



Two Slave Lakers killed in highway crash east of town

Last Sunday afternoon, May 3, two Slave Lake residents had their vehicle struck by another which cross the double centre lines of Highway 2 south east of Slave Lake.

According to Slave Lake RCMP, the fatal crash occurred around 3:00 p.m.

Killed were a 58-year-old man and a 62-year-old woman.

There were occupants in the other vehicle which preliminary investigation indicated may have crossed into the other lane.

Persons in that vehicle suffered minor injuries and were transports by EMS to hospital for treatment.

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The FEVER

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After many years,
Bigstone Nation
finally break
ground for
housing project
See front page
of Focus



Current Bigstone Cree Nation Chief Silas Yellowknee (left) and former Chief Gordon Auger were breaking ground for a new housing. See front page of Focus!

In This Issue:

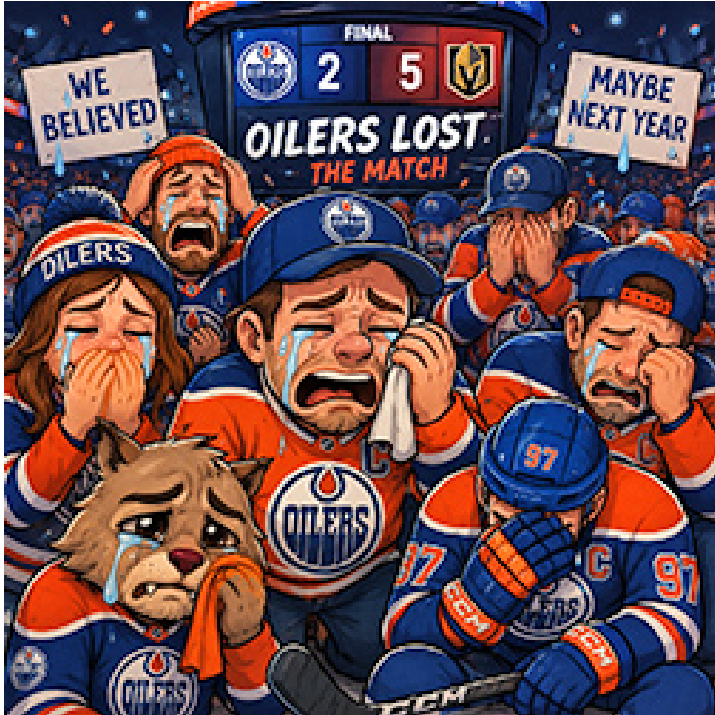
**Missing and Murdered Indigenous People,
Mental Health, Residential Schools, Drugs
are just some of the serious topics
discussed at recent local and area events;
and same and additional problematic issues
at events/activities advertised in this issue!**

**But there is also a lot
more fun / useful topics, so enjoy!**

Publisher's Ponderings ...

• Disappointment has really hit Edmonton Oilers fans. Obviously someone in the organization is going to have to be sacrificed after the team not only did not make it past the first round of playoffs, but it had a lousy season. The only ones having yet another good season on their own skills are a few of the players, and mostly, as usual, Captain Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl. McDavid, again led the entire National Hockey League in producing points, and if was not for late season injuries, he, too, again would have been near his Captain in points.

It will probably be coaching and management changes being made, along with more trading of many players to find the right bunch who might be able to be a team of cup contender in some future year. And will the two who should have been hoisting the cup in recent years still be Oilers?



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A column of news & commentary

• So, says this editor on Monday night at home, sitting down to start a long session of writing and formatting the May 7th issue. Let's start by checking the email box to see if anything newsworthy came in since the office closed.

Yes, several items came but the third one down looked like this:



dss.ez@ahs.ca has sent you a protected message. You will need to obtain a single-use code to read the message: 1. Select Read the message. 2. You'll be redirected to a page where you can sign in and receive a one-time passcode. 3. Check your email for the one-time passcode. Enter the code in the browser window, then select Continue to read your message.



Protected message? Is it as protected as the Alberta Voters list which has three million Albertans now worried about possible misuse of their personal information?

There are many experts who keep track of trends in the internet and social media world and they have been saying in recent times that it is now a fact that more than 50 per cent of all internet traffic involves scams and damaging misinformation on a global scale. Artificial Intelligence has added massively to the problem.

Ever since various types of civilizations and cultures formed, there has always been the criminal and lazy who make trouble for their fellow humans. Today, however, it just seems overwhelming!

A Friend In Deed

Keekenow Senior Facility
Invites You to Make a Difference

Keekenow Senior Facility is launching a heartfelt community program — "A Friend In Deed."

We are calling on caring individuals who would like to volunteer their time to visit and support an Elder.

Your visit can:

- Reduce social isolation
- Support emotional well-being
- Enhance the quality of life for an Elder

Even 30 minutes to an hour a week can make a meaningful impact.

Building a friendship with an Elder is deeply rewarding — the connection benefits both you and them in powerful ways.

Get Involved Today!

Contact Clara Moberly
Keekenow Senior Facility
780-891-2985

Strengthening Community Through Care & Connection

Spring Fire Risk

Dry grass burns quickly in spring — avoid open flames outdoors.



Board Meeting Highlights April 21, 2026



Board approves purchase of new school buses

Board approved the purchase of two 70-passenger school buses from Dynamic Specialty Vehicles to support student transportation across Northland School Division (NSD). An option was also included to purchase a third bus if one becomes available, as no suitable bids were received for smaller 66-passenger buses. If a third bus is not available, the Board approved the purchase of an additional bus from Western Canada Bus. These purchases will be funded through Capital Reserves.



Board approves Long Service Awards date

The Board approved hosting the Long Service Awards on Friday, May 22, 2026, at the DoubleTree West Edmonton. The event will celebrate

NSD staff who have reached 20, 25, and 30 years of service, as well as retirees. Northland will also recognize its 2026 Edwin Parr Teacher Award nominee during the event.



Board receives What We Heard report for Grouard Northland School

Board received the What We Heard Report for Grouard Northland School. The report shares feedback

gathered during the March 24, 2026, community engagement and highlights perspectives on student learning, programming, and supports. Click on the website link to view media release-
<https://www.nsd61.ca/download/555024>.

More Northland Board Highlights
on Fever Pages 6, 9 Focus Pages 1, 8



Distracted Driving

Eyes on the Road

Texting while driving takes your attention away for critical seconds.

At highway speeds, that could mean travelling the length of a football field without looking.



No message is worth a life.

CAREER INVESTIGATIONS

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Early Learning and Educational Assistant
Careers

Social Work and Addictions Careers



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Register at:

www.northernlakescollege.ca/career-investigations



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents Recovery Care Day Program

Bigstone Community Wellness is taking registration for the next 5-week program for Wabasca. This program is free and available to anyone (18 years old and over). The program has been developed to bridge the transition from clinical care into a community recovery support program. This program includes group sessions, workshops, presentations, life skills, and many other activities.

START DATE: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

WHEN: Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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

LOCATION: Bigstone Community Wellness

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Transportation available.

Open to all community members.

Must register to join the program.



Contact Recovery Care Staff to Register

Robert Zabot

robert.zabot@bigstonehealth.ca

780-891-8252

or

Carla Johnson

carla.johnson@bigstonehealth.ca

780-891-3777

Friends of Medicare say Alberta's Bill 11 health care law violates Canada Health Act

On Tuesday from Ottawa, the national Friends of Medicare, including its Alberta branch, released a statement about what the health advocacy group calls the Alberta UCP Government attempts to privatize public health care. The statement reads;

Legal experts in the health care field have completed a thorough examination of Alberta Premier Danielle Smith's Bill 11 health care law and found it to be in clear violation of the federal Canada Health Act.

Bill 11 is, "the most extensive privatization of payment for medically necessary services in Canada since the Canada Health Act was enacted in 1984," writes Emma Phillips of Goldblatt Partners LLP.

"The Canada Health Act embodies the fundamental value that medical services should be allocated on the basis of need, not ability to pay," she writes. "Facilitating a two-tier regime introducing private payment for medically required services which in turn can lead to preferential access is directly contrary to the core requirements, criteria and principles of the Canada Health Act."

On December 18, 2025, Alberta enacted the Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2), also known as 'Bill 11'. Bill 11 amends the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act by establishing the legal framework for physicians to engage in dual practice.

"Albertans I've talked to are very concerned that some patients will be able to access medically necessary services more quickly based solely on their ability to pay," said Chris Gallaway, executive director of Friends of Medicare. "Bill 11 is entrenching legislated

'queue-jumping.'

"And we now have legal experts confirming that it contravenes the principles of comprehensiveness, accessibility, and universality protected and required by the Canada Health Act and violates the prohibitions against extra-billing and user fees. It cannot be allowed."

"The federal government is balancing diplomatic engagement with Alberta against the need to enforce CHA principles firmly," said Jason MacLean, chairperson of the Canadian Health Coalition which commissioned Goldblatt Partners LLP to conduct the review.

"Health Minister Marjorie Michel often says she is the 'Guardian of the Canada Health Act,'" said MacLean. "The Minister needs to clarify that it is the fed-

The federal could withhold \$7 billion Canada Health Care transfer to Alberta

eral government's position that Alberta's Bill 11 violates the Canada Health Act, and she is prepared to en-

force the Act."

The Province of Alberta could be jeopardizing over \$7 billion through the Ca-

nada Health Transfer in 2026-2027.

The Canada Health Act empowers the federal government to withhold transfers should the province fail to comply with the Act.



Your future is calling.

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APPLY FOR A CREDIT PROGRAM on
Wednesday, May 13
and we'll waive the \$50
application fee.



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Alberta**

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MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Mental health and addiction services



**Assisted Living
Alberta**

Supporting living and aging with dignity



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Alberta**

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Not sure where to go? Call Health Link 811.

[Alberta.ca/KnowYourOptions](https://alberta.ca/KnowYourOptions)

Alberta

Bigstone Community Wellness presents:

Mental Wellness Conference

SAVE THE DATES:

May 11th & 12th, 2026

Wabasca, AB

Lakeview Sports Centre *venue change*

Day 1 = 1:00 pm - 8:45 pm

Day 2 = 3:00 pm - 8:45 pm

May 13th, 2026

Calling Lake, AB

Calling Lake Community Complex

1:00 pm - 8:45 pm

May 14th, 2026

Chipewyan Lake, AB

Community Hall

1:00 pm - 6:45 pm



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

Environment Canada Weather Forecast

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

MAY 7 to MAY 12

Thursday night..Clearing. Low plus 1.

Friday..Sunny. High 14.

Friday night..Clear. Low plus 1.

Saturday..Mix of sun/cloud. High 17.

Saturday night..Cloudy. Low plus 5.

Sunday..Mix of sun/cloud. High 17.

Sunday night..Cloudy. Low plus 5.

Monday..Mix of sun/cloud. High 19.

Monday night..Cloudy. Low plus 4.

Tuesday..Mix of sun/cloud. High 18.

Normals for the period..Low plus 2. High 16.



Child Car Seat Safety

Secure Every Ride

Always buckle children into the correct car seat or booster seat for their age and size.



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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY

The following Development Permits were processed on April 23, 2026:

26-DP-016 – 0624554;3;3 - Wabasca
Development: Outdoor Storage
Zoned as CH – Highway Commercial
District – **Approved**

Any person affected by this decision may submit a written "statement of concern" on the grounds of appeal to: **Terah Yellowknee, Subdivision and Development of Appeal Board Clerk, MD of Opportunity, P.O. Box 60 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0**, within 21 days of publication. Please quote the appropriate application number when submitting a statement of concern. The residential appeal fee is \$100.00, and the commercial appeal fee is \$400.00.



Board Meeting Highlights April 21, 2026

Superintendent's Highlights focus on student learning and staff support across Northland Division

Board received an update from Superintendent of Schools and CEO Cal Johnson highlighting learning, student supports, and community connections across NSD.

Priority 1: Connections Supporting Truth and Reconciliation



Acting Associate Superintendent Amy Savill shared how students from Father R. Perin School took part in land-based learning at Winefred Lake. Students explored ice fishing, learned about fish anatomy, and gained a deeper understanding of Indigenous fishing practices through hands-on experiences.

Priority 2: Holistic Learning

Deputy Superintendent Scott Meunier shared highlights from a recent community meeting at Father R. Perin School focused on Indigenous language revitalization. The meeting provided an update on what has been heard from the community about strengthening language, culture, and land-based learning, with next steps including new opportunities for students to learn Denesuline.



Acting Associate Superintendent Amy Savill also highlighted student learning through the Mind Fuel showcase, where students across Northland School Division explored science, technology, and problem solving. Students worked through a process that included planning, building, and testing their ideas before sharing their projects. They applied coding, circuits, and design skills to create projects such as video games, models, and hands-on experiments, demonstrating their learning in creative and practical ways.



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NOTICE OF SMALL BUSINESS SUB-CLASS BYLAW

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

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

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

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

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

FROM BACK ISSUES OF THE FEVER

SUMMER OF 2001

Just prior to the official start of summer, there were both tragic and good news being carried by The Fever. Still being investigated was the May 25 crash of an Alberta Cessna forestry birddog plane near Trout Mountain northeast of Red Earth Creek, killing two men a forestry officer from Grande Prairie and the pilot from Saskatchewan.

A giant fire was raging which started near Chisholm, west of Highway 44 and then south of Highway 2 west towards Slave Lake area was toured by Premier Ralph Klein in a plane, and provincial officials were considering how to help residents and farmers replace homes and farm structures to flames.

"We don't have to travel to Slave Lake for our home games," rejoiced Stonewall Jackson about completion of the construction of ball diamonds in Wabasca for the 19 members of a men's team and the 72 younger players registered in minor baseball teams.

Bigstone Cree Nation's Human Resources Development announced that it was opening a Career and Employment Centre to fight unemployment in Wabasca, Sandy Lake, Calling Lake, Chipewyan Lake, Peerless Lake and Trout Lake. Gloria Anderson was director of Human Resources while Lisa Yellowknee, Tracey Cardinal and Cheryl Moberly held other administration positions.

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Red Earth RCMP announced in the summer's first issue of The Fever on June 21 that a 19-year-old male's death at a drinking party in Trout Lake on June 10, 2001, was not a result of a homicide. The provincial medical examiner could not pinpoint a cause of death, but noted that the individual had been drinking heavily throughout the night and apparently bruised in altercations and falls while at the party.

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While gasoline sniffing had earlier been in the news coming out of far northeastern Canada, Red Earth Creek RCMP located a 12-year-old boy who had been inhaling gasoline fumes was required hospitalization.

The article also noted that gasoline-sniffing can lead to serious health problems, including brain damage. The problem often occurs in northern remote communities where alcohol, prescription drugs, illegal drugs and other mind altering substances are not easily available, particularly to teenagers or even younger children.

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Meningitis was attacking people during the summer of 2001, and a provincial immunization was underway in Keeweenaw Regional Health Authority No. 15 holding immunization clinics in Wabasca, High Prairie and Slave Lake for persons ages 2 through 24.

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Wabasca Lions Club began negotiations in 2001 with the provincial government to take over and operate Wabasca Provincial Recreation Area Campground. Security and campground gates closing at 11 p.m. were emphasized

Articles from more FEVER early 2000 issues will be presented in the first May 2026 issue



Caribou and Moose Habitat Workshop

Hosted by Bigstone Cree Nation and partners

May 29th, 2026

5:30 pm – 8:30 PM, Sandy Lake, AB



Join us for a workshop supporting an assessment of how logging is affecting caribou and moose habitat in Bigstone Cree Nation territory. All community members are invited to share their knowledge about caribou and moose habitat and to help determine project priorities.

Dinner and refreshments will be provided for all participants.

Workshop Overview

Opening and dinner

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Sandy Lake Hall

An opening prayer and welcome will be followed by a catered dinner and casual conversation.

Workshop

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Sandy Lake Hall

Following dinner, the facilitation team will provide an overview of the project objectives.

Participants will take part in discussions to shape project priorities and share ways to integrate community knowledge about changes to caribou and moose habitat in places with logging.

Wabasca, Alberta

September 16 - 22, 2026



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

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

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

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO LOCALS FROM THE MD OF OPPORTUNITY REGION FIRST

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: MAY 15, 2026 @ 4:00 P.M.

For 2026 we will host a Youth Round Dance, Feast & Giveaway September 22nd, 2026



CONTACT FCSS JANICE OR JODI

@ 780-891-2659 EXT 403 OR 405

EMAIL: JANICE.AUGER@MDOPPORTUNITY.AB.CA



HONOURING LIVES, RAISING AWARENESS: COMMUNITY GATHERING SUPPORTS MMIWG/P



By Clara Moberly

A meaningful gathering was held this

Nanemahoo, setting a respectful and reflective tone for the event.

of the importance of awareness.

By Clara Moberly

A meaningful gathering was held Tuesday morning at Wabasca's Keekenow Senior facility in support of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People campaign, bringing together residents, staff, and community members in a moment of reflection and unity.

The gathering began in the lobby area with an opening explanation and prayer led by community member Diane Kim Peredery.

This was followed by drumming led by

Phillip Nanemahoo, setting a respectful and reflective tone for the event.

Participants had initially planned to take part in a walk outdoors; however, due to chilly weather conditions, the gathering continued indoors.

During the gathering, two Elders shared their personal experiences of loss due to murder. Their words added a deeply personal and emotional dimension, reminding those present of the importance of awareness and remembrance.

brance.

The group had also planned to join a Bigstone Community Wellness group for a walk later in the day; however, due to transportation limitations, the group was unable to attend together. One Elder from the facility was still able to participate in the walk.

The gathering served as a moment of reflection, respect, and continued support for raising awareness around the tragedies involved in so many cases of the Missing and Murdered.



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Save the date

JUNE 21ST 2026

Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day



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Wabasca



Traditional

Pow wow



Board Meeting Highlights April 21, 2026

Superintendent's Highlights focus on student learning and staff support across Northland

Priority 3: Excellent People Supporting Students

Associate Superintendent Krista Veitch shared how staff across NSD are building their skills to better support students. Staff are receiving training to better understand student learning needs, helping schools respond more quickly and provide support earlier. Educational Assistants are also working together to support students with more complex needs, using new strategies and tools to help students stay calm and focused. Mental health therapists are expanding group supports in schools, helping more students access services. Schools are also working closely with speech and occupational therapy providers, giving students additional support and helping staff build their skills.

Priority 4: Responsible Resourcing

Acting Associate Superintendent Amy Savill shared that NSD received a \$50,000 dual credit start-up grant to support a wellness certificate. This funding will help students in the Indigenous Youth Mentoring Program earn both high school and post-secondary credits in leadership, mentorship, and wellness.

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

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



**Opportunity
Family and Community
Support Services**

Guitar Strap for Boys & Men

All supplies provided

Days: May 20th & May 21st, 2026

Times: 5 pm to 8 pm

Where: 2854 Newatim Drive
(Across from Lloyd C Memorial Park)

Snacks & Drinks provided

Register with Jodi Decoine
@ 273-0191

WARM KINDHEARTED DRIVEN PATIENT HONEST LOVING

COMPASSIONATE CALM RELIABLE THOUGHTFUL

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

EMPATHETIC INDEPENDENT SELFLESS GENTLE STRONG

**In recognition of Early Childhood Educator Day
- May 15, 2026**

**We acknowledge all Early Childhood Educators
from both the Opportunity Daycare
in Wabasca and in Red Earth Creek Childcare**

**Thank you for all you do!
Municipal District of Opportunity**



Municipal District of Opportunity No.17

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Calling Lake

Animal Control Officer/Kennel Attendant Permanent Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 is now accepting applications for the challenging position of Animal Control Officer, based out of Calling Lake. This position may require animal control and enforcement in other MD Communities and may require some travel. The successful candidate will report to the Manager of Municipal Enforcement and will work cooperatively with the other Animal Control, Bylaw and Community Peace Officers and RCMP. This position will be responsible for any duties relating to Animal Control.

The ideal candidate should be self-motivated, hard-working, reliable, and a team player. He or she will have communication, public relations and interpersonal skills, independent judgment and initiative in completing assigned duties. Duties include but are not limited to:

Animal Control:

- Become familiar with the M.D. Animal Control Bylaw.
- File completion, includes report writing and maintaining Animal Control Stats.
- Respond to and address dog complaints in the communities.
- Impound and care for dogs and the community kennels, i.e. feed dogs, clean and inspect kennels, log maintenance.
- Transport dogs and cats to SCARS or Vet Services either Slave Lake, Athabasca or Westlock.
- Provide monthly reports of Animal Control activities.
- Provide educational information to residents with respect to care, control & responsibilities of dog ownership.
- Issue Municipal Tags or Violation Tickets & attend court cases as required.
- Other duties that may be assigned.

Qualifications:

- Experience and comfort handling dogs and cats is an asset or must be willing to learn.
- Must have computer experience in a Windows Environment.
- A valid Class 5 Driver's License.
- Minimum of Grade 10 Education.
- Must be willing and able to undergo Dog Bite Prevention Training.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire including Vulnerable Sector Check.
- Satisfactory Drivers Abstract (MD will obtain).

Interested persons are invited to submit their resume along with three work related references to the attention of:

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

**This position advertisement will close
on May 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM**

Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The personal information submitted to this advertisement will be utilized for this Employment Opportunity only and is subject to the compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS:

RECOVERY CARE DROP-IN CALLING LAKE

A SUPPORTIVE SPACE FOR CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

Recovery & Peer Support
Free program for anyone 18+
On and Off Reserve members in Calling Lake

**Sharing Circle
Activities & Crafts
Resources Available
Coffee & Snacks provided
Transportation provided**

DROP IN DATES: May 7, 15, 22, 2026

DROP IN TIME: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Calling Lake Church

Call to Register for a ride!

A safe, welcoming place to drop in.

Contact: Recovery Care Day Support Worker: Todd Gladeau
Recovery Peer Support Worker: Bertha Cardinal at 780-331-3810 ext. 4491.



Backroom handlers of Premier now have created another scandal affecting up to 3 million voters!

What we know so far by Jared Wesley Decoding Politics

Elections Alberta believes the Republican Party of Alberta's copy of the list was given to The Centurion Project, a pro-separation group led by David Parker (leader of Take Back Alberta). A judge ordered Centurion to remove from the internet a searchable database containing the names and home addresses of close to three million provincial voters.

Despite Parker's disingenuous claim to the contrary, that database was not as harmless as a phone book. It listed names and home addresses of nearly every eligible voter. This includes prominent politicians, elections officials, senators, judges, Crown prosecutors, journalists, and other public figures.

It also lists other folks who have good reasons not to have their personal information broadcast to the world. Parents of adopted or foster children. Health-care workers involved in providing abortions or gender affirming care. Teachers and school administrators. Researchers. Activists. Public servants. Members of marginalized communities. People escaping stalkers or abusive family members. All are more vulnerable today than they were before the list was leaked.

This is not to mention ordinary Albertans who simply do not want their home address turned over to political organizers. Or the millions who are now at risk of identity theft or fraud, particularly if (when) the list falls into the hands of criminal elements.

It also exposes anyone with whom a custodian of the list has an axe to grind. This raises the prospect of political intimidation, threats of violence, or worse.

A breach like this has the potential to affect every eligible voter in Alberta in ways beyond their vote. For some it's an inconvenience. For others, it is downright dangerous.

Why existing investigations are not enough

Multiple investigations may be underway, but none will necessarily tell the full story. We may get a lot of details and still lose the forest for the trees.

Police investigations are too narrow and take years. They ask whether specific individuals committed specific offences that can be proven to a criminal standard (i.e., beyond a reasonable doubt).

But a criminal investigation will not answer the broader democratic questions: How did the list move from an authorized recipient to unauthorized hands? Who accessed it? Who copied it? Who used it? Was it used to support petition, referendum, party-building, separatist, or electoral activity? What legislative choices made this possible? What institutional safeguards failed? What reforms are required before Albertans vote again?

An RCMP investigation into fraud may be necessary. It is not sufficient.

Privacy investigations are also limited. Alberta's privacy commissioner has already identified a major gap: Alberta's Personal Information Protection Act does not apply to political parties. The commissioner has said this leaves her office without jurisdiction over personal information from the List of Electors if it was disclosed by a political party, and she has renewed her call for Alberta to bring political parties under privacy law.

Elections Alberta's investigation is essential, but it, too, is constrained. The Chief Electoral Officer has said the agency is working "within the limits of the legislation." He has also explained that Elections Alberta cannot simply in-

vestigate whatever looks suspicious. It now needs "reasonable grounds to believe an offence has occurred" before starting an investigation — a much higher threshold than the previous "grounds to warrant" standard and, in the CEO's own comparison, similar to the level of evidence police would need to make an arrest.

That is a remarkable admission. The province's election agency is telling Albertans it may not have the legal tools it needs to investigate threats to the integrity of our election system. That, combined with their resource constraints and the fact that several referendums are looming, suggests we should not leave it solely to an underresourced agency to complete the necessary investigations into wrongdoing. *(To be continued next issue.)*



BIGSTONE COMMUNITY WELLNESS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL INQUEST – UPDATE

The Indian Residential School (IRS) Inquest staff is providing this notification to the community of Wabasca.

As per the IRS Inquest, we have invited the Canine Search Team to the community of Wabasca on May 8, 9, & 10, 2026 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday).

The team will be taking the dogs to specific identified areas as was done back in 2023; a report will be provided once it is complete.

Please do not be alarmed if you see them in specific locations around the former residential schools, do not approach or attempt to get in contact with them as they are "working" and should not be distracted. Kindly keep your dogs leashed or away from the areas the team will be working.

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation,
it is appreciated!**

**If you have any inquiries, please contact
Helen Alook or Treena Gladue at**

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[or treena.gladue@bigstonehealth.ca](mailto:treena.gladue@bigstonehealth.ca)

or call them at 780-891-3777 or toll free at 1-877-767-7060

Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:



IRS Inquest



Elders Survivor Gathering

George D. Community Hall

Thursday, May 14, 2026

12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Transportation Available

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

Supper and beverages provided!

For more information, please contact Treena Gladue at

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Groundbreaking ceremony held for Lot 28 affordable housing project in Wabasca



Leaders of the community of Wabasca and Bigstone Cree Nation, government representatives, and project partners gathered on May 4 in Wabasca to officially celebrate the groundbreaking of the Lot 28 Affordable Housing Project, marking an important step forward for housing development in the region.

The ceremony brought together representatives from the Bigstone Cree Nation, Municipal District #17, Fillmore Construction, S2 Architecture, Urban Systems, and the Government of Alberta, along with community members and invited guests.

Also recognized during the event was

former Chief Gordon T. Auger, who was serving in band leadership when the project was first initiated. Organizers acknowledged the years of planning and collaboration that helped move the affordable housing development from vision to reality.

Speakers highlighted the importance of increasing access to affordable housing in the community and emphasized the positive impact the project is expected to have for families and residents in Wabasca. The gathering celebrated not only the beginning of construction, but also the partnerships and shared commitment behind the project.



By Clara Moberly

At Keekenow Senior Centre (KSF), Elders and community members gathered Thursday evening for a spirited Edmonton Oilers watch party filled with laughter, fellowship, and community connection.

The event brought together Elders, family members, and community members who stayed until the final buzzer, cheering on the Oilers while enjoying one another's company.

Although the Oilers did not come away

with a win, attendees agreed the evening was more about togetherness, socializing, and creating positive memories than the final score.

Special guest Chief Silas took time to join the Elders during the gathering, sharing conversations and enjoying the evening alongside residents and families. Standing with the Chief in one of the photos is Elder Mabel Gladue.

Another photo features Elder Rene Auger, proudly wearing an Oilers jersey and toque, joined by family members.

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Board Meeting Highlights April 21, 2026

Board celebrates Calling Lake student at Skills competition



The Board celebrated Grade 12 student Makena Auger from Calling Lake School for her culinary skills and strong performance at the North East Regional Skills Canada Competition. Makena earned a silver medal in St. Paul, standing out among students from across the region.

Makena's result has earned her a spot at the provincial competition, May 6th and 7th at the Edmonton Expo Centre. She will represent Calling Lake School and Northland School Division on a larger stage.

Trustees and senior administration recognized Makena's hard work and wished her the best as she prepares for the next stage.

Despite Oilers losing, Keekenow Seniors enjoy Cup Playoffs Watch Party

Snacks and beverages were shared throughout the evening, helping create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

The watch party was another example of how KSF continues to bring people together through community activities that encourage connection, friendship, and support among Elders and families.

Those attending were very appreciative of the nursing staff and other Keekenow staff for suggesting and organizing the event.

We are planning a delicious brunch...



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...for our Moms, Aunts and Grandmothers!



Kids: color stuff in!



Okay, Sunday is Mom's Day so treat her like a Royal Queen; her every wish is your command! (okay, she paid us to tell you that!)

Let's see: pancakes, bananas, coffee, and juice.



I'm so excited about our plans for Mom!

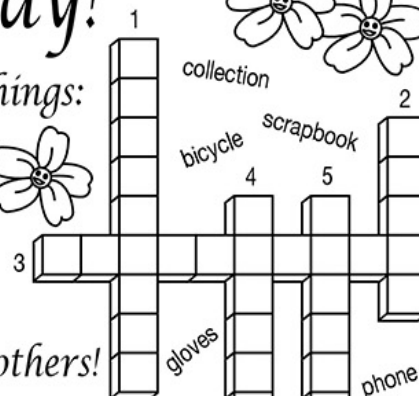
First, we are going to serve her breakfast in bed. Chitter is making a card for her food tray. Then, we are taking her to the park for a picnic.

Do I spy the first picnic basket of the season?

Celebrate Mother's Day!

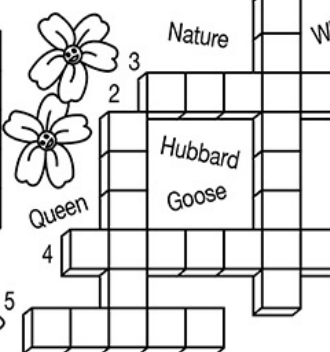
Grandma's favorite things:

1. box of _____
2. cellular _____
3. teacup _____
4. family _____
5. ten-speed _____
6. garden _____



Five Famous Mothers!

We talk about mothers all the time in rhymes, stories and art. Can you read the clues and fill in the names of these five famous mothers?



1. son's painting of her in chair is famous: _____ Mother
2. parent to all the natural world (not made by man): Mother _____
3. author of a collection of nursery rhymes: Mother _____
4. character of a nursery rhyme: Mother _____
5. Her Gracious Majesty: _____ Mother

Mom's favorite things:

1. locket _____
2. baby _____
3. laptop _____
4. coastal _____
5. stack of _____
6. running _____



necklace

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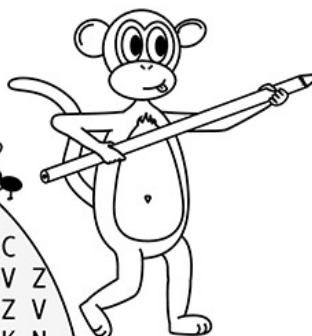


How can you surprise your Mom on her special day? Is there something that you can do that would be helpful? Read Chitter's list. Find and circle the words in bold print in the strawberry.

1. be very **quiet** in the morning and let Mom sleep in late
2. make a **card**, put it in a place where you know she will see it
3. with an adult's help, make **breakfast** and serve it to her in bed
4. put little, fancy **soaps** into a basket or on a clean face cloth in the bathroom
5. save your **money** and buy a gift just for her (write a few clues on some paper and let Mom search for it)
6. finish a **chore** that Mom didn't have time to complete
7. dip some **strawberries** into chocolate

• What ideas do you have?

How to Surprise a Mom!



If you need a little help starting a surprise, then finish this note for Mom. Fill in the middle with your ideas. Color and decorate it to give it your special touch. Cut it out and give it to your mother!

(Or, slip this into a fancy card that you make for your Mom.)

Happy Mother's Day!

Mom, thanks for...

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Red Earth Creek, AB

RECREATION ATTENDANT

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

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

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

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

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

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

This posting will remain open until May 13, 2026.

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Those who are placing employment ads, submitting other notices, photos, news, are reminded that The Fever's current e-mail addresses are:
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Employment Opportunity Full-Time Caretaker Calling Lake School

Northland School Division is looking for a Full-Time Caretaker at Calling Lake School. The kindergarten to grade 12 school is located in Calling Lake, Alberta. This beautiful, charming community is situated on the eastern shore of Calling Lake, known for its tranquility and recreational pleasures. Calling Lake is approximately 60 kilometres away from Athabasca, Alberta and approximately 200 kilometres from Edmonton, Alberta.

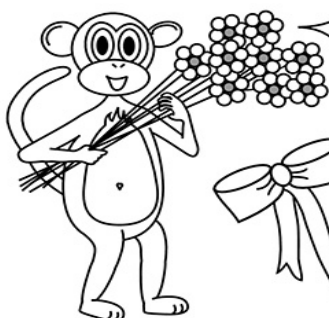
Major responsibilities include:

- General cleaning and grounds maintenance duties at the school. This includes shoveling sidewalks and entrances.
- A strong work ethic, initiative, and teamwork skills are attributes that will contribute to success in this position.

Assets include:

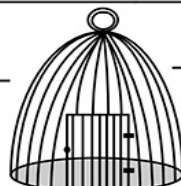
- Certification in WHMIS, First Aid and floor care/sanitation. Northland School Division will provide training if the successful candidate needs to complete certification in WHMIS, First Aid and/or floor care/sanitation.

Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume including the names of three (3) employer references to: Stephen Marsh, Calling Lake School Principal at stephen.marsh@nsd61.ca. We thank all applicants for submitting applications. However, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. **Additionally, please note that selected candidates will be required to provide a criminal record and a child intervention check as part of the application process.**



I picked these flowers for Mom. I need a finishing touch - something I can put them in to present them. Can you help me by crossing off the silly idea and coloring in the good ideas? Next, unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks with the name of each item.

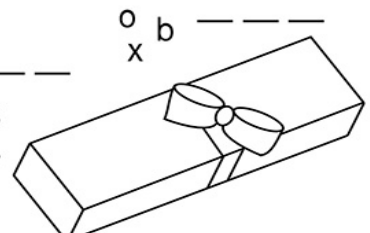
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The Finishing Touch!



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Family Community Support Services (FCSS) Support Worker Permanent Part Time - Red Earth Creek

The MD of Opportunity is now accepting resumes for a permanent part time FCSS Support Worker. The FCSS Support Worker for Red Earth Creek plays a key role in strengthening community well-being through prevention-based services, collaboration, and culturally responsive support. This position focuses on connecting individuals, families, and community partners, while delivering programs that build capacity, reduce barriers, and enhance quality of life. The successful candidate will also possess these attributes: compassionate, community-minded, reliable, and comfortable working with diverse populations.

Key Responsibilities:

- ♦ Deliver prevention-based programs and community activities.
- ♦ Provide Volunteer Income Tax support to low-income individuals and families.
- ♦ Collaborate with local agencies and community partners.
- ♦ Connect community members to appropriate resources and services.
- ♦ Promote FCSS programs and support community engagement.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Willingness to learn income tax processes (training provided).
- ♦ Valid Class 5 Drivers License.
- ♦ Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Interested individuals are asked to submit their Resume and three work related references to:

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BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity



RECEPTIONIST One (1) Full Time (Permanent) Monday to Friday – 7 hours/day Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Health Commission is seeking a highly motivated, and dependable Receptionist to join our talented Health Team. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for First Nation culture, a desire for continuing professional development, and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

At Bigstone Health Commission, you are more than an employee – you are part of a community. Our work is rooted in respect for culture, connection, and service to the members of Bigstone Cree Nation. We offer a supportive and welcoming workplace where your contributions matter, your growth is encouraged, and your work helps strengthen health services for present and future generations. Joining our team means building a meaningful career while giving back to community.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist nurses and other staff members with clerical duties
- Ensure efficient and friendly operation of the reception area
- Greeting, welcoming and directing visitors appropriately
- Answer switchboard and ensure calls/messages are directed to the appropriate department
- Open, sort and distribute correspondence
- Assist with projects on an ad-hoc basis
- Perform other receptionist duties as requested and required

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong organizational, time management, and multitasking abilities in a fast-paced environment
- Excellent communication, written and organizational skills
- A friendly outgoing personality
- Good knowledge of office procedures
- Must be a team player and able to work with minimal supervision
- Dedicated and reliable

Education and Experience:

- Post-secondary education (Certificate or Diploma) related to Office Administration and/or equivalent.
- Previous receptionist experience
- Previous experience in a health care setting is an asset
- Valid Class 5 Driver's license

Benefits:

- Competitive Salary
- Paid Annual & Vacation Leave
- Paid Health & Wellness Leave
- Extended Health, Dental & Vision Plan
- Employer Matching Registered Pension Plan

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

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

Human Resources Department
PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca

CLOSING DATE: Tuesday May 19, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

POSTED: May 5, 2026

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Join a team committed to supporting the health and well-being of Bigstone Cree Nation members.



Bigstone Cree Nation Education Authority Employment Opportunity Summer Student Coordinator

Bigstone Cree Nation Education Authority (BCNEA) is seeking a highly motivated individual who is a team player with excellent analytical, problem-solving, decision-making, communication and public relations skills, and finance/budgeting experience to fill the temporary position of Summer Student Coordinator located in Wabasca.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement the summer student program structure and schedule for 30+ students in Wabasca, Calling Lake and Chipewyan Lake
- Assist with candidate screening, interviews and working with BCN departments and communities to find placements in Wabasca, Calling Lake and Chipewyan Lake.
- Coordinate onboarding, orientation, training and group sessions.
- Mentor, supervise, monitor student performance and provide feedback.
- Address concerns, conflicts and questions in a timely manner.
- Review bi-weekly timesheets that hours are correct before submitting to the COO for approval.
- Ensure compliance with personnel policies and Canada Labour Code standards.
- Connect, communicate and liaison between Students, Managers and Human Resources.
- Work closely with summer supervisors in Wabasca, Chipewyan Lake and Calling Lake
- Provide bi-weekly reports to the Chief of Operations on program progress.
- Submit a program evaluation at the end of the program
- All other related duties as assigned by the Chief of Operations

Eligibility:

You must be a **Bigstone Cree Nation member** and meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Applicants must provide acceptance letter from Institution / College or proof that you will return to your studies in the Fall 2026
- Applicants must be a Mature Post Secondary student with experience in project coordination up to 30 years of age.
- Must possess a valid class 5 driver's license and reliable transportation.
- Good communication skills, both written and oral
- Professional - Good organizational skills
- Knowledgeable in the English and Cree language
- Aware of the community set up (reserves, businesses & services)
- Able to work with minimal supervision
- Must be flexible and motivated to be a leader to supervisor and students
- Ability to organize and set priorities, work independently or with a team.
- Excellent computer skills in computer software for budget and reporting requirements.

How to Apply:

1. Submit a cover letter, resume, driver's abstract, and Child Intervention check.
2. You will be required to provide proof of registration/acceptance letter to a post-secondary institution.
3. After the interview process and conditional hiring you will need to provide a clean current criminal record check with the Vulnerable Sector

Closing Date: Friday, May 15, 2026

Please submit cover letter, resume, supporting documents and references in confidence to:

Human Resources

CLICK TO APPLY ONLINE on our website (PREFERRED) OR

Email: human.resources@bigstoneeducation.ca

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

Fax: 780-891-2178

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Employment Opportunity



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Duties and Responsibilities:

- Delivers exceptional service to Registry customers and prospects
- Demonstrate professionalism with all customer interactions
- Supports customer transactions needs based on customer traffic
- Develop, maintain, and build relationships with customers
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- Complies with legal and regulatory requirements for the jurisdiction
- Escalates complex or unresolved customer situations to managers as required
- Answer over the phone enquiries
- Handle payments
- Maintain strict confidentiality with respect to sensitive customer information
- Effectively carry out duties, under the direction of the Manager
- Other duties may be requested from time to time

Education and Experience:

- Business Management Certificate or Diploma is considered an asset
- Previous experience in Customer Service role is an asset
- Previous Accounting or Bank Teller experience is an asset
- Must have a valid Class 5 Drivers License

Benefits:

- ✓ Competitive Salary
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Human Resources Department

PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

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

CLOSING DATE: Until a Suitable Candidate is Found.

POSTED: April 27, 2026

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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.

Murder in Maskwacis

A 21-year-old man bled to death on Louis Bull First Nation despite Maskwacis RCMP officers and Emer-

gency Medical Services personnel reaching the scene to provide initial treatment to a serious neck wound. This occurred about 10:30 p.m.,

May 1. An autopsy was performed in Calgary; homicide was the cause of death. RCMP announced no suspects and asked for the public to provide information.

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Federal/Provincial privacy commissions going after ChatGPT and AI for neglecting Canadian laws

Alberta Government release, Tuesday, May 5

A report was issued today summarizing a joint investigation into OpenAI and ChatGPT by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) of Alberta, along with its counterparts in Quebec and British Columbia, as well as the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada.

The investigation concluded that the initial development of ChatGPT

was not compliant with provincial and federal privacy laws and identified a number of privacy issues that were present in the training and deployment of certain ChatGPT models. The report contains a number of recommendations and also notes that OpenAI has begun to take steps to address privacy concerns relating to the ongoing development and operation of ChatGPT.

The investigation was originally triggered by a complaint in April 2023 alleging collection, use and disclosure of personal information without consent. The joint investigation was announced in May 2023. It examined whether OpenAI's collection, use and disclosure of the personal information of individuals in Canada, in relation to its AI-powered chatbot, ChatGPT, complied with federal and provincial private sector privacy laws.

The investigation examined the workings of certain versions or models of ChatGPT that were in use at the time the investigation began in 2023. These models were ChatGPT 3.5 and ChatGPT 4.

"From the Alberta perspective, I want to note first that it is unfortunate and disappointing that technology companies have moved ahead so quickly with new developments and innovations, without first ensuring that they are adhering to privacy legislation," said Alberta Information and Privacy Commissioner Diane McLeod.

"Our investigation found that that OpenAI did not appear to turn its mind adequately to privacy compliance in its development and deployment of ChatGPT, which is very troubling. The first ChatGPT model was launched in 2022, nearly two decades after privacy law in Canada applied to the private sector."

Throughout the course of the investigation and in response to findings and recommendations made by the regulators, OpenAI began to take steps to improve privacy protections in the ongoing development and delivery of ChatGPT. However, further work is required.

"The privacy laws we currently have in Canada were drafted and enacted during a time when today's incredible advancements in technologies, such as AI, would have strained believability," added McLeod. "Legislators now face the challenge of modernizing privacy laws in ways that will enable AI companies to continue to develop these innovative technologies, but only in a manner that safeguards privacy, reduces potential harms to citizens, and requires accountability and transparency"



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Wabasca General Manager

Bigstone Oilfield Services and Supplies LTD. (B.O.S.S.) is an entity owned by Bigstone Cree Nation. It is a resource industry service provider within Bigstone Traditional Territory. B.O.S.S. is currently seeking a professional self-motivated individual to oversee the daily operations of the company. The company specializes in the recruitment, organizing, deployment, and management of security, safety personnel, labor crews, maintenance, construction workers, oilfield operators, trades people and equipment operators. This individual will report to the Board of Directors and be responsible for bidding, monitoring, and controlling projects. This individual will ensure the creation and implementation of a strategy designed to grow our business for future ventures.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for the safe, efficient and profitable execution of projects;
- Daily management and allocation of crews, subcontractors and equipment in an efficient and effective manner;
- Provide leadership that results in enhancing our safety program and take accountability to keep all employees safe;
- Prepare annual budgets and monitor finance and revenue streams;
- Ensure written monthly reports are submitted to the Board of Directors;
- Collaborate on project bids by providing input into execution strategy, manpower, and equipment allocation and sub-contractor costs;
- Manage all employees of B.O.S.S. (administrative staff, field staff, operators, contractors); and
- Perform other duties that may be required.

Qualifications:

- A degree in management or business administration diploma and/or an equivalent education and experience will be considered;
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in industrial and/or construction industry;
- A valid class 5 driver's license;
- Knowledge of Bigstone Cree Nation Traditional Territory;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills; and
- Excellent attention to detail and strong work ethic.

Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please submit cover letter, resume, CWIS and criminal record check to:

Human Resources Manager
Box 960 Wabasca, AB. T0G 2K0
Fax: 780-891-3888

Email: humanresource@bigstone.ca

Submission Deadline: May 15, 2026 @ 4:30PM

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Alberta Minister of Indigenous Relations Rajan Sawhney issued this statement Tuesday, **Red Dress Day**:

“Today, and every day, people across Alberta and Canada continue to feel the pain and absence left by missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit plus people. Red Dress Day makes that absence visible and calls all of us to support survivors, families and loved ones.

“Red Dress Day is a public acknowledgement of lives stolen and families changed forever. This day calls on us to confront the racism, misogyny and systemic barriers that continue to put Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit plus people at undue risk.

“How people talk about this crisis matters. Public discussion about missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit plus people must not be minimized, but grounded in care, respect and understanding – because this is about real people and real lives.

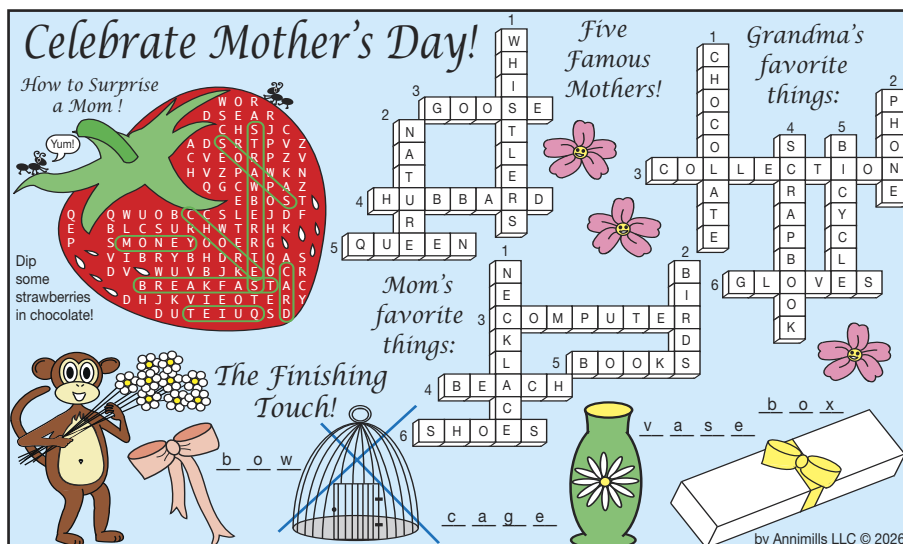
“Alberta’s government is focused on action, guided by Indigenous communities, organizations and survivors, including through the Premier’s Council on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit Plus People. This includes advancing the Alberta Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Roadmap and Alberta’s 10-year Strategy to End Gender-Based Violence, alongside strengthening supports to combat human trafficking and help people find safety.

“Families, survivors and Indigenous advocates have carried this work for years, turning grief into leadership, accountability and change.

“On Red Dress Day, I am asking people in Alberta to act in ways that are real and practical, learn what this day stands for and share that learning, listen to Indigenous voices and attend community events and support survivors, families and loved ones of the missing and murdered and challenge dismissive comments when you hear them. Learn the warning signs of gender-based violence and human trafficking and know where to turn for help.

“Take time today to honour the lives represented by the red dresses, with compassion, with respect and with a commitment to prevent further harm.”

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Board supports next step for Elizabeth School priority

The Board directed Administration to move forward with a request to Alberta Infrastructure for pre-planning funding to support its top capital priority, Elizabeth School. This request is focused on the major modernization and addition project identified as the division’s highest priority in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan. Pre-planning funding would support early planning work and help move this priority forward.



Board explores co-location opportunity for Conklin Community School

The Board directed Administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of co-locating Conklin Community School within the Conklin Multiplex. The report will consider strategic, educational, operational, and financial factors related to this opportunity. Administration will also begin discussions with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and the Ministry to review options, requirements, timelines, and approvals needed for the project.

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