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# **April 7, 2020**

# STRUCTURE FIRE IN THE TOWN OF **ONOWAY**

Submitted by David Ives, Fire Chief | NORTH WEST FIRE RESCUE -**ONOWAY** 

At 1923 hrs on the evening of April 3, 2020, North West Fire Rescue - Onoway was paged to a structure fire located at 5159 47 Ave, Onoway. Units were rolling within one-minute of the call and on scene with the

first attack pumper arriving in under two. Upon arrival, crews found a working structure fire involving a dethatched garage.

Immediately after 360-degree size-up and hazard assessment, crews hit the fire hard with a charged hose line. By 1931 hrs the fire had been darkened down and members began overhaul including



search for any remaining fire extension.

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#### JADE GARDEN RESTAURANT TAKE OUT MONDAY - CLOSED TUES-FRI 11-9PM SAT 12-9PM **SUN 4-9PM** ONOWAY, AB 967-2288



## "WHAT MATTERS TO YOU" SHANE GETSON MLA

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson - Lac Ste. **Anne-Parkland** 

As I write this I have been in self isolation now for the last 9 days, after my last symptoms of a 3 day cold disappeared. The best medicine to fight the cold was my wife grounding me for a day and telling me to get some bed rest and sleep, and to let the weight of the world rest on someone else

for a day. It was the best medicine of all. I've been working from home, like so many others over the last few weeks, having to change the way we go about our work.

It never fails to amaze me how adaptive to change most people are, and how others are, at the times of change, the most resistant. There is a great short story out there called "Who Moved My Cheese" by

Spenser Johnson, if you have some time read it, or watch the little cartoon that is out there on it. The story talks about how we need to recognize change, be adept, and reactive, and get on with it. The short term changes that we all have to deal with right now, if done properly, will have a dramatic effect on how long these restrictions will need to be in place.

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## MAYERTHORPE LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Submitted by Janet Jabush, Mayor| Town of Mayerthorpe

The Town of Mayerthorpe is excited to announce the launch of its new website, www.mayerthorpe.ca.

The work of upgrading and modernizing the Town's website began immediately after Council approved the new logo in 2019. The website project was approved

as part of the 2019 Project Plan Projection and Operating Budget. Box Clever, an Alberta-based, award-winning web design company, was the successful project proponent.

The new website is supported by a powerful content management system and is designed to be responsive and easy to use.

Enhanced features include modernized pantones de-

signed to match the Town's new logo, modernized content, an emergency ribbon, a news ribbon and a "How do I?" feature. The website is icon-based with enhanced content upload and flip book technology. The migration of Munisight public portal information has also been added.

Please visit www.mayerthorpe.ca and enjoy the new, user-friendly experience.

## Structure Fire in the Town of Onoway

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13 Firefighters and 5 units responded to the scene, but thanks to the fast actions of the first-in pumper, only 3 units were required – mostly for the safety of the fire crews.

No one was injured in

the fire and no fire service members were hurt during the firefight. North West Fire Rescue – Onoway would like to thank its partners Alberta Health Services, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Atco Gas, & Fortis Electric for attendance on scene. Everyone is

reminded that it's important to keep your wood-burning stoves and fireplaces in good working order and the area clear of any flammable materials.

For more information, please contact Fire Chief Ives at davidives.nwfr@gmail.com or 780-777-4688



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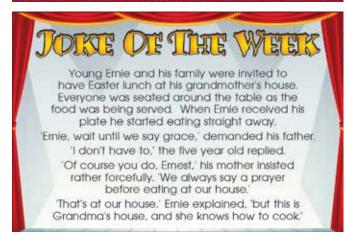
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### "What Matters to You" Shane Getson MLA

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I have four kids at home currently, and as soon as the announcements came out that they would not be returning to class my wife made up a lesson plan that evening. The purchase of "Canadian Curriculum" text books had the kids up and running, not missing a beat in their school year learnings. The lessons from the school division followed 2 weeks later, and are right in step. Great job by the teachers and the school divisions for pulling this together in such a short time line.

The modification or shut down of many services or recreational activities that we are all used to is rather surreal. Again, things that we are all giving up right now to make sure that the spread does not get out of control here, and that we are all accountable and responsible for our own actions as they won't just cause harm to us, but potentially hundreds of other people around us.

Working the phone lines and the internet here at home I have heard some great stories of community support and acknowledgement for those that often times do not get the credit for the jobs they do. These people are often overlooked, and unfortunately it is sometimes taken for granted that things just happen.

I heard a story of a local nurse who was on the front end at a covid testing site that came down with some symptoms. She had to isolate in her home, her young children had to social distance from their mom on the other side of a door, the family had to sit on pins and needles for some time until her own test results came back and fortunately they were negative. Hats off to all the medical people, and the lab technicians who have been burning the midnight oil through all of this.

Our thanks to all of those in the energy sector, power generation industry, communications, utilities, logistics, postal service, fire, ambulance, rescue, law enforcement, and all of the other "Essential" service groups, including our agriculture sector as well.

The lessons that we will learn coming out of this event will reinforce the changes that we need to make to ensure that we are more self sufficient as a province and as a Country. We need to learn that old lesson of taking the time to appreciate

what is important, to cherish the good things and the good times that we have. We will need to learn to "Live and Let Live" again, perhaps not be pointing out the differences we have, but recognizing the overwhelming things that we have in common.

My background was not in the health industry, nor the education, nor the municipal, or political fields. I grew up on a farm, learned how to make do with what we had, and to be innovative to overcome challenges. I learned to operate skidders, dozers, trucks, sawmills, and chain saws in the forestry industry where safety and risk mitigation took on a whole different level. I learned from the construction industry the value of teamwork, planning, estimation, budgeting and execution to overcome challenges and to achieve goals. These are the skills that I will be putting to work for you, and the tasks that I have been working on will be focused on predominantly infrastructure and major projects for our province.

I will be working on transportation and utility corridors to ensure our goods and resources can get to market and enhancing value added opportunities of current industries; Agriculture, Petrochemical and manufacturing to name a few. We need to unlock trapped assets, and grow technical and service industries such as aerospace. We need to ensure that we have resources and assets in place for affordable and seniors housing by utilizing alternate business models, or optimizing current business models.

You see, I am focusing on the recovery. I refuse to think for a moment that we are down and out. I see so many good people here in our area that have been knocked around, but not knocked out. We have had a number of items that were out of our control, and others that we should have been paying more attention to, allow us to be put in this position. We can fix that but it is going to take grit and determination, that "Get it Done", "Make it Happen", "Cowboy Up" "Strong And Free" Alberta spirit that we are known for. So lets get through this current challenge, dust ourselves off, dig in, and make it happen together.

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# **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)** UPDATE FOR WHITECOURT

### Whitecourt

The Town of Whitecourt continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic across Alberta, and has been adjusting operations to meet the changing needs of our community.

Public Transit - Reminder about service change

Public Transit users are reminded that as of Wednesday, April 1, 2020, peak transit service will be suspended until further notice. Hourly service during the week will continue to operate as scheduled, as well as weekend service. Updates on the status of the transit service will continue to

Cash for Cars 967-2492

**Submitted by Town of** be posted on TransLoc as well as the Town of Whitecourt's Facebook page and at website at www.whitecourt.ca.

Passes and ticket books can be purchased at IGA and also in person on the bus from a Transit Driver (exact cash is required as change cannot be provided).

Relief Measures

Account credits will be provided to those affected by registered program postponements due to the closure of the Allan & Jean Millar Centre and other public facilities. Prorated credits have been given to individuals registered in programs that were already underway when closures took effect the week of March 16, 2020. Annual and continuous monthly memberships at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre have been placed on hold and will remain on hold until the facility reopens (scheduled EFT payments have been suspended until further notice).

In efforts to support res-

idents and businesses of Town Council Whitecourt, will be discussing utility payment penalty deferrals and an adjustment to extend the property tax due date for 2020 as a way to lessen the impact of COVID-19 on the community.

Clarification from Government of Alberta on Mandatory Self-Isolation

The Government of Alberta has clarified restrictions for Albertans under mandatory self-isolation. To align with new federal rules under the Quarantine Act, Albertans under mandatory self-isolation are now required to remain inside and can only go for walks on their own property, such as their backyard, for the duration of their self-isolation. This applies to everyone in mandatory self-isolation those who are feeling well and those who have symptoms of COVID-19 including cough, fever, shortness of breath or a runny nose.

If you are required to self-isolate:

· You can no longer go for walks in your neighbourhood or through parks until the self-isolation period ends.

· Those who live in apartment buildings or high-rises must stay inside and cannot use the elevators or stairwells to go outside.

Albertans are legally required to self-isolate for 14 days if they:

· Returned from travel outside of Canada after March 12;

· Are a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 (provides care, lives with or has close physical contact, or comes into direct contact with infectious body fluids)

If you become sick during this time, you must self-isolate for an additional 10 days from the beginning of symptoms or until you are feeling well, whichever takes longer. Read more about how to www. alberta.ca/self-isolation.aspx.



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# ONOWAY MEDICAL CLINIC STAFF WORKING REMOTELY

# Clients can schedule doctor consultations by phone

In an effort to continue to meet client needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, Onoway Regional Medical Clinic physicians are now available for scheduled phone consultations.

For health and safety reasons, Staff and physicians of the Onoway Regional Medical Clinic have opted to working remotely for the foreseeable future. Clients are advised to call the clinic at 780.967.6477 and schedule an appropriate time window for a phone consultation. The physician will then initiate the consultation by calling each client back as close to their scheduled time slot as possible.

Please <u>do not</u> visit the medical clinic in person. For the safety of staff, physicians and clients alike, all clinic services will be provided remotely until further notice.

# PROVINCE RESTRICTS MASS GATHERINGS

#### Non compliance can entail fines

The province is taking action to protect Albertans and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Effective immediately, mass gatherings across the province have been limited to a maximum of 15 attendees. This includes worship gatherings and family events such as weddings. A gathering is any event or activity that brings people together in person, in a single room or single space, indoors or outdoors, at the same time.

# TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT PROGRAM CANCELLED

# Waste landfilled or recycled until further notice

Effective immediately, the "Take It or Leave It" program at all County Transfer Stations will cease. Due to COVID-19 and related data about the lifespan of the virus on surfaces, the "Take It or Leave It" program must

be discontinued. The County lacks the resources to ensure required disinfecting of materials in the "Take It or Leave It" sheds, and is taking an abundance of precaution for the sake of staff and residents.

If you have items that can be repurposed, please hold on to them until the program has resumed. The program will resume when it is safe to do so. The public is thanked for the critical role they play in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

#### INCREASED HOURS FOR ALBERTA CONNECTS CONTACT CENTRE

# A provincial resource to keep the public informed

The Alberta Connects Contact Centre is now open seven days a week, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Call **310.4455** toll-free for general information about the provincial response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

#### NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVALS

The following Development Permits have been approved or conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw. This list does not include Permitted Uses. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Planning and Development department at **1-866-880-5722** or <a href="mailto:devassistant@lsac.ca">devassistant@lsac.ca</a>, Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm to request additional information on a permit.

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL DEADLINE
20-D0034	Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 1822297 Within SW 17-56-02 W5M	1990 stick built single detached dwelling to be moved onto new basement and new garage pad with deck, Main 69.0' $\times$ 35.0' (2415.0 sq. ft.), Basement 69.0' $\times$ 35.0' (2415.0 sq. ft.), Deck 60.0' $\times$ 8.0' (480.0 sq. ft.), Garage 26.0' $\times$ 24.0' (624.0 sq. ft.).	April 20, 2020
20-D0037	Lot 1, Block 6, Plan 012 1251 Lakeview Place within SE 21-54-03 W5M	Existing Development - Garage Variance: Regulation 7.5m, request 5.31m, variance 2.19m and Mobile Home Variance: Regulation 7.5m, request 6.99m, variance 0.51m.	April 27, 2020

Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of the above developments must do so in writing on the applicable form on or before 4:30pm on the above noted date(s). Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, c/o Lac Ste. Anne County, Planning and Development department, Box 219, Sangudo, Alberta, TOE 2A0.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Lac Ste. Anne County requires that a non-refundable fee of \$250 be paid for every appeal served on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The fee may be paid by Cheque, Visa, MasterCard, Interac or Cash.

# CANADIANS CAN NOW APPLY FOR THE CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT

Submitted by Employment and Social Development Canada

GATINEAU, QC, April 6, 2020 /CNW/ - The Government of Canada continues to take action to support Canadians and their families impacted by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of

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Families, Children and Social Development, together with the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion and the Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Digital Government, announced that Canadians can now apply

for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) at Canada.ca/coronavirus.

The Government of Canada is working day and night to ensure Canadians have access to the CERB in the simplest and fastest way possible. Canadians who have lost their income due to COVID-19 can expect their payment in 3 to 5 business days from when they

apply if they are using direct deposit. That means most Canadians who are eligible will receive \$2,000 before the end of next week.

Canadians looking to get more information about the CERB or, who are unable to apply online, can call the tollfree telephone line at 1-833-966-2099.

To help manage the volume of applications through the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and Service Canada, applicants will be asked to apply over four days depending on their month of birth. In addition, Shared Services Canada has also increased the bandwidth capacity of the network infrastructure supporting the CRA, including the My Account secure online portal.

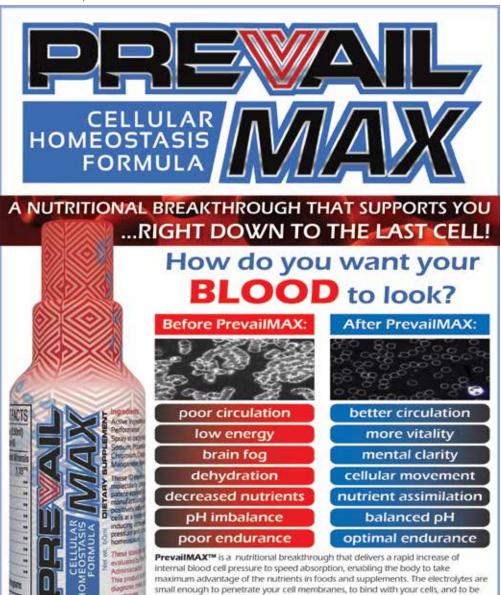
Canadians who have already applied for EI do not need to reapply. To date, over 1.2 million of the EI applications received since March 15, 2020 have been processed through the new CERB.

The Government of Canada remains fully committed to supporting all Canadians during this global pandemic. The Government will continue to carefully consider any additional steps it can take to do just that.

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"The Government of Canada is fully committed to ensuring Canadian families have the support they need through these difficult times. Our priority is to ensure that Canadians receive the money they need as quickly as possible." – The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

"The Government of Canada is committed to supporting Canadian workers and their families facing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Today marks the launch of an unprecedented measure to help Canadian workers through an extraordinary time.



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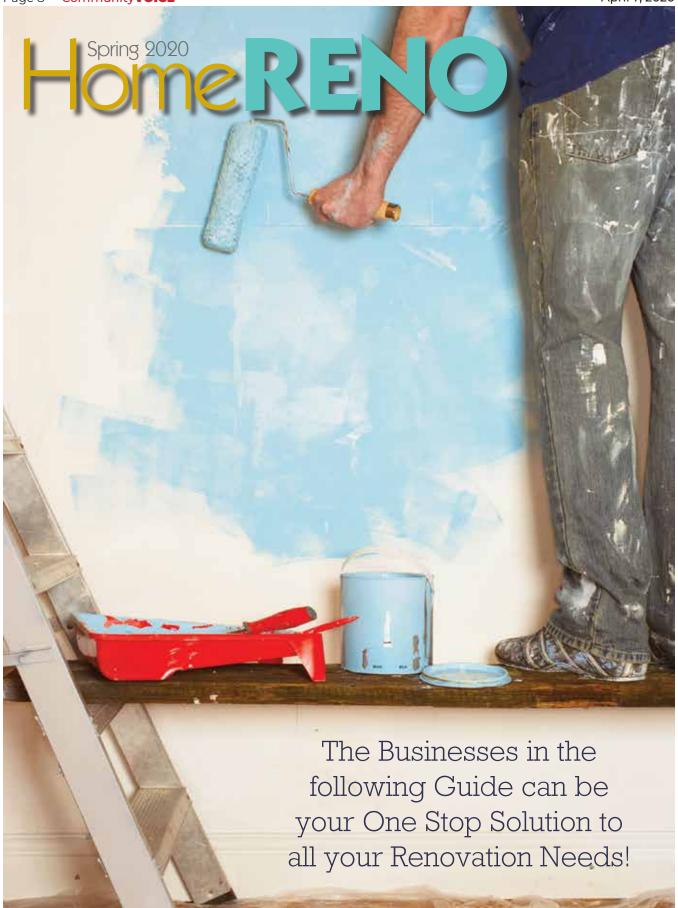
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#### ADDRESS INSECTS BEFORE ENTERTAINING SEASON

Barbecues in the backyard or cocktails on the patio provide some fun ways to enjoy the great outdoors from the comforts of home. While friends and family flock to such entertaining opportunities, some unwanted guests may want to crash the festivities.

It's impossible to ensure a completely bug-free out-door environment, but there are steps homeowners can take to reduce the amount of pests who want to join the party.

Western Exterminator Supply suggests first identifying which kind of insect infiltrations are most common where you live. House flies, fruit flies, mosquitoes, wasps, and bees tend to be abundant in spring and summer. Ants, termites and other bugs also can be prevalent. These insects, however pesky

they may seem, often can be kept away without the use of pesticides and other chemicals.

- · Lure away pests. Many insects will be happy to snack on a treat and leave you alone. Put out a dish of sugar water or slices of fruit for insects that feed on sweets and nectar, or a slice of sandwich meat for wasps and yellow jackets. Place these items a fair distance from your gathering.
- · Install fans. A patio ceiling fan can blow away mosquitoes and flies relatively easily. And you and your guests will likely enjoy a nice breeze on sultry days.
- · Use mulch wisely. Mulch will add to curb appeal, but having it too close to the house, according to the National Pest Management Association, can present an ideal environment for roach-

es and ants to nest and find their way into a home. As mulch decomposes, it generates heat and a cozy spot for pests, including mice. Keep mulch 12 inches away from the home's foundation and entertaining spaces, or use inorganic mulch.

- Keep patios clean. Sweep up and clean away any spilled foods and beverages promptly. Even a tiny nugget of food can attract ants and other insects.
- · Use natural pest deterrents. Citronella oils can drive away some insects, as can garlic and rosemary. Lavender, eucalyptus, marigolds, and other pungent aromas will naturally keep mosquitoes and other flying insects at bay. Some people also have luck with mint-flavored mouthwash misted on patios and furniture.
- · Address standing water.

Mosquitoes and some other insects lay their eggs in standing water. Routinely drain areas where water collects, including gutters and downspouts

· Use light colors. According to HouseLogic, studies show that bugs see dark and bright colors more easily than light colors. Choose lighter shades of paint for outdoor areas and it may make these spaces less attractive to some bugs.

· Leave those spider webs. Many people yell "eek" at the sight of spiders and spider webs. But those arachnids and their sticky webs can do a fine job of capturing many unwanted insects. Resist the temptation to tear down webs and shoo spiders away.

Addressing insects means employing various natural strategies to make outdoor entertaining more pleasant.









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### **HOME REPAIRS THAT CAN SINK BUDGETS FAST**

A home is the most substantial investment many people will ever make. Once down payments have been made and closing costs have been paid, homeowners may still be staring down sizable expenses as they begin to tackle any repairs that need to be made.

Home maintenance and renovations involve a certain measure of trepidation. Even after vetting contractors and establishing budgets, homeowners may worry that repairs will unearth problems that snowball into expensive fixes. Planning ahead for such projects and learning to recognize issues that tend to be costly can help homeowners weather any storms that may arise.

· Foundation issues: A strong foundation is key to any home. If there is a problem with the foundation, it can be unsafe to live in the house. The foundation repair company Foundation Experts advises that foundation fixes can range from \$4,000 to upward of \$100,000 depending on the scale of the job. Clogged gutters and water pooling around the foundation can contribute to damage, so water issues must be remedied first

· Roof damage: A roof is a key barrier between the indoors and outdoors. Roofs must remain in tip-top shape. The home improvement resource HomeAdvisor says that a roof repair or replacement can cost between \$3,000 and \$12,000. But homeowners also must budget for the cost of removing the old roofing materials and fixing any damage to the interior of the home. Inspecting the roof and making repairs as you go is key to avoiding a big headache.

· Siding replacement: Another costly project can be replacing the siding. Siding may need to be replaced if there is water/wind damage or penetration from insects. Spot repairs may be relatively inexpensive. However, the home improvement resource Modernize says the average siding installation project can cost between \$5,500 and \$15,000 depending on the materials homeowners choose.

· HVAC update: Keeping a home at a comfortable temperature is also a matter of safety. If a system gives out, homeowners may be scrambling for a solution. Yearly inspections and upkeep, which includes changing system filters regularly, can help identify potential problems. Neglect is one of the main contributors to the failure of heating and cooling equipment. Based on national averages, a whole-house HVAC system can cost between \$4.000 and \$12.000.

These are some of the more costly repairs homeowners can expect. Keeping on top of the home will help mitigate damage and could extend the life of major home components.









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## **GORGEOUS TRENDS IN GREEN HOME DESIGN**

An eco-friendly home offers many benefits. Besides reducing your carbon footprint and being better for the environment, you can save lots of money on your energy bills in the long run. Plus, many of the latest trends are simply beautiful. Here are some to consider for your next home or remodel:

Bamboo materials: Bamboo is a renewable resource that can be harvested gently, without disturbing the surrounding environment. It's also a great alternative to hardwood, since it can regenerate faster than trees. The timeless material is very popular for flooring and can also be used for bathroom and kitchen cabinets. When buying this

material for your home, look for a high-quality, sustainable producer since cheaper versions can be less sturdy.

Passive house: Go beyond efficient appliances with an entire house that uses little-to-no energy. Derived from the German Passivhaus, passive house is a movement that refers to a design process that creates buildings that have a small ecological footprint and require little heating or cooling. Use the philosophy to guide decisions for your home - from adding solar panels on your roof to boosting your insulation.

Reclaimed pieces: One of the quickest and easiest ways to have a positive environmental impact is buying as little new as possible. The next time you need a piece of furniture, create something rustic by recycling or upcycling an old or vintage item with a new coat of paint or a fresh wood stain. If you're planning a demolition, try deconstruction instead - "un-build" the structure and find elements you can salvage or reclaim, like exposed brick and wood beams.

Water conservation: With more parts of the world experiencing drought, saving water is one of the top concerns for environmentalists. Wasting water is also expensive and leads to higher utility bills. Upgrading your home with water conservation features can go a long way, and most are

designed to look sleek and minimalist. Opt for low-flow showerheads, toilets and sink fixtures.

Insulated concrete forms: Many homeowners now prefer to build with insulated concrete forms (ICFs) because the material offers better energy efficiency and performance than traditional wood. Homes built with Nudura ICFs also provide better fire protection and can help you save as much as 60 percent on heating and cooling costs. Your home is less likely to contain cold areas as the insulation is continuous around the entire house.

Find more information about the benefits of building with eco-friendly ICFS at nudura.com.









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## WHAT IS SWEATING A PIPE?

Copper plumbing long has been a standard in home construction. Anyone who has a home with copper pipes should have an understanding of how to make repairs in the case of a leak or if modifications need to be made. "Sweating pipes" is one term homeowners may hear when maintaining their pipes.

Sweating a pipe refers to soldering a pipe or the joint. Sweating seals a new joint or mends a fault. When sweating a pipe, it is important to do the job correctly so that a soldered pipe can last for years and years.

PlanItDIY, a source for

how-to advice, says that sweating pipes involves some key steps.

- · Cut the pipes to the right length using a copper tube cutter or hacksaw.
- · Use a file or wire brush to remove burs and smooth down the ends.
- · Clean the end of the copper pipe with a cleaning brush until the surface is bright all around. In addition, clean the inside of all fittings.
- · Brush plumbing flux on the brushed surfaces and assemble the joint. The how-to resource Hunker says flux is an acidic paste applied to all of the pieces of copper that you

want to connect together. The flux paste will draw in the solder after the pipe is heated using a blow torch. The acid in the flux attracts the solder into the seam between the two copper pieces and fills the gap while creating a semi-permanent bond between the pieces.

- · To create the seal, move the flame around the joint to heat it evenly. The copper will get shiny, and the flux will melt. When the pipe begins to dull and the flux sizzles and smokes, it is time to apply solder. Touch lead-free plumbing solder to the joint and apply more heat.
  - · The sweating process is

finished when the solder bubbles out of the end of the seam. Let cool and the joint should now be water-tight.

Sweating pipes gets easier with practice. DIYers who are nervous about plumbing projects that involve sweating can be reassured there are connection products available that are used in lieu of flux and solder. These push-to-connect fittings seal joints as well.

Individuals can speak with experts at hardware and home improvement stores to find the best products for their needs and skill levels.



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- · Fire pit: A fire pit can be

used for much of the year. In the spring and summer, the firepit is a great place to congregate to roast marshmallows or sip wine and gaze into the fire. In the fall, the fire pit can make for a cozy retreat. A fire pit that has a gas burner is low-maintenance, and the National Association of Landscape Professionals savs that most can recoup about \$4,000 of their \$6,000 average price tag.

· Softscaping: Hardscaping refers to structures like outdoor kitchens or decks. Softscaping involves the living elements of the landscape. Hiring a landscape designer to install trees, shrubs, natural edging, and rock elements can

do wonders toward improving the look and value of a home.

· Pool or water feature: In certain markets, particularly hot climates, a pool or another water feature is a must-have. However, in other areas where outdoor time is limited, a pool or water feature can actually lower the value of a home. Speaking with a real estate professional can give homeowners an idea of how a pool will fare in a given neighborhood.

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### SAFETY A VITAL COMPONENT OF DIY PROJECTS

Many homeowners enjoy DIY projects around the house. Weekend warriors should recognize that having the right tools and using them in a correct manner is essential to successful, safe projects.

Tools are vital for projects, but without proper understanding and usage, they can cause grave injuries. Studies published by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Consumer Product Safety Commission found that certain tools are more likely to cause injuries than others. Power nailers, for example,

are among the most dangerous tools DIYers can use. Chain saws, table saws, circular saws, and riding mowers are some additional tools that have very high injury rates

The following are some safety guidelines all DIYers should heed when using power tools.

· Use tools that are the right size and right type for the job. If you are uncertain about which tools to use, watch online tutorials, contact tool manufacturers or seek advice at home supply stores.

· Always wear eye protection and the right safety equipment when manufacturers recommend doing so. Gloves, sturdy work boots, hearing protection, and hard hats can protect DIYers from injury.

 Keep cutting tools sharp and in good condition to reduce kick back and potential injuries.

• Regularly inspect tools to make sure they are in working order.

• Never carry tools up a ladder by hand; use a bucket or bag to hoist tools.

· Never leave tools lying out in any area where they can present a hazard. Unplug power tools when not in use.

• Secure work with a clamp or vice grip when appropriate to keep things from slipping.

• Ensure that the handles of tools like hammers and axes fit tightly into the head of the tool.

 Keep work environments tidy to avoid clutter, as cluttered workspaces can contribute to accidents.

• Read the manual and operate the power tool as instructed.

• Do not force open a safety on a power tool or modify a tool to override safety fea-

· Cut away from yourself when using chisels and other edged tools.

Let common sense prevail when using tools. If it doesn't seem like a good idea, it probably isn't. Safety is important to avoid injuries and help prevent delays on the job.

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## Canadians Can Now Apply For The Canada Emergency Response Benefit

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This new benefit will help Canadian workers pay their bills and keep a roof over their head." – The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion

"Our top priority is to get funds into the hands of Canadians quickly and efficiently. Thousands of CRA employees across the country have been reassigned to bolster our call centre capacity, and our systems have been tested in anticipation of the expected record volumes starting April 6. CERB recipients will see the money in their registered direct deposit bank account within 3 to 5 business days or through the mail within 10 business days. Canadians can count on the CRA to deliver these critical benefit payments during this unprecedented and challenging time." - The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue

"Canadians are unable to work due to COVID-19 pandemic are counting on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit to help them pay their bills and provide for their families. Shared Services Canada is working to provide the necessary IT support to the Canada Řevenue Agency and Employment and Social Development Canada so that they can deliver this benefit quickly, easily and securely." - The Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Digital Government

**Quick Facts** 

- The CERB is available from March 15, 2020, to October 3, 2020. Eligible workers can apply no later than December 2, 2020.
- Direct deposit payments will be delivered into accounts within 3 business days of applicants being eligible to receive it, and cheques within 10 days. To ensure timely delivery of their payments

- and avoid any potential payment disruptions, Canadians should sign up for direct deposit.
- The CERB will support Canadians who have stopped working because of COVID-19 by providing \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks. Some examples of support to workers provided by the CERB include:
- workers, including those who are self-employed, who must stop working due to COVID-19 and do not have access to paid leave or other income support;
- workers who have lost their employment, as well as workers who are sick, quarantined or taking care of someone who is sick with COVID-19:
- working parents who must stay home without pay to care for children who are sick or need additional care because of school and daycare closures: and
- workers who are still employed, but are not being paid because there is currently not sufficient work and their employer has asked them not to come to work.



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# COVID-19 News Updates

In times of uncertainty, rest assured that as your community newspaper, we are working hard with a local, regional and national network of official resources to keep you informed and up to date on the issues and developments that matter most to you.

# THE PROVINCIAL COURT OF ALBERTA COVID-19 PANDEMIC PLANNING FOR THE SCHEDULING OF MATTERS

## Submitted by The Provincial Court of Alberta

Alberta Health Services has recommended that measures be taken to reduce the amount of time individuals spend in large crowds or in crowded spaces to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in the community.

To protect the health and safety of all court users while ensuring respect for the legal rights of accused persons and civil litigants, the Provincial Court of Alberta is limiting all regular operations, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, until further notice.

The court will post further information as it becomes available, so please continue to check the Provincial Court website https://www.albertacourts.ca/pc/home for updates.

As of Tuesday March 17, 2020, if you have a family, civil, criminal court or a Provincial Offences/traffic court appearance in the Alberta Provincial Court, you do not need to attend unless the matter is an in-custody or urgent criminal matter, or an urgent family or child protection matter.

No members of the public will be permitted in court rooms unless they are required for a court matter (parties, witnesses, media). Legal counsel are permitted access to the Court house for urgent court-related business.

Do not come into a courthouse in person if you have been advised to self-isolate by public health officials, your doctor or the Alberta Health Services website; or you are self-isolating as a result of travel or contact with individuals with COVID-19.

The Provincial Court will remain open, subject to the following:

CRIMINAL and YOUTH CRIMINAL MATTERS

If you are not in custody and you have a criminal court appearance in the Alberta Provincial Court between Tuesday March 17 and Friday, May 22, 2020 you do not need to attend court. The Court website will be updated regularly to provide information rescheduling, regarding which will be 10 weeks from the date of your scheduled court appearance or the next court date thereafter.

All in-custody matters will proceed including:

- Bail hearings
- Sentencings with a priority given to those facing a time served situation
- Preliminary inquiries and trials
- Youth criminal sentence reviews

The Court will hear urgent out of custody criminal matters with leave of a judge.

The Court will be available to process urgent warrants and judicial authorizations.

CIVIL MATTERS

Civil matters, with the exception of pretrial conferences and case management that are set to proceed before May 22, 2020 will be adjourned indefinitely and parties will be contacted by the local trial coordinator or the Court about rescheduled dates.

Urgent landlord and tenant matters and other urgent matters will proceed with leave of the Court.

Civil Pre-Trial Conferences and Case Management will be conducted by telephone.

Desk assessments and desk applications will continue

Parties may contact the Civil Division regarding scheduling by calling their local courthouse, or in Edmonton at 780-644-7638; and in Calgary at 403-608-1505.

FAMILY AND CHILD PROTECTION

Non-urgent family matters set to be heard after March 17, 2020 will be adjourned for ten weeks from the scheduled court date. The Court website will be updated regularly to provide information regarding rescheduling, which will be 10 weeks from the date of your scheduled court appearance or the next court date thereafter.

The following matters are considered urgent and will be heard by the court:

- matters with statutory limitations or deadlines:
- where there is the risk of violence or immediate harm to one of the parties or the child;
- where there is risk of removal of a child;
- apprehension orders;
- Initial Custody Hearings,
- first appearance after apprehension, and
- mandatory reviews or show causes under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act, Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act, Mandatory Drug Testing and Disclosure Act, and Mental Health Act;

- warrants, and
- emergency protection orders.

Family Pre-Trial Conferences, Child Protection Case Management Meetings and Judicial Dispute Resolutions will be conducted by telephone unless adjourned.

Any Child Protection Hearing where the parties have consented to a return, Supervision order, Temporary Guardianship Order or Permanent Guardianship Order will occur on an as-needed basis.

TRAFFIC COURT

Until further notice, all Traffic Courts in Alberta will be closed in the province effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020. If you have a matter scheduled during this time, you do not need to attend court in person, however, you will need to exercise one of the following options:

- Fine payments can be made by mail, through a Registry Office or online at https://eservices.alberta.ca/fine-payments.html
- Time to Pay extensions, time to pay requests, adjournment requests and not guilty pleas can be made by contacting the local courthouse by phone, e-mail or fax. Further updates regarding contact information will be provided.
- If you fail to notify the requisite court location of your intention on what you intend to do on the matter by e-mail, fax or phone you will be convicted in absence. Please note that if you fail to contact your local courthouse on any of these matters a conviction in absence may apply.

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku.

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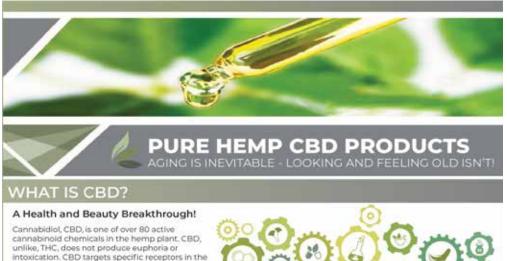
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# **CONTINUING STUDENT LEARNING**

New guidelines are in place to direct how students will learn while inschool classes are cancelled due to the provincial health emergency.

### Submitted by Government of Alberta

Government has worked with the Alberta School Boards Association, the College of Alberta School Superintendents, the Alberta Teachers' Association and the Association of Independent Schools & Colleges of Alberta to identify how to continue teacher-directed learning for students across Alberta.

This approach was developed with a focus on the safety of our staff and students, ensuring resources continue to flow to the education system and providing boards with the flexibility required to meet the unique needs of their students.

"I want to thank every Albertan involved in our province's education system. Everyone has come together to chart a path forward as part of our COVID-19 response - teachers, support staff, superintendents, administrators, elected trustees, parents, education associations, the provincial government and many others. It is important that Albertans know that we are all working towards the same goal - to provide the best possible learning situation for our students during this very challenging and unprecedented time." - Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education

Continuity of student learning and content delivery

For all kindergarten to Grade 12 students, school authorities will offer at-home learning opportunities, either through online means or through other accommodations, such as course packages and telephone check-ins. Government expects that every student, regardless of their geographic location or socioeconomic status, will continue to learn while in-school classes across the province are cancelled. This includes students in public, separate, Francophone, charter and independent schools, and Indigenous students attending provincial schools.

To identify what content needs to be delivered, teachers will evaluate curricular outcomes that have not yet been covered, prioritize remaining outcomes based on what is manageable for students working from home, and will plan specific tasks and projects for students.

Content delivery for each grade is broken down as follows:

Kindergarten - Grade 3

• Education content will focus on language/literacy and math-

ematics/numeracy outcomes of the provincial curriculum.

 Teachers will assign an average of five hours of work per student per week, and will be expected to work with their students and parents on the delivery of these materials.

Grades 4-6

- Education content will continue to focus on language/literacy and mathematics/numeracy outcomes, and there will be opportunity to incorporate science and social studies outcomes through cross-curricular learning.
- Teachers will assign an average of five hours of work per student per week, and will be expected to work with their students and parents on the delivery of these materials.

Grades 7-9

- Education content will focus on core mathematics, language/ literacy, science and social studies curriculum outcomes.
- Teachers will assign an average of 10 hours of work per student per week, and will be expected to work with their students and parents on the delivery of these materials.

Grades 10-12

- Education content will focus on specified and core courses required for high school graduation requirements, including language (English, French and French language arts), social studies, mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics.
- Content from other courses will be delivered where possible, and accommodations for students unable to complete courses are in place.
- Teachers will assign an average of 3 hours of work per course per week, and will be expected to work with their students and parents on the delivery of these materials.

Grade progression and report cards

Every student will receive final grades and will receive a report card, appropriate to their grade level. Teachers will be responsible for assessing a student's progress and assigning a final grade. School authorities have committed to ensuring parents are consulted and kept informed of how assessment will be determined in this unique circumstance. All students who were on track to progress to the next grade will.

Where possible, schools will work with high school students to complete their courses to the best of their ability, providing a final mark and awarding credits. If a student is unable to com-

plete a course that would have allowed them to progress to the next grade, principals have the ability to award credits to ensure student progression.

High school diploma criteria Students on track to receive 100 or more credits will still be eligible to graduate and receive a high school diploma. Principals have the ability to award up to 15 credits to students in Grade 12 whose program has been negatively impacted by class cancellations. For any courses that are started, schools will complete them with the student to the best of their ability, provide a final mark and award credits.

If the student is unable to complete a course that would have led them to achieving a high school diploma, such as a work experience or a career and technology studies course, principals have the ability to award credits to ensure the student graduates.

Provincial assessments
All Grade 6 and 9 provincial
achievement tests and Grade 12
diploma exams are cancelled.
Under special circumstances,
students can request to write a
diploma exam. Students wishing
to do so should speak to their
teacher and school administrator.
Resources for parents

Parents may want to supplement student learning by providing their children with additional resources. The following provincial resources are available to parents:

- LearnAlberta.ca: more than 4,000 digital resources aligned with Alberta's K-12 curriculum.
- My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource: provides parents with information specific to each grade level.

Additionally, many Alberta school authorities have a variety of resources available to support parents and students in learning at home. The following list provides a sample of what is available:

- Aspen View Public Schools: Educational Supports for Families provides a series of resources, many of which are publicly available to support literacy and numeracy.
- Calgary Board of Education: Learning at Home provides a number of supports for kindergarten to Grade 12.
- Clearview Public Schools: Student Resources provides resources for study skills and useful learning sites.
- Edmonton Catholic Schools: Parent Resources provides links to a wide variety of informational

esources.

- Edmonton Public Schools: Activities for Parents provides a number of activities that can be done at home for kindergarten to Grade 12.
- Foothills School Division: Parent Learning Link provides a number of resources to support parents.
- Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools: Parent Resources link provides a number of resources to support parents.
- Northwest Francophone Education Region: Liens Utiles provides a number of resources to support parents.

• Southern Francophone Education Region: Ressources et Liens Utiles provides a number of resources to support parents.

Funding continues to flow to school authorities for the remainder of the 2019/20 school year. This will help school authorities deliver at-home learning to their students.

"The Alberta School Boards

"The Alberta School Boards Association appreciates that government has given us the opportunity to provide input on the continuing student learning plan. In this unprecedented time, school boards appreciate the flexibility and clarity as they make decisions that put students first and meet the diverse needs of their communities." - Lorrie Jess, president, Alberta School Boards Association

"We've seen teachers across the province stepping up in a variety of ways to ensure students feel supported during these unprecedented times. This continuity plan is a great start for providing guidance and consistency for school boards and teachers to make sure learning continues and stability is provided for students. We look forward to continue working with government and key stakeholders on an operations plan." - Jason Schilling, president, Alberta Teachers' Association

"The Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta appreciates the opportunity to collaborate and provide input into the continuing learning student plan. Having a benchmark for content delivery will provide some clarity to students and parents, while still allowing schools and teachers to further enrich the learning as appropriate to their local context." - Simon Williams, president, Association of Independent Schools and Colleges of Alberta

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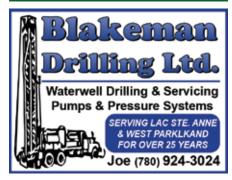
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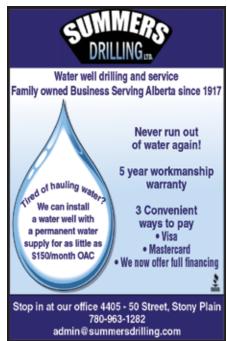




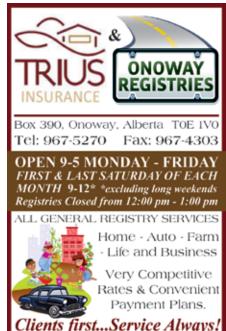












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