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Ryder Cardinal FORWARD



Wabasca Minor Hockey Association congratulates former Wabasca Eagle Ryder Cardinal on making the roster for Team Alberta to compete at the 2026 National Aboriginal Championships which will be in Regina, May 3 to 10.



Wabasca Minor Hockey Association congratulates former Wabasca Eagles Mikka Sinclair (top) and Caithen Thunder on being selected to Team Alberta North to compete at the 2026 Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, March 8 - 15.

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Considering how bad the U.S has become, Canadians feel trade with China might be tolerable

RSV illnesses outnumber Flu and Covid first time in data update of illness

Family Fun Puzzle all about Olympics

Conservative Pierre Poilievre easily holds on to leadership



A leadership review this past weekend for the federal Conservative Party was a success for Pierre Poilievre who got a big 87.4 per cent victory Friday night.

According to party leaders after the balloting was done and Poilievre got the nod to continue as leader, 95 per cent of the attendees at the Calgary convention voted, meaning 2,558 ballots were cast.

While Poilievre was expected to win the review as no other widely known Conservative seemed interested in challenging him, political pundits say the convention win does not mean he can overcome other problems and past losses he has had, including losing the 2025 federal election which gave Mark Carney a minority Liberal government.

Poilievre first won the Conservative leadership in 2021.

Collision at Stavely claims lives of three junior hockey players

Three teenagers on their way to a practice for the Southern Alberta Mustangs Junior Hockey Team late Monday morning perished when their small collided with a semi-truck hauling gravel. The car was crossing Highway 2 while the truck was northbound.

Caden Fine, age 17, a centre from Birmingham, Alabama; JJ Wright and

Cameron Casorso were both from Kamloops. Wright, 18, was a left-winger, and Casorso, 18, was a goalie.

RCMP said there would be no criminal findings coming out of the tragic accident which claimed the three young men's lives.

Tributes to the three hockey players came from across Canada.



The traffic deaths of three teenage junior hockey players in southern Alberta Monday morning saddened people across the country, and both the Prime Minister and Alberta Premier issued condolences.

Publisher's Ponderings ...

• According to the New York Times, “Political scientists are using the term “neoroyalism” to describe Trump’s approach to governing, which they say is based on personal ties rather than national interest.

Trump also is worthy of every demeaning word that exists. To have his goons gun down innocent American citizens and break up families and use bully threats against entire countries makes him unworthy of any honour. He likes big crowds, wonder about how he feels about the millions of people who are on American streets protesting against him and his enablers and lying, mostly corrupt administrators.

Every day he is coming up with ideas that are insane. Have his own mostly morally corrupt Republican Party actually run a national election. Get hold of all the voting lists in the country so he can probably use them to identify every Democrat voter for punishment or extra taxes. When is he going to start publicly hanging journalists and other people he doesn't like if they are not white, rich or unwilling to give their money to him?

• Travel and Leisure media has identified the safest city in the world to visit, based data from travel insurance provider Berkshire Hathaway Travel Protection which regularly ranks cities in the world in regards to safety for both residents and visitors. The latest number one is “Reykjavik, Iceland.”

According to Travel and Leisure, “The city boasts low crime rates, high social trust, strong infrastructure, and easy access to iconic sites like the Blue Lagoon and Golden Circle. Visitors can also enjoy Reykjavik’s walkable center, museums, and nearby natural wonders, including glaciers, waterfalls, and the Northern Lights.

So what are the ranking of some other cities? Numbers two to ten, respectively, are Copenhagen, Zurich, Amsterdam, Honolulu, Sydney, Barcelona, Lisbon, Tokyo, and Dublin. Sorry to say, no Canadian city in the first 15 in the rankings.



• Oilers fans were hopeful that their team (28-19-8), after winning three consecutive games for the first time this season, was finally ready to show their true winning ways on Saturday night and beat the Minnesota Wild (31-14-10).

But, alas, while the first period of the weekend game was okay with a 2-2 tie, the home ice crowd got worried when the Wild scored three unanswered goals in the second. Scoring only one in the third and allowing Min-

A column of news & commentary

nesota two, easily stopped the Oilers from crowing about any further consecutive wins after this 7-3 loss.

After the weekend, a Tuesday game on home ice did not go well for the Oilers either. We complained earlier in the season that winning one and losing one month after month is nor worthy of a team that wants the Stanley Cup. The same could be said about winning three just to turn around and lose two.

As usual, too, it takes both sides of the equation – offense and defense to click game after game. Toronto Maple Leafs had 12 players getting at least one point for making an assist or a goal in the production of 5 goals (one being on an empty net). The Oilers replied with only two.

On the defensive side, goalies have to night after night usually get saving rate above .900 consistently to make sure the skaters in front of him can stay ahead of the opponents. Connor Ingram has had some success in the nets for the Oilers, but certainly his .846 save rate against the Leafs was not good.



• We get tired of asking readers to send us photos of family activities, their kids in sports or just interesting things they see in their community. We offer money for published photos, but no one seems interested. But if someone wants to surprise their sweetheart for Valentine’s Day, send a photo of both of you or just the object of your affections and we will display in our February 12 issue next week.

• Groundhogs in the East on Monday predicted an early spring. Groundhogs in the west predicted not-nice weather for the coming weeks. We’ll anxiously wait to see.

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Residential School Inquest in Wabasca continues with various projects expected to start or be resumed

The Indian Residential Schools Inquest in Wabasca, led by Bigstone Community Wellness, continues to move forward as Bigstone Cree Nation, community organizations, survivors, their families and other residents work towards truth, healing, and respectful commemoration of those affected by the Indian Residential School system.

The first residential school was established in 1831 in Ontario. Operated usually by churches or religious organizations, the schools grew in numbers across the county and started involving governments when Canada formally became a nation and eventually passed The Indian Act in 1876.

Although an Indian Affairs medical inspector reported in 1907 that health conditions in residential schools were a “nation crime”, Indian Affairs in 1920 made residential school attendance compulsory for aboriginal children between the ages of 7 and 15.

In the 1990’s, lawsuits, inquiries and more rights for Aboriginal people and their organizations and bands meant the dismantling of the residential school system.

Now in Wabasca, the initiative to undo the abuse and harm to so many generations of Treaty 8 First Nation people remains community-driven, guided by Elders, cultural protocols and ongoing engagement with aging Survivors and their families.

Speaking on the status of the Inquest project, Helen Alook, IRS Inquest Project Coordinator for Bigstone Cree Nation, outlined the next phase of planned work.

She said the Wabasca team intends to work with the Canadian Canine Search Corp and their specialty-trained canines to do a final land search



St. Martin's Residential School in Wabasca

for possible burial sites of residential school students enrolled in the Wabasca schools.

Previous searches involved ground radar devices and some searching involving the dogs trained to detect human remains.

According Alook, this work is being planned for “early spring.”

“The experts recommended bringing the Canines in early spring to potentially capture fresh odors coming from the grounds,” she told The Fever.

She emphasized that the previous search process and the searches still to be done are approached carefully and respectfully, with attention to both technical findings and community concerns.

Alongside investigative efforts, Bigstone Community Wellness is also planning a community engagement event aimed at encouraging dialogue and participation.

The event is intended to provide updates on the project, invite feedback, and ensure that fam-

ilies and community members remain informed and involved as the work progresses.

Cultural respect remains central to the inquest.

A ceremony was recently held at the grotto, led by Elders, to honor the deceased. The ceremony included a traditional food offering, carried out in accordance with cultural

practices, reflecting the Elders’ guidance that the work must respect those who suffered and those who did not return home from residential schools.

Monuments being planned

To guide the project’s future direction of the development of Monuments, a planning committee has been appointed. Committee members include Virginia Cardinal, Dorene Gullion, Marie Auger, and Stella Noskiye.

The committee is responsible for advising on next steps, supporting community engagement, and ensuring cultural integrity throughout the process.

Now that the project has entered the monument planning phase, discussions are underway on how best to create a lasting and respectful space of remembrance.

Bigstone Community Wellness and committee members stress that the inquest is not only about investigation, but also about healing, recognition, and honoring the lives affected for generations to come.

Environment Canada Weather Forecast

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

February 6 to February 10

Friday..Mix of sun/cloud. High plus 2.

Friday night..Clear. Low minus 4.

Saturday..Cloudy. High minus 2.

Saturday night..60% Flurries. Low minus 6.

Sunday..Mix of sun/cloud. High minus 3.

Sunday night..Cloudy. Low minus 12.

Monday..Mix of sun/cloud. High minus 5.

Monday night..Cloudy. Low minus 10.

Tuesday..Mix of sun/cloud. High minus 2.

Normals for period..Low minus 21. High minus 9

Watch Fever Facebook at Bruce Thomas for weather alerts and information

2026 Community Debrief

Bigstone Community Wellness is offering debriefing services in Calling Lake, Wabasca and Chipewyan Lake for the following:

- Individual,
- Family
- Group/Agencies

* Available upon request

Mental Health Supports Available



For more information, please contact our Mental Wellness Response Team,

@780-891-3777

or Toll Free number, 1-877-767-7060

More Northland School Board Meeting Highlights

Awards and celebrations highlight Anzac On Ice Academy

January 17, 2026



As part of Awards and Celebrations, the Board heard a presentation from Success Coach Catrina Woodcock-Parent on the Anzac On Ice Academy.

Catrina shared that the program began with a simple but powerful moment. A young child wanted the chance to play hockey, but barriers like cost, equipment, and access stood in the way. That moment sparked a program designed to remove barriers and open doors for students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to step on the ice.

The Anzac On Ice Academy supports students from Anzac Community School and Bill Woodward School and focuses on building confidence, opportunity, and a sense of belonging.



The program is offered at no cost to families, with transportation, equipment, ice time, meals, and team gear made possible through the support of many local businesses, organizations, and community partners.

Since launching, the academy has helped students build skills, confidence, and pride.

Many participants started with little or no skating experience and are now skating independently, wearing team gear, and identifying proudly as Anzac Wolves.

Older students also take on leadership roles by supporting younger participants on and off the ice.

A banquet is planned in March to celebrate the program and recognize the many students, families, volunteers, and community partners who helped make it possible.

The Board and Administration thanked Catrina and the community partners who stepped up to break down barriers and create meaningful opportunities for students and families in Anzac.

Board approves rebranding work with Diva Communications

The Board approved work with Diva Communications Inc. on a rebranding project for Northland School Division. This work will include gathering information to help guide a refreshed brand, including updates to visual elements such as a logo, and support how Northland shares its story with students, families, staff, and the communities it serves. The motion was carried by recorded vote, with Ward 1 Trustee Laboucane opposed.

2026-2027 Draft Calendar presented and received as information

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Krista Veitch presented a draft calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. The Board has the responsibility to set the school division calendar as set out in Section 60 of the Education Act. The draft calendar will be circulated for feedback and will be brought back to the March Regular Board Meeting. Click on the website link to view the draft calendar <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/544967> (Page 40).

Business on the Lake Conference can help current/new entrepreneurs

submitted by Community Futures

Business on the Lake 2026: Bridging the Gap — A Conference Built for Northern Alberta's Future happens Thursday, February 12 at Northern Lake College's gymnasium in Slave Lake.

If you're a business owner, employer, hiring manager, community leader, or someone who simply cares about the future of our region, Business on the Lake 2026: Bridging the Gap is an event you won't want to miss.

This one-day conference was created with Northern Alberta in mind—because let's be honest, we're facing real challenges right now. A lot of businesses are having a tough time finding the right people for the positions they need to fill.

Meanwhile, young people are still figuring out what they want to do and where they fit in the workforce. Community groups are doing their best to support employment and training. And on top of all that, technology is changing the way we do business faster than ever.

That's exactly why this event matters.

Business on the Lake 2026 is designed to bring people together for one day of learning, practical tools, and meaningful conversations around workforce development, youth pathways, leadership, financial resilience, marketing, and digital transformation. It's also an incredible professional development opportunity, especially for employers and staff who want to stay ahead of trends and bring fresh ideas back to their organizations.

The day on February 12 kicks off at 9:00 AM with a powerful session on hiring and recruitment:

"Bridging the Workforce Gap: Skills-Based Hiring vs. Credentialism" with Jennifer Ireson (CPHR, M.Ed.), founder of Balanced Perspectives HR Canada. With nearly 25 years of HR experience, Jennifer brings a down-to-earth approach to helping employers find the right people by focusing on skills, potential, and workplace culture—not just resumes.

At 10:05 AM, we shift into the future of business with "Bridging the AI Gap: AI and Digital Transformation" led by Jason Bacon, founder of Sunstone Strategic and author of "Entrepreneurish."

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BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS: Women's Support Group

LOCATION: Bigstone Community Wellness

TIME: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Monday, March 2, 2026

Monday, March 16, 2026

Monday, March 30, 2026

Monday, April 13, 2026



*Food and coffee provided.

*Open to all community members.

*Transportation available.

Topics and activities change per week, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email.

Contact Recovery Care Staff
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IMR plan shared with Board

January 17 Board Highlights



The Board received an information update on Northland School Division's 2025 to 2026 Infrastructure, Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) plan.

Associate Superintendent Mark Owens shared a list of IMR projects completed during the 2025-2026 school year. This work included repairs and upgrades such as heating systems, boilers, plumbing, fire alarms, and other building needs at schools across the division.

Owens also reviewed a longer term IMR project pipeline, estimated at \$2.0 million over three years. This pipeline outlines potential project work at multiple schools and considering contingencies and emerging requirements will be used to prioritize and plan projects, major repairs and upgrades as resources become available.

Overall, Northland expects to spend up to \$700,000 on IMR work during the 2025 to 2026 school year. This funding comes from provincial IMR funding and division reserves and supports the ongoing upkeep of aging school buildings.

Board approves Mistassiniy School international music exchange trip

The Board approved Mistassiniy School's international music exchange field trip to Spain. The exchange will take place from April 5 to 14, 2026, and builds on a successful partnership with a school in Benavente, Spain.



The trip focuses on music performance, with students taking part in concerts and learning experiences in both countries. As part of the exchange, Spanish students will also visit Alberta from August 20 to 30, 2026. During their visit, students will take part in performances and cultural learning, including a land-based learning camp supported by Mistassiniy School and community members.

Board Chair shares recent work and advocacy efforts

Board Chair Tanya Fayant shared highlights of recent Board work and advocacy. The Chair reflected on entering 2026 with momentum and a continued focus on the Board's priorities of Connections Supporting Reconciliation, Holistic Learning, Excellent People Supporting Students, and Responsible Resourcing.

Recent work included attending school council meetings, school events, Board meetings, policy reviews, and strategic planning sessions. The Chair also met with leadership from East Prairie Métis Settlement and Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement.

Trustees attended Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting in Edmonton, where they met with Premier, cabinet ministers, and MLAs to share



Northland priorities and advocate for support guided by community voices and Education

Plan. The Board met in Edmonton January 16th to continue work on Northland's School strategic plan and key advocacy priorities.

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Saddle Lake

Areas of activity:
Saddle Lake, St. Paul

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To ensure all biases are removed from the selection process, offenders for Wanted Wednesday posts are determined by a data-driven scoring system using the Crime Severity Index to identify the individuals causing the most harm to communities. Factors such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, religion, sexuality, or disability are not considered in the scoring process.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Wanted

Jordan Ross Laboucan

Last known location:
Akitameg

Areas of activity:
Akitameg, Northern Sunrise County, Simon Lake, Cadotte Lake

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Starting with the January 29 issue of The Fever, we are publishing one or more Alberta RCMP Wanted Wednesday posters, mainly for persons wanted because they are residents of northern Alberta, or likely have warrants arising from crimes committed in the north, or their crimes are known to be so serious that all Albertans should be aware.

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS:

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TIME 5:00 - 7:00 PM	FEB 10 2026	AT THE CHIPEWYAN LAKE HALL
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Child Well-Being Community Needs Assessment






Survey will be open from January 21st to February 18th

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Bigstone Cree Nation is conducting a Child Well-Being Community Needs Assessment to help shape the Nation's first Child Well-Being Law. Share your voice and help define what child well-being means for Bigstone



**Deadline
for Ads, Articles,
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Submissions
Tuesdays
12:00 noon**

Business Conference ...

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easier and more efficient, with practical examples that work in rural communities—without losing the human side of leadership.

One of the most important parts of the day is the Youth Pathways Panel (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) featuring Northern Lakes College and local employers, sharing how apprenticeships and micro-credentials can help build a stronger workforce pipeline.

In the afternoon, you'll hear an inspiring story from Jesse Roberts, a local entrepreneur from Wabasca, as he shares how he built and expanded multiple businesses in the North. You'll also gain practical tools from sessions on wellness, digital marketing, and financial resilience with industry leaders.

We truly encourage business owners, municipal leaders, and community members to attend and be part of the conversation. This is an all-in-one conference with something for everyone—whether you're hiring today, planning for tomorrow, or dreaming about starting a business someday.

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL INQUEST



PROGRESS UPDATE



To ensure Elders, Survivors and Community Members are informed of the progress we've made in the past two months for the Monument phase, we provide you this update and sincerely hope you consider becoming a part of our future community engagement meetings as we continue to seek input from you.

1. A four-member planning committee was established in November 2025 to assist our Elder Advisory and Staff in planning for the development phase of the St. Martin's and St. John's residential school Monuments.
2. We have initiated a working relationship with STANTEC to move us toward the design of the monuments including other associated project scopes of work and deliverables.
3. Three specific land locations were identified as potential sites for the monuments but not formally confirmed; research continues for land acquisition.
4. The development phase of the Monuments is most vital as they will become historical landmarks in the community when completed and will signify a place to honor the Residential School Survivors in the future years to come.
5. Don't miss this one-time opportunity to contribute to this important planning process!

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!
If you have any inquiries regarding the IRS Inquest,
you may direct them to Helen Alook or Trenea Gladue
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Chiefs from Treaty #8 add their voices to condemnation of UCP government on separation issue

Last Thursday in Edmonton, Chiefs from Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, and Treaty No. 8 held a joint press conference at the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta office in Edmonton, to publicly oppose the Government of Alberta's approval of a separation petition and to affirm the inherent, constitutional, and Treaty-based foundations of

their Nations' rights.

Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta express our full and unequivocal support for the legal action brought by Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, Siksika Nation, Piikani Nation, and the Blood Tribe to challenge Alberta's decision, which directly undermines

TREATY 8 STATEMENT ON CONTROVERSY

Treaty rights, constitutional order, and the rule of law.

We also recognize and support Mikisew Cree First Nation, which has confirmed it will be filing its own legal challenge.

Alberta is situated on Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, and Treaty No. 8 lands.

The province exists here only because our Nations entered solemn Treaties with the Imperial Crown, agreeing to share these lands for settlement under clearly defined terms.

Alberta did not create that authority, and it does not possess the legal or constitutional power to revoke, alter, or override it.

"Alberta came after Treaty 8, that matters," said Grand Chief Trevor Mercredi.

"The province is a tenant on this land, not the landlord. Any talk of separation or so-called provincial sovereignty is not just political theatre; let me be clear: it is also a proposal to break Treaty.

"Alberta does not have authority to ask that question, let alone act on any answer."

Treaty No. 8 is a binding and living agreement between our First Nations and the Imperial Crown, protected by the Canadian Constitution.

While the Province has obligations to uphold the honour of the Crown, it has no jurisdiction to unilaterally undermine or disregard Treaty rights.

Efforts to advance separation while ignoring these constitutional realities are deeply disrespectful, legally unsound, and without force or effect.

Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta stand in full solidarity with the Chiefs and Nations from Treaties 6, 7, and 8 who are pursuing legal action and call on Albertans to stand with us to defend Treaty 8, the Canadian Constitution, and the rule of law that protects us all.



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Thursday February 5, 2026

RCMP reminding motorists about distracting driving safety after issuing thousands of tickets

After handing out 3,337 tickets for distracting driving during 2025, Alberta RCMP is reminding drivers that it's essential to remain distraction free.

When other police forces in the province are included, the three thousand plus number for the RCMP is small. Alberta Motor Association, the total number for all tickets in the province was just over 13,000 in 2021.

The minimum fine is \$300.00 so that meant a ticket revenue of over one million dollars. The 2021 revenue would have been close to four million dollars.

The Mounties want motorists behind the steering wheel to remember:

- Distracted driving is not limited to texting or talking on a handheld device while operating a vehicle – it also includes personal grooming, reading, writing, adjusting GPS or audio devices, attending to passengers or pets and any other activity that might impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely.
- Before putting your vehicle into drive, prepare by pre-setting your hands-free device, GPS, radio or music.
- Pull over and put it in park, if you need to text, make a call or engage in any distracting activity.

Canadians changing mood on whether China is bad actor or possible a better trading and economic friend than U.S.A

Concerns over China's history of human rights violations has long coloured Canada's approach to the country.

It took on a renewed focus in during and after the 1,019-day long detention of two Canadians, Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor.

From 2019 to 2022, the vast majority of Canadians said if they had to make a choice between two priorities, they would rather Canada focus on China's record on human rights and the rule of law rather than pursuing trade and investment opportunities.

In 2025, that proportion was divided near evenly, as threats of tariffs from Donald Trump rattled Canadians.

Now, after Carney's trip to China, the first from a PM since 2017, three-in-five (59%) prioritize the economic aspect of this equation.

As for the deal signed by Carney, which saw Canada reduce tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles and increase the allowable import of these vehicles to 49,000

in exchange for reduced Chinese tariffs on many Canadian agricultural products, three-times as many Canadians call it a good one (65%) than a bad one (22%), with the potentially

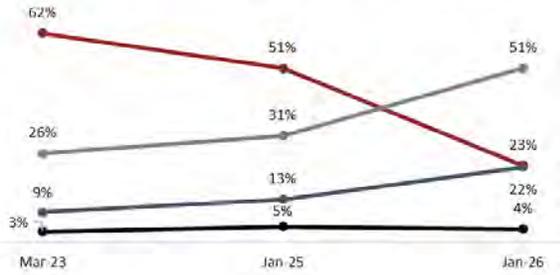
most affected provinces Saskatchewan and Ontario largely agreeing.

Another poll showed Canadians would not mind taking advantage of cheaper Chinese electric vehicles.

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From an overall point of view, how do you think the Canadian government should approach China?



Flu deaths climb bit closer to record 236; RSV cases suddenly surpass flu, covid; Hospitalizations still remain around 300

After a couple of weeks of new data not being entered due to technical difficulties with the Alberta Respiratory Virus Dashboard, the board was updated on Tuesday afternoon with tracking data on Influenza, SARS-Covid 2, and RSV.

While new flu and covid cases remained lower than were experienced in late 2025, particularly for flu, the collective stains of RSV are believed to have for the first time in the history of the dashboard surpassed in a reporting period both the numbers of new cases of the other two respiratory ailments – 398 for RSV compared to 299 for flu and 153 for Covid. RSV also has the highest positivity rate.

Doctors and other health authorities hae generally labelled this as being the worst season ever tracked for RSVs, although RSV number in severe outcome categories of hospitalizations, intensive care unit occupancy and deaths still far below influenza and Covid.

Unlike just a few weeks ago when health workers were loudly complaining that they and their hospitals and waiting rooms were being overwhelmed by too many sick people, there may be less daily grumbling, although there are still individuals, unions, political critics and others saying the entire health system in Alberta is in crisis.

Most point their fingers of blame on the UCP Government's many changes in how health services are delivered by different administrations and the failure of the Premier and her ministers repeatedly promising that more facilities and personnel were coming, but yet never arriving.

Alberta Data from January 25 to January 31, 2026

299 (15036 this season) Influenza cases	153 (4719 this season) SARS-CoV-2 cases	398 (2335 this season) RSV cases
7% Influenza positivity	4.1% SARS-CoV-2 positivity	9.6% RSV positivity
180 Influenza in hospital**	65 SARS-CoV-2 in hospital**	53 RSV in hospital**
11 Influenza in ICU**	2 SARS-CoV-2 in ICU**	4 RSV in ICU**
1 (226 this season) Influenza deaths	0 (97 this season) SARS-CoV-2 deaths	1 (13 this season) RSV deaths

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Kids: color stuff in!

Is Your Family watching all the events Canadians are in? How many medals will they win?



The halfpipe and snowboard cross are my favorite events!

Yahoo!

2026 Winter Games

"Swifter, Higher, Stronger."

Are you watching all the excitement surrounding the Winter Olympics? This year they are being held in Milan, Italy.

Can you imagine the 3,500 athletes from over 90 countries, speaking just about every language you can think of? Wouldn't you like to walk around the Olympic Village where they live and see how they train?

The athletes have been training for many years and are among the best in the world. They will compete in different sports such as figure skating and skiing.

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- The first Olympic games were held in Olympia, _____.
- The first Olympic competition was a _____, run barefoot.
- Modern winter or summer _____ are usually held every 2 years.
- Before the games start, runners carry the Olympic _____ from Olympia, Greece to the place where the Olympics will be held.
- This year, the host city of the winter games is Milan, _____.
- More than 3,500 _____ from over 90 countries will go to Italy to compete.
- About two _____ U.S. athletes and over 150 Canadian athletes will attend the Winter Games.
- The athletes will live together in the Olympic _____ during the games.
- They will compete in 116 events in 16 different _____.
- People all over the _____ watch and cheer for the athletes.
- We hold our breath while we wait for the _____.
- Two of the most watched sports are expected to be figure _____ and ice hockey.
- The _____ person ever to win a Gold Medal was 13-year-old diver Marjorie Gestring.

- The 2026 _____ show the 5 Olympic rings. Two "halves" join the Olympics and the Paralympics together. The medals honor the athletes and people who have supported their long journeys!
- The 2030 Winter Games will be held in the French Alps, _____.

The names in bold print are some athletes to watch!

Which Olympic Sport Is It?

Athletes at the Winter Olympics are competing in 116 events in 16 sports to win and to earn Gold, Silver or Bronze medals. Read the clues to fill in my puzzle with the Olympic sports!

- average "flight time" is less than 10 seconds
- had a 5-year break before returning in 1992; a lot like shuffleboard
- started as a mix of skiing and acrobatics
- combination sport of cross-country skiing and rifle shooting, skills first used by hunters and soldiers
- started in the Summer Olympics (1908), now: singles, pairs, ice dancing
- partly enclosed vehicle on steerable blades racing on iced tracks
- done in the Alps in Europe for many years; Olympic sport since 1936; includes the downhill event, which is the longest with highest speeds, and the slalom, which has the shortest course with the quickest turns
- special skates, tight racing suits to lower friction, helmet, eyewear
- Olympic-style toboggan; steering and speed are important
- flexible or stiff boards, boots, hard plastic helmets
- stick, skates, helmet, pucks, protective gloves, shin guards, jersey
- one of the fastest Olympic sports; athletes go up to 100 miles per hour

Watch for Newspaper Fun in most issues of the Fever along with various mazes and puzzles. Solutions on Focus Page 7



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Employment Opportunity Area Maintenance Supervisor

Area 2: Calling Lake / Wabasca / Chipewyan Lake

Northland School Division is accepting applications for the position of Area Maintenance Supervisor. You can learn more about what Northland School Division has to offer by visiting www.nsd61.ca/careers. This position combines both supervisory and hands-on duties as may be required by the department to address divisional facility needs in the designated area.

Major responsibilities include:

- Supervises all preventative maintenance and repair services to assigned Divisional facilities and buildings in his/her area, including mechanical, architectural, and other related systems, in accordance with current code and regulatory requirements as well as repairs to furnishings and appliances.
- Troubleshoot and perform maintenance in HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems.
- Perform various maintenance and repair tasks on building systems.
- Establishes personal work schedules and schedules for maintenance in collaboration with the respective Facilities Manager.
- Provides input to the respective Facilities Manager on facility needs and area staffing.
- Schedules planned maintenance programs and ensures their timely completion.
- Participates in capital building projects, modernizations and infrastructure maintenance projects, acting in consultation with the respective Facilities Manager.
- Determines, schedules and supervises when specialized tradesmen are required.
- Interprets work orders, sketches, blueprints, and specifications.
- Consults with appropriate school principals as to maintenance needs/concerns and keeps them informed of actions planned to address these matters.
- Recommends the addition and/or replacement of custodial equipment and appliances for all assigned Divisional facilities.
- Establishes budget requirements for assigned area in consultation with the Facilities Manager.
- Provides detailed estimates for all projects on request.
- Determines material requirements and organizes the work of a large variety of building and mechanical repairs.
- Responsible for preparing and utilizing an inventory of community trade people and resources.
- From time to time, other tasks and duties associated with the delivery of services in the area of maintenance and repair may be assigned.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Class A Gasfitter certification is required.
- Journeyman Plumber certification is required.
- Experience with building management systems is preferred.
- Knowledge of the techniques and standard practices employed in the various phases of two or more trades, such as carpentry, plastering, painting, plumbing/gas fitting, electrical, or welding.
- Knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions of the trades.
- Strong interpersonal, communication and time management skills.
- Ability to function effectively in a cross-cultural setting.
- Be prepared to work irregular hours, as needed.
- Must possess a valid driver's license.
- WHMIS, TDG and First Aid training.

Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume including names of three (3) employer references to Kent Rein, Acting Facility Manager, at kent.rein@nsd61.ca. Position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. We thank all applicants for submitting applications. However, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. Additionally, please note selected candidates will be required to provide a criminal record and a child intervention check as part of the application process.

BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity



REFERRAL CLERK

Full Time (Permanent)

Shift Work – Varying from 7 am to 7 pm

8 hours/day

Wabasca, Alberta

The Bigstone Referral Unit in Wabasca, Alberta is seeking one (1) Full-time Referral Clerk to join our talented Bigstone Referral Unit team. 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:

- Answer switchboard
- Schedule trips out of town and locally
- MTRS/MTDS data entry daily
- Arrange flights
- Arrange out-of-town accommodations
- Arrange out of town taxi/bus services

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Good knowledge of office procedures
- Be extremely observant to detail and accuracy
- Must be able to work in a diverse environment with frequent interruptions
- Good written and oral communication skills
- Good organizational skills
- Must be a team player and able to work with minimal supervision
- Confidentiality is strictly enforced
- Develop strong relationships and work cooperatively with drivers and clients
- Ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to type 35 wpm
- Experience with MS Office databases and other related software applications

Education and Experience:

- High School Education is an asset
- 2 years of Clerical experience required
- Valid Class 5 driver's license
- Must be able to do shift work (days, evenings, weekends, and holidays)
- Speak and understanding Cree language is asset
- Must have reliable transportation

Benefits:

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

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

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

Human Resources Department

PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

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

CLOSING DATE: *Friday February 13, 2026 @ 4:30 p.m.*

POSTED: January 30, 2026

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

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

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2026

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11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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CONTACT CARLEN ALOOK

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 carlen.alook@bigstonehealth.ca

CONTACT TARYN HONNING

780-891-2727
 taryn.honning@bigstoneeducation.ca

BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS LOOKING FOR

Set-up/Take down/Clean up Crew:

- March 23rd, 2026 in Chipewyan Lake
- March 25th, 2026 in Calling Lake
- March 27th, 2026 in Wabasca

Deadline to submit names:
March 2nd, 2026

Minimum 2 people on crew
& have reliable transportation

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IF INTERESTED CONTACT

Coreen Houle @ 780-891-3777
Toll Free: 1-877-767-7060
or coreen.houle@bigstonehealth.ca



Bigstone Community Wellness

LOOKING FOR CATERERS

CHIPEWYAN LAKE, AB
MARCH 23RD, 2026 (100 PEOPLE)

CALLING LAKE, AB
MARCH 25TH, 2026 (200 PEOPLE)

WABASCA, AB
MARCH 27TH, 2026 (300 PEOPLE)

MENU

Meatloaf, chicken (shake and bake),
mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, beets,
coleslaw, bannock, buns, rice and bread
pudding, water, juice, coffee, tea, plates,
bowls, cups, utensils

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
FEBRUARY 20TH, 2026

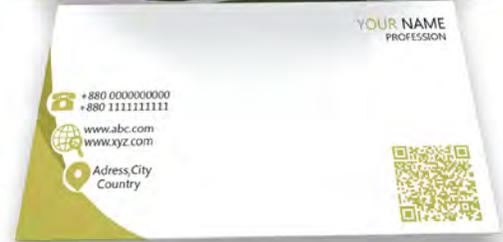
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Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives suggests Alberta legislation “opens the door to U.S. health care”

February 3 release
Written by Andrew Longhurst
and Rebecca Graff-McRae

On December 18, 2025, Alberta became the first province to legislate two-tier health care and private health insurance for medically necessary services.

Bill 11 establishes two-tier health care, which is defined as a system that provides faster access to those with the ability to pay

privately, and longer public wait times for those who are unable to pay for queue jumping.

This is the latest intervention in the health care system by Danielle Smith’s United Conservative government, following a dramatic restructuring of the provincial health authority, transfer of health care facilities’ ownership, expansion of for-profit surgical out-

sourcing, and complex changes to the hospital funding model that create perverse incentives.

Just six of 11 concerns:

- Bill 11 establishes “dual practice” where physicians can work concurrently in the publicly funded system and private-pay market.

- Bill 11 creates Canada’s first private insurance market for medically necessary care—driving up health care

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- Bill 11 creates Canada’s first private insurance market for medically necessary care—driving up health care costs.

- Bill 11 unbundles hospital care and opens the

door for user fees.

- Bill 11 encourages hospitals to compete for revenue from user fees and private health insurance.

- Dual physician practice and the private-pay market require long public waits.

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

Narcotics Anonymous
Meetings Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
No Limits Boxing Club, Wabasca
Further Information: 780-773-3330



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Permanent Full Time
Child Care Supervisor – Calling Lake

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking to fill a Permanent Full Time Child Care Supervisor position for the Opportunity Daycare in Calling Lake, AB.

Job Summary:

Reporting to the Manager of Child Care Services, this position requires an individual who is outgoing, energetic with demonstrated child care leadership and public relations skills. This position includes both administrative functions and direct service in the daycare.

Position Outline:

- Planning and implementation of a high-quality Early Learning and Child Care services program that meets MD policy and Early learning and Childcare Regulation and Early Learning and Childcare Act. Familiar with Flight-Alberta’s Curriculum Framework.
- Knowledge in Budget preparation and monitoring; grant administration and office duties
- Staff supervision, policy compliance.

Requirements:

- Child Development Supervisor certificate or equivalent * (formerly Level 3) is desired.
- Strong Supervisory and leadership skills an asset (2-3 yrs. experience)
- Valid Class 5 Drivers License; reliable transportation, a current Criminal Record Check, Child Welfare Check
- Standard First Aid

*Child Development Supervisor equivalent level of training: Alberta Permanent Teaching Certificate; Education Degree; Child and Youth Care Diploma or Degree; Early Learning and Child Care Diploma, Bachelor of Social Work degree; see www.child.alberta.ca for complete list and information.

Salary will commensurate with experience and qualifications. Please forward your resume with cover letter, a copy of your current Criminal Record Check and Child Intervention Welfare Check, and 3 work related references to:

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

This position advertisement will remain open until suitable candidate is found.

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.

Podcast launched for Indigenous and Métis matters

Media Release

The tea is on! Guided by the experiences, perspectives and stories of First Nations and Métis women, *Settle Down* is hosted by strong Indigenous business owners sharing their roadmap to entrepreneurship — a vulnerable, real and endless journey of lessons learned.



Founders and CEOs Vanessa Marshall, Jack59; Mallory Yawnghwe, Indigenous Box; Felicia Dewar, miskamâsowin foods inc.; and Shani Gwin, pipikwan pêhtâkwan and wâsikan kîsewâtisiwin share knowledge, stories and big laughs

— igniting a spark in others on their path to success. These are cool aunties who make s - - t happen. ‘Settle Down!’ a phrase

Indigenous Peoples often hear as children from their matriarchs. Settle Down is a podcast for everyone — rule breakers, policy makers and en-

trepreneurs seeking unique, honest advice. Check out Settle Down teaser video and tune in for first season, starting February 10th on all streaming platforms.!



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY #17 Wabasca EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Administrative Support – Temporary Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is looking for an individual to work in the Wabasca Administration office on a temporary full-time basis. For this position candidates should be welcoming, patient and professional at all times, be well-organized with the ability to work independently and multitask in a fast-paced environment, possess strong work ethic, have experience with Microsoft Office products, proficient writing skills, ability to maintain confidentiality, ability to interact with many different personalities and to work as part of a dynamic team is crucial, possess a sense of humor and ability to maintain composure under stress. The expectations of the position include but not limited to be as follows:

- Fulfill all aspects of the office duties in the Wabasca Administration office;
- Answer telephone, direct and/or respond to inquiries;
- Daily filing, cash receipting, preparation of bank deposits, transporting outgoing mail;
- Assist in maintaining and updating all organizational contacts, equipment list and all MD forms;
- Provide information to the taxpayers and members of the general public in completing necessary forms and applications for the various programs and rentals provided by MD;
- Other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

Qualifications

- High School Diploma and Office Administrative Certificate are desired and/or extensive office experience and working with the general public;
- Computer skills a definite asset (Microsoft Environment – Word, Excel, Great Plains);
- Valid class 5 operator’s license;
- Fluent in English and Cree would be definite asset.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Interested individuals are asked to submit their Resumes, three (3) work related references 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 remain open until February 13, 2026 @ 3 pm.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Permanent Full Time Early Childhood Educator Calling Lake

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking to fill six permanent full-time position at the Opportunity Daycare in Calling Lake, AB. The ideal candidate should be outgoing and energetic with demonstrated skills in their area of work, who are self-starters and team oriented. The successful individual will help create and deliver a high-quality early learning childcare service that meets MD policy as well as provincial Childcare Licensing.

Primary responsibilities are to:

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

Qualifications required:

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

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

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2026 Winter Games

“Swifter, Higher, Stronger.”
The Olympic Motto

Which Olympic Sport Is It?

What Do You Know About the Winter Olympics?

One wish of the Committee is...
“TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD THROUGH SPORT”

Peace

Continuation of a UFO report from Wabasca filed in 1979

Recap from last issue's first part: The author of the report which was filed in July 2004 with NUFORC, an American organization that has collected over 180,000 UFO reports from around the world, was seven years old at the time of the event on October 7, 1979. He or she was with a 6-year-old brother, a nine-month-old baby brother and a 14-year old male cousin who was babysitting the younger children.

A disk or saucer-shaped object with lights on it and emitting beams of light and making intense sounds hovered over the trailer home of the three children and their babysitter. The trailer was located near one of the Wabasca Lakes. The trailer was said to be shaking from the noise the "craft" was making. The report continues after explaining that the six-year-old brother had somehow gone outside and was right under the hovering object until it apparently suddenly moved to a position over the lake, apparently not far from the shoreline in front of the trailer on the children's grandmother's property.

Continuation of the report ...

I can see it clearly. It was saucer shaped with a belt of colored lights/rays circling the mid-section of the craft. The lights were a rectangular shape and they circled in a slow/fast motion. At the same time there were 3 white beams shining from the underside of the craft. (at the age of 7, I thought it was landing on the lake).

(To condense the story at this point, the children's mother arrived home to find everyone upset with the cousin curled up in ball in a corner of the trailer and the writer of the report and six-year-old brother upset and confused.

At this point, the baby had trouble breathing and suffered a convulsion. The baby was rushed to the grandmother's house where he had to be revived by an aunt who was a nurse.

The aunt told everyone that it was odd that she first had to scoop a mysterious thick white foam from his mouth before reviving him. To check his health he was admitted to the Slave Lake Hospital that night and the admission date was October 7, 1979.)

My cousin has no memory of the encounter, but remembers vividly the events of my brother's near death. My brother does remember a lot of the event but not very clearly.

After doing interviews with people from the area, I found out there were over 50 people who saw the lights.

(The RCMP were called out to the grandma's house (but besides listening to various people say what they saw, it is unknown if there was any real investigation by the police or anyone else.)

The writer says in the report: "When I was 9 or 10



years old I remember walking through a field of high grass close the edge of the lake. I remember coming to a clearing of burned grass—in a perfect circle. I remember saying "wow, who did this? how did they burn it in a perfect circle?" I was told that a UFO landed there.

A year later, I walked over to the same spot and found the large dead area. Nothing grew in that spot again. It was a dead area. Other landing spots were found elsewhere in Wabasca and they had similar dead spots. There are still some of these landing spots (visible) today (in 2004 when the report was submitted to the National UFO Reporting Center.

**The Fever hopes that someone involved in this 1979 story or knows more about it will come forward for an interview
Contact can be in confidence –
wabascafever@shaw.ca / 780-554-7280**

Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:
IRS Inquest
Elders Survivor Gathering
Wednesday February 18, 2026
Chipewyan Lake Community Hall
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

IRS Update: Connecting with Survivors
Lunch and Beverages will be provided

For more information please contact Treena Gladue
780-891-3777 or Toll Free 1-877-767-7060
treena.gladue@bigstonehealth.ca

Health Canada Recall of Product

Here are new and/or updated Recalls and alerts:

Eco-Vision I portable fire pot recalled due to fire hazard (new)

Audience: General public

Mushmoshi Enoki Mushroom recalled due to Listeria monocytogenes (new)

Distribution: British Columbia, Possibly other provinces and territories

Audience: General public

Certain Pillsbury brand Pizza Pops recalled due to E. coli O26 (new)

Distribution: National

Audience: General public, hotels, restaurants and institutions

Harvest brand meat products recalled due to undeclared wheat (new)

Ham Sausage, Ham Bologna Issue: Wheat, Gluten

Distribution: Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Yukon

Audience: General public

Medihoney® Wound & Burn Products (new)

Issue: Sterility

Audience: General public, Healthcare, Industry

Roller and Duo Blinds by Interiors by Better Shade recalled due to a strangulation hazard (new)

Audience: General public

Dan-D Pak brand Raw Macadamia Nuts recalled due to Salmonella (new)

Distribution: Alberta, British Columbia

Audience: General public

Thinking about buying GLP-1 drugs like Ozempic or Mounjaro? Beware of fake or unauthorized products (new) Issue: Product safety

Audience: General public

For more details on recalls, go to

<https://recallsrappels.canada.ca/en>