

Merger of two producers expected to increase oil activities in north central region

A major merger between two Canadian oil producers could reshape activity across northern Alberta's Clearwater oil region.

Reuters reported Tuesday that Tamarack Valley Energy and Headwater Exploration have agreed to combine in an all-stock transaction valued at approximately C\$10 billion. The deal would create the largest publicly traded oil producer focused on the Clearwater Formation.

The companies' combined operations would include properties at Marten Hills, Nipisi and Marten Hills West. These producing areas are part of the broader northern Alberta energy economy that supports employment, contractors and service businesses throughout communities including Wabasca.

Under the agreement, Headwater shareholders would receive one Tamarack share for each Headwater share they hold. Existing Tamarack shareholders would own approximately 66.5 per cent of the merged company, while Headwater shareholders would hold the remaining 33.5 percent.

Reuters said Tamarack plans to increase its quarterly dividend by 20 per cent following completion of the transaction. The company is also targeting annual Clearwater production growth of between 10 and 12 per cent under its new five-year plan.

Steve Buytels, Tamarack's current president, is expected to become chief executive officer and join the board of the combined company on Jan. 1, 2027. Tamarack founder Brian Schmidt would become executive chair.

The transaction is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2026, subject to shareholder, court and regulatory approvals.

The companies also plan to place certain non-core assets into a separate publicly traded company called Tributary Exploration Inc. Headwater's current management team would lead the new business.

The full local effect of the merger remains uncertain. Its planned investment, production growth and transportation arrangements could nevertheless influence oilfield activity and business opportunities throughout the Clearwater region.

Local governments, Indigenous communities, contractors and residents will likely watch closely as further details emerge.
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Woman dies in local hit and run; RCMP looking for white pickup

A 54-year-old Wabasca woman was killed in Wabasca on Sawmill Road on Thursday, September 3, just after midnight. She had been struck by a vehicle.

The victim was declared deceased at the scene by Emergency Medical Services.

"Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit (MCU) was called and has since taken carriage of the investigation," stated a RCMP report released on Saturday.

As of Wednesday noon, the RCMP had not released any updated information on this fatality.

Alberta RCMP MCU is seeking public assistance in this investigation. Anyone who has information on a white pickup truck driving in the area of Sawmill Road in Wabasca, or footage of that area between September 2 at 11 p.m. and September 3 at 1 a.m., is asked to please 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).

RCMP nab 125 impaired drivers during Labour Day weekend; two lives lost in collisions

Alberta RCMP conducted enhanced enforcement over Labour Day long weekend across the province, resulting in 125 impaired drivers being removed from the roads.

The following Immediate Roadside Sanctions (IRS) were issued:

- 11 drivers received IRS 24-hour suspensions;
- 26 drivers received IRS WARNS;
- 85 drivers received IRS FAILS; and
- Three novice drivers/commercial drivers were removed for IRS ZEROS.

Additionally, 1,125 traffic violation tickets were issued, including 576 for speeding, 24 for distracted driving, and 21 for seatbelt infractions.

Despite enforcement efforts, there were three injury collisions and two fatal collisions during the enforcement period. Two people lost their lives.

"Every road fatality is avoidable," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services. "Everyone should have been able to make it home safely this past weekend. If someone is about to drive impaired or make an unsafe choice behind the wheel, speak up. A simple conversation can save a life."

For more traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta



A week like none other ... filled with activities in which you can learn about Indigenous culture and traditions. Check out back page of this issue. Starts September 16.

Publisher's Ponderings – *Miscellaneous Notes*

By Bruce Thomas

If you are not involved with “devices” - computers, tablets and smart phones are the main ones, but add to that smart TVs, streaming boxes, smart watches and even clothing hooked up to the world. And there are also electronic displays and speakers. Did we mention eye-glasses, hearing aids, medical alerts - anything that connects your flesh and blood to the world - you might want to consider yourself lucky. But there are billions of people around the world who would consider yourself out of touch with the modern world. Go anywhere these days, the most common thing you will see are people looking at screens.

I am really involved with devices. I am awakened by both my apple watch and iPhone and both are ready to tell me how I slept, my heart rate, the weather forecast, news and anything else whether I ask for it or not.

If I was fully integrated into how we are all being told we should be, my coffee and breakfast should be perking and cooking, vehicle if not parked in the garage, might be idling if it's a colder morning.

If, for example, I pound my fist against a stuck door or even slap my hand for some reason on the kitchen counter, my watch immediately tells me that it has detected that I have probably fallen and it is blinking, preparing to call emergency services. (My inquisitive mind once pondered when this happened one day: Do smart murderers now strip their victims of smart watches, medic alerts and any other “devices” before they fire the shot that is bound to alert the police, fire department and maybe even funeral directors if they have, for a price, gained access to alerts about murders or maybe alerts that come from vehicles involved in crashes - we forgot to list smart vehicles in the above listing. Besides sleeping while your Tesla is driving itself (illegal, but it's happening quite frequently these days, particularly in BC.)

What point is this leading to? Well, there is a possibility that the amount of information you are getting into your home and into your mind may be matched by the amount of information about you going out to other parties through devices controlled by others. Some wanting to sell you products and services, but maybe some wanting to know your politics or wanting to know your daily routines so they can rob your house, learn your politics so they target you with influences to vote differently or, forbid the thought, know your daily routes so they can assassinate you on your way to work.

Surely, I joke? Then why are governments, public and private security organizations saying that the Chinese, Russians and maybe other countries and international bad guys are gathering information about all of us in order to figure out a way to influence us or steal from us? Countries often are reluctant to buy things like planes and military vehicles from countries which might if conflict comes between the buyer and seller, the seller know exactly where the sold items are because there are tracking bugs woven into the fabric of the item.

I hate to throw more reasons on why Alberta should not be allowing data centres of any size, be built in the province. Is the government knowing what type of data and for what purpose the customers of the centre are using that data? Maybe it might be Donald Trump storing all the information on every Albertan to help his plan to make this province his 51st state. Afterall, if that happens, he will have to send his ICE goons into Alberta to deport or kill all illegal immigrants and maybe guys like me who publicly displays dislike of the world's nastiest scumbag. (I wonder if any of my devices are being

tracked by MAGA? If next week's Fever never comes out, better take what I have written more seriously.)

• Next issue (if there is one) this column is going to try to explain there are other dangers coming to those of us (hopefully the majority) who just want life to be like it was portrayed by Mr. Dressup or Leave It to Beaver episodes.

If you think my rants and warnings are bad, did you know that the international Doomsday Clock, maintained by the Atomic Scientists' Science and Security Board has this to say: “On January 27, 2026, the Doomsday Clock was set at 85 seconds to midnight, the closest the Clock has ever been to midnight in its history. The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists' Science and Security Board (SASB), which sets the Clock, called for urgent action to limit nuclear arsenals, create international guidelines on the use of AI, and form multilateral agreements to address global biological threats.”

Well, I guess we're all okay until they say the clock is now ticking and then we have 85 seconds to enjoy whatever. But remember it is more than the Atomic Scientists saying this. Within the past week, world climatologists have proclaimed that it is likely now too late to stop global warming and extreme weather disasters are other bad things are going to happen in the coming decades.

• If you could care less about tariffs, you are obviously more well off than the average Canadian. But tariffs are definitely going to mean paying more for a lot of things. Maybe reading The Fever or advertising in it; maybe purchasing printing from Scope Printing.

I, as publisher, will be finding out over the rest of this week how tariffs may affect costs of producing and distributing The Fever. Mona, over at the Scope Printing desk, will be doing the same. Both of us have stocked up a bit in anticipation of another attack on Canada by nasty, nasty Trump who is now also attacking Canada for the difference between the American dollar and Canadian loonie (Sunday: loonie only worth .7239 cents).

Not only are the majority of Canadians extremely angry and have had enough bullying from Trump, they have expressed support for our Prime Minister's method of dealing with him.

The Canadian media has been making trips across the border to interview how Americans feel about the trade war Trump has created and his constant threats against this country. Well, it seems most of the interviewed Americans agree with Canada. And why wouldn't they since the trade war is costing them perhaps even more than just the extra costs associated with tariffs. So many Canadians are now refusing to vacation or even shop south of our border and Lake Ontario.

Parties involved in monitoring the American tourist industry along with Canadians crossing the border say the loss to the Americans ranges into billions of dollar. A CBC reported a \$5.7 billion loss in 2025 (and that's in U.S. dollars. One source said the estimated total hit during 2025 to spring of 2026 was \$8 billion.

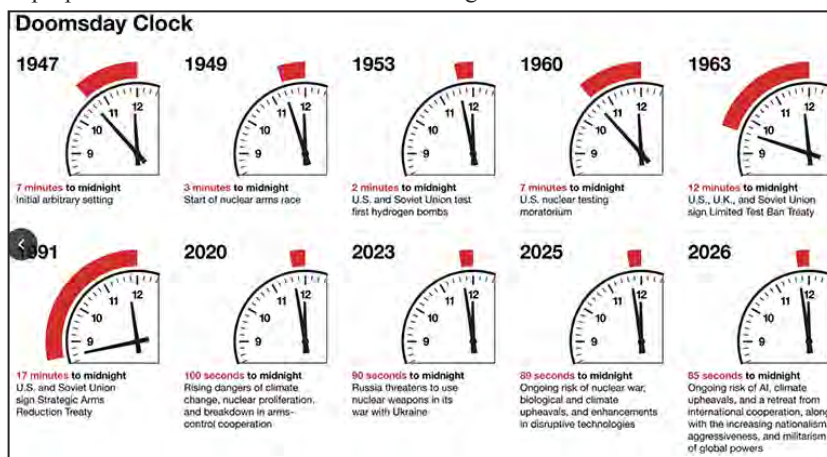
And the good news is that Americans coming into Canada has increased in both 2025 and so far in 2026, according to Statistics Canada.

• The first 2026 Battle of Alberta did not go well for Calgary Stampeders on Labour Day. Edmonton Elks won the football game, 38-28, in Calgary.

Actually the cowboys looked like they might take the first of the two games as they were winning 25-14 going into the last quarter. But the Elks came alive and scored 24 and held the Stampeders to one field goal.

Calgary will come to Edmonton this Saturday for the second game at 5 p.m..

The victory keeps the Elks on top of the CFL west division with a 9-3 record.



Tragedy continues in Nepal-Tibet as thousands remain missing; including about 30 Canadians

A glacier collapse high on Langtang Lirung sent a catastrophic flash flood down the Nepal-China border river system on Aug. 26, killing at least 1,385 people and leaving more than 5,400 missing across the two countries.

The U.S. Geological Survey has ruled out an earthquake as the trigger, finding the seismic signal recorded that morning was generated by the collapse itself rather than preceding it; satellite analysis later showed the glacier had been creeping about 10 millimetres a month since January and accelerated in the weeks before it gave way.

Of the confirmed dead, 1,342 were in Nepal and 43 in Tibet, and more than 5,300 people were injured. The missing figure remains far higher than the death toll largely because roughly 500 hydropower workers are believed trapped in tunnels at the Upper Trishuli 1 project, one of 13 hydropower schemes damaged in the flood.

Nepali authorities listed 583 foreign nationals from 39 countries among the missing. Global Affairs Canada says about 30 Canadians and permanent residents remain unaccounted for and that no Canadian deaths have been confirmed, and Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand said Ottawa has been unable to reconcile its count with the lower figure reported by Nepali authorities.

Canada has assigned a consular officer to each affected family, sent officials to assist the search and pledged \$5 million in humanitarian aid.

Nepal has assessed the damage at about US\$2.57 billion, with rebuilding estimated at up to US\$5 billion.

The warming of the climate even in mountain areas has been labelled as a factor in the collapse of the glacier.

There is fear among people in the region and authorities that another flash flood could occur.



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The Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 Red Earth Creek Hydrant Replacement— Request for Proposal 16-2026

Sealed quotations marked "MD of Opportunity – Request for Proposal 16-2026 – Red Earth Creek Hydrant Replacement" will be received via email to tenders@mdopportunity.ab.ca or received in a sealed envelope at the MD of Opportunity's Wabasca Office, #2077 Mistassiniy Road North Wabasca, Alberta up to 11:00 AM LOCAL TIME, Tuesday September 22, 2026.

The Municipal District of Opportunity (MD) requests written proposals from qualified vendors to provide service for hydrant replacement in the Hamlet of Red Earth Creek. The MD will supply the hydrant assembly, valve assembly, valve box, and 150 mm watermain pipe. The contractor will be responsible for all equipment, tools, and personnel required to excavate, install and properly backfill the hydrants and valve assembly.

Tender documents are available on Alberta Purchasing Connection's website or by emailing a request to jkitz@mesl.ca.

Inquiries can be directed to;

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Director of Utilities
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Fire season in Alberta may set a record for fewest

As of Tuesday morning, there was only one active wildfire in the 10 provincial Forest Protection Areas.

The lone fire was in the Grande Prairie Forest and it was under control.

So far this year there have been a total of 732 fires which collectively affected 17,744.6 hectares of land.

Whitecourt Forest has had the fewest blazes - only 29 while High Level Forest has had the most -150, fol-

lowed by Calgary Forest with 96 and Lac La Biche Forest's 89.

Slave Lake so far this year has experienced 64 fires which involved only 40.5 hectares.

Five-year comparisons of fire numbers to September 8 in all Alberta forests has this year far behind each of the last five years (2021 to 2025).

The 2026 tally of 732 so far pales significantly with the numbers from the last

five years which ranges from 998 in 2023 to 1,214 in 2021.

The main reason for the fewer wildfire numbers is the weather being wetter and cooler than previous years.

With the exception of High Level Forest, there was snow cover in forest areas into June and then in July there were many rainstorms.

Wildfire smoke has also been less than most years.



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PUBLIC SALE OF LAND

(Municipal Government Act)

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Municipal Office, at Wabasca, Alberta on **Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** the following lands:

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212 124 768	8122581	28	3	2776 Strawberry Lane
982 249 131	8620788	5	1	2626 Gooseberry Lane
102 433 341	8620788	8	2	2602 Raspberry Lane
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132 243 472	9820591	0	6A	572 Highway 813

Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid, and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

Terms: Payment shall be made by cash or certified cheque payable to the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 is required at the time of sale, and the balance must be paid within 15 days of the public auction. GST will be collected on all properties subject to GST.

The Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.

Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Wabasca, Alberta, August 17, 2026, Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer

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MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release
Tuesday, September 8, 2026

On August 20, 2026, Bigstone Cree Nation Chief and Council approved Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin, Bigstone Cree Nation's child and family well-being law.

This Law, Bigstone Cree Nation's first law enacted pursuant to our Constitution, reflects Bigstone Cree Nation's inherent right to exercise jurisdiction and responsibility for the care of all Nation members, and especially children, pursuant to our Nation laws, beliefs, standards, and practices.

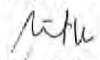
Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin reflects our responsibility to our children and families first, to ensure they grow up safe, supported, and connected to family, to have a connection to our traditional lands, our culture, and to have a strong Bigstone Cree Nation identity. This approval affirms our commitment to decisions that serve the best interests of our children now, and for future generations.

Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin was drafted following extensive Nation community consultations with members, Youth, Elders, and Affiliates. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of everyone who took the time to attend engagements and to ensure that our law truly reflects Bigstone Cree Nation child and family well-being.

Copies of Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin has been made available to members through the engagement process and will be made available to members on request. A referendum date will be forthcoming in the future.

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Are Indigenous teens coming out of foster care not getting enough help adjusting?

Indigenous Perspective by Cherry Nyx

For most young people, turning 18 does not mean their family suddenly disappears. Parents may still help with rent, groceries, transportation, education, employment and the everyday challenges of becoming an adult.

For young people leaving child welfare, that safety net has historically been far less certain. For Indigenous youth, the issue is particularly significant because they remain dramatically overrepresented in foster care.

Statistics Canada reported Indigenous children represented approximately 7.6 per cent of children under 15 living in private households in 2021, yet accounted for 53.7 per cent of foster children. First Nations children alone represented 42.5 per cent. Alberta had the country's largest disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous foster-care rates.

Behind those statistics are young people expected to build adult lives after spending much of their childhood under government care.

Rowan, 22, who asked to be identified only by his first name, is from Swan River First Nation. He said his parents died when he was young and he was taken from his home community and raised in foster care in Edmonton.

He described his upbringing as rough and said he eventually went down what he calls a "dark path." He has spent the past year turning his life around and says he is now thriving.

But when he was expected to navigate adulthood, Rowan said he was essentially left on his own with little to no meaningful support. He did not know what resources existed, where to find them or how to navigate the systems around him.

A 20-year-old woman from Bigstone Cree Nation, whose identity is being withheld at her request, described another difficult transition from care.

She said she grew up under a Permanent Guardianship Order while maintaining contact with her maternal aunt in Calgary. As her 18th birthday approached, she contacted her social worker seeking information about resources and assistance available after care.

She said there was little to offer her.

She entered adulthood without the practical guidance or connections she believed she needed.

Their experiences are their own and do not represent every person who has been in care. They do, however, illustrate the importance of ensuring support does not disappear at adulthood.

Today, Indigenous Services Canada funds Post-Majority Support Services for eligible First Nations youth aging out of care and young adults formerly in care. Support can continue until their 26th birthday, or longer where applicable legislation provides a higher age.

Depending on individual circumstances, services can include housing, food, education, employment preparation, transportation, financial literacy, mental-health and addictions services and independent-living skills. The federal framework also recognizes cultural wellbeing, including connections with family, community, language, culture, traditions and the land.

That cultural component matters

Statistics Canada reported slightly more than half of First Nations children in foster care in 2021 were living with non-Indigenous foster parents. For children removed from their First Nation, growing up in care can therefore involve separation not only from immediate family but also from community and culture.

The current system of post-majority support developed against a much larger history of discrimination in First Nations child welfare.

In 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal found Canada discriminated against First Nations children through its funding and delivery of child and family services. Among its findings were serious problems ... continued Page 7

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

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Monday September 21, 2026 - Dragonfly presentation.

Monday October 5, 2026 - Women's drum circle.

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First Nations Health Authority gives tips about staying active as seasons change

By Cherry Nyx

Fall has arrived, bringing cooler mornings, shorter days and the reminder winter is not far behind. For many people, this is when outdoor activities begin to slow down. The bikes get put away, evenings become darker and staying inside starts looking much more appealing.

But colder weather does not have to mean becoming inactive.

From an Indigenous perspective, wellness can be understood as more than physical fitness. The First Nations Health Authority describes a holistic approach connecting physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. Land, family, community and culture can also be important parts of health.

The changing seasons offer an opportunity to adapt rather than stop.

Follow the Season

Indigenous Peoples are diverse, and traditions differ between Nations, territories and families. There is no single Indigenous approach to fall or winter wellness. However, seasonal living and adapting activities to the natural world have long been part of life for many Indigenous peoples.

First Nations Health Authority describes “seasonal wellness” as shaping how we live in response to changes in the natural world. Different seasons bring different responsibilities, foods, activities and opportunities for connection.

Fall can mean walking, harvesting, gathering, hunting, preparing food, spending time with family or simply getting outside to appreciate changing land.

Winter brings its own possibilities

Walking, snowshoeing, skating, sledding, ice fishing and other outdoor activities can keep the body moving. Even playing outside with children or grandchildren counts. Physical activity does not have to happen in a gym or follow a formal workout program.

Movement can be part of everyday life

The Health Authority’s 2026 “Movement is Medicine” initiative encouraged people to think broadly about physical activity. Movement can include walking on the land, dancing, stretching, harvesting, cleaning, playing with children, drumming and participating in cultural activities.

This matters because people are more likely to continue moving when activity has meaning and fits naturally into their lives.

A walk can become time with family. Harvesting can provide movement while passing knowledge between generations. Dancing can strengthen the body while connecting people to culture and community.

Being active does not need to be complicated

For someone who has been inactive, even starting with a short daily walk can make a difference. The Public Health Agency of Canada notes regular physical activity can improve fitness, energy and mental well-being while helping reduce stress.

The Land does not close for winter

Cold weather sometimes creates the impression nature has shut down for the year. It has not.

The land changes, and we change with it.

First Nations Health emphasizes the importance of connection to land in wellness, describing land as something sustaining people physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally.

Winter can provide opportunities to experience familiar places differently. A trail walked during summer looks completely different beneath snow. Animal tracks become easier to see. The air changes. The landscape becomes quieter.

For Indigenous families, time outdoors may also provide opportunities for children to learn about territory, animals, plants, weather, harvesting practices and family teachings.

You do not need to travel deep into the bush to benefit from being outside. A neighbourhood walk, local trail or nearby park can provide movement and fresh air.

Do Not Forget Mental, Emotional Wellness

Fall and winter can also be difficult seasons. Shorter days, colder temperatures and increased isolation can affect people’s routines and well-being. This makes maintaining connections with family, friends, community and culture especially important.

Wellness might mean going to community events, visiting Elders or relatives, participating in cultural activities, cooking traditional foods, creating art, dancing, drumming or sharing a meal.

Rest matters, respect cold

Wholistic wellness is not about remaining constantly busy. There is a difference between healthy rest and becoming completely disconnected from movement, community and the world around us.

Being active outdoors also means respecting winter conditions.

Health Canada recommends dressing in layers, staying dry, drinking water and using appropriate safety equipment for winter activities. People should also pay attention to extreme cold and wind chill because frostbite and hypothermia can occur quickly under severe conditions.

Check weather and prepare before heading onto the land. There is no prize for ignoring dangerous conditions.

Our activities may change with the seasons, but opportunities to care for our bodies, minds, spirits, families and communities remain.

Staying healthy can require just walking a trail. Snowshoeing, skating with your children, gathering food, dancing, visiting family or spending an afternoon outside.

The important part is continuing to move, connect and participate in life.

The seasons change –We can change with them.





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- Families
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with funding structures that created incentives to remove children rather than adequately fund prevention services intended to keep families together.

Years of rulings and reform efforts followed

Beginning April 1, 2022, Post-Majority Support Services became one of the reform measures under the federal First Nations Child and Family Services Program.

There is evidence this work is happening locally.

In 2026, Bigstone Cree Nation Child and Family Services advertised for a full-time Post-Majority Support Services Worker responsible for assisting youth aging out of care and young adults formerly in care through age 26.

The position is intended to help young adults develop greater self-sufficiency, safety, and independence while connecting them with First Nation departments, programs and other resources. The job description calls for knowledge of the effects of residential schools and the Sixties Scoop.

For the 20-year-old Bigstone woman interviewed, this kind of position addresses precisely what she said was missing when she approached adulthood: someone who could help her understand what came next.

The stakes extend beyond an uncomfortable transition into adulthood.

Canada's national homelessness survey covering 2020 to 2022 found nearly 45 per cent of youth respondents experiencing homelessness reported previous experience in foster care, group homes or other child welfare settings. Among Indigenous respondents experiencing homelessness, 51 per cent reported experience in care.

More recent national Point-in-Time Count data from 2024 found approximately half of Indigenous respondents experiencing homelessness reported previous experience in foster care, a group home or other child welfare setting.

These statistics do not establish that child welfare involvement itself causes homelessness. They show how frequently histories of care appear among people experiencing homelessness and why effective transitions matter.

We do not expect most teenagers to become completely self-sufficient the moment they turn 18. Young people who have experienced loss, displacement and years in government care should not be held to a harsher standard.

Rowan's experience also shows that hardship after care does not determine someone's future. At 22, after describing a difficult childhood and a period when his life went down a dark path, he says he has spent the past year rebuilding and thriving.

The better outcome is ensuring young people have meaningful support before they reach that point of crisis.

Reconciliation is often discussed through court decisions, legislation, compensation and government policy. But it can also be practical.

It can mean helping a young person find safe housing, apply for school, obtain employment or understand their finances. It can mean reconnecting someone with family, language, culture and community. And it means listening to young Indigenous adults who grew up inside the system when they tell where gaps were.

Turning 18 changes a person's legal status. It should not mean being abandoned to figure out adulthood alone.

Sources: Statistics Canada Indigenous foster children; 2021 Census of Population; Indigenous Services Canada; Post-Majority Support Services; First Nations Child and Family Services; Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada; Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Orders.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

In accordance with the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Canadian Natural Resources Limited has applied to Environment and Protected Areas for an approval to renew the CNRL Woodenhouse Class II Industrial Landfill.

The capacity of the landfill is approximately 3,500,000 tonnes for the disposal of oilfield waste, soil containing hydrocarbon, the capacity of the landfill is approximately 3,500,000 tonnes for the disposal of oilfield waste, and soil containing hydrocarbon. The renewal application does not propose any changes to the current landfill operations.

The landfill is located approximately 43 km north of the Hamlet of Wabasca-Desmarais. LSD: Sec 22-086-23-W4M & SW 1/4-23-086-23- W4M.

A directly affected person may provide input into certain regulatory decisions, as allowed by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (section 73). Specifically, any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a written statement of concern within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

Environment and Protected Areas
Regulatory Assurance Section
Approvals Unit 5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza
9915 - 108 ST
EDMONTON, AB T5K 2G8
Email: epa.epeapplications@gov.ab.ca

The written statement of concern should include the following information to be assured it can be considered:

- The application number 004-374068.
 - Describe concerns that are relevant to matters regulated by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.
 - Explain how the filer of the concern will be directly affected by the activities proposed in the application.
 - Provide the legal land location of the land owned or used by the filer where the concerns described are believed to be applicable
 - State the distance between the land owned or used by the filer and the site in the application.
 - Contact information including the full name and mailing address of the filer.
- Please provide a telephone number and/or email address for ease of contact.

Environment and Protected Areas will review each written statement of concern, seek more information if needed, and concerns that are relevant to the application and for which the Director has delegated authority to address in the decision on the application, will be considered in the technical review of the application. The Public Notice of this application will also be posted on the Department's website at <https://avw.alberta.ca/PublicNoticesViewer.aspx>.

Statements of concern submitted regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public and the applicant. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:
Canadian Natural Resources Limited
Attention: Sherry Kenneway
2100 - 855 2 ST SW CALGARY, AB T2P 4J8
Telephone: 403-386-8108
Email: sherry.kenneway@cnrl.com

The Fever is seeking MD#17 residents and Bigstone members whom could be contacted for their suggestions and opinions on Fever contents & community issues by Fever reporters
e-mail bruce.thomas@thefever.online or phone 780-554-7280

WABASCA CULTURAL DAYS

SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2026

BGN FESTIVAL GROUNDS



Moose Hide Tanning
Dry Meat Making
Traditional Tea Station
Fry Bread Making
Plant Identification
Slingshot Making
Kinship Ties
Fire Making
Trappers Tent
Creé Language Games
Fish Filleting
Elders Tipi



Birch Bark Canoeing
Bannock on a stick
Treaty Teachings
Rites of Passage
Fish Scale Art
Mini Tipi Making
Laynard Making
Orange Shirt Keychain Making
Birch Bark Moose Caller Making
Metis District Tent
Art Therapy Station:
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KEEKENOW SENIOR FACILITY

DATE: TBA

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JANICE AUGER OR JODI DECOINE AT 780-891 3778 EXT. 405 OR EXT. 403

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The FEVER

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Tuesday was Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Day - Alberta Message:

"Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a lifelong disability affecting individuals who were exposed to alcohol in the womb. FASD has a profound impact on the lives of individuals, families, caregivers and communities, yet prenatal alcohol exposure is preventable. About four per cent of Canadians are living with FASD, including approximately 200,000 Albertans.

"Since 1999, International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day has been recognized on the ninth day of the ninth month, representing the nine months of pregnancy.

"Supporting healthy pregnancies is a shared responsibility. Partners, families, friends and communities all have a role to play. There is no safe time, type or amount of alcohol to consume during pregnancy. Through open conversations, education and greater awareness, we can help prevent FASD while building communities that better understand and support people living with it.

"Alberta is a leader in the prevention, diagnosis and support of FASD, both in Canada and internationally. Central to this work are Alberta's 12 FASD Service Networks, which help raise awareness, improve prevention and diagnosis, and connect Albertans with the supports they need.

"I want to thank the dedicated organizations, professionals, families and individuals who work every day to support Albertans with FASD. Your work helps build communities where people with FASD are understood, their strengths and talents are recognized, and they have the opportunity to thrive.

"On International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day, I encourage all Albertans to learn more about FASD, help raise awareness and recognize the valuable contributions people with FASD make in communities across our province."

Nathan Neudorf

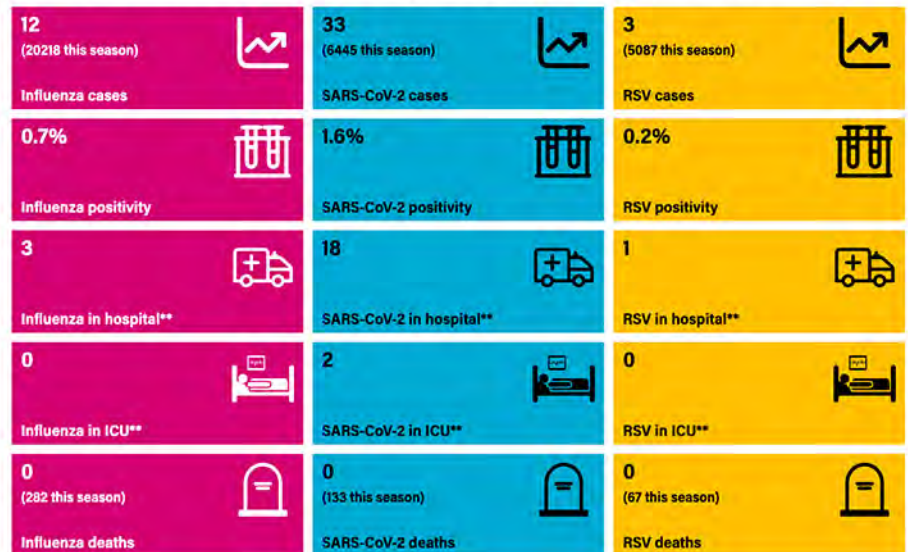
Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services

The personal, social and economic impacts of FASD are profound. The prevalence of FASD is greater than Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Down's Syndrome combined. FASD can be preventable by supporting women to have healthy pregnancies. FASD can have significant personal impacts on individuals, families and caregivers.

Alberta's FASD Strategy focuses on developing and delivering community-based solutions, making it easier for people affected by FASD to get the help they need, at any point during their life. FASD-related initiatives across Alberta continue to help build awareness, promote prevention, increase access to FASD assessment and diagnosis clinics, conduct new research and provide supports and services for people with FASD, their families and caregivers.

Respiratory diseases have not been killing, but still exist

Weekly highlights – Data from August 23, 2026 to August 29, 2026



The above chart from the Alberta Respiratory Virus Dashboard marks the end of the 2025/26 season of Influenza, Covid and Respiratory Syncytial Virus.

While hardly talked about any more and only infrequently reported on by the media, these three types of virus illnesses did affect over 30,000 people in the past year.

And they certainly came to the attention of the relatives and friends of the 482 people in Alberta who died from these diseases.

Also not getting much attention anymore are the thousands of people still battling various problems from long-term Covid, and many of those who survived serious cases of the flu or one of the RSV's may have had their lungs damaged.

All three types of these respiratory illnesses are more active in the colder months of the year due to more people being inside and exposed to carriers of the viruses.

Often the highest weekly tallies of each illness come in the Christmas - New Year period due to so many people gathering together at dinner, parties and other types of celebrations.

Also, the tracking of these illnesses usually only happens if the victims come to

the attention of a doctor or hospital. There are likely thousands of Albertans who just suffer at home for a few days if they get the flu bug or one of the less serious RSV or a mild form of Covid.

The Association of American Medical Colleges has already announced that it expects the 2026/27 virus season to see a less severe form of Covid involved, but also noted that in the United States there was an "uptick" in cases this summer, but there were "far fewer hospitalizations and deaths."

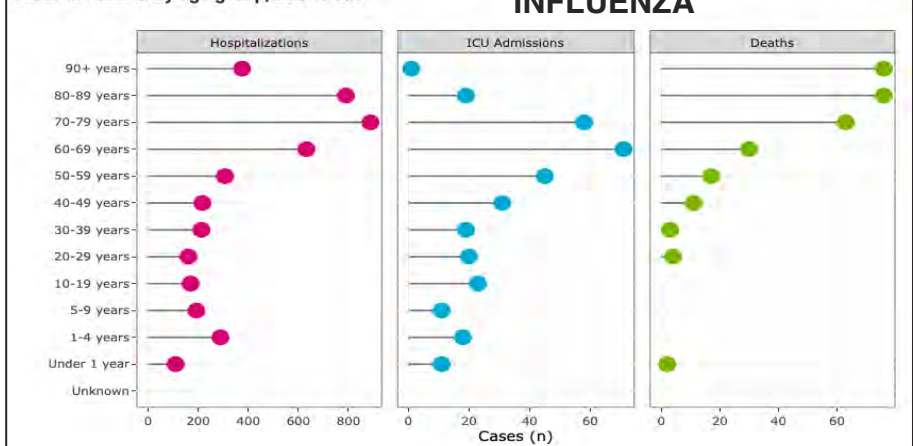
The data from Alberta's virus dashboard seems to indicate some similarity with what has been happening in the States.

FLU BECOMES THE KILLER

Covid-19 Pandemic in its first four years was the number one cause of deaths among respiratory patients. But during the 2025/26 season, the flu caused more deaths, 282, compared to Covid's 133 and RSV's 67.

Those 282 flu deaths set a modern day annual record for Alberta since tracking of influenza cases and deaths did not start seriously until the mid-1990s. Older people were the most likely to be flu fatalities.

Total hospital admissions, ICU admissions, and deaths among laboratory-confirmed seasonal influenza cases in Alberta by age group, 2025-2026



BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity



HOME CARE SUPPORT WORKER

Full Time (Permanent)

Monday to Friday – 7 hours/day

Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Health Commission is seeking a compassionate, dependable, and motivated Home Care Support Worker to provide quality support that helps community members remain healthy, safe, and independent in their own homes. This rewarding position focuses on enhancing the well-being, dignity, and quality of life of the elders and other eligible home care clients. Work collaboratively with the Home Care team to provide safe, culturally respectful, and client-centered care.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist clients with activities of daily living, including bathing, grooming, dressing, & personal hygiene
- Assist clients with light household tasks, including meal preparation, light housekeeping, laundry, and organizing living space
- Support clients with light physical activities and exercises as directed by healthcare professionals or individualized care plans
- Following individualized care plan and report when care needs change.
- Falls prevention and maintaining a safe home environment
- Skin integrity observation and reporting of concerns.
- Provide companionship and emotional support while promoting independence and client dignity
- Provide or assist with client transportation to scheduled medical appointments and essential community services, as assigned
- Assist clients with errands and accessing community resources
- Observe and report changes in clients' condition: physical, emotional, or social well-being to the Home Care Manager
- Maintain accurate documentation of services provided
- Follow infection prevention and control practices, client confidentiality requirements, and organizational policies
- Provide culturally safe and respectful care to the clients
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Current registration with Alberta Health Care Aide professional requirements
- Experience working with Elders, individuals with disabilities, or in community home care is preferred.
- Class 4 Driver's License with a clean driver's abstract, or willing to obtain
- Ability to safely operate a vehicle in various weather and road conditions.
- Ability to perform the physical requirements of home care
- Current First Aid and CPR certification, or willingness to obtain.
- Strong communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently while maintaining regular communication with supervisor.
- Knowledge of Indigenous cultures and a respectful, client-centered approach to care is an asset.

Benefits:

- ✓ Accommodation available if not local
- ✓ Competitive Salary
- ✓ Paid Vacation and Health & Wellness Leave
- ✓ Employer Matching Registered Pension Plan
- ✓ Extended Health, Dental & Vision Plan

Salary is dependent on qualifications

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

Human Resources Department

PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca

CLOSING DATE: Until Suitable Candidate is Found

POSTED: September 2, 2026

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

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BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity



HOMEMAKER One Permanent Full-Time Position Monday to Friday – 7 hours/day Wabasca, AB

Bigstone Health Commission is seeking an experienced and competent Homemaker to provide culturally safe, client-centred homemaking through Bigstone Health Commission. This position will be shared between the Wabasca Home Care Program and the Calling Lake Home Care Program, based on program needs, client caseloads, and service priorities. The employee will be required to travel between Wabasca and Calling Lake as scheduled and will work collaboratively with the respective program teams to ensure continuity and equitable access to home and community-based services.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide culturally safe, client-centred homemaking services (housekeeping, meal prep, activities outside the home, laundry & clothing store) that promote independence, dignity, safety and the client's ability to remain in their home and community
- Provides services according to the client's individualized care plan and within the employee's assigned scope of responsibilities
- Observes & reports changes in the client's physical, emotional, social or environmental condition to the Home Care Manager.
- Maintains accurate and timely documentation of services provided
- Identifies and reports potential safety concerns, including falls risks, environmental hazards, suspected abuse or neglect and other concerns affecting client well-being
- Follows infection prevention and control practices and BHC Occupational Health and Safety requirements
- Works collaboratively with Home Care nurses & Health Care Aides, family caregivers and other community service providers
- Supports clients in maintaining independence and participating in activities that are meaningful to them
- Delivers services in a manner that respects First Nations culture, traditions, values, family relationships and individual client preferences
- Maintains Client Confidentiality
- Perform other duties as assigned

Education and Experience:

- Health Care Aide Certification
- Home Maker experience preferred
- Current First Aid and CPR-Certificate
- Class 4 Driver's License or willing to obtain

Benefits:

- ✓ Competitive Salary
- ✓ Paid Vacation and Health & Wellness Leave
- ✓ Employer matching Registered Pension Plan
- ✓ Extended Health, Dental and Vision Plan

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

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**Bigstone Health Commission
Human Resources Department
Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0**

Fax: 780-891-2623 or via Email to: bhcrsumes@bigstonehealth.ca

Closing Date for this Employment Opportunity will be: Until a Suitable Candidate is found.

POSTED: September 2, 2026

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
LANDFILL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
– Red Earth Creek**

The Municipal District of Opportunity Utilities Department is now accepting applications for a full-time permanent Equipment Operator for Red Earth Creek Landfill. Applicant must possess the following qualifications:

Responsibilities:

- Knowledge and experience in the operations of a landfill site;
- Care-taking and maintenance of a landfill site and landfill cells;
- Become familiar with municipal bylaws and provincial regulations with respect to hazardous materials;
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with officials, authorities and the general public;
- A Valid Class 5 Driver's License;
- Ability to operate equipment (loader, cat, skid steer, track hoe);
- Ability to exercise independent judgment and initiative in completing assigned duties;
- Ability to work as a team player and with little or no supervision;

Duties include:

- Maintain equipment/daily checks, etc.
- Sort materials/garbage/debris as per municipal bylaws;
- Any other duties deemed necessary by your supervisor

Interested persons are invited to submit their Resumes, three (3) Work Related References and a current Criminal Record Check to:

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

This position will remain open until September 15, 2026 @ 3 pm.

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



**Bigstone Cree Nation
Education Authority
Employment Opportunity**

1 FULL TIME SECURITY

The Security position will work in tandem with existing Administrative practices and building procedures to maintain order, prevent crime, and assist with the operations of school-sponsored events when necessary and appropriate. Security will ensure the safety of the facilities so they are kept running efficiently and effectively.

Responsibilities:

- Regularly patrol assigned areas on foot or by vehicle to ensure safety and security.
- Operate and monitor video surveillance systems and intrusion alarm systems.
- Respond to security incidents, alarms, and emergencies in a timely and effective manner.
- Document incidents, complete reports, and follow up as needed.
- Greet visitors and employees, providing information and assistance as needed.
- Other duties and responsibilities as required.

Working Conditions

- Frequent walking and climbing stairs; and performing duties in varying weather conditions.
- The ability to work under stressful conditions and interact with confrontational persons is required.
- Work can be performed outdoors in varying temperature, weather, and humidity conditions

Qualifications

- Security Guard License is an asset
- Current (within 6 months) CYIM check from Child & Family Services
- Ability to obtain a clear criminal record check upon hire
- Ability to work evenings and weekends
- Current Standard First Aid
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License
- Ability to stand, walk and patrol for extended periods of time
- Ability to pay attention to detail and notice potential security breaches.
- Familiarity with security systems, equipment and procedures
- Ability to work in a team and follow instructions from supervisor
- Able to work well under pressure

Closing Date: September 17th 2026

Please submit cover letter, resume, CYIM check from Child & Family Services along with supporting documents and references in confidence to:

Human Resources

[CLICK TO APPLY ONLINE on our website \(PREFERRED\) OR](#)

Email: human.resources@bigstoneeducation.ca

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

Fax: 780-891-2178

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

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





MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Wabasca, AB

RECREATION ATTENDANT

The Municipal District of Opportunity is currently seeking a Permanent Full-Time Recreation Attendant at our Lakeview Sports Centre. The individual chosen for this position must be self-motivated and an enthusiastic Sports & Fitness orientated, people person to perform the following duties:

- Supervise and provide guidance to patrons.
- Able to create, run, and promote recreation programs as directed.
- Daily custodial duties.
- Promote "sports & fitness" in the community.
- Interact with staff and patrons.
- Distribution, collection, and maintenance of equipment.
- Willing to initiate sporting and amp fitness programs/events.
- Set up and tear down for all recreation events.
- Submit all required paperwork/documentation at the end of each shift.
- Must be willing to work flexible hours evenings & some weekends.
- A satisfactory Current Criminal Record Check upon hire.

The ideal candidates must possess the following qualifications & experience in the following:

- Standard First Aid Certification is an asset.
- Must be able to work without direct supervision.
- Must be physically active and able to lift a minimum of 30lbs.
- Knowledge of various sports and sports equipment would be an asset.
- National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP-Certification would be an asset).

Interested individuals are asked to submit their Resumes along with 3 work references, a current Child Youth Intervention Check to the attention of:

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

This advertisement will close on September 16, 2026 @ 3 PM.

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

Bigstone Lot 25 Corp Employment Opportunity



CUSTODIAN- ATB Part-Time Permanent Monday to Friday – 4 hours/day Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Lot 25 Corporation is seeking an experienced, highly motivated, and dependable Custodian to join our talented team. 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:

- General Janitorial and Maintenance duties including sweeping, mopping, dusting, vacuuming, window cleaning, sanitizing floors, washrooms, etc.
- Collect and dispose of trash from the buildings
- Sanitize surfaces: doorknobs/handles, handrails, countertops, tables, chairs, phones, other common items
- Reports observations regarding malfunctions, defects, repair and maintenance and unsafe conditions of the building, fixtures, and equipment
- Perform seasonal cleaning
- Ensuring the office building is secure prior to leaving the building

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Physical ability to lift heavy objects, stand for long periods of time, etc.
- Ability to follow proper cleaning and sanitation instruction on all cleaning and equipment supplies
- Ability to follow instructions concerning various chemicals
- Knowledge of proper cleaning and sanitation procedures

Education and Experience:

- High School Diploma is an asset
- Experience in a Custodial/Janitorial role considered an asset
- Reliable transportation
- Valid WHMIS Certification

Benefits:

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

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

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

Human Resources Department
PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca
CLOSING DATE: Until a suitable candidate is found.

POSTED ON August 27, 2026

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

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BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity



RECOVERY CARE SUPPORT WORKER

**One (1) Permanent Full-Time
Wabasca, Alberta**

Bigstone Health Commission is seeking an experienced, highly motivated, and dependable Recovery Care Day Program Support Worker 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 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

- Reporting to the Recovery Care Day Program Coordinator
- As a member of a multi-disciplinary team, the Recovery Care Support Worker provides community-based support services, assists in substance use and/or mental health treatment, provides life skills training, coaching, and advocacy to BCN members who struggle with substance abuse and addiction issues with or without a mental illness
- Other duties as assigned

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- 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 organizational skills, ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing
- Must be a team player and able to work with minimal supervision
- Confidentiality is strictly enforced
- Develop strong relationships and work cooperatively with clients
- Knowledge of Mental Health policies and procedures, relevant legislation (i.e. Mental Health Act, Health Professions Act and HIPA)
- Ability to deal with community members who struggle with addictions and mental health issues
- Ability to observe and recognize behavioral and/or health status changes in clients
- Ability to facilitate supportive and educational groups
- Ability to model healthy lifestyle choices
- Ability to set and maintain boundaries
- Conflict resolution and crisis intervention skills
- Ability to prioritize and organize client demands made and care needs
- Ability to demonstrate an appropriate level of initiative and independence
- Ability to work cooperatively as part of a multidisciplinary team
- Ability to promote positive change and independence
- Physical and emotional ability to carry out the duties of the position
- Advocacy skills
- Must have experience or knowledge working with Indigenous populations
- Must be prepared to work irregular hours
- Good organizational skills, make sound decisions and act quickly in critical circumstances
- Good written and oral communication skills
- Ability to speak Cree is an asset
- Ability to deal with others effectively
- Ability to problem solve
- Sound judgment and good observational skills
- Ability to work independently and in collaboration with others

Education and Experience:

- Diploma or High School with related experience in addictions and or mental health.
- Basic knowledge of community resources.
- Must have or obtain within 6 months of hire; First Aid/CPR certification and maintain such
- Must be willing to take further training as required.

Benefits:

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

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

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& Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check and Child & Youth Intervention Check to our:*

Human Resources Department
PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca
CLOSING DATE: Until a Suitable Candidate is found.

POSTED ON: August 26, 2026

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Tuesdays: Noon**



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
 Red Earth Creek, AB
RECREATION ATTENDANT
 Permanent Full-Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is currently seeking a casual Recreation Attendant in Red Earth Creek. The individual chosen for this position must be self-motivated and an enthusiastic Sports & Fitness orientated, people person to perform the following duties:

- Supervise and provide guidance to patrons.
- Able to create, run, and promote recreation programs as directed.
- Daily custodial duties.
- Promote "sports & fitness" in the community.
- Interact with staff and patrons.
- Distribution, collection and maintenance of equipment.
- Willing to initiate sporting & amp fitness programs/events.
- Set up and tear down for all recreation events.
- Submit all required paperwork/documentation at the end of each shift.
- Must be willing to work flexible hour's evenings & some weekends.

The ideal candidates must possess the following qualifications & experience in the following:

- Standard First Aid Certification is an asset.
- Must be able to work without direct supervision.
- Must be physically active and able to lift a minimum of 30lbs and a lot of youth interaction.
- Knowledge of various sports and sports equipment would be an asset.
- National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP-Certification would be an asset).
- A Valid Class 5 Driver's License, or the ability to obtain one.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
TFT Equipment Operator
 Wabasca

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking a temporary full-time Equipment Operator (Water truck) for Wabasca. The individual chosen for this position in the M.D. of Opportunity will be responsible for the following duties:

- Be familiar with and comply with NSC standards
- Supply water & sewer delivery services to seasonal property owners
- Perform trip inspections on equipment operated and load ensuring safety and roadworthiness;
- Maneuver trucks into loading or unloading positions, following signals from fellow workers as needed; check that vehicle position is correct and any special loading equipment is properly positioned;
- Communicate effectively with the public, customers, and co-workers both verbally and in written form;
- Perform periodic inspections before, during, and after delivery to ensure that load is roadworthy and safe;
- Ensure that any debris caused by the loading, unloading of truck is cleaned up;
- Provide feedback to supervisor regarding customer, mechanical, or delivery challenges;
- Maintain truck's overall service and perform required inspections;
- Provide written reports on operations as may be required.

Qualifications:

- Must possess an acceptable drivers abstract
- A minimum of Grade 10 or a minimum of two years' experience may be considered;
- A valid Class 3 driver's license with air brakes;
- Current TDG, WHIMIS, H2S, First Aid and Confined Space safety tickets;
- Ability to work independently and as a team player;
- Ability to lift a minimum of 30 lbs
- Ability to work flexible hours;
- Ability to exercise good judgment on operation of light/heavy equipment as it relates to safety.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Interested persons are invited to submit their Resume along with three (3) work related references to:

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

This advertisement will close on September 8, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

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