# Only three new faces on MD of Opportunity Council

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World Series fever felt by Canadians as Toronto Blue Jays, Canada's only MLB team gets into series; 1993 was last time



Jays will start battling defending champs Dodgers on their home grounds in Toronto, Friday, 6:00 p.m.



Wabasca's Eli Cardinal Park's playground has now been completely fenced and the fenced area includes a food forest in which fruit and nut trees can be growth and harvested.

# Too many nurses in Canada are quitting profession early B.C. doing better than Alberta in retaining nurses

Article begins on Front Page of Focus supplement

Unofficial Municipal Election Results
Elected incumbent Elected Defeated incumbent

Ward 1 - Wabasca (4 seats) Jackson, Darlene - 313 Auger, Marcel D - 312 Auger, Marcel C - 186 Guild. Robin - 179 Grach, Ernie - 131 Jackson, Stonewall - 129 Shawn Gullion - 111 Roberts, Jesse - 92 Cardinal, Larry - 66 Gullion, John - 51 Sopha, Stephen - 40 Ward 2 - Calling Lake (2 seats) Johnson, Gerald - 97 Gladue, Cecil - 88 Rude, Wally - 64 Gladue, Victor - 47 Courtorielle, Cheri - 44 Cardinal, Danny - 31 Leslie. Grant - 9 Ward 3 - Sandy Lake Bigstone, Kevin - 31 Stuart, Trov - 22 Wiebe, Tahirih - 19

Ward 4 - Peerless Lake

Cardinal, Louis A. - 84

Orr, Charles - 21

Ward 5 - Trout Lake

Alook, Leo - Acclaimed

Ward 6 - Red Earth Creek

Powell, Brendan - Acclaimed

Ward 7 - Chipewyan Lake

Yellowknee, Roy - 27

Noskiye, Viola - 16

# MD council picks reeve October 28

Prior to leaving office, the 2021-2025 council of the Municipal District of Opportunity decided to change the October meeting schedule so that the newly elected council could organized itself on Tuesday, October 28 and then hold the monthly delegation meeting Wednesday, October 29.

Northland School Board election results Focus Page 1



# **Publisher's Ponderings**

 So Alberta Municipal Elections on Mondays cost a lot more money in the cities and the results in many places were not known on election night and some were not even known Wednesday morning. But at least those cheating voting tabulators and other mechanical devices did not get a chance to steal any elections, so our Premier must be happy that only honest people hand-counted all the votes.

However, in the spirit of satire, let's say perhaps one of her supporters in the election didn't win and will complain like Donald Trump that votes were intentionally miscounted by some liberal-minded person of colour might even have been an illegal immigrant! So maybe in the next Alberta municipal election, the UCP government will require municipalities to hire armed police officers to stand over the vote counters to make sure there is no miscounting. Or since it was quite okay for Trump to ask that a state official in Georgia to "find" 11,780 votes for him after the election was over and Trump lost, perhaps all UCP-minded candidates should be able to make similar demands on election officials and have them followed.

And since modern voting machines and their human handlers should all be jailed for being dishonest, and human counters are too slow, perhaps Alberta's Premier could open up a cave and stand inside it so each Albertan voter comes in one by one and makes a chaulk mark on the cave wall which only has the names of the Premier's preferred candidates. Now that is the way any fossil-fuel-loving province should conduct an election and be obedient to the American president if it really wants to earn its way to becoming the 51st state.

• It would be nice to see the Oilers start a regular season with a

string of high-scoring victories, but it is obviously not going to be this season as in their first seven games, the Edmonton team had three wins (one in overtime). three losses, and an overtime loss. As of Tuesday night, the team was in fifth place in the Pacific Division of the NHL, and had scored 18 goals while letting their opponents score 20. Meanwhile, the Golden Knights and Canucks were leading the divi-



Leon Draisaitl

sion on Wednesday morning with respective records of 4-3-0 for 8 points and 3-0-2 for 8.

Maybe this season will be a bit different with the Oilers having a higher percentage of wins than losses prior to the year-end holiday season.

It would be more exciting for Edmonton fans and probably all fans in-

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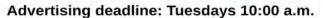
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## A column of news & commentary

terested in powerful performances regardless of team, to see the Edmonton offensive stars of Leon Draisaitl and Connor McDavid earn more goals and assists during the first half of the season. But this early in the season, while six players already had gathered up 10 or more points by October 20, McDavid was tied for 22nd place in the NHL with 13 other players with 7 points and Draisaitl is way back in a 60th place tie with a large number of other players, all with 5 points. Ryan Nugent-Hopkins was actually second highest Edmonton point-maker, tied at 36th place with 6 points.

#### • Are city people smarter than rural people?

No one seemed to have had opinion on this Queston nor gave an answer to last issue's question about whom would survive an encounter with a charging grizzly bear - a city slicker or a rural person living in northern Alberta's bear country. Let's just speculate that neither were smart enough or fast enough to escape and the grizzly gobbled up both of them.

• Edmonton Elks fans got the sad answer to the other question in this column last issue as to whether their team would find their way into the Grey Cup playoffs.



The team was eliminated from contention by the BC Lions with a 37-24 loss last Friday evening at BC Place Stadium. This is the seventh consecutive season, Edmonton has not made it past the regular season. With only one game left to play, the Elks do not even have a chance to get out of last place in the West Division of the Canadian Football League. It would be nice if they could win their last game and end up with an 8-10 record

as the squad has played this year better than a lot of their previous seasons.

• In regards to MD of Opportunity council elections, it should be noted that the previous council had three women, but two of them were voted out in Monday's election, bringing the MD to having only one female voice at the council table.

But since Darlene Jackson got the most votes, beating equally popular Marcel D. Auger, by just one ballot (313 to 312), perhaps her council colleagues should give her the Reeve title.

• The online pollster which provides the media the popularity of different sports among Canada's provinces and territories, has Alberta being crazy over ice hockey, but not too adoring of baseball. The popularity is based on the number of searches on the internet being made related to the sport. But with Canada being represented in baseball's World Series, we're sure Albertans will cheer for the Blue Jays in between watching hockey games.

It would be best that some of rougher aspects of hockey do not get mixed into the baseball cheering. Like high "batting" of the Dodgers players' heads, or yelling for Toronto players to run outside the base lines in order to roughly "fence" a Dodger's outfielder.

# **Environment Canada Weather Forecast**

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

#### October 16 to 21

Thursday night..40 percent showers. Low plus 4.

Friday..Mix of sun/cloud. High 10.

Friday night..Cloudy periods. Low zero..

Saturday..Sunny. High 11.

Saturday night. Increasing cloudiness. Low plus 1. Sunday..Cloudy..High 8.

Sunday night.. 30 percent showers. Low minus 2. Monday..Mix of sun/cloud. High plus 4.

Monday night..Cloudy periods. Low minus 4. Tuesday..Mix of sun/cloud. High 6.

Normals for the period..Low minus 3. High 8.



# Calling Lakers enjoy Thanksgiving feast with their neighbours

by Gloria Wanakew Cardinal

On Sunday, October 12, Bigstone Child and Family Services staff hosted a community turkey dinner for families with all the trimmings at Calling Lake recreational center.

Approximately 165 adults and 65 children feasted on turkey with homemade cranberry sauce, ham with pineapple, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, vegetables and three different salads.

For desserts there was lemon, apple, and pumpkin pie, Jello and a variety of squares.

To make the event even more special, there was a chocolate fountain with strawberries and marshmallows available to all.

For the children there



# Good turnout for municipal election in MD #17, says electoral officer

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Every four years or so, Lynda Gray has to switch her title from Executive Assistant to Administration of Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to Returning Officer.

For the 2025 Alberta Municipal Election, she had to hire 26 people to help her operate five polling stations in the MD of Opportunity.

While there is usually low turn-out of voters for municipal elections – the average in Alberta may be 40 per cent, but lows in the 20 per cent range can happen.

"We had a good turnout in all locations," Gray reports about both the advance polling and Monday's election day

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was a candy bag station and a craft table to create a thanksgiving craft.

To conclude the evening, numerous doors prizes were drawn for both children and adults.



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## **HALLOWEEN SAFETY**



October 28th, 2025
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October 30th, 2025

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<u>Community Library</u>

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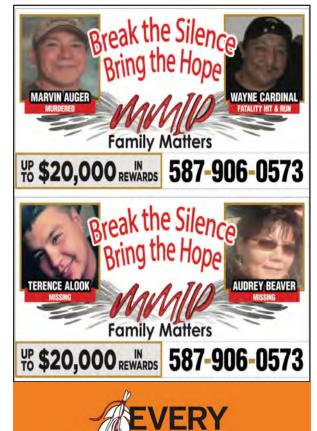
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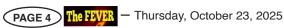


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# Wildfire season officially ends October 31 but likely stubborn fires will continue

While the wildfire danger is now low in Slave Lake Forest Protection Area, provincial wildfire personnel are still advising that "Wildfires can still start in cool, damp conditions. Be cautious if you're spending time outdoors and do your part to prevent wildfires."

This has been a very busy season for Slave Lake Forest with 213 wildfires so far and a well-above average amount of land burned within the protection area -379,244 hectares.

As of Wednesday, there were seven active wildfires in Slave Lake Forest - none were out of control while four were being held and three were listed as under control.

Provincially, but mostly in northern Alberta, there were 30 active fires Wednesday and the total number of hectares so far affected by a total of 1,196 Alberta wildfires this year is 681,762.

For Slave Lake Forest, the biggest tragedy of the 2025 fire season were the fires threatening Chipewyan Lake and actually destroying about 40 structures, and causing a long evacuation of the community residents, some of whom lost their homes.

The area between Chipewyan Lake west to Red Earth Creek, including Peerless Trout First Nation communities, plus others along Highway 88 and along the eastern portion of Secondary Highway 750 was perhaps one of the busiest for firefighting activities for most of the summer and still is

The most recent update from forest headquarters in Slave Lake: "The Red Earth East Complex includes 5 active wild-fires that are located east of Highway 88. Being held: SWF085, SWF092, SWF094 and SWF100; Under control: SWF089 These large wildfires will take time to fully extinguish. At this time, there is no threat to nearby communities.



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

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



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





# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Security Officer

Red Earth Creek - Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is accepting resumes for a full-time Security Officer position for the community of Red Earth Creek. Hours of work will be shift work, mainly night shift including weekends and statutory holidays. The Security Officer reports to the Manager of Bylaw Enforcement and will work in close cooperation with other MD staff, Community Peace Officers, External Security Agencies and the RCMP.

#### Position duties include:

- Uniformed night-security patrol of MD facilities and public areas in Red Earth Creek.
- Observing, recording, and reporting illicit activity such as campfires, public drinking, vandalism, suspicious activity, and crime.
- Checking doors, windows, locks and building interiors for illicit entry, damage or theft.
- · Locking and unlocking parks and access gates.
- Completing documentation of patrols, incidents, and security activity.
- · Using and caring for a marked MD vehicle.
- Providing information to residents regarding MD authorities and jurisdiction
- Checking and reporting street light outages
- · Other duties as assigned

#### Qualifications required:

- · Must have a valid security license or the ability to obtain one.
- Must complete the Alberta Basic Security Training course and/or is awaiting license.
- A valid Class 5 Driver's License with satisfactory Driver's Abstract.
- Grade 10 or higher education; and a satisfactory Criminal Record Check.
- Good communication, public relations and interpersonal skills and the ability to exercise independent judgment in varying situations.

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

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

This advertisement will remain open until October 27, 2025 @ 3:00 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. Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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# Communicable disease control is available locally

through continued outreach, education, and preventive care.through continued outreach, education, and preventive care. Bigstone Community and Public Health Department continues its strong commitment to protecting community health.

Through its Communi-

cable Disease Control and Management Program, the department provides essential immunizations while focusing on the prevention and management of illnesses.

These efforts include emergency responses to diseases such as Covid-19, measles, and influenza, as well as ongoing health promotion initiatives.

Last year, the department successfully administered 380 influenza vaccines and over 100 Covid-19 vaccines within Wabasca community.

So far this influenza and Covid-19 season, 40 individuals have already received their vaccinations as the team continues its efforts to raise awareness and encourage participation.

To make immunization more accessible, Community and Public Health Department will host an Influenza and Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic on October 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The clinic aims to help residents protect themselves and those around them by offering Influenza, Covid-19, Pneumo-20, and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis/whooping cough) vaccines.

The event will take place at the Bigstone Training Centre, 911 Stony Plain Road.

Community members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to stay up to date with their vaccinations.

In addition to this special clinic, these vaccines are also available during regular business hours at Bigstone Health Commission.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 780-891-2000.

Bigstone Community and Public Health Department, managed by Ashley Guild,

# Returning officer ... From Page 3

Returning Officer Gray said there were 965 electors who participated on Monday at five polling stations – Wabasca, Calling Lake, Peerless Lake, Sandy Lake and Chipewyan Lake. Red Earth Creek and Trout Lake had acclaimed candidates so no there was no voting.

remains dedicated to keeping the community healthy, informed, and protected

through continued outreach, education, and preventive care.



#### **Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17**

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#### **NOTICES**

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RESIDENTS IN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17

As per Section 193 (3) of the Municipal Government Act: NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Council and to the General Public:

THE SCHEDULED ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2025 (Tuesday) at 10:00 A.M.

HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO:

Date: OCTOBER 28, 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: WABASCA COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WABASCA, AB

If you have any questions, please call Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer at (780) 891-3778 or toll free at 1-888-891-3778.

As per Section 193 (3) of the Municipal Government Act: NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Council and to the General Public:

THE SCHEDULED DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2025 (Wednesday) at 10:00 A.M.

HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO:

Date: OCTOBER 29, 2025 (Wednesday)

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: CHIPEWYAN LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

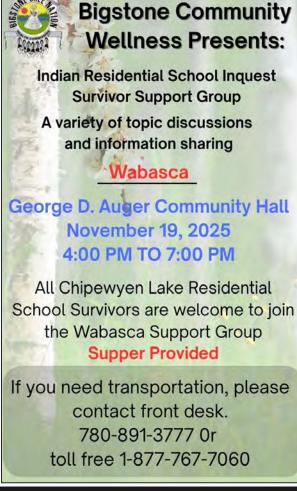
CHIPEWYAN LAKE, AB

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Friday, October 17 will see the launch of The Fever website

news updates, past issues archive, special features



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# ounity grows together, thanks to a garden project helping feed those in need

#### **By Bigstone Community** and Public Health **Department**

In a remarkable show of partnership and purpose, Bigstone Community and Public Health Department worked alongside Wabasca and Region Atoske Action Group, Primary Care Alberta' Healthier Together Program, the Wabasca Food Bank, and Bigstone Youth Department to launch a community garden initiative aimed at strengthening food security and community wellness.

The project began in early 2025 with planning sessions that brought together representatives from each organization, local leaders, and local gardener Denis Carnochan, and Power of Choice staff and students.

They were united by a shared vision: to grow fresh produce, promote healthy eating, disease prevention and foster connections

within the local community through gardening.

#### **Planting Knowledge**

As part of the initiative, 70 home garden kits were distributed across the community-30 to clients and 40 to local families and individuals.

To receive a kit, participants attended a twohour information session where local gardeners shared their experience, offering hands-on advice and traditional knowledge about soil preparation, seed selection, and seasonal care.

These sessions did more than teach gardening skills—they encouraged self-sufficiency and inspired participants to see gardening as a source of pride, wellness, and connection to the land.

#### From Seeds to Harvest

Through the spring and summer months, the community garden came alive with vibrant rows of carrots. potatoes, and other vege-

The staff and youth came together to plant, water, and nurture the garden, watching it flourish under the long northern days.

Thank you to local volun-teers Robin Guld and Cindy Moore for coming out to help.

The harvest began on October 2 and continued for a week.

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Preparing Community Garden carrots for distribution to families and individuals needing help at their dining table.



# **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 Monday, November 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. the following lands:

C of T or Linc #	Plan	Blk	Lot	Civic
922 187 690	7920484	9	20	2370 Waskway Drive
072 192 898	7921556	16	2	3290 Calling Lake Drive
142 143 014	0525897	32	9	2990 Central Drive
242 061 049	8122581	27	10	2756 Strawberry Lane
132 365 498	8321796		102	1000 Black Bear Trail
972 138 705	8820461	3	5	419 Grassy Way

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:** Cash or Certified Cheque payable to the Municipal District of Opportunity A deposit of \$1000 at time of the sale (non-refundable); and balance to be paid to the Municipal District of Opportunity 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, October 16, 2025 Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer

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This poster from Bigstone Health Commission welcomed the public to come help harvest the Wabasca Community Garden for their own dinner tables.





#### Community Garden ...

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The harvesting operation marked the culmination of the months of teamwork and care.

The members of the involved organizations gathered to dig, wash, and sort the produce, sharing laughter and stories as they worked.

#### **Sharing the Harvest**

In total, the team produced 100 jars of pickled carrots at a community canning session-each jar a tangible symbol of collective effort and sustainability.

Half of the harvested potatoes were donated to the Wabasca Food Bank to support local families in need, while the remaining produce was distributed among public health clients.

This spirit of giving ensured that the benefits of the garden reached across the community, providing nutritious food and a sense of shared accomplishment.

#### **Growing Forward**

The success of this year's project has sown the seeds for future growth.

Organizers hope to initiative, expand the involving more youth and families in the coming seasons, and to continue integrating traditional knowledge with modern wellness efforts.

As one volunteer aptly shared, "Your team didn't just plant seeds-you all planted hope and togetherness."

The Bigstone Community Garden Project stands as a powerful reminder that when a community comes together with purpose, even the smallest seeds can grow into something very extraordinary.

Watch for future articles on similiar community projects!



As part of this year's National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW), Bigstone Community Wellness is seeking community members in Wabasca, Sandy Lake, Calling Lake and Chipewyan Lake to celebrate and honor their lives in recovery and sobriety. If you know of someone and would like to nominate them for our Community Champions component of NAAW, please contact: Robert Zabot or Brandon Noskey @ 780-891-3777

# Deadline: November 3rd, 2025

Community Champions will receive gifts and would be honored at our NAAW Conferences.

**Bigstone Community Wellness** 

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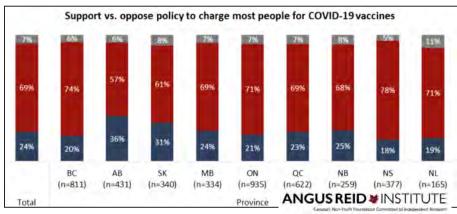
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# Majority of Canadians oppose provinces charging for Covid shots; 57% in Alberta



Nimbus and Stratus may be floating through Canada this fall – and they're not just clouds anymore. These are the latest COVID variants that have provinces around the country preparing immunization campaigns to help stem circulation.

But two provinces are taking a different approach this respiratory illness season, opting to end free coverage of COVID-19 vaccines.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds the policy of provinces charging \$100 for the COVID-19 vaccine (for non-at-risk groups) deeply unpopular, with seven-in-10 opposing it nationally (69%) and one-quarter (24%) supportive.

Alberta and Quebec recently became the first two provinces to begin to charge for the vaccine, which has been universally free since the pandemic.

Support for this charge is highest in Alberta at 36 per cent, buoyed by 64 per cent

support among past UCP voters.

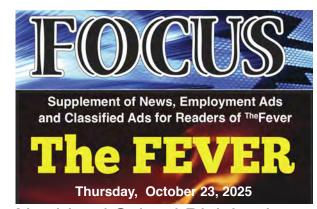
Opposition, meantime, reaches four-infive in Nova Scotia (78%) and exceeds three-in-five in every other region aside from Alberta.

Nationally, past CPC voters are most supportive of adding a charge for the COVID vaccine (47%) but are overall divided (44% oppose). This idea is heavily opposed by those who voted Liberal in the spring (89%).

Much of the push for ending free vaccination is evidently driven by the view among past Conservatives that these inoculations are ineffective.

#### Majority feel vaccines are effective

While three-quarters of Canadians say that generally they feel COVID-19 and flu vaccines are effective at reducing the chance of catching these diseases, this drops to 52 per cent among CPC voters and rises to near unanimity among past Liberals (94%).



# Northland School Division has several new board trustees

A good portion of the Board of Trustees for Northland School Division will be new faces following Monday's 2025 municipal elections across the province, unless they had been on the board prior to the previous 2021 voting.

The unofficial results were: (elected)

Ward 1 – Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement, Keg River

Jonelle Laboucane = 72

Lorraine McGillivray = 52

Ward 2 – Susa Creek (Acclaimed)

Marianne Moberly (Incumbent)

Ward 3 – Gift Lake & Peavine Métis Settlement

Karen Noskey = 68

Glenn Laderoute = 58, Ken Shaw = 42

Bonnie Lamouche = 34

Ward 4 - East Prairie Métis Settlement, Grouard

Jesse Lamouche = 26

Rob Porter = 25, Taylor Laboucan = 21

Ward 5 – Elizabeth & Fishing Lake Métis Settlement (Acclaimed) Marie (Tanya) Fayant (Incumbent)

Ward 6 - Desmarais, Sandy Lake

Darrell Anderson = 14

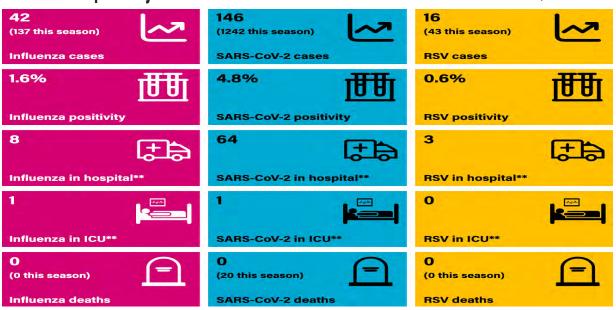
Karen Auger = 4

Ward 7 - Wabasca, Chipewyan Lake (Acclaimed)

Robin Guild (Incumbent)

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## Alberta Respiratory Illnesses: Data from October 5 to October 11, 2025



Covid is the dominant respiratory illness in Alberta, and probably will continue to be so until December when influenza bugs start spreading in the social atmosphere of the holiday season. At this point early in the 2025/26 season of tracking respiratory diseases, confirmed Covid cases are more than nine times higher than flu cases and almost 78 times higher than the 16 cases of various strains of other respiratory viruses. And every week, covid is putting a lot more people in hospital than the flu or RSV patients. Covid has caused the only deaths so far this season.

#### Nurses are leaving profession in Alberta; BC doing better job at retaining them

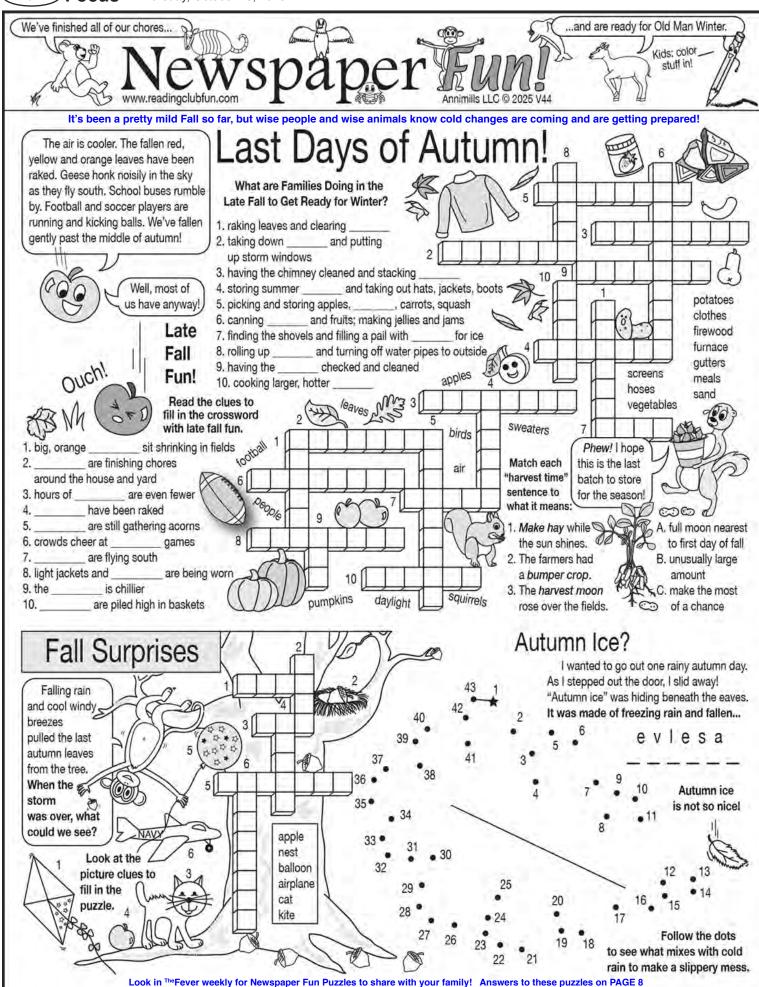
By MEI

Public Policy Think Tank Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary

Canada is burning thru its young nurses at an alarming rate as healthcare systems across the country struggle to retain them.

"For every 100 nurses under 35 who registered to practise in the country, 40 other young nurses did not renew their registration in 2023," said Emmanuelle B. Faubert, economist at the MEI.

"This growing exodus is worsening the shortage of health care workers and putting even more pressure on our already strained system." Continued Focus Page 7



## Join the Bigstone Cree Nation Team



#### BIGSTONE CREE NATION TRUSTS

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#### **Independent Trustee** For the Bigstone Cree Nation Trust QUALIFICATIONS and OBLIGATIONS

"Independent Trustee" means a Trustee appointed by Council pursuant to subsection 7.3 who is not a member nor an Affiliate and whom Council considers to have the requisite expertise and wisdom to assist the Trustees in fulfilling their duties.

As per Section 7 of Trust Agreement

- 7.2 Each Trustee shall:
- 7.2.1 be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 7.2.2 not be bankrupt or have been petitioned into or have voluntarily made an assignment in bankruptcy.
- 7.2.3 not have been convicted of an indictable offence pursuant to the Criminal Code, R.S.C. 1985 c.C-46, as attended or replaced, of theft, conversion and/or fraud, or any offence involving the Trust Property or any other trust property; and
- 7.2.4 not have been declared by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction or declared by a duly licensed.

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- · Within sixty (60) days of the end of each Fiscal Year, the Trustees shall prepare and submit to Council an annual report and Financial statement for the purposes of informing the Council and the beneficiaries about the status and expenditures of the Trust Property and that operation of the Bigstone Trust was in compliance with the Trust Agreement.
- The Trustees shall maintain adequate records of all transactions affecting the Trust Property and financial statements to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for each Fiscal Year of the Bigstone Trust.
- The Trustees acknowledge that the Council and the Beneficiaries, are at all time relying on the Trustees in ensuring that no funds will be withdrawn, invested, transferred or expended from the Bigstone Trust without the requirements and obligations set out in this Agreement having first been met by Council and the Trustees.

Individuals who are not a member or affiliate of Bigstone Cree Nation and who are interested in being an Independent Trustee, are encouraged to submit a Letter of Interest, resume, copy of photo ID, criminal background check, and vulnerable sector check.

Deadline October 31, 2025

Bigstone Cree Nation Trust PO Box 990, Wabasca, AB T0G 2K0 Telephone Number: 780-891-4803 Trust@bigstone.ca

Only successful candidates will be contacted.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## **Land Selection**

Within Bigstone Cree Nation Territory

IR 166 - Highway 813 - 166 Sandy Lake - NW 36-79-23 W4'M

This is a public notification to **All Bigstone Cree Nation** (BCN) Members that Bradley C. Gladue

has selected land for residential use within the Bigstone Cree Nation Reserve Lands.

If anyone has any appeals or prior claims to this location, please contact:

#### The Lands Department: (780) 891-3836 Ext. 254

If no prior claims or concerns arise, the above named BCN Member will be granted authorization to utilize the said land for residential purposes, 2 weeks from the date of this selection:

Deadline to Appeal This Land November 6, 2025

Dated October 20, 2025 Jamie Auger, Lands Officer





#### **Public Notification**

DESCRIPTION Bradley C. Gladue IR 166 - Highway 813

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Land Selection**

Within Bigstone Cree Nation Territory

IR 166 D - Muskotehk - SW - 35-79-25 W4'M

This is a public notification to **All Bigstone Cree Nation** (BCN) Members that **Adeline Auger** 

has selected land for residential use within the Bigstone Cree Nation Reserve Lands.

If anyone has any appeals or prior claims to this location, please contact:

#### The Lands Department: (780) 891-3836 Ext. 254

If no prior claims or concerns arise, the above named BCN Member will be granted authorization to utilize the said land for residential purposes, 2 weeks from the date of this selection:

**Deadline to Appeal This Land** November 6, 2025

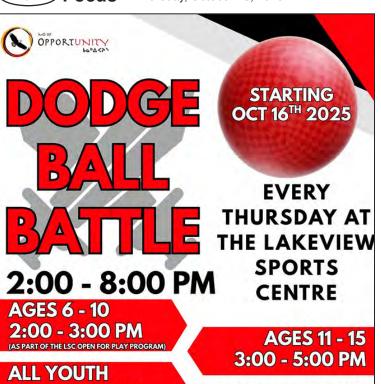
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**Public Notification** 

DESCRIPTION Adeline Auger IR 166 D - Muskotehk October 20, 2025



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Please submit your name & phone number Must have two helpers

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Phone number: 780-891-3777



OPPORTUNITY 64"AC E-mail: queena.cardinal@bigstonehealth.ca

Deadline to submit November 17, 2025



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#### **BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION**

#### **Employment Opportunity**



#### **HUMAN RESOURCES FILE CLERK**

Full Time (Temporary) – Up to 3 Months Monday to Friday – 7 hours/day Wabasca, Alberta

The Bigstone Health Commission is seeking a detail-oriented and organized Human Resources File Clerk to support our HR department by maintaining and managing employee records, both physical and digital. The ideal candidate will ensure that all HR documentation is accurate, up to date, and securely stored in compliance with company policies and legal regulations. 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:**

- Organize, file, and maintain employee records in an orderly and secure filing system
- · Scan and convert existing paper files into digital format, ensuring accuracy
- Create and maintain digital filing systems for efficient document management
- File new paperwork such as onboarding documents, benefits forms, and performance reviews into both physical and electronic records
- Process confidential HR documents such as employment contracts, background checks, and disciplinary records
- Support HR staff with administrative tasks, data entry, and document verification
- Ensure compliance with recordkeeping standards, data privacy, and retention policies
- Retrieve and provide documents as needs for audits, legal requests, or internal reviews

#### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong organizational and time management skills with the ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks
- Excellent attention to detail and accuracy in data entry
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook)
- Ability to operate scanners, copiers, and filing equipment efficiently
- Strong confidentiality and discretion when handling sensitive information
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively within a team environment
- Willing to take training as required

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

- High school diploma or equivalent required; associate degree in business, HR, or related field preferred
- 1-2 years of clerical, administrative, or HR support experience
- $\bullet \quad \text{Experience with scanning, filing, and digital document management preferred} \\$
- Familiarity with HR procedures and employment documentation is an asset

#### Salary is dependent on qualifications.

Please forward your Cover Letter, Resume (including 3 work related references), and Criminal Record 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: <u>bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca</u>

CLOSING DATE: Friday October 31, 2025 at 4:30pm

POSTED: October 15, 2025

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

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#### Too many nurses are leaving their jobs at younger ages ...

from Focus front page

Nursing job vacancies have tripled in just five years across Canada, jumping from 13,178 in 2018 to 41,716 in 2023.

In Alberta, 42 young nurses left for every 100 who entered the profession in 2023, a ratio that has remained stable with respect to the 41.3 measured in 2014

"Alberta's numbers show that simply training more nurses won't solve the problem," notes Ms. Faubert.

"Without better working conditions and flexibility, it's like filling a leaky bucket."

British Columbia stands out as a beacon of improvement, having cut the turn-

over of young nurses by 50 per cent since 2014. Nearly 93 per cent of nurses trained in the province are now registered to practise there.

Since 2022, the BC College of Nurses and Midwives has streamlined the accreditation process for internationally educated nurses by introducing a "triple-track" application that covers registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, and healthcare assistant designa-

"Flexibility is key," notes Ms. Faubert. "Nurses are the backbone of our health care system and thus, we need to ensure that the system works for them, not against them."

According to the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions' 2025 survey:

Over one third of nurses reported having worked involuntary overtime in the past six months;

Six in ten experienced some form of violence or abuse at work in the past year;

One in four show clinical signs of anxiety, depression, or burnout;

The MEI researcher urges provinces to look to British Columbia's shift-swapping pools, which allow nurses to trade shifts without administrative approval, as a model to emulate.

#### Northland School Division election ...

Continued from Focus front page

Ward 8 – Calling Lake

**Richard Monias = 75** 

Wally Rude = 46

Ward 9 - Anzac, Janvier, Conklin

Jules Nokohoo = 76

Aimee McCamon = 61

The last meeting of the Northland Board in September approved dates for Trustee Orientation and Regular Board Meeting following the municipal election.

The Board approved holding the Trustee Orientation on October 24, and the Regular Board Meeting on October 25. Both sessions will take place in Edmonton.



#### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CUSTODIAN**

Wabasca - Casuals

The Municipal District of Opportunity is now accepting resumes for casual custodian positions in our Facility Maintenance Department in Wabasca. The custodian will be responsible for the daily cleaning, maintenance of various buildings, organizing inventory of all cleaning supplies and equipment. The position entails a full spring and fall cleaning (including but not limited to shampooing of carpets, washing windows inside and out, washing walls, etc.) and may include minor maintenance.

#### Applicants must possess and meet the following qualifications and requirements:

- Ability to work on their feet for a complete shift of an 8 hours/day while constantly bending, stretching, walking and lifting or moving things.
- Ability to communicate effectively with others.
- Preparation of monthly building repairs and maintenance reports.
- Ordering and maintaining cleaning supplies and inventory.
- Must have a minimum of Grade 10 Education or higher.
- Must possess WHMIS or be willing to take training.
- Other Security Checks (CWIS) that may be required.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.
- Valid Class 5 Drivers License is required as you will be driving to different facility locations.

Salary range for this position will reflect on qualifications and experience. Interested individuals may submit their Resumes and three (3) work related references:

> **Human Resources Department Municipal District of Opportunity** Box 60, Wabasca, AB T0G 2K0 Tele # 780-891-3778 or Fax # 780-891-4283

> > Email: hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca

This advertisement will remain open until October 29, 2025 @ 3 pm.

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# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Labourer

Wabasca - Permanent Full Time

The MD of Opportunity # 17 is now accepting resumes to fill a permanent full time labourer position. The labourer position will focus on duties related to the Public Works Department in Wabasca under the general direction of the Lead-hand.

The successful candidate will be responsible for various miscellaneous duties such as repair/replace road signs, road repairs, maintenance and other duties that are assigned by the Supervisor.

# The ideal candidate must possess the following qualifications:

- Valid Class 5 Drivers License or Class 3 would be an asset.
- Valid safety tickets would be an asset including power saw safety.
- · Must be able to work in a team environment.
- Must be able to work independently with little or no supervision.

This position requires an individual who is a team player and who will work closely with various municipal departments. Further inquiries about the positions may be directed to Kimball Newberry or Rebecca Cardinal.

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

Human Resource Department Municipal District of Opportunity No.17 Box 60, Wabasca, Alberta, T0G 2K0 Phone: (780) 891-3778 or Fax: (780) 891-4283

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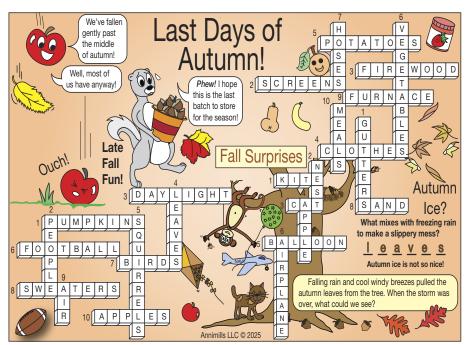
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### **Senior's Heating Fuel Grant**

The purpose of the Senior's Heating Fuel Grant is to provide funding for eligible residents to ensure their residences are sufficiently heated to promote public safety and well-being.

Applications must be received by the MD of Opportunity no later than December 1 of the current year. See your local office for the heat grant application form.

An Applicant may apply for a grant to be reimbursed for the purchase of heating fuel, including propane, natural gas, or firewood for the indoor heating of their residential property.

Applications will be reviewed and prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis up to budget availability.

The maximum grant for a heating fuel is \$1,000 per calendar year per applicant/household.

A checklist of the information required, in addition to the application form, must be completed and provided with the application in order to be considered. *Include your heat/gas provider bill.* 

Individuals must reside at the residential property at the date of application.

Annual Income Threshold of Permanent Residents

Number of Occupants	Maximum Annual Net Household Income	
1 Persons	\$75,000	
2 Persons	\$85,000	
3 Persons	\$95,000	
4 Persons	\$100,000	

Information to be Included with Application:

- ☐ Proof of permanent residency (municipal utility bill, provincial or federal documentation showing the Applicant's address)
- ☐ Proof of annual income threshold (Notice(s) of Assessment for the most recent tax year, including Schedule 90 if tax-exempt income is earned by the individual)
- ☐ Proof of age (Photo ID)
- $\square$  Invoice and receipt showing the type of fuel purchased and the total invoice amount, copy of heat/gas provider

Questions or further information, call FCSS 780-891-2659 ext 403 Jodi Decoine or 405 Janice Auger