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Let us have some Sunny Days,
Only come back to douse fires,
and keep drought away!*

Summary of recent weather
starts below

The FEVER

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Northland Media Relations Manager wins provincial award from Public School Boards



Northland School Division (NSD) is celebrating a significant achievement after its Media Relations Manager, Curtis Walty, received the 2026 Special Contribution to Public Education: Media Award from Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA).



The prestigious provincial award recognizes individuals or organizations whose dedication to public education and the well-being of children leaves a lasting and positive impact on Alberta's education system.

Award Presentation Left to right: Troy Tait, PSBAA Executive Director and CEO, Curtis Walty Northland Media Relations Manager, Lorraine Stewart, PSBAA President, and Cal Johnson, Northland Superintendent of schools and CEO.

professional every organization hopes to have but very few are lucky enough to find," Johnson said.

The PSBAA, which advocates for and represents students attending Alberta's public schools, presented the award during its Special Recognition Awards Ceremony held on May 30 at the Westin Downtown Calgary.

NSD Superintendent of Schools and CEO Cal Johnson praised Walty's commitment and professionalism.

"Curtis is the kind of

"He is diligent, committed and incredibly thoughtful in his work. Curtis understands Northland School Division's priorities and helps share our story with clarity, integrity and trust. His work often happens behind the scenes, but its impact is felt across every corner of the division."

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BIGSTONE EAGLES

BATTLE OF NATION
ADULT HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

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ONE NATION
ONE TEAM

Bigstone Eagles may be only Alberta team in this weekend's Saskatchewan hockey event

Over 20 men's recreation and masters (age 35 plus) teams from First Nations in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be battling June 5 to 7 at the Prince Albert Exhibition Centre in Saskatchewan. But on June 1, organizers noted that only the above team from Bigstone Cree Nation was the sole Alberta team.

All the rain may have been beneficial as no major flooding locally or in province

Most Albertans were paying attention to all the weather warnings which mostly consisting of rainfall and wind warnings. The rainfall warnings covered two-thirds of the width of the province from the Saskatchewan border west to the foothills.

Wind warnings were more abundant in southern Alberta, but some regions in central and northern also had them on some days of the nasty weather than began last Friday finally faded on Tuesday or Wednesday morning across the province.

While there were flood watches in effect in may localities around the province, no major widespread flooding seemed to have occurred.

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Board Chair Tanya Fayant also congratulated Walty, highlighting his important role in supporting board advocacy, community engagement initiatives, and

the gathering of community voices that help shape Northland School Division's Education Plan.

"We appreciate his commitment to sharing the

Northland story and supporting the work of the Board," Fayant said.

Walty expressed gratitude for the recognition, noting that effective communication plays a vital role in strengthening public education.

"I am grateful and honoured to receive this recognition," he said. "This award reflects the value of communications in public education, from sharing meaningful stories to supporting engagement, relationships and strategic leadership. I am thankful to everyone who has supported and encouraged me along

the way."

The award highlights the importance of strong communication in education and recognizes the positive influence that dedicated professionals like Walty have on students, families, staff, and communities across

Northern Alberta.

For Northland School Division, the recognition serves as a reminder of the value of telling local stories, building community connections, and supporting educational success throughout the region.



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We ask that you fax, mail or email all resumes for Wabasca, Sandy Lake, Calling Lake, Chipewyan Lake and Red Earth Creek to the attention of:

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Telephone (780) 891-3778

or Fax (780) 891-4283

Email: hr@mddopportunity.ab.ca

Closing date for this advertisement is June 22, 2026.

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

Homeowner helps RCMP in capture of two men who broke into home

About 12:55 pm. Monday, June 2, Slave Lake RCMP got a call from a man who related that he was in pursuit of two men who had broken into his rural home outside of Slave Lake.

The owner had returned to his house to find two men had broken into and when he confronted them, they fled outside and got into their vehicle, and fled, reportedly coming close to hitting the owner.

By calling 911, the owner was able to help RCMP in locating the suspect vehicle about 10 kilometres east of Slave Lake on Highway 2. The chase was over as officers performs a traffic stop and took two suspects into custody.

According to the RCMP: "Bryan Feser, 38, of Bonnyville, and Dylan Stoney, 37, of Edmonton were each charged with:

- Assault with a weapon;
- Break and enter to a dwelling house; and
- Mischief.

After judicial interim release hearings, both suspects were released to appear in Slave Lake court on June 24.

Weather continued from front page

In Northern Alberta, outside of overland water swamping a small section of Highway 63 not far south of Fort McMurray, there was not much attention-getting weather news, although like the rest of Alberta, there were likely many homeowners, business owners and other property holders dealing with localized minor flooding.

A national weather map on Monday posted high risk of flooding locations and most of them were in Alberta, Saskatchewan and western Manitoba.

Most of the Alberta high risk locations were close to the eastern border, but in the north Wabasca area was identified.

Wabasca area

Wabasca weather observer Denis Carnochan and his professional-level weather gear at his northwest Wabasca residence and his scientific knowledge gained as a science teacher and long experiences and observation of weather, made these notes for The Fever:

"As the rain started on Friday, May 29, by June 1, the channel between North and South Wabasca Lakes had a high water level, and soon the channel water was overtopping its bank and started raising the level of the lakes.

"It did not take long for the 'big rock' to be lost from sight of motorists at the west end three-stop sign.

"Up until then my machine had recorded 21.4mm of rain for May. By the last day of the month, it recorded a further 17mm for a cumulative total for May of 38.4mm. The average for May is 47.5mm.

"So although we saw less fall from the sky than the average, the ground was already super-saturated from late melt water from an extremely high snow fall this past winter. There were still drifts in the shadow-laden parts of my yard until late into May.

"My own property had a lake in the front yard most of May.

"We were on the northern edge of the 5-day, most-of-the-province storm."

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Love, Mom & Dad

The Fever is looking for people to take photos in Wabasca, Calling Lake, and other parts of the MD ... Earn some money while having fun!



July start to new combined Alberta licence, health number, citizenship marker and ID card

AB Govt. News Media

Alberta's government is issuing new and renewed cards that will incorporate personal health numbers and Canadian citizenship markers.

By combining identity, personal health numbers and citizenship information on one document, Albertans will no longer need to carry

multiple pieces of ID to access programs and services.

The new cards will feature a new modern design that is reflective of the province's rich history and identity.

The new cards also include enhanced security features that will help protect against fraud.

Over time, this transition

will reduce and ultimately eliminate the need for paper Alberta Health Care cards.

Albertans applying for or renewing a driver's licence or ID card will need to show proof they are legally entitled to be in Canada.

Those who confirm Canadian citizenship will have a citizenship marker added

to their card.

Eligible non-citizens can still obtain a licence or ID card, and a one-time 60-day grace period may be available for Albertans needing additional time to obtain the required documents.

Implementation will roll out in two phases to ensure a smooth transition for Albertans.

Phase One

All Albertans will confirm their legal presence in person at a registry agent when renewing their card or obtaining one for the first time, using acceptable documentation such as a Canadian birth certificate.

When renewing their card or obtaining one for the first time, eligible Albertans who are citizens or permanent residents with Alberta Health Care or Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) coverage will begin receiving cards with their Personal Health Number integrated on the back.

This includes youth aged 12-13, who may receive a free ID card with an integrated personal health number.

Phase Two

Personal health number integration will expand to all remaining eligible Albertans who are citizens or permanent residents with AHCIP coverage.

Children under 14 will also be able to receive a free ID card with an integrated personal health number, with the option to include a photo and signature.

Fees for the new identification and drivers licence cards will not increase from the current rate.

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December 31, 2026 may register for K5

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Red Earth Creek school project moves forward despite delay

Residents of Red Earth Creek can still look forward to a new school, although the project has encountered a setback that is expected to delay construction.

The Government of Alberta's planned replacement of the Red Earth Creek School remains an approved capital project, but recent developments have pushed back the anticipated timeline.

According to information released by the Peace River School Division, the original tender process was cancelled after construction bids came in significantly over budget.

Rather than cancelling the project, Alberta Infrastructure has decided to proceed using a design-build approach, which combines the design and construction phases under a single contract.

While officials believe the new approach will help manage costs and improve project delivery, it is expected to add approximately nine months to the project's schedule.

The new Red Earth Creek K-12 School will replace the existing facility and provide space for 180 students, with the ability to expand to accommodate up to 230 students in the future.

The school will continue to serve students within the Peace River School Division and is expected to support the educational needs of the community for

decades to come.

The project listed in the design stage, with Alberta Infrastructure acting as the developer and Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd. serving as the project's architect.

\$24 million plus cost

The estimated project cost remains approximately \$23.4 million.

School division officials have expressed disappointment regarding the delay but remain supportive of the project. Trustees have emphasized the importance of moving the project forward as quickly as possible while ensuring value for taxpayers and a modern learning environment for local students.

The replacement school represents a significant investment in the future of Red Earth Creek and surrounding communities.

Once completed, the facility is expected to provide updated classrooms, improved learning spaces, and enhanced educational opportunities for students throughout the region.

Residents are hopeful that the revised procurement process will allow construction to begin soon and that the long-awaited school project will continue moving toward completion.

The Peace River School Division and Alberta Infrastructure are expected to provide further updates as the project progresses through the design-build process.

Source: Alberta Major Projects

Board approves 2026-2027 Budget

Board Meeting Highlights May 23, 2026



The Board approved the 2026-2027 budget as presented following a presentation from Secretary Treasurer Douglas Aird.

The budget supports the four priorities in Northland School Division's Education Plan. It also keeps key services in place, including the nutritious hot lunch program, transportation for all students, full-day kindergarten, no school fees, and one-to-one student devices.

The budget includes funding from new provincial complexity initiatives including three additional teachers to help reduce class sizes and a three-person complexity team to provide extra support for students. Northland will also continue to invest in technology improvements, classroom resources, housing, school food services, and transportation.

Early results show Education Plan work is making a difference

Northland School Division is seeing encouraging progress in several key areas connected to student success. Near the end of Deputy Superintendent Scott Meunier's presentation, Superintendent of Schools and CEO Cal Johnson shared available results connected to the 2026-2029 Education Plan.

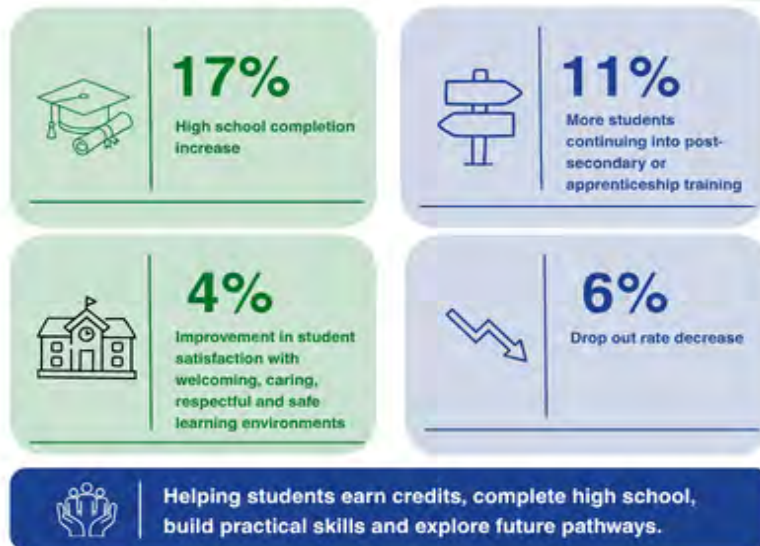
The full 2025-2026 Annual Education Results Report will be available in November 2026, but the preliminary results show excellent progress on all required Alberta Education and Child Care Assurance Measures. **One of the strongest results was high school completion, which increased by 17 per cent compared to the previous three-year average.** This is a major step forward for Northland students and reflects the continued focus on helping students earn credits, complete high school, build practical skills and explore future pathways. **More students are also continuing into post-secondary education or apprenticeship training after high school, with this result increasing by 11 per cent compared to the previous three-year average.**

Student satisfaction with welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments also improved, increasing by four per cent. This shows progress in how students experience school, while also reminding Northland that this work must continue. The dropout rate also decreased by six per cent from last year. These results show that the Education Plan is helping guide progress across Northland School Division, while also pointing to areas where continued support is needed for students and staff.



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Distracted Driving

A moment of distraction while driving can change lives forever.

Mobile Health Fair to bring immunizations and wellness services to community parks

Residents will have an opportunity to access free health services and wellness information when the Bigstone Health Commission hosts its Mobile Health Fair later this month.

The event will take place on June 16 at Sam G Park and June 18 at Desmarais Park (Across Willow), with activities running from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at both locations.

According to organizers, the health fair is open to everyone and no registration is required. Community members are encouraged to bring their immunization records so nurses can review them and determine whether any vaccinations are missing or overdue.

Nurses from the Bigstone Health Commission will be available to provide immunizations, conduct vital sign checks, and offer information on diabetes prevention and management. The event aims to make

healthcare services more accessible by bringing them directly into neighbourhood parks where residents can comfortably access information and support.

In addition to health services, the fair will feature a community barbecue games, promotional items and educational materials for families and individuals of all ages.

Organizers hope the event will encourage residents to take a proactive approach to their health while enjoying a family-friendly community gathering.

The Mobile Health Fair is part of the Bigstone Health Commission's ongoing efforts to promote preventive healthcare and improve community wellness through outreach initiatives.

For more information residents can contact the Bigstone Health Commission at 780-891-2000.

Upcoming activities in Wabasca

After a Seniors Dinner, followed by a Bingo, on Tuesday at Lakeview Sports Centre, Seniors Week in Wabasca will feature Senior Week Swim at the local pool, Friday, June 5, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m..

Besides swimming, pizza and drinks will be served from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m..

Father's Day

Wabasca's Careers Pathways School is combining its recognition of Father's Day with the end of its school year on Tuesday, June 23, starting 12 noon with a Barbecue Party.

Library activities

"Pet Rocks" will be the feature of craft night Wednesday, June 10, 5 p.m., at Wabasca Public Library's Craft Night.

The next Craft Night will be Tuesday, June 16, 6 p.m., with Terrariums being the subject topic.

Movie Night

For the younger crowd,

the Library will host a P-Jays Movie Night, starting 6 p.m., Friday, June 12. Fish Derby

The Mistassiniy Graduating Class of 2026 will be involved in helping with the 41st Annual Fish Derby at North Wabasca Lake, and

the class members will also have the derby proceeds help with their graduation celebration.

The derby will run Friday, June 12, noon start, with last weigh-ins before Sunday noon, June 14.

Enter at Tourist Booth.

Board approves refundable computer deposit for Northland Online School

Board Meeting Highlights May 23, 2026



The Board of Trustees approved a refundable computer deposit for students who need a device and are enrolled at Northland Online School, starting in the 2026-2027 school year. The deposit will apply to students who take specific courses through Northland

Online School but are not full-time Northland Online School students. This process will help support the responsible use and return of Division-owned technology.

The deposit is not a school fee. It will be refunded when the device is returned. A process will also be in place to support students and families who may experience hardship with the deposit.

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2026 COMMUNITY SPRING CLEAN UP

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To receive bags and gloves meet at:
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B.B.Q will be held from 3:00pm-
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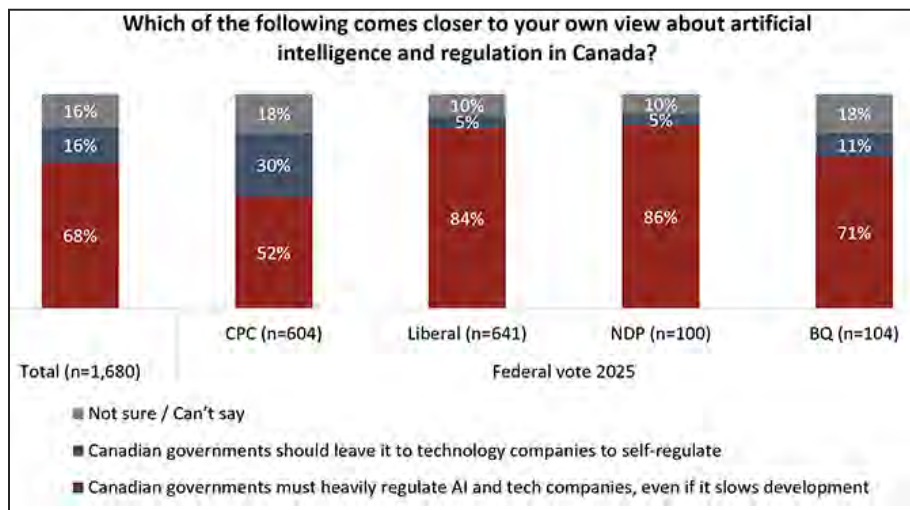
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Most Canadians worried about AI being a threat, want government regulations on it



June 2, 2026 – As the federal government prepares to unveil its national artificial intelligence strategy this week, Canadians are asking governments to take a firm hand with the technology, while at the same time expressing profound doubt that public institutions are equipped to move quickly enough to keep up.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds two-thirds of Canadians (68%) adamant that it is the place of government to heavily regulate AI and tech companies, even if doing so slows development. One-in-six (16%) disagree and say that the government should leave this up to tech companies to self-regulate.

But with technology and implementation changing rapidly, many Canadians are even more skeptical of government's ability to both regulate and successfully utilize AI. Three-quarters (74%) say no government is truly equipped to regulate AI quickly enough to keep pace with the technology while just 14 per cent have faith that it can be done.

Alongside this, seven-in-10 (70%) say Ottawa should be cautious about adopting AI because of the risk of unintended consequences, rather than actively investing in it to streamline public services and operations. The federal government has already announced both private and public integration of AI, with scaling being a significant priority in the coming years.

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Canadians are also wary of the physical infrastructure required to power the AI boom. While nearly half (46%) say Canada needs domestic AI infrastructure to keep digital services under Canadian control, two-thirds (68%) would oppose a large AI data centre being built within a few blocks of where they live.

Majorities also say such facilities would be bad for energy and environmental sustainability (67%) and for neighbourhoods and surrounding communities (63%). With protests popping up in Vancouver after Telus announced two data centres in Metro Vancouver, these data underscore the forthcoming challenges facing governments and industry as they try to sell AI as both an economic opportunity and a public-interest project, while also reassuring wary populations their worst fears will be addressed.

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Thursday, June 4, 2026

Young and old killed in collision in Rocky Mountain House area

A collision last Friday afternoon on O'Chiese Road claimed four people, two very young female residents of O'Chiese First Nation, and two older male residents of Rocky Mountain House.

RCMP report they responded to the serious crash around 4:30 p.m. in Clearwater County and found that a Grand Caravan carrying three people and a Jeep Cherokee carrying three adults and two children, were involved in the crash.

Declared deceased at the scene were the two girls, ages 5 and 6, who had been in the Jeep. Also declared deceased at the collision site were the driver of the Caravan, age 74, and a passenger, 51.

The remaining passenger in the Caravan and the three adults in the Jeep were taken to hospital to be treated for injuries which were not described.

The cause of the May 29 collision is being investigated by an RCMP collision reconstructionist with the help of the Rocky Mountain House RCMP Detachment.

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Are you attending any organized camp this summer? Maybe a sports camp to improve your skills? Or just a fun camp to enjoy activities with other kids?



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with the names of different kinds of camps:

1. stunts, cheers, competitions
2. kitchen safety, recipes, pans
3. defense exercises, sparring practice
4. canoeing, hiking, fishing
5. lessons, practice, recitals
6. study, singing, praying
7. programming, gaming, web site building
8. brainstorming, stories, editing
9. flight simulation, mock launches
10. swimming, basketball, soccer
11. ballet, hip hop, jazz
12. costumes, acting, shows
13. horses, riding, shows
14. experiments, rockets, robots
15. drawing, comics, animations

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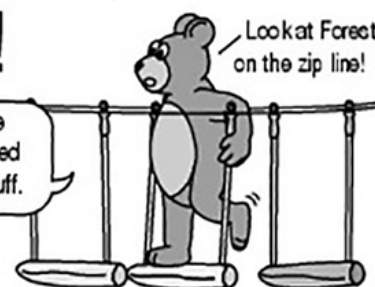
Cheerleading
Martial Arts
Equestrian

Space
Sports
Nature

Computer
Cartoon
Theater

Off to Summer Camp!

Chitter and Chatter are going to go to day camp. Forest and I are going to overnight camp for two weeks. Chitter and Chatter only need to bring their lunches each day, but Forest and I must pack more stuff.



Fill in the blanks below to help Forest and Glade make their list of things to bring to camp:

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2. sh __ __ ts
3. fla __ __ __ ight
4. hair __ __ __ __
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10. h __ __ __

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r h i a k
e o w t a
t s o h s



I love to read comics by flashlight!

Do you see the glow from that tent?

How many fireflies are on this page?



Hi Mom and Dad,
I love camp! I have made lots of friends. We are so busy all the time swimming, making crafts and learning new activities. I even made you a puzzle. **Can you find and circle all of these activities that I have tried this year?**
I can't wait to see you!
Love, Forest

- Capture the Flag
- Playing Cards
- Horseback Riding
- Scrapbooking
- Model Rockets
- Catching Fireflies
- Spooky Stories
- Roasting Marshmallows
- First Aid Class

- Magic Tricks
- Nature Walk
- Kickball
- Go-Carts
- Photography
- Swimming
- Pottery
- Bicycling
- Mini Golf
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Key Responsibilities:

- ♦ Deliver prevention-based programs and community activities.
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- ♦ Willing to initiate sporting & fitness programs/events.
- ♦ Set up and tear down for all FCSS and recreation events.
- ♦ Complete basic reporting and administrative duties.
- ♦ Other duties as assigned from time to time.

Qualifications:

- ♦ Experience in community or human services an asset.
- ♦ Strong communication and relationship-building skills.
- ♦ Ability to maintain confidentiality and work independently.
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- ♦ National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP-Certification would be an asset).
- ♦ Valid Class 5 Drivers License.
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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Facility Maintenance Supervisor Wabasca – Permanent Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is now accepting resumes for a Permanent Full Time Facility Maintenance Supervisor in Wabasca. The individual chosen must be self-motivated and knowledgeable in the area of maintenance. Under the general direction of the Facility Maintenance Manager, the successful candidate will be responsible for supervising maintenance staff at various MD locations. Must be able to think quickly and trouble shoot any problem areas. This position requires an individual who is a team player, has the ability to multi task in a fast-paced environment.

Required Qualifications:

- ♦ A valid class 5 Driver's license.
- ♦ Demonstrate strong leadership and management skills.
- ♦ Experience in maintenance and repairs.
- ♦ The ability to exercise independent judgment & initiative in completing assigned duties.
- ♦ Strong communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively when working with other departments.
- ♦ Must be reliable, responsible and bondable.
- ♦ A satisfactory criminal record check upon hire.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ♦ Implement and monitor all procedures required for the efficient and effective operation of the department, updating and making changes as required.
- ♦ Daily administrative duties include assigning daily tasks for the FM staff.
- ♦ Ensure that all projects are completed and maintained at optimal capacity.
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- ♦ Issue of Maintenance Requisitions for repairs of facilities as required.
- ♦ Inspections of all repairs and work completed.
- ♦ Operate within the guidelines of the current budget in collaboration with the Manager.
- ♦ Maintain and update accurate monthly waitlists.
- ♦ Work co-operatively with contractors to ensure overall efficiency.
- ♦ Ensure adherence to operational health and safety policies and procedures.
- ♦ Ability to work flexible hours (may require on call which includes some evenings & weekends).
- ♦ Ability & willingness to work on new & existing projects.
- ♦ Assist in other duties required with the direction of the Facility Maintenance Manager.

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BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity



SHELTER SUPPORT WORKER

Casual – As needed basis

Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Health Commission is seeking compassionate, reliable Shelter Support Workers to join our team and help maintain a safe and supportive environment for individuals experiencing homelessness. This role is essential to the daily operations of the shelter, offering direct support to residents while ensuring safety, dignity, and respect for all.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ensure the safety and well-being of all shelter residents
- Conduct client intake and orientation, including coordinating sleeping arrangements
- Provide crisis intervention, de-escalation, and conflict resolution as needed
- Assist with meal distribution and perform general housekeeping / sanitation duties during shifts
- Maintain accurate daily logs, including incident reports and client documentation
- Offer referrals to mental health, addiction, social, and community support services
- Support a trauma-informed, culturally respectful, and non-judgmental shelter environment
- Other duties as requested

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong communication, interpersonal, and problem-solving skills • Empathy, patience, and a non-judgmental approach
- Ability to remain calm and professional in high-stress or crisis situations
- Understanding of trauma-informed care practices
- Ability to work on a rotating schedule
- Effective teamwork and collaboration skills

Education and Experience:

- Grade 12 education preferred
- Experience working with vulnerable populations, such as individuals facing homelessness, addiction, or mental health challenges is an asset
- Experience working in shelters, residential programs, outreach, or crisis settings is an asset
- Certifications in First Aid/CPR, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCI), Harm Reduction Training, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), and Naloxone training is an asset

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

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SHELTER SUPPORT WORKER

Six (6) Temporary Positions

12 hours/day – 7 days on / 7 days off

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Tens of thousands of Albertans protested last Friday against UCP Government's policies and its actions

An invitation was circulated by Public Interest Alberta, major unions in the province and other organizations whose members are upset about many aspects of the provincial government. It read: "This Friday, May 29, join

Public Interest Alberta and tens of thousands of Albertans as we demand action on affordability, public health care, and education, and make it clear that we stand with our neighbours, reject division, and believe immigrants deserve

respect, dignity, and equity.

"Let's show our leaders what Albertans actually care about."

Locations of the organized protest

While most of the protesters show up at the 20 advertised sites in cities, other ad hoc sites sprung up in towns and even villages, even coffee clutches in various shops and restaurants.

In northeast Calgary, Vermilion/Lloydminster and Wainwright, and Claresholm citizens took their protests to their local MLAs' offices.

Other protest sites were in Grande Prairie, Edmonton (2 including a solidarity walk), Calgary City Hall and the city's Riley Park, Stettler, Red Deer, Lethbridge (2), Fort McMurray, St. Albert, Medicine Hat, Langdon, Wetaskiwin, Strathmore, Airdrie City Hall, and Fort Saskatchewan.

"The Day of Protest is not just about protesting separatism. It's also about protesting the many other things that are making life harder for ordinary working Albertans, including a frozen minimum wage, two-tier health care and continued threats to pull Alberta out of CPP," wrote McGowan and Longo, Alberta Federation of Labour President and Secretary Treasurer.

"The choice here in Alberta should not be between separatism and the status quo – especially when that status quo isn't working for many working Albertans. We need to demand better for working people WITHIN a united Canada."

McGowan and Longo also point out that the Day of Protest will come exactly one week after the International Court of Justice ruled that the right-to-strike is guaranteed under international treaties – which Canada has signed.

"This is significant because the Smith government ignored the Canadian constitution to strip 51,000 Alberta teachers of their right to strike.

"Let this be one of the reasons we protest on Friday – to protect worker rights and worker bargaining power, both of which are necessary to maintain our standard-of-living in the midst of an affordability crisis."

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BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity

SHELTER COORDINATOR

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Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Health Commission is seeking compassionate, reliable Shelter Coordinator to join our team and help maintain a safe and supportive environment for individuals experiencing homelessness. This role is essential to the daily operations of the shelter, offering direct support to residents while ensuring safety, dignity, and respect for all.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Oversee the daily operations of the shelter, including shift scheduling, logistics and supplies
- Supervise the shelter staff
- Provide monthly reports to the BCW Manager
- Report to the Community Wellness Manager
- Participate in meetings, discussions, and provide recommendations to the Community Wellness Manager regarding the shelter
- Organize training for the shelter staff
- Other duties as required

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

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Canada Post finally settle battle with its postal workers

Over two years of often tense labour strife between Canada Post and its postal workers' union has ended.

On Monday, the news of about 85% of 55,000 Canada Post employees voting acceptance of a five-year contract which has Canada Post giving an increase in

wages of 6.5% and 3% in each of the first two years of the contract.

According to the union, the latest offer from the CP Corporation found favour from almost 90% of urban workers and 86% of rural and suburban workers.

During the dispute, the

union demanded higher wages and also about possible changes Canada Post wanted in various parts of the national postal delivery system.

The union had its workers manning picket lines throughout the two years and rotating strikes across the country disrupted normal delivery of mail and parcels to people and businesses.

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Safe Kids Week winding down, but think about safety all the time

By Primary Care Alberta

As a parent or caregiver, you play a key role in keeping your children safe in your community. Parachute is a national charitable organization dedicated to injury prevention.

Safe Kids Week, June 1-7, is one of their annual initiatives. This year as part of Safe Kids Week, Primary Care Alberta (PCA) is encouraging parents and caregivers to think about ways to stay safe while outside with their kids this spring.

Walking and cycling are fun and healthy ways for children to stay active. Kids get to explore the world around them and make their own decisions.

But it's important to keep safety top of mind. In Alberta, transportation-related injuries are the third leading cause of emergency department and urgent care center visits, and the second leading cause of hospitalization for children birth to age 14.

As a parent or caregiver, here are some ways you can help your kids stay safe:

- Check their ride. Make sure your child's bike is adjusted correctly for their height. Have them do a bike check before riding to ensure tires are inflated and brakes are working. Learn more about helmet safety.

- Role model and teach your child how to cross streets following pedestrian safety rules. Practice looking and listening for oncoming traffic, crossing once cars have come to a full stop, and crossing at corners or marked crossings together. Learn more about pedestrian safety.

- Travel with your younger children. The skills to navigate more complex environments develops around the ages of 9 to 11. Ensuring your younger children are with you or a trusted adult when they are moving outside or in a vehicle can help them learn safe habits.

- Avoid e-scooters for children under 16-years- old. E-scooters are dangerous for children because they go fast, need physical strength to control and need emotional and critical thinking abilities to ride and make decisions. It's safer for children to develop these skills by riding a bicycle or using a non-electric kick scooter. Learn more about e-scooters.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking to fill a permanent full-time and casual positions at the Opportunity Daycare in Red Earth Creek, 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 childcare 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.

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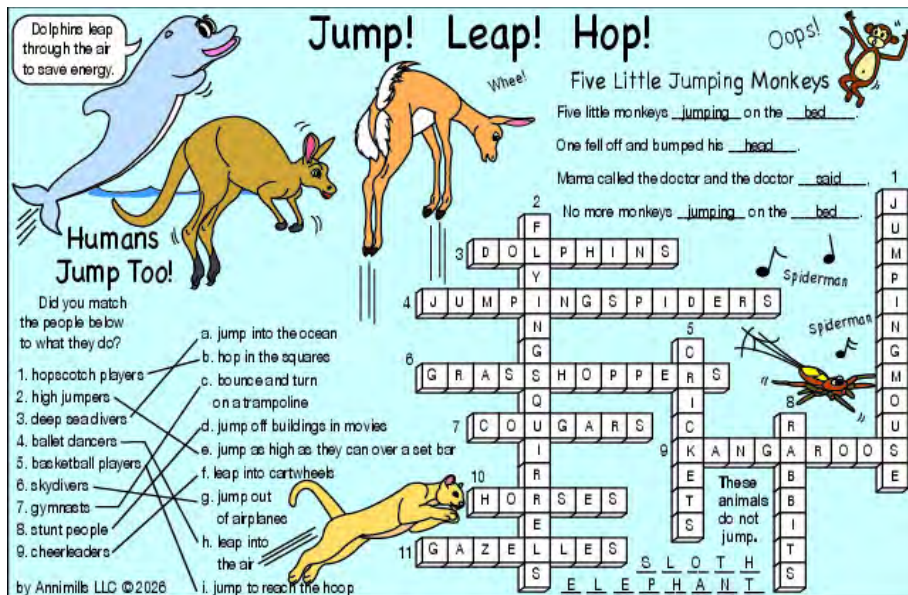
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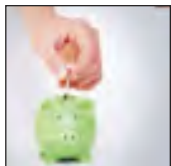
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- To learn more about road safety for children and teens:
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How Canadian households can recession-proof their finances as economic uncertainty climbs

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This article first appeared in Canada Conversation

Canada's economic policy uncertainty index has climbed back to levels not seen since the COVID-19 pandemic, a sign that a more volatile period may be taking hold.

Income inequality hit a record high last year, and youth unemployment reached 14.6 per cent in September 2025, its highest point since 2010, excluding the pandemic.

Most Canadians have had relatively little experience with major economic downturns. Since the early 1990s, Canada has largely been spared the boom-and-bust cycles common in the United States.

The country avoided the worst of the 2008 global financial crisis, and until COVID-19, had not experienced a major economic shock in a generation.

In that long stretch of time, Canadians have grown accustomed to relative stability, which makes the current moment feel especially disorienting. We are, as the saying goes, living in "interesting times," and that is rarely good news for prices, employment prospects, government budgets, business investment or productivity.

Many Canadian households are carrying a fair amount of debt while facing inflation and rapid changes in job markets. What is a typical Canadian household to do? As an economist, I have some practical advice to offer.

Why uncertainty is rising

This ongoing economic angst has several overlapping sources that are both global and domestic in nature.

Geopolitical conflicts, including the ongoing war involving the United States, Israel and Iran, are increasing the costs of everyday items like food and gas. These disruptions ripple through global supply chains, feeding into higher input costs for Canadian businesses and, ultimately, higher prices for consumers.

At the same time, tariff disputes led by the U.S. are causing inflationary pressure and discouraging long-term business investment. This, in turn, weighs on productivity and wage growth.

Some governments have responded to these shocks with industrial policies, attempting to support or protect specific sectors such as clean energy, manufacturing or technology. However, some economists warn against this approach, arguing that governments cannot reliably "pick winners" better than markets can.

Political fault lines are also contributing to uncertainty at home. Rising anti-immigration sentiment and the separatist rhetoric in Alberta are adding another layer of social turbulence.

Without a social consensus, economic planning becomes more difficult, and volatility often follows.

Canada's safety net has limits

Canada does retain an important advantage: its social safety net. Canada spends roughly 18 to 20 per cent of GDP on public social programs — around the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) average. That's below the levels of France, Germany and most Scandinavian countries, but meaningfully above the United States.

Canadians have access to relatively accessible employment insurance by North American standards. The country's combination of publicly funded health care and income support programs provides important protection during periods of disruption that American households do not have. But there are limits to that protection.

While Canada's federal net debt-to-GDP ratio stands at 13.3 per cent — the lowest in the G7 according to the International Monetary Fund — the same cannot be said about provincial governments. Large-scale bailouts of households or provinces are not guaranteed because there is no constitutional or statutory requirement for them.



Three things households can do now

Economic theory identifies three ways households can build resilience against a negative income or wealth shock.

The first is cutting back spending. This includes spending on both durable goods (such as vehicles or appliances) and non-durable goods (anything with a short lifespan). This can involve delaying large purchases or scaling back discretionary expenses like dining out, travel or subscription services.

The second is shifting spending to lower-cost alternatives, even within the "needs" category. Households rarely have complete flexibility to cut essentials, but they can often substitute within them. This can involve switching to lower-cost brands, using public transit more frequently or seeking more affordable housing options where feasible.

The third — the toughest one of all — is aggressively reducing unsecured debt. Canadian households owe roughly \$1.77 for every dollar of disposable income, the highest household debt burden in the G7. Much of that is mortgage debt, which at least builds equity. But revolving debt



— credit cards, lines of credit, car loans and the like — carries higher interest rates and greater risk.

Households can do this by paying down the highest-interest balances first, consolidating debts into lower-interest products where possible or re-directing windfalls such as tax refunds toward repayment. Avoiding the accumulation of new high-interest debt is equally important.

Building a buffer

Once those balances are under control, households should build a financial buffer and maintain it even if the economic outlook improves.

A common guideline is saving three to six months of household expenses in case of an emergency. This typically requires setting aside 20 per cent or more of take-home income, depending on household circumstances and obligations.

Canadians have access to several tax-advantaged tools to support this process. The Tax-free Savings Account allows tax-free growth with no restrictions on withdrawals, while the First Home Savings Account offers first-time homebuyers an annual contribution room of \$8,000 and a lifetime cap of \$40,000. The Registered Education Savings Plan helps families save for post-secondary education.

If you are able to consistently put away funds and invest them based on your risk tolerance, these accounts can significantly improve long-term financial resilience.

Income risk in a changing economy

The harder challenge, of course, is income stability in an age of uncertainty.

Canada is primarily a natural resources exporter, and rapid technological change — particularly the rise of artificial intelligence — is reshaping labour markets across other sectors.

Workers face growing uncertainty about which skills will remain valuable and how stable their employment will be.

Because of this, households may need to get creative about diversifying their income sources.

This can include investing in additional training or certification programs, developing side income through freelance or contract work, monetizing existing skills through consulting, or building small entrepreneurial ventures.

The current period is unsettling. But households that reduce their debt exposure, build savings and treat the safety net as the partial buffer it actually is will be in a better position to absorb whatever comes next.

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