

May all readers be thankful for good things in their lives; accept challenge of improving any bad things





Hundreds of Northland School Division students were in Wabasca last Thursday for the 2025 Northland Games, featuring fun activities for younger students and serious track/field events for older students.

# RCMP investigating shooting when pickup truck was target on Hwy 754 near Willow Ridge

Wabasca RCMP are seeking witnesses or possible dashcam footage following an incident the night of Saturday, September 27,

A complaint was received that "a pickup truck was fired upon from another vehicle, possibly a small white SUV on Highway 754 near Willow Ridge Estates in Wabasca."

Occupants in the truck were not injured.

People who were in that area and might have information about the incident or who can check their dashcam data for anything related to the vehicles, are asked to contact Wabasca RCMP at 780-891-3768.

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

To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play. To contact RCMP non-emergency line within any Alberta RCMP jurisdiction call 310-RCMP(7267).

Inside are five MD of Opportunity Bylaws covering the spending of millions of dollars for projects in Calling Lake, Wabasca and Red Earth Creek; residents could petition council against the projects



# **Publisher's Ponderings**

 Oilers Fans are overjoyed that Connor McDavid has signed to continue playing in Edmonton. Lost, of course, is the absurdity that has always existed when it comes to human craziness about sports heroes, entertainers and other super rich persons, including those who are causing wars or providing the weapons to kill countless numbers of other humans.

Getting paid \$25 million for chasing a puck around the ice while Alberta public education is not functioning because teachers responsible for the care and education of our children are not paid enough and not enough has been spent to provide proper school space and other resources for about 700,000 students.

Is there not something out of wack when one person gets \$25,000,000, but the education of 700,000 young people is not worth \$35.71 each for the improvement of their education and the livehood of their over 50,000 teachers?

A quick google search produces this meaning: "A civilized person is polite and courteous; he knows how to say 'please' and 'thank you.' A civilized group of people is characterized by being socially and technologically advanced. Both dinner parties and fancy computer gadgets are signs of a civilized people." Is it proper to really say humans are civilized in the types of civilizations existing today? A pondering question?

• Writing about another sport where oodles of money are thrown at any and all star players (even more than star hockey players), it would have been great if the only Canadian team in Major League Baseball had won Tuesday's game and

swept away the New York Yankees.

But the Toronto Blue Jays certainly showed in the first two games of the best of five to advance to the World Series that they can play outstanding ball. Beating the Yanks 10-1 in the first game and then 13-7 in the second was certainly impressive. The Yankees

were probably pretty happy getting a bit of revenge in their 9-6 victory Tuesday. Can't tell you here what happened in Wednesday's game four which was played well after this issue was printed.

# The FEVER

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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:

> Lvnda Grav **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

### **Environment Canada Weather Forecast**

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

### October 10 to 14

Friday..Sunny. High 19.

Friday night. Increasing cloudiness. Low plus 3.

Saturday.. Cloudy. High plus 3.

Saturday night.. Cloudy. Low minus 5.

Sunday.. A mix of sun and cloud. High plus 2.

Sunday night..Clear. Low minus 7.

Monday..Sunny. High plus 5. Monday night..Clear. Low minus 6.

Tuesday..Sunny. High 9.

Normals for the period..Low minus 1. High 10.

#### MD of Opportunity No. 17 **Municipal Election for Council** Wabasca Candidate John Gullion

Hi! My name is John Gullion and here are reasons to vote for me to be a Councillor

First and foremost, the main office employees (the hierarchy) should be re-evaluated or reshuffled and some higher paid staff should have their wages decreased. Or all staff should abide by the wage grid set out by Alberta public serv-

I would survey all the staff and get their feelings heard confidentially. Every MD employee plays a part in the daily function of the MD.

As for day cares, I feel we need to provide more spaces for working class parent(s) so they do not worry about where to find a place for their children when go to work.

Local Businesses - we need to promote them and help them (tax incentives and promote them in our



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meetings outside of MD territory, etc.).

Also less MD inhouse work and more tendering work to local businsses.

Work on crime within neighborhoods with RCMP and try to get more security cameras for home owners.

### MD of Opportunity No. 17 **Municipal Election for Council** Sandy Lake Candidate **Troy Stuart**

I have lived here all my life, and I cannot Imagine another place where my wife and I would choose to raise our family. And with the support of my family, I have submitted my name for Ward #3 – Sandy Lake.

I have generated solutions on a personal and professional basis and moving forward, I would bring that same mindset to the political

My professional background as a Land Manager has provided me with the depth of knowledge and experience that will become crucial in understanding the dynamics of politics in Alberta.

Politics is not everyone's cup of tea, but I consider it a privilege to engage with Ministers, Administrators and many other smart people who are behind the scenes in the government.

And over the years, I have also had the opportu-



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nity to meet with individuals in the Oil, Gas and Forest industries, networking with the same people who keep our local and provincial economy going.

Sandy Lakers are hard workers and they deserve a Councillor who works just as hard as they do.



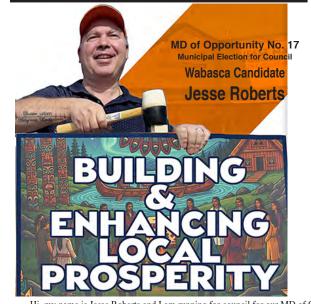
#### Calling All Candidates: Share Your Vision in The FEVER

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.



# As darkness increases, RCMP gives safety tips

Be mindful when driving in school and playground zones, especially during darker hours.

Always follow the speed limit to ensure you can come to a stop quickly if needed.

Never pass vehicles that are stopped at a crosswalk.

There may be pedestrians crossing that you cannot see.

Do not assume pedestrians can see you.

Always make eye contact before turning at an intersection and ensure that pe-

destrians have cleared before entering any crosswalks.

Marked or unmarked, crosswalks exist at all intersections.

Drivers must stop at

crosswalks when pedestrians are crossing.

Pedestrians should remember: Follow the rules of the road and obey all posted signs and signals. Always cross at marked crosswalks.

# CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

upstairs at the GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY MEDICAL CLINIC



Dr. Kurt Deutscher



Dr. Joshua Deutscher



Dr. Matthew Deutscher

Wednesday • Open at 2:00 p.m. Inquire Regarding Friday Appointment

Call 780-675-4030 for an appointment - or drop in

Hi, my name is Jesse Roberts and I am running for council for our MD of Opportunity in Wabasca. My platform is very simple to build community enhancement and local prosperity for all local community residents even if you are not in the MD and can't vote, my focus is on our whole community. As a business owner I have learned and implemented many systems to achieve yearly, monthly and daily targets for

success, and I will bring that experience and drive to council. Anything that will build, enhance and grow our community and the financial wealth of our members I will not only approve but push with time targets. At the debate I will release my full platform in detail and I will do something that has never been done in the history

of council. Be at the debate and find out how Jesse Roberts is changing the game for the benefit and prosperity of our community that will be my campaign promise #1.

### Marcel's Platform:

- Develop MD partnerships with major industry players (CNRL/ SPUR/ALPAC) and our First Nation Neighbors.
- Grow local economy by enticing new business and development.
- Keep services and recreation facilities affordable for families.
- Support local business & contractors
- Additional Provincial grant dollars
- Community Safety & Beautification
- Support non-profit groups (sports, culture & arts)





On October 20th:

**Vote: Marcel Dale Auger** 

For Council Ward1 - Wabasca

"Together We Can"



# ATTENTION

Wabasca & Desmarais Residents

The Municipal District of Opportunity will be FLUSHING HYDRANTS

October 2025

Please be advised that the color of the water may temporarily change & the pressure will fluctuate; also run tap until color has cleared.

#### The Importance of Flushing Water Lines

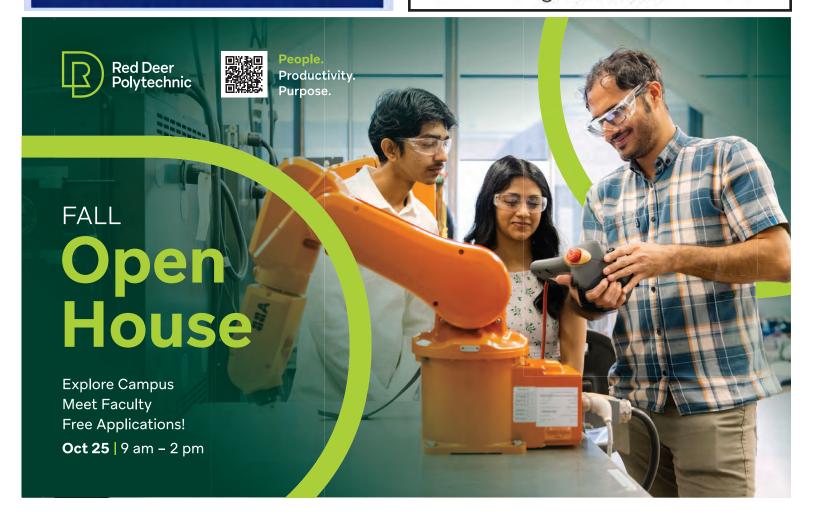
Residents who notice M.D. #17 Utilities crew working at fire hydrants and see water running into the ditch may think that the MD 17 is ignoring its own philosophy of conserving water. The process of periodically "flushing" fire hydrants, however, it's an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, this process is a part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water distribution system and to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers.

The MDs water distribution system consists of over 100 km of lines and 150 fire hydrants. Every fire hydrant is flushed on an annual basis, typically in the months of June to October Flushing the water distribution system achieves three objectives

- help to keep the interior of the lines clean (removes sediment)
- · helps maintain excellent water quality
- Provides an opportunity to check all fire hydrants to ensure that they
  are operating properly if needed to fight fires.

So, the next time you see MD #17 Utilities crew flushing a hydrant, you can rest assure that they are working hard to protect the safety of the public, improve water quality, and properly maintain the water distribution system.

If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to call the office @ 891-3778 or 891-8530







# **Bigstone Health Commission**

# Congratulates & Welcomes

# Patrick Gladue

As our new

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# About me

My name is Patrick Gladue, I am a Bigstone Cree Nation member and was born in Dawson Creek and raised here in Wabasca by my late father, Kenny Gladue and late mother, Jean Bigstone till about age of 11 and then my Kokum, Ruth Gladue (Yellowknee) moved me to Dawson Creek and Grande Prairie through my school years.

I graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Physical Education, specializing in Active Living, Health & Well-Being. Soon after, was fortunate to have worked in Vancouver, Wabasca, Red Deer and then finally remaining in the Cochrane area raising my two children.

My daughter Mackenzie just finished her Law degree and is now working in downtown Calgary in Business Law and my son Dawson is currently in Culinary school at S.A.I.T and will be graduating this Fall/Winter. I also have 2 stepchildren, Cameron is apprenticing to be an Electrician and Denika is completing her grade 12 at Amiskwasciy Academy in Edmonton and my wife Natalie is a client care coordinator providing Elders/Seniors in the Edmonton area with home care and support.

I have had the opportunity to have worked with the following organizations. As part of the senior management team with the City of Red Deer, created a fully functional Recreational/Sport/Fitness facility. Created my own Health & Wellness business in 2004 in Cochrane, selling it in 2015. Then worked for Indian Business Corporation assisting First Nation Entrepreneurs secure financing and assisting on new startups throughout Alberta. Senior manager for the newly built 7 Chiefs Sportsplex for the Tsuut'ina Nation. Health Director for O'Chiese First nation and then Director of Operations for Bigstone Cree Nation.

I am honoured and humbled to be your new Chief Executive Officer of Bigstone Health Commission. I recognize that the journey ahead is marked by significant challenges—from navigating complex political landscapes and fiscal constraints to addressing profound systemic inequities within our healthcare system. Yet, these very challenges represent our greatest opportunities for transformation. Let us step into this future with courage, integrity, and a shared vision for a healthier, more equitable tomorrow.

~Patrick Gladue, BHC Chief Executive Officer

### Recognizing that there is greater risk of flooding and drought, province funding more projects

#### **Provincial Government Release**

In recent years, drought and flooding have been felt across the province, and building the critical infrastructure needed to protect Albertans can be costly for many municipalities.

Alberta municipalities and Indigenous communities can now apply for major funding to help protect people, homes and infrastructure from floods and drought.

This fall, \$25 million is available for communities across the province as part of the five-year, \$125 million Drought and Flood Protection Program.

"We are continuing to step up to help protect communities from the risks of drought and floods for years to come. With another \$25 million in funding available this fall, we are supporting communities across our province in building the infrastructure they need."

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

"Rural municipalities manage 85 per cent of Alberta's land and therefore make significant contributions to Alberta's flood and drought resiliency," says Kara Westerlund, president, Rural Municipalities of Alberta.



Alberta government is funding the construction of a retaining wall between Lesser Slave Lake and the west end of Slave Lake Airport to protect a forestry helicopter facility and the airport itself in the event of flooding.



# JESSE ROBERTS

# FOR MD COUNCIL



#### 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 20<u>25, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.</u>

Start Time

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

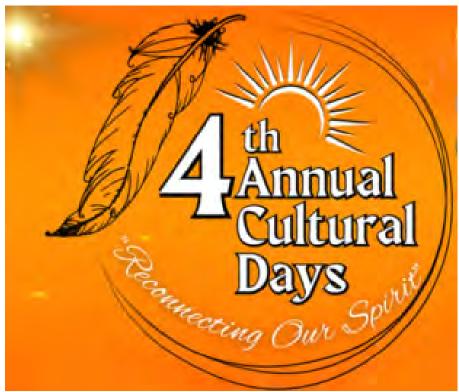
LOCATION	LOCATION ONLY FOR VOTERS RESIDING IN:	ADDRESS
Wabasca Community Hall	Ward 1 (Wabasca)	910A Stony Point Road
Calling Lake Community Complex	Ward 2 (Calling Lake)	2824 Central Drive
Sandy Lake Community Hall	Ward 3 (Sandy Lake)	890 Raven Road
Peerless Lake Community Hall	Ward 4 (Peerless Lake)	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 \_\_\_\_ 29<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_ September \_\_\_, 2025.

Ayo da Shaq Returning Officer

# "Words cannot even describe it all! It was beautiful, awesome and amazing"



A Celebration of Who We Are ...

By Janice Auger and Jodi Decoine, **Family and Community Support Services Municipal District of Opportunity #17** 

Our 4th Annual Cultural Days were nothing short of amazing—filled with teachings, laughter, connection, and pride. With photos captured beautifully by Brenda Blakeney, we reflect on the powerful moments shared together in September.

Alberta Health Services HONOURING LIFE

Special visitors to Cultural Days were Marjorie Luzentales-Simpson and April Calliou who compose the core team of AHS Honouring Life Indigenous Wellness, a major sponsor of the annual event.

Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and facilitators brought forward the richness of our cultural heritage, and shared teachings that continue to guide us.

Helpers on site did an incredible job hosting, keeping the grounds clean, and caring for our Mother Earth. Their efforts made this gathering a place of respect, love, and welcoming to all.

Students, youth, adults, and families alike embraced the opportunity to learn, witness, and take part in the traditions that connect us to our ancestors. None of this would

> have been possible without everyone who contributed on the grounds.

> We are deeply grateful for the kind words and compliments on the event and the care shown throughout.

The love, respect, and unity that were present remind us of the strength we carry as Indigenous peoples.

Reviving and sharing of these rich traditions not only help us heal but allows us to stand proud on the land our Mother Earth has gifted so abundantly.



One description of September 4th to 13th Event which Wabasca hosted with help from many sponsors, businesses, local people, guests, performers, traditional teachers, and visitors





Taking aim at life's offerings ...



Ben Steinhaur talks with Janice Auger



Checking out the Métis Tent ...

#### We are a special people, and this celebration was a beautiful reminder of that truth.

Our esteemed Elder Mike Beaver provided us heartfelt opening and closing prayers, always gifted with kind words and encouragement to keep doing what we are doing.

Dr. James Makosis was the keynote speaker for the opening and spoke of western med-

icine vs traditional medicine and how our traditions are a way of healing. To embrace who we are as Neeheyowuk.

This amazing young man who is two spirited has been heard by one of the organizers three times now, and truly he is eloquently providing information to Indigenous people who are trying hard to revive our culture and traditions. And to non-indigenous people to learn of how colonization has affected the Indigenous people.

Our local drum group led by Freddy Gladue with Barry Gullion, Marcel Gladue, John Bigstone, Philip Nanemahoo, Richard Bigstone brought the sounds of welcoming and the heartbeat of Our Mother Earth to the



Singer/Songwriter Bobbi Jo Starr

site! Lovely, and they are meeting more regularly to learn songs but also to help the younger learners to hone in on the drumming and remember the songs.

We always welcome Trapper Bernie Cardinal from Calling Lake with his apprentice Colton Cardinal to participate. The organizers have been trying to secure Lorraine Cardinal as well but maybe third time lucky for the 5th annual cultural days!

Throughout the week we had special guests join us, Notorious Cree, showcasing Pow Wow Fit and the hoop dance demonstration, Magoo and Crew, getting the crowd involved on stage. The youth from Chipweyan Lake stepped up and joined him on stage and danced. Later an older crowd did the Macarena.

Kewetin Drummers from Driftpile came to help us showcase our local pow wow dancers for two nights. The dancers were provided honoria for their efforts and reconnecting with the healing dances. Our newest group is still learning, and they were all beau-

Ben Steinhaur from Saddle Lake came to share creation stories with us and his helper Rixford Cardinal was asked to also help us by being the director for the pow wow dancing. We are honoured that they will be coming back next year to help us out!



Harvesting fish scales ...



FCSS Team Janice & Jodi with Keynote Speaker, Dr. James Makosis



Clifford Starr from Peerless Trout First Nation on the suggestion of a local moose hide tanner, was asked if he would do demonstrations and teachings on site and he gladly agreed. His suggestion to do draws for finished moose hides at the Performance Showcases got two lucky ladies winning, Brittany Auger and Monica Gladue.

If you happened to be in one corner of the Cultural Days field, you would have gotten a chance to sample some fresh fileted fish from Virgina Auger and fried by Robert Cardinal along with delicious fry bread by Sophie Auger.

We had Kim Cardinal demonstrating how to harvest the fish scales. Wash, dry and dye! FCSS is keeping these for some Dragon Fish Scale Art Workshops coming soon! Before the year of the Dragon is over!

Next door was our famous pansawan maker, Nelson Noskiye and his crew! Providing fresh cooked meat or delicacies to visitors.

We saw a young bull moose harvested; it's meat hanging to dry - waited for another one. Finally a suggestion to try to get a buffalo was made. After phone calls and arrangements made, a buffalo was brought to Wabasca and harvested on site.

It took Nelson 47 minutes to cut up as he did have a little help, too.

The skull of the buffalo will be in the new FCSS office when Trapper Bernie completes it.

Mary Lou and Fred Auger were kept busy throughout at the Bannock on a Stick station. Whew! Kids and adults loves this station.

We had Joshua Saddleback and Kirby Wolfe teaching how to set up a tipi on site, and the kids loved it. It's a different style but it's a teaching!

Cara Gladue was our lovely young lady who has been learning medicine and their healing properties at the Tincture Tipi. The salves created by plants are helping people who were lucky to get some. Cara's first day had over 70 visitors!

The Cree language tipi is a place to hear and learn cree from Joan and Theresa and nearby was the Kinship ties learning. Robert Gambler knows a lot of history about families in the region.

Although we did not secure a middle-aged Kinship keeper we had Dara Auger who knows the younger generation and how they relate to the older



generations. This is a tipi where you could also learn the titles within families. Long ago, names were never used but titles!

The fire making tipi, a survival skill was learned again, there was shavings from the Birch Bark Canoe made in August, old man's beard, and birch bark. Marcel Gladue gladly helped them and advised they were interested in getting the magnesium strikers which helps spark up a fire easily. So the youth who attended should know which items to use when they go hunting or trapping or hav-



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ing a safe fire in the woods, roasting wieners! The plant identification tipi had many plants local to the area being shown. But when a bear was brought to site and the bear fat rendering was made into bear grease - medicine used for arthritic pain. Vina Young and Rita Willier welcomed many visitors once again.

The trappers tent had Bobby Beaver skin and demonstrate how to skin many different animals. Fourteen to be exact including a skunk, but the essence sack was of no use.

Bernie Cardinal and Colton from Calling Lake came to join us for a few days. The two are avid trappers, and often show young people how to trap.

At another station, choker necklaces were beautifully wrapped around people's necks.

Used in the necklaces were bone beads, some natural and some dyed with a variety of colors, with split hide natural or dyed to match

the beads. This activity was facilitated by a Metis, Jasmine Auger, and a First Nation young lady, Blaire Auger.

Right next door was the natural aroma of medicinal teas such as mint, chaga, mountain ash, Labrador teas, hosted by Patrick Merrier and his wife Maria. They provided a welcoming space to have a cup of medicine.

> One of FCSS' favorite stops on most days was the fry bread station, whipped up by Corrine Young and Linda Yellowknee, with a youth, Cordel, learning the ropes. They were made for the suppers, and other stations throughout the week. Rogers Syrup galore! Yummy in tummy!

> The Earrings and bracelets station had Katie Yellowknee and Bonnie Young showing how to make this popular station last year too and once again this year. Fancy charms added to the beads were popular by young and old. Creative colors and shiny beads and charms being showed off by many!

This year at the paint station showcased a couple of youth from Chipweyan Lake, Dominic Noskiye and Kolby Bigstone, hoping to inspire many. And they did!

Boy we have so many talented artists in our region! Amazing creations were drawn or painted! We may need at least 40 easels next year that is how popular this station was!

Over next door, we had AHS Indigenous liaison letting others know how the medicine wheel helps our wellness. The Tobacco reduction group could not make it but they were to show how to do tobacco ties.

This year we showcased one of our main funders of Cultural Days but also the many Indigenous teachings that they have provided funding for to revive cultural teachings and reconnecting identity for indigenous people in the region which in turn helps prevent substance abuse, suicide.

That funder is AHS Honouring Life Indigenous wellness core. In the tent was one of the teachings of Birch Bark Canoe making (completed between August 5 to 15) along with some photos of other teachings such as



trappers camp, moccasin making, tipi making, mittens, moss bag.

The list of knowledge and teachings is long and something Indigenous people should be soooo proud: It is AMAZING!

This year we had two stations manned young adults instructing how to make slingshotsa





Over 760 slingshots were made during Cultural Days.

Although Kelsey Hordel from Metis District 21 could not make it this year as we have had Metis representation in the past along with the Edmonton Metis Dancers coming last year.

We had Metis District 22 join this year with their own trapper tent showcasing Metis items and stories of how the Metis came to be.

In addition to all of this a young group of square dancers have been practicing and were also showcased on site and at the Performance Showcase on September 13th.

The Dennis McLeod Memorial dancers wowed the audiences, too! This group is led by Helen Brule who in the past also helped young people learn how to square dance!

The start of the Cultural Days opening were gifted with an Eagle flying above, and the last days were again gifted with two Eagles flying above.

The many gifts people received during the entire event included new friendships, reconnection with others not seen recently, love, peace and new learnings.

We are so lucky to have MD of Opportunity, AHS Honouring Life, Canada, True North Aid, TC Energy, SL Hotshot providing financial support and Opasikoniwew Housing Authority for loaning us the cooking tent, La Crete Transport and Nipiy Industries for providing a huge discount and savings for rental use. We are thankful to all of you!

FCSS also wishes to thank our MD departments – Facilities maintenance, Recreation Parks and Arena staff, Public Works, Finance teams,





Transportation for bus and driver, bylaw and security.

Special thanks to AHS Honouring life for providing surprise hampers at closing and to the arena parks staff, finance, and bylaw officers for helping out with this initiative!

The performances on September 12 and 13 at the Lakeview Sports Center were amazing and the incredible talent amongst Indigenous population is extraordinary, we are proud of them all!

Last but not least, thank you to all the helpers on site! None of this can happen without all of your help!

And thanks to all of our visitors to the 2025 Annual Cultural Days joining us not just from the region but many others came further distances.

Watch for the videos that will be released soon on our FCSS MD of Opportunity Facebook page, and our photos from our photographer! The videographer on site for two days was absolutely stunned by all of the site and the teachings! Goes to show that from another perspective just how truly amazing it all is!

And, we are honoured to be a part of it too! Until next year,

Janice & Jodi













# Historical Notes from Past Pages!

The late summer and fall of 2000 featured a variety of news topics appearing on the pages of the first year of publication of The Fever.

In early August, the Bigstone Cree Nation's Wabasca administration offices were shut down by a protest group calling itself "Concerned Bigstone Cree Nation Members" RCMP officers attended the protest but no arrests were made and no damages were done even though some protesters were said to have gained access to the building and used wire to interfere with entrance doors. The protest appeared to be over chief and council spending an unannounced amount of money for a youth and elders conference instead of other types of youth activities.

Alphonse Beaver was the subject of a Fever article about his first 100 years of life. While the community had celebrated his 100th birthday in the spring of 2000, he told The Fever he was actually 101 years old and had been born north of Trout Lake. After moving with his family to Wabasca at an early age, he began helping the family with fishing and trapping; at one point he was getting fifty cents for each trapping of a muskrat, but his mother had to help him carry the muskrats off the trapline because he was too small to carry them. According to Beaver he had over 300 grandchildren spread over six generations.

Edmonton Police announced the arrest of a suspect in the 1993 murder and torching of Bigstone member Joyce Cardinal, age 36, who was living in northeast Edmonton. Firefighters found Cardinal still alive on the edge of Rundle Park where she had been set on fire with the use of gasoline in a random attack by a large man. She died in hospital and her attacker, Todd Christopher Elliot, 25, fled to British Columbia where he was tracked down through a long investigation into what described by the media as perhaps Edmonton's most horrific murder.

The commanding RCMP officers of the Desmarais and Red Earth Creek detachments both said in Fever interviews that a wet spring and summer meant less wildfires and, therefore, less money being spent on liquor by local firefighters. Both detachments reported less crime and other disturbances during the summer because of less firefighting income and the fact that some prolific offenders in the two communities were behind bars.

Gordon T. Auger was elected Chief of Bigstone Cree Nation in September, but there was some controversy over voting. Bigstone member Basil Manossa also said he would launch an appeal for unfairly not being allowed to participate in the election.

ABCor Forest Industries Ltd. was given rights by the provincial government to over 175,000 cubic metres of timber to feed a sawmill and chipping facility in Wabasca. Mike Cardinal was Alberta Resource Development Minister at the time.

Patrick Gladue became the director of the Bigstone Wellness Centre. He also was director of a Slave Lake to Wabasca Relay race in the spring of 2000 which raised funds for a fitness trail in Wabasca to encourage persons with diabetes to use jogging and walking as a way to battle the disease. The 125-kilometre race was won by Fever/ Scope Newspaper team in nine hours and 20 minutes.

Watch for Historical Notes in future issues



### Proposed Bylaw 2025-21

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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.

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# "The FEVER GOES DIGITAL With a Website!

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Private schools with 7% of AB students get 13% hike in 2025 provincial budget while public schools fall further behind with overcrowding, too few teachers

Alberta Teachers' Association has issued the following statement with regard to the Government of Alberta diverting public funds to private schools during the upcoming teachers' strike.

"Once again, the Alberta government has demonstrated its willingness to spend taxpayers' dollars everywhere but where they're needed most-public edu-

Families are being pushed to withdraw their children from community schools and put them in private ones.

Alberta already provides the highest level of funding for private schools in Canada, while at the same time spending the least on students in public education.

#### **Return funding to public**

The math isn't complicated. Bring the funding back to public education.

Even the minister has said it himself: this is about our kids and their education.

It's time to put both the focus-and the fundingback where it belongs: in the classroom.

The Alberta Teachers' Association, as the professional organization of teachers, promotes and advances public education, supports teachers' professional practice and serves as the advocate for its 51,000 members.

### Proposed Bylaw 2025-19

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# Support our Students (SOS) calls for more funds for public schools

Support Our Students Alberta, a non-partisan, non-profit public education advocacy group fighting for the rights of all children to an equitable and accessible public education system. We are all volunteers.

SOS's reaction last February to the provincial government's budget for education:

Not enough funding to meet enrolment growth, inflation, or educational supports & resources for student success -

Yesterday's Budget announcement signified the UCP government doubling down on withholding vital resources and educational access from K-12 students.

The total amount of operational funding falls significantly short of reaching minimally adequate levels of instructional funding.

In the context of inflationary reality and persistent enrolment growth, this shortfall means many students will remain unfunded within our growing public education system. In contrast, private education will receive an egregious 13% increase in public subsidies which private institutions will use to pick and choose students.

"Alberta's K-12 students are once again left behind in this Budget. Disgracefully, Alberta spends the least on public education, while simultaneously spending the most on private education in Canada. The UCP government is continuing their destruction of public education by refusing to fund students adequately." - Medeana Moussa, Executive Director of Support Our Students AB

Over 93% of Alberta students attend public schools. But school boards' funding requests for sustainable and predictable resources, including additional educational personnel, new schools and learning spaces, are continually denied while the government allots money for private education growth.

Every four years, Alberta diverts over \$1 billion in public funds to subsidize wealthy and exclusive private and charter schools which do not serve the community at large, but stratify students based on ability and wealth.

"The ongoing intentional erosion of public education will accelerate under Budget 2025. By underfunding our school boards, we will see more instability in our growing education system and Alberta's K-12 students will be the ones to bear this cost.

"Our students deserve so much more than the inadequate support tepidly offered by this government." - Medeana Moussa, Executive Director.

# Over 35,000 people have signed online petition wanting Danielle Smith removed as Premier

Some of the signers' comments show disliking of Smith's style of governing, threats to democracy



Premier Smith with President Trump in Florida.

#### The petition itself ... was started earlier this year and is still gaining supporters with it's goal of 50,000

As a passionate Canadian, I am deeply concerned about our country's future. The issue that worries me most is Premier Danielle Smith's controversial alliance with Donald Trump, a figure internationally known for contentious policies.

Reports suggest that Trump plans to impose a 25% tariff on

Canadian goods once he assumes office, an action that could profoundly destabilize our economy. The response to this unprecedented



and potentially harmful policy should be swift and unanimous; yet, Smith is the only Premier against retaliatory tariffs on American

This is unprecedented and misguided. Trade between Canada and the U.S. is one of the most significant bilateral relationships worldwide, with goods and services trade totaling nearly \$887 billion in 2019 alone (source: Office of the U.S. Trade Representative). Based on these figures, a 25% tariff could mean a potential loss of over \$220 billion for the Canadian economy.

By refusing to engage in retaliatory tariffs, Smith is essentially siding with Trump, leaving us vulnerable to thrashing at the mercy of an administration that does not have our best interests in mind. This move would put our country in a precarious situation, making us seem weak and timid in the face of threats, something that our diverse and proud nation cannot afford.

I may be one voice, but my concern for Alberta and Canada runs deep. As a citizen, I beseech you, fellow Canadians, not to stand idle while our nation's dignity and economy are at stake. Our country should not be the 51st state of America but remain a powerful and independent symbol of democracy and freedom.

Therefore, I challenge all of us to urge Premier Smith to call a Provincial Election. It is our right, not just as Albertans, but as proud Canadians, to have a leader who truly represents us and will stand up to threats from the Trump administration. Let us use our democratic power to demand change now.

Please sign this petition to tell Danielle Smith that we expect more from her, from our leaders. Let us stand up, not stand down.

#### Harsh comments left on Change.org petition ...

Spencer: She's not good. All she sees is a little tube towards a direction that has been tried and failed relentlessly. I do not like her. She's a bad reputation of Alberta, Canada, North America and Humanity.

Cassandra: She wants to make America

great again. NOT Alberta, much less Canada, America. She's taking money from the severely handicapped, stripping the rights of transgender Albertans, threatening public health by charging Albertans the full cost of the Covid19 vaccine, she's censoring the books available at our public libraries, and so much more. So, sooo much more.

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### Proposed Bylaw 2025-18

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#### Comments on petition to remove Smith ...

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**Zia**: Danielle Smith is a threat to human autonomy, the livelihoods and safety of all albertans and threatens all of Canada. She has continued to cut education, healthcare, AISH, targeting trans people, environmental protections, treaty rights, the safety of immigrants and migrants with new plans to implement citizenship on ID cards- red flag after red flag breaking down what is Canadian democracy- we must denounce her as our leader and have a real leader of morals, community care and collective growth run things. **Cassandra**: She wants to make America great again. NOT Alberta, much

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**Revalie:** Danielle Smith's trips to Mara Lago have given her ideas on how to achieve power. If Alberta were to separate from, Danielle would become

the Leader or the President or the king of Alberta. In what ways is she following the Trump playbook for power? See the facts below: Electoral Reforms Echoing GOP Tactics according to the Tyee: Corporate and Union Donations: Smith's government reintroduced corporate and union donations to political parties and PACs, mirroring the U.S. Republican strategy. Ban on Vote Tabulators: Alberta banned vote-counting machines, a decision that echoes Trump-aligned Republicans' efforts to sow distrust in election technology after 2020. Media Strategy and Shock Politics: As Warren Kinsella noted in Timmins Press: Smith has made controversial statements—such as blaming cancer patients for their illness and calling unvaccinated individuals the "most discriminated group"—that mirror Trump's tactic of dominating headlines through provocative rhetoric. ... This is the time for Canada to Unite. This is the time for Canada to denounce leaders seeking personal power. Please remove Danielle Smith from office.

Christine: SHE NEEDS TO GO!!! She is taking the government disability payments & deduction them from out AISH income, its hard enough with the cut backs for disabled people to "SURVIVE" NEVER MIND LIVE.



# Proposed Bylaw 2025-22

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Housing costs are crazy, food every bit as bad, and she uses tax payers \$\$ for her new carpet & trips to Trump wanting to join the US. If I wanted to live in the us I would be there!

Julia: Danielle Smith has proved to cozy up to Trump a world leader that doesn't respect Canada as a real country, and while having a surplus spending only on the government not the people. She instead wants to take money from the disabled and the old people who already are struggling.

**Cyrus:** I disagree with Danielle's direction. Her leadership has been disappointing. Her group can't even get AHS figured out and she wants to try and run a country?

Michelle: Tired of her lies, lack of transparency, accountability and the corruption of the UPC party. Everything Smith promised she has failed to deliver and has done so at the expense of everyone living in this province. All she cares about is pandering to her extremist separatist supporters.

**Trina:** She is ignoring the voices of the First Nations of Alberta and disrespecting Treaty Territory. She needs to step down. Before the natives of Alberta start on their Idle No More. It won't be a nice.

Angela: I believe Danielle Smith should step down as Premier because her leadership consistently undermines the integrity, unity, and democratic values of Alberta. She has interfered in the justice system, spread misinformation about public health, and pushed dangerous separatist rhetoric that threatens to isolate Alberta. Her use of the Sovereignty Act to pick fights with Canada is about feeding division.

# Northern Lakes College adding courses, programs dealing with cybersecurity

Northern Lakes College has announced the expansion of its Computer Network Specialist program with the launch of two new cybersecurity courses, developed in partnership with

EC-Council Academia, a leading provider of cybersecurity education and train-

These new offerings are designed to equip students with the practical skills and professional certifications needed to thrive in today's digital-first economy.

The new courses feature hands-on labs and certification opportunities for cybersecurity beginners and cloud security engineering.

The Computer Network Specialist program at the Northern Lakes College prepares students to build, maintain, and support small business networks.

With the increasing digitization of workplace, the demand for professionals with expertise in networking, cybersecurity, and cloud computing continues to grow.

With courseware designed by EC-Council and delivered by Northern Lakes College, the new courses feature cloud-based, vendor-neutral virtual labs equipped with built-in cybersecurity tools and virtual machines.

These labs provide students with a secure, controlled environment to apply cybersecurity concepts in real-world scenarios without need to purchase addi-



tional hardware or software.

By operating entirely in the cloud, the labs ensure that students' personal devices and the College's network remain protected, even as learners engage in advanced security exercises such as threat detection, vulnerability assessment, and incident response.

Upon completion of the courses, students are encouraged to independently pursue two globally recognized certifications: Certified Secure Computer User (CISCU) and Certified Cloud Security Engineer (CICSE).

# Proposed Bylaw 2025-20

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### Assaults in Jasper, Fox Lake lead to death of two men

Two men's deaths in recent altercations now being investigated by RCMP.

#### Jasper

Shortly after 1:15 a.m., Saturday, September 27, RCMP responded to a report of a violent incident at the Jasper Legion Hall. Officers found a man on the ground, needing medical assistance,

When Emergency Medical Services personnel reached the scene, the male was pronounced deceased,

Another man at the scene was taken into custody.

Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit has taken carriage of the investigation with assistance from the Edson RCMP Forensic Identification Section.

#### Fox Lake death and assault

On Monday, Fox Lake RCMP updated the investigation of a suspicious death that arose from an incident around 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday September 17.

RCMP were called to a disturbance involving several people and found an injured male identified as Delbert Noskiye of Fort Vermilion.

Besides 52-year-old Noskiye later being announced deceased allegedly from the injuries he received on September, RCMP discovered there had been a second victim injured but he survived.

The RCMP investigation led to the arrest of three individuals, one being a 17-year-old youth who can not be identified and the arrest of Sammy Alook, 36, a resident of Garden River, and Brenda Alook, 32, a resident of Fox Lake.

The three persons are facing charges of second degree murder and assault causing bodily harm. They were remanded into custody by a justice of peace. The youth's first court date was October 6 while the two adult males are to appear in Fort Vermilion Court on October 14.





### **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** 

**Food & Refreshments Provided** 

For more information, please call Helen or Treena at 780-891-3777 or toll free 1-877-767-7060





## **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:

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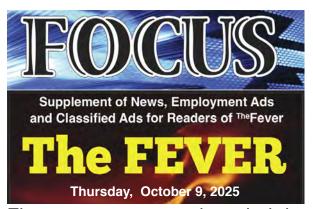


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Are you bored with your current hairstyle? Join us for Girls Group on Oct. 24 for some hair tips and tricks! We will be doing hair and watching a halloween show while we snack! Ages: 10yrs - 17 yrs

> BCW RECOVERY BOARDROOM 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

You will leave feeling FABULOUS!



# Covid-19 could be competing against Influenza this fall in regards to which will have highest numbers

While alarms bells are not going off, it appears Covid (SARS-CoV-2 in below chart) is having a much busier fall right across the country and, particularly in Alberta where 12 people have already died in the first

five weeks of data tracking for the 2025/26 season and the positivity rate in testing for Covid has risen to 6.8%.

In the first two weeks of the new season, new confirmed Covid cases were over 150, the third week jumped to over 180 and the last two weeks have gone over 200.

The national graph in the lower right corner of this page shows the national situation where new Covid infections were over 1,000 the first week of the graph but are now getting close to 3,000 per week.

It should be noted that some health jurisdictions are no longer providing data to Health Infobase Canada.ca, including the provinces of Saskatchewan and Mani-

While usually this time of year when health authorities are getting flu shot campaigns started and keeping a sharp eye on influenza infections and outbreaks, more attention may be centred on Covid and generat-

(0 this season)

**RSV** deaths

ing statements both in Canada and the United States saying "Nationally, indicators of Covid-19 activity are increasing. Virologic: the percentage of tests positive for Covid-19 is increasing."

In the past three respiratory seasons, the influenza infections usually started ramping up in late October and rising through November to hit their highest during the end of year holiday season or early January.

Covid, while still having a year-round presence had fewer numbers of infections and deaths in the fall and not rising to high numbers until the flu season began lessening in the spring months.

If the current upward trend of Covid-19 cases occurs at the same peak times for influenza cases, Alberta hospitals could become extremely busy.

In mid-September, CBC News was presenting interviews with doctors and health authorities warning about troubles ahead for hospitals, schools and work places where Covid and flu infections spread quickly.

The usual advice from all legitimate medical sources: protect yourself with vaccinations, take precautions when in crowded places, and when sick, stay home

# Fire season supposed to wind down this month, but Slave Lake Forest still has lots of hot spots

One of the driest Septembers in memory has kept firefighting efforts continuing in Slave Lake Forest Protection Area.

As of Wednesday, there were eight active fires in the forest area; one of them still listed out of control and four others being held to their current boundaries.

The fight against the stubborn Red Earth East Complex of six active fires east of Highway 88, has been helped in the past week by cooler weather and some moisture.

Fire SWF092 is still producing a lot of smoke and refuses to give up its out-of-control status even though it is not threatening any community.

"These wildfires are large and will take time to fully extinguish," stated a Tuesday update on the Red Earth East Complex.

"Since January 1, 2025 there have been 209 wildfires reported in the Slave Lake Forest Area, burning a total of 373,634 hec-

12

(0 this season)

Influenza deaths

tares."

When compared with the other nine forest protection areas, Slave Lake Forest has obviously been very busy and accounts for about 55% of the total area burnt (676,253 hectares involving 1,191 fires) in the province's forests.

Portions of Slave Lake Forest, mainly located north of Lesser Slave Lake, continue to be subjected to fire restrictions. The restrictions include no new fire permits being issued and current fire permits have been suspended.

Alberta Fire Bans can be checked online to determine boundaries of fire restriction areas where outdoor wood fires on public lands are not allowed, including in backcountry and random camping areas.

The use of fireworks and exploding targets are also prohibited in areas where fire restrictions are in effect.

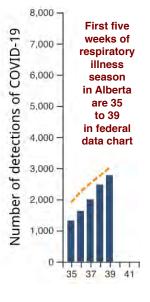
(67 this season) (921 this season) (20 this season) SARS-CoV-2 cases **RSV** cases Influenza cases 0.7% 6.8% 0.4% Influenza positivity SARS-CoV-2 positivity **RSV** positivity 68 Influenza in hospital\*\* SARS-CoV-2 in hospital\* **RSV** in hospital\*\* 0 O 3 Influenza in ICU\*\* SARS-CoV-2 in ICU\*\* **RSV in ICU\*\*** 

Alberta Respiratory Illnesses: Data from September 21 to 27, 2025

204

(12 this season)

SARS-CoV-2 deaths





#### **Consider a Career with Bigstone Cree Nation!**

#### BIGSTONE BUSINESS SERVICES LTD

**Employment Opportunity** 



#### **ALBERTA REGISTRIES CLERK**

One (1) Permanent Full-Time • Monday to Friday – 7 hours/day Wabasca, Alberta

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

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

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

#### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Good organizational skills, make sound decisions.
- Good knowledge of office procedures
- Be extremely observant to detail and accuracy
- Ability to handle customer complaints and provide appropriate solutions
- Must be able to work and adapt to a fast paced/diverse environment
- Good written and oral communication skills
- Must be a team player and able to work with minimal supervision.
- Maintain confidentiality in accordance with BBS policy.
- Ability to speak Cree is an asset.
- Must have proven ability to multi-task.
- Passionate commitment to helping our customers.

#### **Education and Experience:**

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

#### **Benefits**

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

Salary is dependant on qualifications.

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

#### **Human Resources Department**

PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email : bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca CLOSING DATE: Friday October 17, 2025 at 4.30 pm.

POSTED: October 2, 2025.

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

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### As winter approaches, RCMP advise homeowners to secure their property

With colder days approaching, the Alberta RCMP is providing tips to avoid seasonal property crime.

Property crime is often a crime of opportunity. The offseason tends to be when these incidents occur the most as there are less people around. Follow the below tips to help avoid becoming a victim:

- Store your off-road vehicles out of sight, ideally in a locked garage, shed, or storage unit. Empty all gas and block each vehicle with physical barriers such as fencing or wheel clamps to make them difficult to remove.
- Secure farm equipment in locked buildings, use wheel clamps or remove batteries. Keep keys in a separate, secure location. Maintain a log of serial numbers and equipment descriptions. Mark equipment with security markings, such as your postal code on the top of trailers.
- •Take home all valuables from your seasonal property, including expensive tools and electronics, and properly lock up anything left behind. Consider posting signage that states all valuables have been removed.
  - Put away any outdoor furniture.

Ensure all doors, windows, gates, and outbuildings are se-

- If storing firearms other hunting equipment, ensure they are properly secured.
- Consider security cameras, motion-activated lights, and GPS trackers for high-value equipment.
- To learn more about seasonal property crime, follow our social media accounts on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) and X (@RCMPAlberta).

Alberta RCMP encourages the public to report any suspicious activity to police. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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# **RECOVERY CONFERENCE 2025**

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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@bigstonehealth.ca Contact Addictions Team Lead

**Brandon Noskey** brandon.noskey@bigstonehealth.ca 780-891-3777 or 1-877-767-7060

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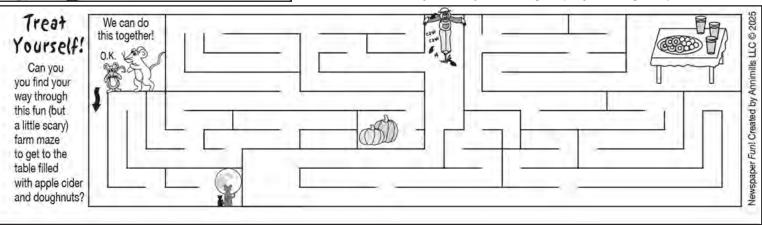






# Help fight crime in Your Nation!

Report suspicious people or vehicles · Have security lights on your home Lock up vehicles, homes and outbuildings . Talk to neighbours about crime prevention If someone in your family is into drugs or petty crimes, get help for them





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# Careers / Classifieds Wabasca Fever Newspaper

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#### **Coming Events**

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#### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17



Box 50 Red Earth, Alberta TOG 1X0 Phone (780) 649-3427

Fax (780) 649-3440

Box 60 Wabasca, Alberta TOG 2K0 Phone (780) 891-3778 Fax (780) 891-4283

Calling Lake, Alberta T0G 0K0 Phone (780) 331-3860 Fax (780) 331-3950

Box 22

#### 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 TOG 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.



# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### Permanent Full Time Early Childhood Educator Wabasca

The Municipal District of Opportunity No.17 is seeking to fill a permanent full-time position at the Opportunity Daycare in Wabasca, AB. The ideal candidate should be outgoing and energetic with demonstrated skills in their area of work, who are self-starters and team oriented. The successful individual will help create and deliver a high-quality early learning childcare service that meets MD policy as well as provincial Childcare Licensing.

#### Primary responsibilities are to:

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

#### Qualifications required:

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

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

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

This advertisement will remain open until October 17, 2025.

The personal information submitted pursuant to this advertisement will be utilized for this Employment Opportunity only and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

# **Work with Your Bigstone Cree First Nation ...**

#### BIGSTONE PHARMACY LTD

**Employment Opportunity** 



#### PHARMACY ASSISTANT Permanent Part-Time Wabasca, Alberta

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

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

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

#### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

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

#### **Education and Experience:**

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

#### Benefits:

- Competitive Salary.
- Extended Health, Dental & Vision Plan
- **Employer Matching Pension Plan**

Training provided Paid vacation and sick time

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

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

**Human Resources Department** PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca CLOSING DATE: Until a Suitable Candidate is found.

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

POSTED: October 6, 2025

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

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

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Further Information: 780-773-3330

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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	Desmarais, Alberta
ь	Former Pelican Mountain School	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 youch 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



#### 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

