clear action plan for justice, reparations or long-term reconciliation

There have been some signs of progress. For example:

- The Canadian Catholic Church did launch a \$30 million Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, a not-for-profit charity with an independent board and members comprised of Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders, to support initiatives related to: healing and reconciliation for communities and families; culture and language revitalization; education and community building; and dialogues

for promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture.

- Some funds have supported Indigenous languages and customs in Catholic services or communities; these point to existing or possible emerging practices of churches with Indigenous members that incorporate Indigenous ceremony.

- The Vatican formally repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery in 2023 — an important but symbolic move rejecting the colonial-era justification for land dispossession.

- The Vatican renounced a 500-year-old doctrine that justified colonial land theft.

- Some Catholics are involved in networks concerned with genuine listening, creating a “culture of encounter” or church governance that is more open, inclusive and accountable.

But many questions remain.

For example:

- While there has been some progress accessing church records, significant records remain hard to locate. For example, I am still looking for the intake and discharge ledgers for most of the schools that my People attended.

- In my experience working with different archives across Canada, some archivists are more forthcoming than others about their material and processes — for example,

about whether archival finding aids detail restricted material.

- The church has yet to return Indigenous artifacts held in the Vatican Museums.

- Many Survivors still wait for explicit financial reparations beyond the \$30 million fund.

Christine Jamieson, associate professor of theological studies, has noted there is work to be done around addressing ongoing “spiritual violence” against Indigenous traditions by the Catholic Church and other Christian churches.

How churches respond to Indigenous knowledge and theories of knowledge has implications for ethical research, education and religious practices. The TRC’s Calls to Action No. 59 and No. 60 are about church parties to the IRS Settlement Agreement developing ongoing education strategies and curriculum.

Sustained action, humility and heart

As Sen. Murray Sinclair once wisely noted: “It took seven generations to create the harm through the residential schools. It will take a few generations to turn it around.”

Pope Francis took a first step. The path ahead continues to call for sustained honesty, accountability and commitment from Catholic leaders in Canada and in Rome.

Let us hope that work continues to not only build upon Pope Francis’s initial steps, but to have the courage to speak the truth plainly, act with integrity and walk alongside Indigenous Peoples in the ongoing work of meaningful, lasting reconciliation.

This is a commitment that must endure for generations. May this moment be the seed from which true and lasting transformation can continue to grow.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17

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**Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17
SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD**

Are you interested in serving your community?

If so, the MD of Opportunity is currently recruiting three (3) members at large, with one (1) being an alternate, to serve on the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board.

Board Structure:
The Board shall consist of two Councillors and at least three and not more than five Members at Large who are appointed by resolution of Council.

A member of large shall not be a Councillor, an employee of the Municipality, a person who carries out subdivision or development powers, duties and functions on behalf of the Municipality, or a member of a municipal planning commission.

Each Member at Large may be appointed to a term of up to three years, with the exact term being specified upon their appointment to the Board by Council.

Board Duties:
The board hears appeals, regarding decisions of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission regarding zoning and development decisions. This board meets on “as need” basis.

Individuals who are interested in serving on the above noted board are requested to submit a letter of interest by **October 22, 2025** by fax, email or mail to the Municipal District of Opportunity:

Lynda Gray
Executive Assistant to Administration
PO Box 60
2077 Mistassiniy Road North
Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
Fax # 780-891-4283
lynda.gray@mdopportunity.ab.ca

The appointments for this Board will be made on October 28, 2025 at the Organizational Council meeting. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Lynda Gray at 780-891-3778 or email lynda.gray@mdopportunity.ab.ca.



Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin
(Child Well Being)



IS SEEKING COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT LARGE:

ONE Elder FROM THE COMMUNITY OF:
WABASCA, Alberta
(Applicants must be BCN Members)

TO JOIN “AWASIS NAHAYAW WEYASIWEWIN” COMMITTEE

Ability to speak and understand the Cree Language is an ASSET

Experience in working with BCN members in the different communities.

This committee will provide direction in development of the Bigstone Cree Nation Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin.

All those interested in joining this committee.
Please submit a letter of interest to:
Attention to: Gloria Cardinal, Coordinator
Cell Ph: 780-773-8730
Via email to: gloria.cardinal@bigstone.ca

Or

Drop off at Bigstone Cree Nation Band Office
Label your envelope (To: Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin/Gloria Cardinal)
Selected candidate will be required to provide: criminal record check, vulnerable sector check and child and youth intervention check.

Deadline for applications: October 6, 2025

Watch for The Fever's new website!

Canada Post advises customers on mail during strike

The sudden strike on September 25 by Canada Post unionized workers came after a federal report recommended many cost-cutting measures that might have to be taken for Canada Post to stop losing money or go bankrupt.

Cutting door-to-door delivery and fewer days of mail distribution to community mailboxes were immediately flagged by the union as meaning a reduced work force and possibly fewer hours or days of work for

those still employed.

With some anger still in the minds of Canadians upset at the postal workers' strike during the 2024 Christmas holiday season, the fear of another strike has many businesses and mail recipients worried again.

Canada Post management says any mail in the system at the start of the strike is secure and will be delivered when the strike is over. No new mail will be accepted except return parcels by post offices still open.

BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity



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

The Bigstone Health Commission is seeking a competent **Nutritionist to join our dedicated and talented team.** The Nutritionist is key to providing nutritional guidance to clients, developing meal plans, and conducting educational workshops. This position is also the key player in ensuring the health centers' commitment to quality, safety and continuous improvement, ultimately enhancing the services provided to the community. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have a passion for enhancing Indigenous health systems, culture, and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide nutritional guidance to clients, developing meal plans, and conducting educational workshops.
- Conduct nutritional assessments and develop individualized meal plans.
- Educate clients (and family members) on healthy eating habits and nutritional principles.
- Maintain, monitor and evaluate client progress, adjusting plans and records as needed.
- Collaborate with other healthcare professionals to ensure comprehensive care and be supportive of holistic client care.
- Stay up to date on the latest nutrition research and best practices.

Quality Assurance, Compliance and Performance & Continuous Quality Improvement

- Monitor quality, safety, and risk management practices to ensure adherence to workplans and frameworks.
- Support accreditation, regulatory compliance, and quality assurance processes.
- Shared performance data to drive informed decision-making.
- Identify and co-develop quality improvement initiatives focused on food and nutrition services.
- Mentor staff to promote a culture of performance excellence.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent communication, organizational skills and strong written skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team
- A friendly outgoing personality
- Effective communicator
- Multitasking ability and dedicated and reliable
- Experience in community or public health nutrition is an asset

Education and Experience:

- Degree in Nutrition, dietetics or related field
- 3-5 years' experience
- Current professional liability insurance
- Proficiency in quality improvement methodologies
- Skilled in data analysis and applying legislative regulatory and quality assurance frameworks
- Strong interpersonal, communication, consensus building, and conflict resolution skills
- Commitment to relationship-centered care and service excellence
- Able to travel to BCN surrounding communities
- Class 5 driver's license

Why Join Us?

- ✓ Supportive, collaborative work environment focused on community wellness
- ✓ Accommodation available, if not local
- ✓ Competitive Salary & Benefits
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Salary is dependent on qualifications

Please forward your Cover Letter, Resume (including 3 work related references), Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check & Child & Youth Intervention Check (*should be current within the last 6 months*) to the:

Human Resources Department
PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca

CLOSING DATE: Until a suitable candidate is found.

POSTED: September 23, 2025

*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.

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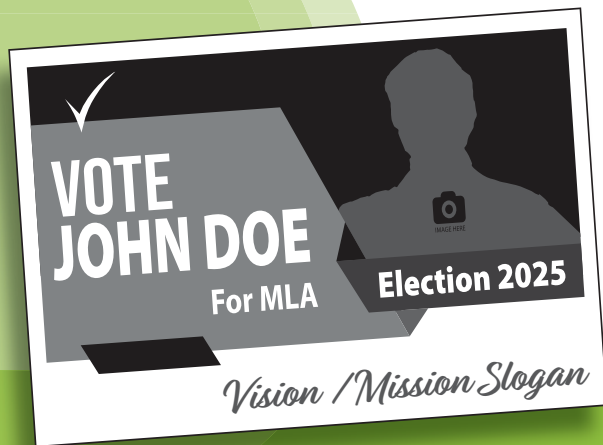
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MISSING / DISPARU(E)

JASMINE CHALENE CARDINAL

Age / Âge: 23 Hair / Cheveux: Black / Noirs

Weight / Poids: 150 lbs / livres Height / Taille: 5 ft / pieds 8 in / pouces

Last Seen / Vu(e) la dernière fois: 2025-09-20 in / à: Simon Lake, AB

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Jasmine Charlene Cardinal (23), a resident of Little Buffalo, has not been seen or heard from by family since Sept. 20, 2025.

RCMP have been unable to locate Jasmine and are requesting any public assistance with information on where Jasmine might be.

Jasmine was last seen in the area of Simon Lakes, Alta., around Sept. 15-19, 2025. There is no known last clothing description.

Jasmine is known to frequent areas of Little Buffalo, Cadotte Lake, Simon Lake, Whitefish, and Loon Lake.

MISSING TEEN

Faust RCMP is requesting the public's assistance in locating missing 16-year-old male Swan River, Alta., resident Gage Cadotte-Lawrence. Faust RCMP is worried for his wellbeing and would like to speak with him. He was last seen leaving Kinuso school aboard a black Dodge pickup truck on September 18 around 3 p.m. He may have been heading to Edmonton.

Gage is described as: Pale complexion; 6 feet tall; 132 pounds; Brown hair; and Brown eyes.

If anyone has any information regarding the whereabouts of Gage, contact the Faust RCMP Detachment at 780-355-3609. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online www. P3Tips.com.



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