

## Province to fund tubeless insulin pumps to help people better manage diabetes



A more active lifestyle with a tubeless insulin pump may be possible for Albertans with diabetes.

Alberta is now funding tubeless insulin pumps, giving eligible Albertans more freedom and ease in managing diabetes daily.

The government is expanding the Insulin Pump Therapy Program to include the Omnipod 5, a cutting-edge device designed to make managing diabetes easier than ever. Unlike traditional pumps that use tubing, the Omnipod 5 automatically adjusts insulin in real time, using data from a continuous glucose monitor, helping keep blood sugar levels within a healthy range.

More than 1.3 million Albertans are living with diabetes, and many rely on insulin every day to manage their condition. Managing blood sugar can be complex and time-consuming, so improving access to easier, more advanced technology helps reduce that burden and support better health outcomes.

Eligible Albertans can receive an insulin pump at no cost every five years through the Insulin Pump Therapy Program. Access to the Omnipod 5 will follow this existing replacement cycle, meaning most current users will transition when their device warranty expires, rather than all at once.

Albertans already using an Omnipod system may also be eligible to upgrade earlier through the manufacturer's Omnipod Innovation Pathway Program.

"This is hugely exciting news. It builds on Alberta's previous commitment to supporting access to continuous glucose monitoring for children and adults with type 1 diabetes that enables access to automated insulin delivery (AID). AID has delivered unprecedented improvements in blood glucose levels and quality of life, and adding coverage for OP5 provides young children and other vulnerable populations with an option that may better suit their needs. This investment will improve health and reduce the burden of diabetes for individuals, their families and our communities." *Dr. Peter Senior, director, Alberta Diabetes Institute and Charles A Allard chair in Diabetes Research, University of Alberta*

### In This Issue:

**Volatile gas prices is pushing more people thinking "electric"**

**Lots of activities / programs for youths and adults!**

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# The FEVER

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Northland School Division is proud to recognize Makena Auger from Calling Lake School for her strong performance at the North East Regional Skills Canada Competition.

Makena competed in St. Paul on April 8, 2026, where she earned a second-place finish. Her hard work and dedication were on full display as she competed alongside other skilled students from across the region.

This result has earned Makena a spot at the provincial competition, which will take place at the Edmonton Expo Centre on May 6th and 7th. She will now have the opportunity to represent her school and Northland on a larger stage.



# Publisher's Ponderings ...

A column of news & commentary

• **Federal Government announced recently a policy change that gives help to Ukrainians trying to avoid Vladimir Putin's attempt to wipe out Ukraine and its people:**

“As Russia’s illegal war against Ukraine persists, Canada continues to support Ukrainian people who are here contributing to our communities and labour market. The Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced that Ukrainians who arrived in Canada under the Canada–Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) and related measures will have an additional year to apply to extend their work permit.

“To be eligible, Ukrainians and their family members must have arrived in Canada on or before March 31, 2024. CUAET holders who didn’t receive a decision in time to arrive by March 31, 2024, but who were allowed to arrive by December 31, 2024, are also eligible for these measures. People who were issued work permits under CUAET and related measures now have until March 31, 2027, to apply to extend their work permit for up to three years.”

• **Another opportunity for residents of Wabasca, Sandy Lake, Calling Lake, Red Earth Creek and Chipewyan Lake to participate in another community gardening project that will give the sweet awards!**

MD#17’s busy Family and Community Support Services has a limited number of spots in each hamlet available for Strawberry Plant Pallets this coming summer (unless winter becomes a year-round season starting in 2026).

If you missed the ad about this program, you can call or text either of the busy gardening bees of FCSS, Janice 780-773-5564 or Jodi 780,273-0191 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m..

• **A few weeks back when the Oilers finally were able to win three games in a row for the first time this season and then actually stretched out to five in a row, their fans were excited that the team members were finally in their playoff-time mode. With the last of the Oilers’ regular games on Thursday night, the top of the Pacific Division teams are so close, it is assured the Oilers will be in the first round of playoffs which team they play is not known at Wednesday press time.**



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### WHAT IS HAPPENING?

A petition is trying to start a vote on Alberta separating from Canada.

### WHY ARE FIRST NATIONS OPPOSED?

They say Treaty rights must be respected and they were not properly consulted.

### WHAT HAS THE COURT DONE?

The court has paused the process until it reviews the legal case.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The court will decide if the process can continue—or be stopped.

Our Nations are united.  
Our rights are not optional.

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# Couple face variety of charges after trying to flee RCMP

A stolen car reported to be parked on Main Street South in Slave Lake the afternoon of Thursday, April 9, led RCMP to have to hunt for two suspects for about a half hour and then capture them when the man and woman tried to escape on foot.

The stolen vehicle was not at the parking spot reported when Slave Lake officers arrived so they began patrolling the town with the help of Slave Lake RCMP Crime Reduction Unit.

When the vehicle was spotted near Caribou Trail and then turning eastbound onto 6th Avenue SW, police vehicles activated their sirens and the suspect vehicle did not stop, but its driver made the mistake on driving into a cul de sac where it got trapped.

The couple tried to flee on foot but each was quickly captured by faster officers and were arrested around 4 p.m.

The arrests led to officers seizing suspect drugs, drug paraphernalia and other items and the female was found to be in possession of weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Lasha Yellowknee (age 23), a resident of Wabasca, was arrested and is facing the fol-

lowing charges:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000;
- Resist arrest;
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking suspected heroin; and
- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Stephen Mick Favel (32), a resident of Slave Lake, was arrested and is facing the charges of:

- Flight from peace officer;
- Operate motor vehicle while prohibited;
- Possession of stolen property under \$5,000;
- Resist arrest; and
- Fail to comply with release order.

Both Yellowknee and Favel were held in custody and appeared for their Judicial Interim Hearings.

Favel was held in custody and is set to appear in the Alberta Court of Justice in Slave Lake at 10 a.m., April 29.

Yellowknee was released and is to appear in court in Slave Lake May 20.

# TREATY RIGHTS VS. SEPARATION

First Nations take legal action as independence push faces court challenge

A growing political and legal conflict is unfolding in Alberta as First Nations step forward to challenge a proposed referendum on separation from Canada.

A citizen-led petition is currently gathering signatures to trigger a provincial vote on independence. If successful, it could lead to one of the most significant political changes in Alberta's history.

However, First Nations leaders say this process ignores a fundamental issue — Treaty rights.

The Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, along with other Nations, has taken the matter to court. They argue that Alberta is built on Treaty land and that any decision affecting that land cannot happen without their full involvement and consent.

The court has now temporarily paused key steps in the referendum process. This means the petition cannot move forward to the next stage until the legal challenge is reviewed.

Chief Sheldon Sunshine of Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation

called the ruling a “step forward” in protecting Treaty rights. “Our Nations are united. Our rights are not optional.”

First Nations across Treaties 6, 7, and 8 have joined together in opposition. Leaders have held press conferences, visited the legislature, and spoken out strongly against the separation effort.

Many leaders say their relationship is with the Crown — not the province — and that these legal agreements cannot be ignored.

Protests and public statements continue, with communities demanding respect, consultation, and recognition of their rights.

Meanwhile, the Alberta government has stated that citizen-led referendums are part of democracy, but concerns remain over how Treaty obligations will be addressed.

The court's final decision is expected in the coming weeks and could shape not only Alberta's future, but also the future of Treaty rights across Canada.



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## NOTICE OF SMALL BUSINESS SUB-CLASS BYLAW

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

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

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

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

Dated this 13th day of April 2026  
Chad Tullis,  
Chief Administrative Officer

## Bigstone Community Wellness presents:

SAVE THE DATES  
Oral Histories

**April 20th, 2026**  
Chipewyan Lake, AB  
Community Hall

**April 22nd, 2026**  
Calling Lake, AB  
Community Complex

**April 23rd, 2026**  
Wabasca, AB  
George D. Auger Memorial Hall

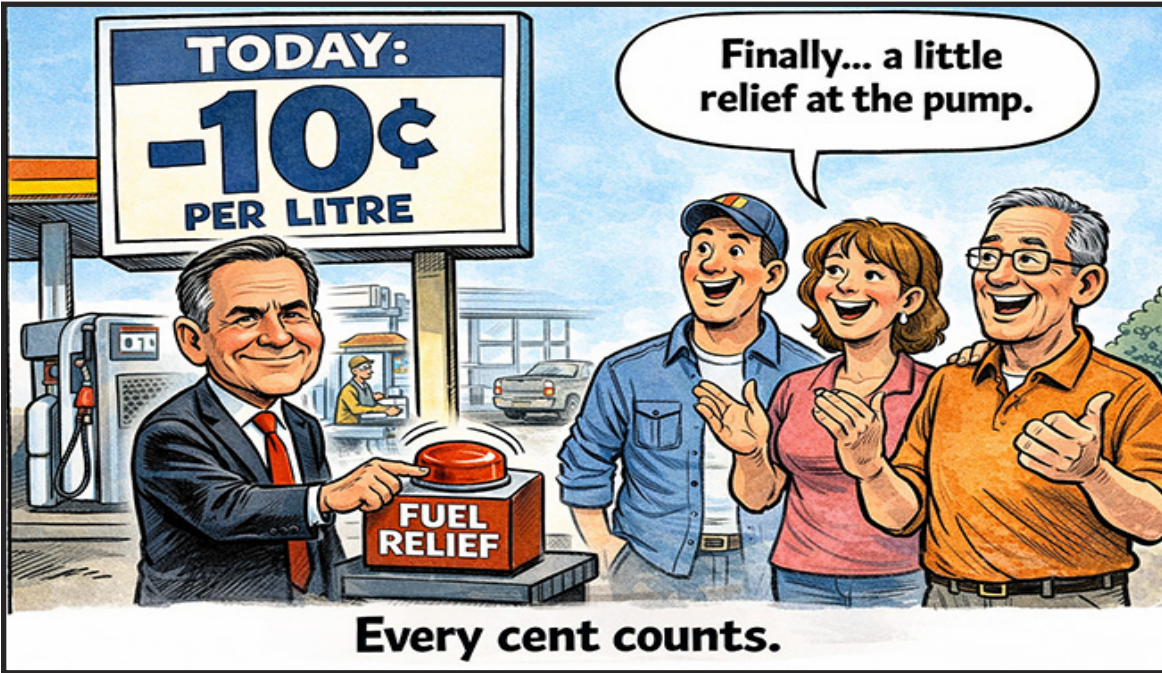
AGENDA TO FOLLOW



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



Store garbage securely —  
it helps keep bears away  
from communities.



Starting Monday, April 20, Canadian drivers will be saving 10 cents per litre of fuel as Prime Minister Mark Carey announced eliminating the federal fuel excise tax for summer.

Besides being happy to be able to give Canadians that small break against the chaos of rising prices due to the United States / Israel War against Iran and the economic chaos the conflict has caused, Carnay saw three Monday by-elections by by Liberals gave him a majority government.

Graduation Fundraiser

# MERCHANDISE BINGO

**PRIZES, SNACKS, 50/50 RAFFLE AND GOOD VIBES AWAIT!**

Doors Open @ 5:30pm

- APRIL 21, 2026
- 6PM-9PM
- MISTASSINIY SCHOOL

## Board Meeting Highlights

March 28, 2026



### Board Chair shares updates on meetings and advocacy work



Board Chair Tanya Fayant shared highlights from her recent work, including meetings, conferences, and community events.

Over the past month, the Board Chair took part in several key meetings and conferences, including the Alberta Rural Education Symposium and ASBA Zone 1 meetings. These opportunities support ongoing learning and help bring new ideas back to Northland School Division.

The Board Chair also attended community events, including the Elizabeth School parent advisory council meeting and the Anzac On Ice Academy community hockey game and banquet. The event brought together students, families, staff, and community partners to celebrate the program and recognize those who support student opportunities.

Advocacy work continues to be a focus, with meetings held to discuss mental health supports and future planning for school and community spaces in Conklin. Upcoming meetings are also planned with Métis Settlement leaders.

**Readers are invited to share their comments on how their lives have been affected by global events and what suggestions they may have for those who are being affected by higher prices for most necessities.**

# Wabasca, Alberta

## September 16 - 22, 2026



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

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

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

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EMAIL: JANICE.AUGER@MDOPPORTUNITY.AB.CA**

# Board Meeting Highlights

March 28, 2026



## Superintendent shares highlights aligned with Education Plan priorities

Superintendent of Schools and CEO Cal Johnson shared highlights connected to Northland School Division's Education Plan priorities.



**Under Priority 1: Connections Supporting Truth and Reconciliation**, Northland marked an important step forward with the approval to begin planning for a replacement school in Paddle Prairie. Johnson noted that a new school will support language and culture, land-based learning, and stronger high school programming so students can continue to thrive and grow.

Students were also recognized at the Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards for their positive contributions to their communities.

**Under Priority 2: Holistic Learning**, students from Anzac School, Bill Woodward School, Father R. Perin School and Conklin Community School came together for Basketball Palooza at the Conklin Multiplex. The event created opportunities for students to be active, work as a team, and build connections. It also reflects feedback from families and communities asking for more opportunities for team sports and student engagement.



**Under Priority 3: Excellent People Supporting Students**, Northland leaders shared their work at the Alberta Rural Education Symposium. Superintendent Johnson and Director of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Debbie Mineault spoke about how Truth and Reconciliation is built into the division's Education Plan and is part of daily learning in classrooms and communities.



Associate Superintendent Mark Owens also presented on Dual Credit and Collegiate Programming, highlighting how students are gaining hands-on experience and building pathways to trades, post-secondary education and careers close to home.

Deputy Superintendent Scott Meunier supported the event as part of the organizing committee, helping guide the symposium's planning and delivery.

**Under Priority 4: Responsible Resourcing**, the division secured grant funding through its partnership with TELUS World of Science - Edmonton to support climate and science learning opportunities. Work is also underway to explore apprenticeship opportunities within the maintenance department, helping build local skills and support long-term capacity.



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

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

*Some month when the snow finally melts,  
the gardening season will start in Northern Alberta!*

Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:



# PARFAITS & PRESSONS

Join Us For Ice Cream Sundaes

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(Glue used to adhere nails)

When: April 17th, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 10 Youth

Ages: 9 - 17

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Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:

# YOUTH SEWING PROJECT

**Chef Apron**

**&**

**Hat**

When: April 14th, 21st and 28th, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 10 Youth

Ages: 10 - 17

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

# Friends of Medicare have ulcers over two more new provincial health policies

Two recent commentaries by the public health advocate group, Friends of Medicare:

On April 2, Friends of Medicare released an interim report titled, "Filling the Gap: Examining the Downloading of Health Care Costs onto Alberta Municipalities."

The report examines the often overlooked role that Alberta municipalities are increasingly playing in ensuring access to health care in their communities.

"As Albertans continue to struggle to access the care they need, and as our health care system undergoes significant changes in the deli-

livery of services, it has become increasingly necessary to track and understand how these changes are impacting different levels of government, including municipalities," said Chris Galloway, executive director of Friends of Medicare.

"Yet no one is doing that. What Alberta desperately needs is provincial leadership, including a robust health care workforce plan focused on retention, recruitment, and training.

"What we are seeing is the provincial government consistently attempting to download its responsibility for providing timely access

to quality public health care."

**The interim report states:**

Although health care is a provincial responsibility, the Alberta government's inadequate response to the health care crisis has resulted in municipalities increasingly assuming costs of providing health services.

It highlights that local governments have primarily aimed to improve health services in their community through two policy tools: using municipal funds to offer direct financial incentives for doctor and other health care worker recruitment and retention, and by

directly providing funding for clinics or other health care services.

"As we've toured the province, we have spoken to many municipal leaders trying to find ways to fill the gaps in the health care services available in their communities," said Galloway.

"Financial incentives for doctors to move to communities, towns buying up primary care clinics, and other municipal initiatives are happening throughout the province, yet no one is tracking this at a provincial level or evaluating these policy tools."

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## Board Meeting Highlights

March 28, 2026



### 2026-2027 Northland School Division Calendar approved by the Board

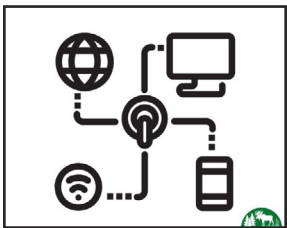
The Board approved the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented. The first day of school for students will be September 8th, with the last day of classes scheduled for June 29th.

The calendar includes scheduled breaks, professional development days and non-operational days throughout the school year.

You can view the 2026-2027 calendar here: <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/553641>.

### Board approves purchase of server upgrade

The Board approved the purchase of a server upgrade for Information Technology at \$124,188.80 plus GST, funded from capital reserves.



This upgrade is the final step in a multi-year plan to modernize technology across Northland. Previous work has included

updates to network equipment, school-based systems, and communication tools. The new system will improve reliability and support key services used across the division, including student information, payroll, and communication systems.

The upgrade will also reduce the risk of system outages and support stable operations for schools and central office.

### Board authorizes feasibility study on potential Central Office relocation

The Board authorized Administration to conduct a feasibility study on the potential relocation of the Central Office from Peace River to Edmonton.

The study will examine the feasibility of a possible move and will be brought back to the Board for review.

## Indigenous-led renewable energy projects offer benefits that reach far beyond reducing carbon emissions



The number of renewable energy projects that are fully or partly Indigenous-owned is growing quickly in Canada, and our new research suggests that their benefits reach far beyond reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The number of such projects on traditional Indigenous territories and reserve lands jumped by more than 300 per cent between 2009 and 2020. Nearly one-fifth of the country's electricity-generating infrastructure involved First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners or beneficiaries as of 2022.

Yet little is known about the impacts of these renewable-energy projects within the participating communities beyond the physical footprint of the construction.

We aimed to fill this information policy gap in response to a request from two organizations that work extensively with First Nations, the Clean Energy Association of British Columbia and the New Relationship Trust, which obtained funding from Natural Resources Canada to conduct research.

Together we conducted a study to paint a more complete picture of these broader impacts, interviewing knowledge-holders in 14 First Nations in British Columbia involved with 36 planned or operational Indigenous-led renewable energy projects.

We found that these projects employ "placed-based" approaches, often with a high degree of community engagement early on, and revenues often allocated to support their own culture, governance, ecology, support services and economy.

### Transformational change

We found that when First Nations' worldviews are centred and community control is enabled, broad social and cultural benefits result, providing greater self-determination.

As part of our research, we interviewed knowledge-holders from the West Moberly First Nations near Peace River, B.C. The nation has used wind-project revenues to support cultural camps and youth programs. As one knowledge-holder there told us:

*"We are involved in it, and we are engaged in it. We are co-owners. And I know our Elders feel really good about hearing that. Knowing that we are not just sitting on the sidelines, while other people fill the*

*pockets in our territory. And our community is doing that kind of stuff more and more. There is a connection there, right, because you are involved. More money is flowing to the community."*

In the Fraser Canyon region, the T'eq'taqtn'mux (Kanaka Bar Indian Band), which has been affected by wildfires in recent years, has used proceeds from solar projects to reduce fire hazards and protect homes.

In the case of the Skidegate Band Council, we heard that revenues from a two-megawatt microgrid solar project would go toward funding TlI Yahda Energy, a partnership with the Old Massett Village Council to develop renewable energy projects in Haida Gwaii.

While these results demonstrate that a broad range of positive outcomes can flow from Indigenous-led renewable energy projects, the social and cultural impacts remain neglected in conventional energy practice.

### Alternative to traditional energy plan

The Indigenous-led projects we heard about stand in contrast to typically used top-down decision-making, favoured by governments.

This approach is often characterized by public consultation that occurs after the decision of where to site the project has been made, often leading to local rejection of the project, and sometimes cancellation.

The bottom-up nature of the approaches we heard about hold important lessons that can enable widespread acceptance of energy transitions.

This is particularly relevant in B.C., where the provincial government is encouraging renewable energy projects to create economic opportunity and counter external economic shocks, including tariffs from the United States.

This policy push extends to the province's more than 200 First Nations, with a 2025 procurement call that requires at least 25 per cent First Nations ownership of a project.

The B.C. government must also meet its obligations under the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA), which aims to bring provincial legislation into agreement with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The UN treaty requires that state parties enable self-determination and obtain free, prior and informed consent from In-

igenous Peoples for projects that impact their lands or resources. Indigenous-led renewable electricity projects in B.C. could help meet requirements under DRIPA to provide pathways for First Nations to improve their economic and social conditions without discrimination.

The Indigenous-led approaches we studied provide a vehicle to support Indigenous communities and make progress toward the province's decarbonization goals. They also hold valuable lessons for developing policy in other jurisdictions like Ontario, where the provincial government has pledged to boost support for the growing number of Indigenous energy projects.

The world is entering a new era in which energy independence will be more important. Our findings about Indigenous-led projects illustrate a radically different approach to growing the Canada's renewables industry in a way that can provide energy and facilitate transformational social and cultural change.

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This article first appeared in Canada Conversation



**Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:**  
in Wabasca

**Girls Night**  
**Smoothies and a Flick**  
**\*\*REVISED DATE\*\***

**When: May 1st, 2026**  
**Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**Where: BCW Foyer**

**Maximum: 20 Youth**  
**Ages: 9 - 17**

**Popcorn, Smoothies and**  
**a Movie (Title to follow)**

**Call to register: Bernadette Schneider at**  
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## Youths & Parents

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



**BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS :**



# **LEARN HOW TO TAP BIRCH TREES WITH AN ELDER**



**START DATE:** Will start 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> week of April  
Dependent on weather.

**WHEN:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

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

**LOCATION:** Bigstone Community Wellness  
Maximum 15 participants.

**Please call to register.**

**Preference given to Chipewyan Lake residents.**

**Contact Recovery Care Staff to Register**

**Robert Zabot**

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### Ulcers for Medicare's Friends living in Alberta ... from Page 7

This report is an initial step in assessing how municipal governments are becoming involved in health care, what costs this poses to communities, and the efficacy of these initiatives.

Friends of Medicare will continue to collect data over the coming months to document a clearer picture of what is happening, and encourages municipal leaders to help by filling out our survey to help with this data collection.

#### Second irritant causing Friends' ulcers ...

Tuesday afternoon, the UCP government tabled Bill 29, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2026.

If passed, this legislation will implement a promise the government previously announced in October, permitting Albertans to pay privately for diagnostic services without a referral.

"This bill is now the third Health Statutes Amendment Act brought forward by the government in less than a year, and in every case, they are rushing to overhaul legislation so that the profits of private health care corporations are prioritized over of the care needs

of Albertans," said Chris Gallaway executive director of Friends of Medicare. "Instead of improving access to care providers—something Albertans actually urgently need—they're expediting access exclusively for those who have the funds to pay for it.

"Today's bill is nothing more than legislated queue jumping that further entrenches the government's plan to bring in two-tier American style health care in Alberta."

The existing privatization of diagnostic services such as MRI and CT imaging has already put significant pressure on publicly delivered services, contributing to lengthening Alberta's current wait times. A 2022 Auditor General report made recommendations to improve diagnostic services by utilizing unused public capacity and organizing access more effectively, but those have ultimately been ignored by two successive UCP governments, which have instead opted to double down on privatization.

"Every time this government announces another new privatization scheme,

they claim it will save money, increase capacity and shorten wait times," said Gallaway. "But Albertans have seen over and over that these schemes never actually pan out as promised, and in reality, reduce public capacity, worsen wait times for patients, and ultimately cost us more. There's absolutely nothing to suggest this time will be any different."

Alberta is already failing to ensure that patients aren't being illegally billed for diagnostic services. As per the most recent Canada Health Act Annual Report, Alberta missed out on more than \$13 million dollars in federal health transfers under the Diagnostic Services Policy as a result of patient charges for medically necessary diagnostic services in

2023 and 2024.

"The government didn't campaign on any of the massive changes they are now implementing, and they didn't receive a mandate from Albertans to dismantle and privatize our public health care system," said Gallaway.

"Yet, they've continuously made moves to charge Albertans more out of pocket to access the health care they need, while pushing full steam ahead to funnel more and more of our valuable public health care

dollars into the profits of insurance companies and private health care providers."

"Albertans deserve better than two-tier health care and legislated queue jumping. We need our federal government to step up and enforce the Canada Health Act, and we deserve a provincial government that is serious about making sure that every Albertan has timely access to the quality care they need, regardless of whether they're able to pay up front," concluded Gallaway.

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**April 16**

**10am-3pm  
Healthy Relationships**

**April 21**

**10am-3pm  
Bannock making and tea with an Elder**

**April 23**

**3pm-9pm  
Oral histories event**

**April  
28-30**

**10am-3pm  
Land Based healing (birch tapping )**

Contact Recovery Care Staff to Register

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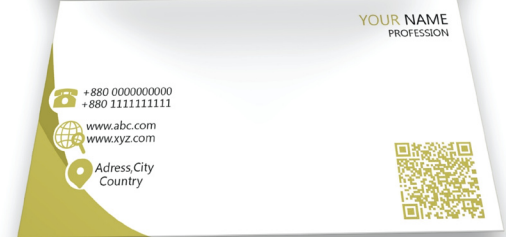
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## Emergency Management Community Events

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### BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

1

#### COMMUNITY BBQ EVENT

Regional Fire Department & MD Emergency Management invite you to an information session

2

#### BRUCE RATHBONE FIREHALL | BBQ 6-8 PM

Join us for food, fun, and important emergency preparedness information for your family!

3

#### LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HAZARDS

Floods, blizzards, and wildfires - be informed about risks in your community



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2

#### SANDY LAKE FIREHALL | BBQ 6-8 PM

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#### CALLING LAKE FIREHALL | BBQ 6-8 PM

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### BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCY APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

1

#### COMMUNITY BBQ EVENT

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2

#### RED EARTH CREEK COMMUNITY HALL | BBQ 6-8 PM

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# FOCUS

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

## The FEVER

Thursday, April 16, 2026

## Current volatile gas/diesel prices around world is already creating high demand for “going electric”

Rachel Doran, executive director at Clean Energy Canada, released a statement Wednesday morning in response to the announcement of a suspension of the federal Fuel Excise Tax on gasoline, diesel, and aviation fuel:

“Prime Minister Mark Carney unveiled a temporary pause on the federal Fuel Excise Tax as the first action of his now majority government. While this may be an understandable move, it will ultimately provide only temporary and minor relief when compared to the savings of going electric. It also comes just as consumers globally are rediscovering the benefits of leaving volatile gas prices behind.

“Across the European Union and numerous countries elsewhere, observers have already seen interest in electric EVs (electric vehicles) multiply over the course of the last month. Searches for second-hand EVs in Germany roughly tripled in the first 18 days of March, and sales of used EVs in the U.S. have risen 20% year over year in the first quarter of 2026. Canadians are noticing too: according to online car retailer Clutch, online searches for EVs grew 94% from January to late March this year.

“As gas prices hit close to \$2 per litre in many parts of Canada, Canadian households are looking for ways to make ends meet. Using 2025 gas prices, a new Clean Energy

Canada study calculated that a typical Canadian driver can save \$23,000 to \$32,000 over 10 years of ownership, or about \$250 per month, by choosing an EV over a comparable gas vehicle. At the current national average gas price of \$1.76/L, EVs would save an additional \$7,000 over the vehicle lifetime.

“In contrast, the removal of the Fuel Excise Tax between now and Labour Day will save the average gas car driver roughly \$77, or \$17 per month for less than five months (assuming about 7,700 kilometres are driven over that time with a fuel economy of 10 L/100 km and that savings from the tax’s removal are fully passed onto drivers). That’s compared to \$250/month for EV drivers.

“Canada’s new auto strategy has already taken many important steps to help Canadians get behind the wheel of an EV, but over the next several months, it will be critical that Canada finalizes robust tailpipe emissions standards to meet Prime Minister Carney’s commitment to achieve 75% EV sales by 2035. This regulation will further drive affordability for all drivers over the long term by requiring carmakers to improve the fuel efficiency of the cars they sell. After all, what will benefit Canadians most are solutions that help them save money for good—and driving an EV is like paying about 40 cents for gas.”

## Toxic street drugs are causing overdoses, raising possibilities of fatalities in Alberta’s cities, town, reserves and rural areas

More frequently RCMP detachments and paramedics linked to Emergency Medical Services are seeing overdoses and seizing street drugs that are more dangerous.

On Tuesday, April 15, saw Lloydminster RCMP responding to “five suspected overdoses in the span of seven hours, with at least four doses of Narcan utilized to help, and in one instance Lloydminster RCMP members transported the person in need to the hospital because of a delay with ground ambulance services.”

In these situations where a lot of overdoses or need for hospitalizations are being experienced in a short time period, police suspect that a supply of toxic drugs has arrived in the community.

“Though drug analysis still needs to be completed, it is suspected that these drugs may have been laced or have higher levels of opioids than expected,” states a media release on Tuesday’s incidents.

RCMP remind the public that signs of a fentanyl overdose include: slow, irregular, and shallow breathing; pinpoint pupils; muscle stiffness; seizures and unconsciousness.



**Young Readers can enjoy some fun puzzles all about Baseball**  
Turn to Page 2

## Province offers free Covid shots for eligible at-risk Albertans

Since April 7, eligible Albertans have been receiving an additional COVID-19 immunization at no cost through participating local pharmacies and Primary Care Alberta public health clinics.

COVID-19 circulates year-round and can lead to serious illness, particularly for older adults and those with underlying health conditions, which is why some individuals may benefit from receiving two immunizations per year to support stronger and longer-lasting protection.

In line with recommendations from Canada’s National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), the following groups are eligible to receive an additional COVID-19 immunization at no cost due to an increased risk of severe outcomes:

- Adults 80 years of age and older.
- Adult residents of long-term care homes and other congregate living settings for seniors.
- Individuals six months of age and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised due to an underlying condition or treatment.

Adults 65 to 79 years of age with underlying medical conditions that place them at higher risk of severe COVID-19.

• A minimum interval of at least three months between COVID-19 immunizations is recommended.

More information continues on Focus page 5

## Alberta Data – March 29 to April 4, 2026

The likely worst flu season for a few decades in Alberta continues as does a snowy winter in the north

456 (17953 this season)	68 (5793 this season)	153 (4540 this season)
Influenza cases	SARS-CoV-2 cases	RSV cases
10.9%	1.8%	4%
Influenza positivity	SARS-CoV-2 positivity	RSV positivity
61	38	56
Influenza in hospital**	SARS-CoV-2 in hospital**	RSV in hospital**
12	0	5
Influenza in ICU**	SARS-CoV-2 in ICU**	RSV in ICU**
1 (264 this season)	0 (118 this season)	1 (48 this season)
Influenza deaths	SARS-CoV-2 deaths	RSV deaths

We like to play baseball and softball.



# Newspaper Fun!

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We love hot dogs and peanuts!



Kids: color stuff in!



Are you and your family, fans of Toronto Bluejays, Canada's only Major Baseball League team? They almost won the World Series last baseball season!

## Baseball Fun for Everyone!

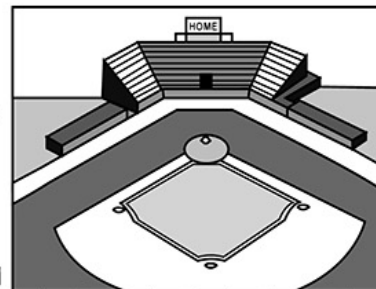


Yay! The baseball season has started. Grab your gloves, bats and baseballs and head for the yard, park or field. Let everyone join in playing this great game!



sportsmanship  
Little League

Spring Training



Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- playing the game with a good attitude toward your team and the opposing team
- large wall in the stadium that records the points of each team
- when a ball hit by the batter flies too far to the right or the left
- sphere covered in white leather
- to hit the ball lightly so that it rolls only a short distance
- a place next to the ballfield where pitchers warm up
- the runner steps on the base
- official in charge of enforcing the rules
- group that sets rules and guidelines to help young children play organized baseball
- the number of balls and strikes a batter has
- period when baseball players warm up, shape up
- the basemen, shortstop, and pitcher stand here
- each game has 9 of these, teams take turns batting and fielding
- a hit that goes so far that it leaves the bounds of the park
- place we visit to watch a game of baseball
- players here are on guard for big hits
- person who trains the team
- after 3 of these, a batter is out
- ball that travels high in the sky when hit
- nine players working together

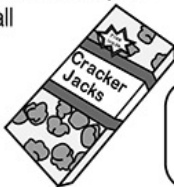


coach

pop fly



inning  
baseball



Hey! That player just stole something... third \_\_\_\_\_.

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foul 9

strike

team 12

count 17

bullpen

tag

home run

scoreboard

## Playing Baseball!

When you play or watch baseball, it's good to know the words people use. Find and circle these baseball words:

N I C O A C H K I  
W S I T R E D G G K L  
N M C M N K U P S T A E L C  
L J H E O A S N S N W A T E B E W  
O E R A R E T E I L S M N H A Y S D  
H R D F E E H M V N H H A Z S K E O B  
H E L M E T S A Z X G E M D E D V P L T

### Who's Who?

- New York
- Chicago
- Houston
- Toronto
- Boston
- Los Angeles
- Detroit
- Atlanta
- Colorado
- Minnesota

- Braves
- Red Sox
- Yankees
- Blue Jays
- Rockies
- Astros
- Twins
- Tigers
- Angels
- Cubs

T S M B R O F S K  
E A D L R T O P  
R L G G B Y A T  
I L J H Y E T F  
P S B A T S K A O  
M T I U Y O P T R  
U A H K O J I M N  
T R S R M S T I F  
U A H G O M C B  
N I C J A W H A  
I Y T L T O A I  
F M A E T G P  
O J C D V I A  
R S O B J H  
M G A S T  
S B J K

Match the names of the teams above.

- |           |      |       |        |         |
|-----------|------|-------|--------|---------|
| baseballs | bats | score | gloves | throw   |
| cleats    | runs | pitch | coach  | innings |
| uniforms  | team | catch | umpire | helmets |

Fill in the missing vowels to see snacks at the ballpark. Then, follow the dots to see a favorite one!

- A. p \_ p c \_ r n      C. p \_ \_ n \_ t s  
B. Fr \_ n c h fr \_ \_ s      D. n \_ c h \_ s

H \_ t d \_ g!

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



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

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

- ◆ Operation of various equipment within the Public Works Department.
- ◆ Responsible for operation & routine maintenance of a variety of light & heavy equipment; mowing equipment and tractors.
- ◆ Some manual labor related to maintenance of the road system, parking lots & other MD operated facilities.
- ◆ Maintenance & installation of road signage as required.
- ◆ Routine maintenance of culverts & control of flooding problems on local roads.
- ◆ Provide written reports on operations as may be required.
- ◆ Under the direction of the Area Lead hand.
- ◆ Hauling gravel and driving the MD bus for rentals.

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

**This advertisement will close on May 1, 2026**

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

## Man faces more than half-dozen charges in Fox Lake shooting

A 27-year-old Fox Lake man has been charged for shooting at a local residence on March 29.

Although no was injuries, RCMP charge Lane Johnson Laboucan with:  
• Careless use of a firearm;

- Using a firearm in the commission of an offence;
- Possession of a firearm contrary to court order (x2);
- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose;
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm;
- Mischief; and,
- Disguise with intent.

Arrested on April 5, Laboucan was remanded in custody and his next court appearance will be held in High Level on April 23.

## 2-bedroom apartments for Rent in Wabasca

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY  
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](mailto:hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca)**

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**Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:**

## Girls Night

# Minute To Win It Game Night

**When: April 24th, 2026**  
**Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**Where: BCW Foyer**

**Maximum: 10 Youth**  
**Ages: 9 - 17**

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

**Bigstone Community Wellness presents:**

# Mental Wellness Conference

## SAVE THE DATES:

**May 11th & 12th, 2026**  
**Wabasca, AB**  
**George D. Auger Hall**  
**Day 1 = 1:00 pm - 8:45 pm**  
**Day 2 = 3:00 pm - 8:45 pm**

**May 13th, 2026**  
**Calling Lake, AB**  
**Calling Lake Community Complex**  
**1:00 pm - 8:45 pm**

**May 14th, 2026**  
**Chipewyan Lake, AB**  
**Community Hall**  
**1:00 pm - 6:45 pm**



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

Take Advantage of all the Youth Activities

**Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:**



## IRS Inquest



### Elders Survivor Gathering

**George D. Community Hall**  
**Thursday, May 14, 2026**  
**12:00 PM to 3:00 PM**  
**Transportation Available**


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

**Supper and beverages provided!**

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

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS  
 CALLING LAKE



# Homework Club



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EVERY MONDAY & TUESDAY | CALLING LAKE LIBRARY | 3:15PM-4PM

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# Diabetes in our communities: Early Action Can Save Lives

By Priya Philips

Across Northern Alberta, many families are quietly living with a growing health concern —diabetes. In Indigenous communities, including those within Treaty 8, rates of Type 2 diabetes are significantly higher than the national average, often developing at younger ages and with more serious complications.

According to Diabetes Canada, more than 11 million Canadians are living with diabetes or prediabetes, and Indigenous populations are disproportionately affected due to a combination of historical, social, and economic factors.

Health experts warn that diabetes often goes undetected in its early stages.

Common symptoms include frequent thirst, fatigue, blurred vision, and slow-healing wounds. Left untreated, it can lead to serious complications such as kidney disease, heart problems, and vision loss.

Research from Public Health Agency of Canada highlights that limited access to healthcare services in remote and northern communities can delay diagnosis and treat-

ment, increasing long-term risks.

However, early action can make a major difference. Local health clinics and community programs offer screening and support.

Residents are encouraged to check with their nearest health centre or community health representative for testing options.

## Diet & Exercise Important

Diet also plays a key role. Many health professionals recommend returning to traditional foods such as fish, wild game, and berries, while reducing processed and high-sugar foods.

A report by Indigenous Services Canada notes that food insecurity and high grocery costs in northern regions remain ongoing challenges affecting health outcomes.

Community voices emphasize that prevention starts with awareness. Small changes — regular checkups, healthier food choices, and staying active — can protect not just individuals, but future generations.

If you or a family member may be at risk, consider getting tested early. Help is available locally.



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**Wabasca, AB**  
**2854 Newatim Drive**  
**(Near Lloyd C Memorial Park)**

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Date: April 21 & 22, 2026  
Time: 1pm - 4pm

Call FCSS Jodi Decoine to register @ 780-273-0191

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## DIABETES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Know the Signs • Take Action • Stay Healthy

### THE REALITY

- Higher diabetes rates in Indigenous communities
- Many people are diagnosed **too late**
- Early action can **prevent** serious complications



### WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS:

- Frequent thirst
- Constant tiredness
- Blurred vision
- Slow healing wounds

### TAKE ACTION TODAY

- Visit your local health clinic
- Eat traditional foods (fish, berries, wild meat)
- Stay active daily
- Reduce sugar & processed foods

### ARE YOU AT RISK?

- Family history
- Age 40+
- Low physical activity
- Unhealthy diet

### GET HELP NEAR YOU

- Community Health Centre
  - Free screening programs
  - Speak to a nurse or health worker
- Call: 555-123-4567

## Free Covid vaccinations ...

Continued from Focus Front Page  
ing groups are eligible to receive an additional COVID-19 immunization at no cost due to an increased risk of severe outcomes:

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Adults 65 to 79 years of age with underlying medical conditions that place them at higher risk of severe COVID-19.

- A minimum interval of at least three months between COVID-19 immunizations is recommended.

More information continues on Focus page 5  
Vaccination appointments for eligible children under 12 and their family members can be booked through Primary Care Alberta public health clinics online or by calling Health Link at 811.



## Catering Call Out

**Bigstone Cree Nation**  
**MEMBERS**  
**AWASIS NAHAYAW WEYASIWWIN**  
*(Bigstone Child Wellbeing Law)*  
Community Engagements

Dated needed	Deadline
<b>Wabasca April 27, 2026</b>	<b>April 22, 2026</b>
<i>Sandy Lake May 14, 2026</i>	<i>May 6, 2026</i>
<b>Calling Lake May 30, 2026</b>	<b>May 20, 2026</b>

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

**Snacks**  
**Vegetable and fruit tray**

Contact :

Email: gloria.cardinal@bigstone.ca Cell: 780-773-8730  
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## Wabasca and Surrounding Areas

# VENDOR CALL OUT


# WABASCA POW-WOW

## For Indigenous Peoples Day


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

Deadline to Register June 15th, 2026

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS  
**Emmanuel or Queena**  
780-891-3777  
FAX: 780-891-2015



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# BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS IS LOOKING FOR A

## SETUP/CLEAN UP/TAKE DOWN CREW

### MENTAL WELLNESS CONFERENCE

WABASCA: MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
GEORGE D. COMMUNITY HALL

CALLING LAKE: MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
COMMUNITY COMPLEX

CHIPEWYAN LAKE: MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
COMMUNITY HALL

**DEADLINE: APRIL 17TH, 2026**

TO SUBMIT NAME, NUMBER AND BID,  
PLEASE CONTACT JUDY AUGER,  
MENTAL WELLNESS RESPONSE  
TEAM @ 780-891-3777 OR TOLL  
FREE 1-877-767-7060



### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Seasonal Equipment Operators Calling Lake - Temporary Full Time

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

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- ◆ Some manual labor related to maintenance of the road system, parking lots & other MD operated facilities.
- ◆ Maintenance & installation of road signage as required.
- ◆ Routine maintenance of culverts & control of flooding problems on local roads.
- ◆ Provide written reports on operations as may be required.
- ◆ Under the direction of the Area Lead hand.
- ◆ Hauling gravel

**Qualifications:**

- Valid Class 5 Drivers License
- A minimum of Grade 10 or a minimum of two years' experience may be considered;
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- Clean Driver's Abstract.

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**This advertisement will close on May 1, 2026**

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## Baseball Fun for Everyone!

Hot dogs anyone?!

### Who's Who?

1. New York	A. Braves
2. Chicago	B. Red Sox
3. Houston	C. Yankees
4. Toronto	D. Blue Jays
5. Boston	E. Rockies
6. Los Angeles	F. Astros
7. Detroit	G. Twins
8. Atlanta	H. Tigers
9. Colorado	I. Angels
10. Minnesota	J. Cubs

### Baseball Banter!

We use sayings and expressions that come from the game of baseball every day.

I hope I get hit out of the ballpark. I like to see new places!

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We use sayings and expressions that come from the game of baseball every day. Match the baseball phrases below with what they mean when we use them:

- on the ball
- a ballpark figure
- out in left field
- bench warmer
- can't hit the broad side of a barn
- swing for the fences
- threw a curveball

- presented something unexpected
- someone who really gets things done
- estimate of how much something will cost
- good, but not the very best
- can't get something done in the right way
- thinks or behaves strangely
- go as far as you can

- hit a home run
- struck out
- way off base
- play ball
- step up to the plate
- pinch hitter
- a whole new ball game

- failed
- brand new situation
- go along with others
- one who takes someone else's place
- not even close to being right
- did a great job
- get ready to do the job

Me too!

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## Are you looking to pursue a career in print journalism?

### CA MacLean Local Journalism Grant Essay Competition

scan the QR code to view application form

- 2 (two) - \$2,000 grants available
- Open to Alberta students heading into their minimum second year of a post-secondary program relating to journalism
- Essay must convey the important role of quality community journalism plays in our modern world

If you are interested in a career in journalism, there may be one in the MD of Opportunity  
Call The Fever, 780-554-7280

BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION  
Employment Opportunity



**MASSAGE THERAPIST  
One (1) Contractor Position  
Wabasca, Alberta**

The Bigstone Community Wellness department is seeking an experienced and motivated Massage Therapist to join our talented Health Team in Wabasca, Alberta. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for Indigenous 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:**

- A contract position, working 10 days per month for one year
- Must be able to accept direct billing
- Must have their own supplies
- A working space with a massage table, chair, and towel warmer could be provided by the Client (BHC) if needed
- Must be willing to travel to community for services
- Fee is negotiable
- Maintain a clean, safe and welcoming treatment environment
- Uphold high standards of client care and professionalism
- Must be culturally sensitive, aware, and informed about First Nations
- Other duties as required.

**Education and Experience:**

- Must be registered and certified
- Must have valid liability insurance
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Professional, reliable, and client-focused approach
- Must have an up to date: Cover Letter, Resume (including 3 work related references), Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check & Child & Youth Intervention Check.

**Human Resources Department**

PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0  
Fax: 780-891-2623

Email: [bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca](mailto:bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca)

**CLOSING DATE:** Until a suitable candidate is found.

**POSTED:** April 9, 2026

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

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



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

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

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

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

**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](mailto:hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca)**

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**BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND  
CALLING LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENT.**

**PAINT NIGHT**

**April 23 2026 Ages 13+  
5:00PM-7:00PM**

**Location: Calling Lake Public Library.**

- Come in practice your styles in
- realism, expressionism, abstract art, surrealism, pop art, genre painting, painterly .
- Using common techniques and mediums such as oil, watercolor, acrylic and alla prima.

Registration required.

Snacks Provided.

To register please call Alex Gold at 780-331-3810.



**Late Ice Warning  
Ice Is No Longer Safe**

Warmer spring temperatures weaken lake and river ice. Avoid walking or driving on ice during thaw periods.