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CONSERVATIVES' PROPOSE 'BACK TO WORK BONUS' TO HELP WORKERS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, joined his Conservative colleagues in announcing a new proposal to improve the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) – called Back to Work Bonus. This plan would ensure that Canadians will no longer be put in a position where they will earn less money by working more.

"As our province moves forward with its reopening

plan, I've heard from many of my constituents wondering how the transition back to a more open local economy will affect them."

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FUND TO HELP INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY-OWNED BUSINESSES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

The Aboriginal Business Investment Fund (ABIF) will provide eligible Indigenous community-owned businesses with up to \$500,000 in funding for ventures that demonstrate social and economic benefits for their communities.

"ABIF aligns with our goals to be partners in prosperity with Indigenous people and to restore Alberta's economy. Indigenous-owned businesses create jobs and bring new services to their communities and surrounding areas. Investing in Indigenous businesses is an investment in Alberta's economic future." - Rick Wil-

son, Minister of Indigenous Relations

ABIF supports projects that increase:

- employment opportunities for Indigenous people
- local revenue streams for Indigenous communities
- the economies of Indigenous communities

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KEY MESSAGES FROM GYPSD'S PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Submitted by GYPSD

District Priority 1: Student Learning

Alberta Education has shared a 2020 21 School Re Entry Plan which identifies three possible scenarios. School jurisdictions are tasked to consider how each of the three scenarios can be implemented for the beginning of the school year.

- Alberta Education will determine which scenario will be implemented by/on August 1, 2020
- Students, staff and parents are invited to complete Re Entry Surveys to help identify concerns and inform potential re entry plans, processes and protocols.

• Principals will be working within their schools to determine best approaches.

GYPSD offers exemplary Junior Kindergarten programming throughout the Division. Parents are encouraged to register now at GYPSD elementary school sites for the 2020 21 school year.

B.E.S.T. is offering FREE online summer programs throughout July and August. High school students and

High school students and Grade 9 students entering high school are reminded to register for GYPSD Summer School 2020!

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

Evergreen Local #11 ATA President Jessie Smeall offered her thanks to the Board and Division for their support to teachers during this unprecedented school year. She acknowledged the "strong partnership" that exists in GYPSD.

 The Board wished Ms. Scheall well for her upcoming leave and looks forward to meeting, and working with, next year's ATA delegate.

The Board of Trustees shared their appreciation for staff who contribute to GYPSD Good News Stories. These stories showcase the incredibly positive work and many successes of the Division.

GYPSD is pleased to announce that Ms. Kelly Smith has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of Inclusive Learning and Technology. Ms. Smith has been with the Division for 15 years and brings a wealth of experience from her previous roles.

Superintendent Lewis shared her attendance and participation in meetings for CASS, TEBA, and PSBAA. She recognized the work of principals and the senior team to support students: "I am so proud to be working with this outstanding staff!"

District Priority 3: Community Engagement

Board Chair Rosadiuk, Vice Chair Zaporosky, Trustees Fate, Karpluk, Aust, Caputo and Fowler are committed to leading advocacy for strong public education, building collaborative relationships and developing solutions focused partnerships to ensure success for GYPSD students and community.

Highlights include:

The Board of Trustees held their annual Organizational Meeting in preparation for 2020 21. Congratulations to Trustee Rosadiuk for her reappointment as Board Chair, and Trustee Zaporosky for her re appointment as Vice Chair!

• The first Public Board Meeting for 2020 21 will take place August 26th.

The Board approved motions on:

- 2020 21 Public Board Meeting Schedule
- 2020 21 Communication Plan
- CMR Stimulus Contracts
- Support for Aspen View Public Schools
- Collective Bargaining Training for Board Representatives
- Support for the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards ' Budget for 2020 21

The Board of Trustees will participate in a Student Transportation Survey for the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA).

ATA Negotiation meetings will take place June 18 and 19, 2020

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NEW TRAINING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

The Alberta government is providing funding to train individuals who work with children to help prevent and address abusive and harmful situations.

Submitted by Government of Alberta

The Respect in School training program is being expanded to day care and day camp workers. The training offered through Respect Group has been provided to school leaders - including teachers, educational assistants, custodians and bus drivers across Alberta and is designed to give individuals who work with children the tools to identify and address bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination.

"Early childhood educators and day camp professionals work very closely with the children and families in their programs every day and are uniquely positioned to play a role in keeping children safe. This training will help further their skills in recognizing and responding to issues of maltreatment which will further keep children safe." - Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Children's Services

"Giving school leaders more tools in their tool box to support our students benefits all of society, and I'm proud to be able to do so as Minister of Education. Our collective efforts to stop bullying and harassment online, in our homes, in our workplaces and in our schools must be a priority. We all have a role

to play, and we must do all we can to support and protect our children." - Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Edu-

"This program reflects our government's commitment towards building strong, resilient communities that support and protect each other in difficult times. By working with professionals in child care and day camps, we can give them the tools they need to help end the cycle of violence and keep kids safe." -Leela Sharon Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

"These are stressful and anxious times for our kids and those who interact with them each day. Proactive education to deal with these realities is key and I applaud Minister Schulz, Minister La-Grange and Minister Aheer for their collaborative leadership. I am proud to live in a province where child protection and psychological safety is a top priority." - Sheldon Kennedy, co-founder, Respect Group

"Foothills School Division was the first school jurisdiction in Alberta to require Respect in School certification. This training supports our responsibility of creating, maintaining and promoting a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment. Over 96 per cent of our certified users felt the program made them a 'more child-centered leader' which, to me, says it all!" - Allen Davidson, assistant superintendent, Employee Services, Foothills School Division

While children currently remain unable to attend school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, identifying domestic abuse may be more challenging to determine. By taking this training, professionals who work with children will gain skills to better understand, prevent and respond to incidents, as well as to proactively build safe and nurturing environments for children to thrive, both at home and in the community. While early childhood educators do take some courses in this area - such as

trauma-informed care and non-violent crisis intervention training - this course offers an opportunity to refresh and tailor their skills to the challenges they may encounter today.

Quick facts

- · There are more than 18,000 certified staff working in Alberta's licensed child care programs.
- · Child care staff are encouraged but not obligated to take the training, which will be funded by government.
- · More than 5,000 school leaders have already taken the program and tens of thousands more are eligible.
- There are about 20,000 day care staff and 5,000 day camp workers eligible to take this training.



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Fund To Help Indigenous Community-Owned Businesses

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Communities must own and control 51 per cent or more of the proposed business or joint venture to be eligible.

Past funding from ABIF has been used to build grocery stores, hotels, gas sta-

tions, and purchase heavy equipment, including marketing and telecommunications equipment.

ABIF funds also helped to expand the operations of a forage operation that exported timothy hay and alfalfa to international markets in Japan, Korea, the Middle East and China.

"Thanks to ABIF funds, Kainai Forage is able to play a key role in growing the on-reserve economy and providing employment and advancement opportunities for our membership, while positioning the Blood Tribe as a broader participant in global agricultural businesses." - Chief Roy Fox, Blood Tribe

The closing date for applications is Sept. 30.

Quick facts

- ABIF has supported 40 projects to date that have created:
- almost 300 full-time jobs
- more than 150 fulltime construction jobs
- 130 spinoff businesses
- Previously funded projects include:

- Piikani Resource Development Ltd. (Gravel Pit) -

A large-scale commercial gravel pit located on the Piikani First Nation used funds to buy a loader, pit trucks, a portable office and a fuel tank.

- Loon River Truck Stop - used funds to construct the building and fuel systems for the stop and convenience store.
- O'Chiese Market Place Inc. - was granted funds to build an almost 1,022-square metre grocery store on the O'Chiese First Nation.
- Bearspaw Kananaskis Travel Centre – used funds to construct a 557-square metre travel centre across from Stoney Nakoda Resort and Casino.



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Parkland County is reviewing their Land Use Bylaw 2017-18 to better accommodate holistic health and wellness opportunities and are looking for resident, business owner and potential business owner input!

How to participate:

- Visit the virtual open house (link) to find project information, like the draft Land Use Bylaw changes.
- Tour the virtual room and post your comments, concerns or questions on the feedback page.

Our project team will be online and available to chat on:

- Wednesday, July 15 from 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 16 from 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- Missed chatting with the project team? Not to worry!
 You can leave your comments, questions or concerns on the feedback page at any time or email them directly.

If you are not able to attend the virtual open house or would like more information on the proposed amendments, please email Feinan Long, Long Range Planner, at feinan.long@parklandcounty.com



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Conservatives' Propose 'Back to Work Bonus' to Help Workers and Local Businesses

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"I've listened to your concerns and expectations for the future, and I'm proud to say that Conservatives have put forward a proposal that will help you get ahead. We are focused on getting workers and businesses in this community and across the country back on their feet." MP Soroka stated.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Conservatives have been putting forward constructive solutions to fix the design flaws in the Liberals' programs and help deliver better outcomes for Canadians. We are building on that success with the new Back to Work Bonus. We know helping workers and local businesses will drive Canada's economic recovery.

Know of a good event going on in the community? Ever wanted to write up a local event for the Community Voice? If you have any good ideas for articles or would like to submit a story for the paper, Email it to news@com-voice.com or just fax it in at (780) 962-1021. Please call us at (780) 962-9228 for more information. Stories may be edited for length due to possible space COMMUNITYVOICE Under our Conservative plan, Canadians who lost their jobs through no fault of their own during the pandemic will continue to receive their full \$2,000 CERB. In addition, as businesses reopen, workers who make between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per month would qualify for a CERB top-up that would be gradually phased out by 50 cents for

every extra dollar earned over the \$1,000 threshold.

For a part-time server making \$2,000 per month, the Back to Work Bonus would result in a top-up of \$1,500, for a total monthly income of \$3,500.

"Our plan is flexible and generous because Conservatives believe it should always pay to work," MP Soroka said. "After all this country has been through, Canadians should not be penalized for picking up a shift or gradually returning to their job as their employer reopens. We're going to keep working to get all Canadians the help they need."

"I hope the government will listen to Conservatives' and implement these much-needed changes."



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MORE PROTECTION FOR COMMERCIAL TENANTS

Proposed legislation will safeguard businesses from eviction, and more, as Alberta deals with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Bill 23, the Commercial Tenancies Protection Act, would protect eligible commercial tenants from having their leases terminated due to non-payment of rent as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. If passed, the act would also prevent landlords from raising rent and charging late fees and penalties on missed rent.

The new measures will help address shortfalls in the current Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program, and will give eligible business owners peace of mind as they reopen and help with the provincial eco-

nomic recovery.

"Alberta has the most generous support models for small businesses in Canada, but we know that more supports are needed. We're listening to Alberta's business community, and we're responding to their needs. If passed, these protections will provide businesses with more protection as they reopen and rehire staff as we move through the phases of relaunch and recovery." - Tanya Fir, Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism

The legislation and upcoming regulation would cover the period from March 17 to Aug. 31, and would apply to:

Commercial ten-

ants with tenancy agreements that would be eligible for the CECRA program, but whose landlords have chosen not to participate.

• Commercial lease agreements where tenants have had to close their business due to public health orders or have had their business revenue decline by 25 per cent or more as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If passed, any late fees, penalties or rent increases imposed on a commercial tenant by their landlord between March 17 and Aug. 31 would need to be reimbursed, however, the legislation would not undo any evictions or lease terminations that happened before the legislation was tabled.

"As small businesses move into reopening, many are facing lower revenues and fear not being able to make rent payments. Today's announcement of commercial eviction legislation will provide a safety net for those small businesses unable to access the CECRA and will help them reopen and continue their operations." - Annie Dormuth, Alberta provincial affairs director, Canadian Federation of Independent Business

"This moratorium legislation will reduce the anxiety and fear small businesses had of being evicted from their premises during the pandemic. Businesses who faced a potential eviction for non-payment of rent due to substantial revenue decreases can feel a bit more reassured of their chances of reopening." - Ken Kobly, president and CEO, Alberta Chamber of Commerce

"Restaurants Canada ap-

preciates the government coming to the table with this much-needed commercial rent protection legislation. The inability to pay rent with little or no revenue for the past few months, combined with the inability to convince landlords to participate in the CECRA program or other rent relief arrangements, is the No.1 concern for the majority of Alberta's restaurants. The legislation introduced today will provide the time needed for restaurant tenants and their landlords to agree to long-term rent solutions without worrying about evictions." - Mark von Schellwitz, vice-president, Western Canada, Restaurants Canada

The act would also help ensure landlords don't miss out on deferred rent by requiring tenants and landlords to work together to develop a rent payment plan for missed payments.

Alberta has a comprehensive response to COVID-19 including measures to enhance physical distancing, screening and testing. Financial supports are helping Alberta families and businesses.

Ouick facts

- Many businesses have experienced a dramatic decrease in revenues, while other businesses have temporarily ceased operations as a result of COVID-19.
- Rent and labour are two of the largest expenses for small businesses, typically accounting for 50 to 60 per cent of total operating expenses.
- In 2016, Alberta businesses paid an average monthly rent of almost \$650 million.

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MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING IN SCHOOL INITIATIVE: B.E.S.T. SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR 2020

Submitted by GYPSD

Grande Yellowhead Public Schools is excited to share the Division-wide B.E.S.T. summer programming! GYPSD supports mental health and well-being initiatives in the jurisdiction through the efforts of the Bringing Empowered Students Together Program and its success coaches.

The B.E.S.T. Program is one of Alberta's Mental Health Capacity Building (MHCB) In-School Initiatives. B.E.S.T. coaches work with youth, families, schools and community members to promote posi-

tive mental health through promotion and prevention efforts.

B.E.S.T. will be offering FREE online programs throughout July and August:

- DancePL3Y
- Yoga for Teens
- Indigenous Drumming: "From the Heartbeat to the

Drumbeat"

• Summer Camp To-Go Backpacks full of fun activities!

Go to the GYPSD website to access additional information about the individual B.E.S.T. programs as well as the link to register!

ADDITIONAL \$20 MILLION INVESTMENT IN THE NEW HORIZONS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, would like to inform constituents that the government has announced an additional investment of \$20 million in the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This funding will support organizations that offer community-based projects that reduce isolation, improve the quality of life of seniors, and help them maintain a social support

network during the pandemic.

The goal of this program is to invest in community-based projects as equitably and quickly as possible across the country to help seniors during the pandemic

To meet these objectives,

the government is working with organizations that applied to the NHSP's '2019 to 2020 Call For Proposals' to identify new projects eligible for funding.

More information is available at https://bit.ly/GC-NHSP



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MISSING 46-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, DALHOUSIE, N.B.

Submitted by Campbellton RCMP

Campbellton RCMP is asking for the public's assistance to help locate a missing 46-year-old woman from Dalhousie, N.B.

Krista Michailuck was last seen on May 27, 2020, at approximately 4 p.m., at a residence on Centennial Heights Street in Dalhousie. She was last spoken to over the phone on May 31 at approximately 3 a.m. She was reported missing to police on June 18. Police have followed up on several leads to try and locate her, but so far have been unsuccessful. Her family and police are concerned for her well-being.

She is described as being five feet ten inches (178 centimetres) tall, weighing approximately 180 pounds (81 kilograms). She has brown hair and brown eyes.

Police received information that she could be in Alberta. She is believed to be driving a 2012 blue Ford Escape with Alberta licence plate BRD0288.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Krista Michailuck is asked to contact Campbellton RCMP detachment at 506-789-



RCMP WARN RESIDENTS OF PARTS SHOP CREDIT CARD SCAM

Submitted by Drayton Valley RCMP

Drayton Valley, Alta. – Between June 12-17, 2020, Drayton Valley RCMP have received a number of complaints of fraudulent credit card purchases being made by active cards that have not been reported stolen.

Further investigation has

shown that in these cases, the suspect, identified as a male, telephones the business and orders parts for vehicles. Most notably, the parts are for Dodge trucks, Ford F150, F350 and Dodge Caravans. The suspect provides payment in the form of a credit card over the phone. The suspect then picks up the merchandise

from the business.

After the transaction has already taken place, the businesses and cardholders have become aware that their cards have been compromised.

Drayton Valley RCMP are recommending businesses take precautions to avoid fraudulent transactions:

Request Photo ID

• Document the name and ID on the purchase order.

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ALBERTA CULTURE DAYS ONLINE, ALL SEPTEMBER LONG

Government will support online and small venue events held Sept. 1-30, making it easier for communities to connect safely while celebrating Alberta's arts and culture.

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Now that September is designated Month of the Artist in the province, Al-

berta Culture Days celebrations will elevate our amazing local artists. Communities and organizations can apply for grants to put on events that help build partnerships, showcase homegrown talent, and boost existing cultural programs.

"Alberta Culture Days connects us to an endless array

of cultural celebration that makes Alberta so special. It is a wonderful way for communities to experience Alberta's largest celebration of arts, heritage, diversity and community spirit. I look forward to seeing what our dedicated event organizers have in store for the thousands of Albertans who will be attending!" - Leela Sharon Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

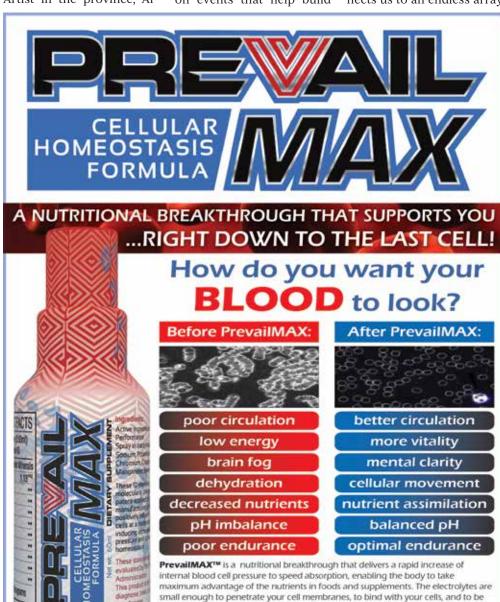
Cultural organizations, non-profits, libraries, schools, community groups, First Nations and Metis Settlements can apply for one of the following grants:

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- Pop Up Celebration Site, up to \$1,000

Alberta Culture Days is the largest celebration of the province's heritage, arts, community spirit and cultural diversity. More than 100,000 people attended 424 events in 55 communities across the province last year.

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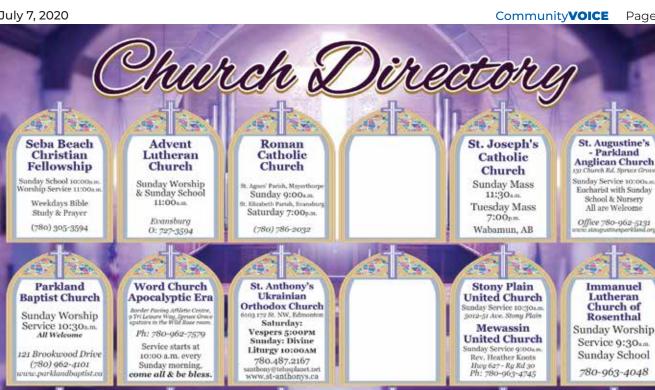


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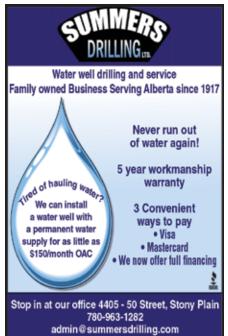
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