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CANADA SUMMER JOBS 2021 EMPLOYER APPLICATION PROCESS OPENING DECEMBER 21, 2020

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead is pleased to announce the employer application period for CSJ 2021 will open on Monday, December 21, 2020, and close on Friday, January 29, 2021. Not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers, and private-sector

employers with 50 or fewer full-time employees can start preparing their applications now to hire a young Canadian.

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FIRST NATIONS SIGN HISTORIC AGREEMENT WITH ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

"The recovery we are driving for this province, after unprecedented economic and social challenges, will not be complete without Indigenous involvement. It's a great moral imperative – ensuring Alberta's opportunities and prosperity are shared with First Nations – the first peoples, the first entrepreneurs and the first stewards of this rich land on which we stand. And the protocol agreement we're signing today is key to making that happen." - Jason Kenney, Premier

The Alberta-Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations Protocol Agreement outlines a formal process for ministers, chiefs and councils to meet several times throughout the year. Meetings will focus on six priorities:

land and resourceshealth care

education

- iustice
- economic development
- culture and tourism

"I'm proud to walk a path of reconciliation with Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations. We will work together in a spirit of respect and partnership to move forward our shared social and economic priorities."

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Submitted by GYPSD

Niton Central School's Grade 8 and 9 students were excited to participate in this year's Skills Canada Alberta Exploration Days which was hosted virtually for hundreds of students across the province.

Each participating school received a toolkit with power tools and equipment from sponsors valued at over \$4,000, which serves as a legacy gift to enhance the growth of a Career and Technology

Foundations program for students.

Principal Lorne's goal is to inspire his junior high students to connect their skills and interests through interactive, hands on experiences. "We hope to promote the value of

trade and technology careers as a rewarding career choice. With the generous donation of the legacy gift of tools and resources, we look forward to offering more opportunities to advance our CTF program."

Canada Summer Jobs 2021 Employer Application Process Opening December 21, 2020



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Similar temporary flexibilities introduced for CSJ 2020 will be applied this year to help small businesses operate. These include:

· a wage subsidy, so that private and public-sector employers can receive up to 75 percent of the provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage for each employee (notfor-profit organizations will continue to receive 100 percent);

• an extension to the end date for employment to February 26, 2022; and

 allowing employers to hire staff on a part-time basis.

Employers interested in applying for CSJ 2021 funding are encouraged to prepare their applications in advance of next week's launch. Applicants who

do not have an account on the secure Government Grants and Contributions Online Services portal are encouraged to create one prior to the launch of the application process. Registration is a one-time process that allows employers to submit their applications for CSJ funding and other funding opportunities offered through Employment and Social Development Canada.

First Nations Sign Historic Agreement with Alberta

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"I couldn't be more proud to sign the first agreement between Alberta's government and the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations since 2008." -Rick Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations

The protocol agreement gives Alberta and the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations a way to have meaningful discussions, share information and explore issues of mutual concern.

The agreement also commits to an annual meeting between the chiefs of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations and Premier Jason Kenney.

The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations includes 16 First Nations that span central Alberta.

In 2020-21, Alberta's government will provide the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations with a \$300,000 grant to support the agreement's im-

plementation. The agreement will remain in place for as long as both parties wish to keep it active.

Quick facts

• In September 2019, the Blackfoot Confederacy renewed their protocol agreement with Alberta's government.

• In October 2020, gov-ernment signed the Alberta-Stoney Nakoda-Tsuut'ina Tribal Council Protocol Agreement.

Every year on New Year's Eve, when everyone's counting down the final 10 seconds to ring in the new year, I get up off the couch and stand up. I stand up and raise my left leg and just leave it raised for a little while until the countdown finishes and midnight strikes, so that I always start the new year off on the right foot.





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Page 4 Community VOICE January 5, 2021 REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO ADDICTION TREATMENT

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government has eliminated user fees for all Albertans accessing publicly funded addiction treatment beds.

Historically, Albertans were charged a \$40 per day user fee for residential addiction treatment, often paid for privately or covered by Alberta Supports. This change, for example, would save patients participating in 60-day publicly funded residential addiction treatment roughly \$2,400 that they would have paid out of pocket.

This cost prohibited many Albertans from accessing residential addiction treatment, including students, senior citizens, and people in the workforce who make too much to qualify for Income Support, but not enough to pay privately.

"For the first time in Alberta's history, publicly funded addiction treatment will be extended to all Albertans. Previously, people struggling with addiction could only access residential addiction treatment if they received Alberta Supports or paid privately. We are giving all Albertans - regardless of their financial situation – the opportunity to recover and build a better life. Recovery is for everyone." Jason Luan, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

This change drastically expands access to residential addiction treatment for all Albertans, transforming the system to make treatment accessible to everyone.

"It's hard to see people who need treatment have to make difficult decisions about how to pay for it. Improving access so that people can get the help they need, without worrying about the financial cost, will change people's lives, especially during a time of economic uncertainty. This will help Albertans get the support they need now and into the future." - Kim Turgeon, executive director, Aventa

"Over the years that PEP has supported family recovery, we have heard numerous stories of life-time savings being depleted and homes being re-mortgaged to provide for a loved one's step into treatment and recovery. The financial strain also impacts the family's health and wellness in too many ways to mention. The magnitude of this shift in access and support to Albertans is huge." - Lerena Greig, executive director, Parents Empowering Parents (PEP) Society

In lieu of requiring user fees from Albertans, the Alberta government has introduced a new standardized funding program for licensed agencies providing publicly funded addiction treatment services. This will result in better outcomes for Albertans as well as more consistent and stable funding for operators.

Albertans struggling with addiction can contact the Addiction Helpline at 1-866-332-2322 for support, information and referral to services. The toll-free, confidential helpline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Quick facts

• The elimination of user fees applies only to Albertans accessing publicly funded addiction treatment beds.

• The RATA supports were accessed by clients in the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) and Income Support programs.

• The RATA benefit was previously accessed by about 200 AISH and 2,500 Income Support clients each year.

• In 2019, Alberta's government licensed all treatment providers under the Mental Health Services Protection Act.

• Last year, the provincial government announced \$140 million over four years to enhance the mental health and addiction care system and treat 4,000 more individuals.

• Alberta's Recovery Plan provides a total of \$25 million in capital funding to build five recovery communities across the province. The five recovery communities will add 400 publicly funded treatment beds to the province, which will have the potential to help more than 3,200 Albertans over two years.





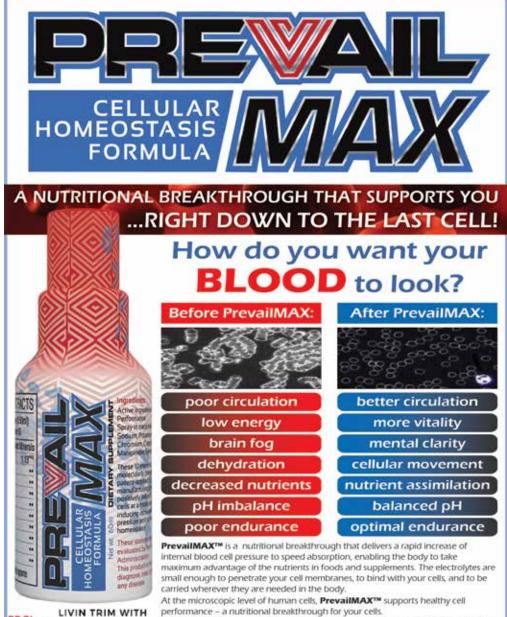
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INFLUENZA A (H1N2)V: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND CHIEF PROVINCIAL VETERINARIAN

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Dr. Deena Hinshaw, chief medical officer of health, and Dr. Keith Lehman, chief provincial veterinarian, issued the following statement on Influenza A (H1N2) v in Alberta: "A confirmed case of variant Influenza A (H1N2)v has been detected in central Alberta. This currently appears to be one isolated case and there is no increased risk to Albertans at this time. This is the only influenza case reported in Alberta so far this flu season. "The virus was detected in mid-October after an Alberta patient sought medical care with influenza-like symptoms. The patient experienced mild symptoms, was tested and then quickly recovered. There is no evidence at this time that the virus has spread further.



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"Health officials, in conjunction with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, have launched a public health investigation to determine the source of the virus and to verify that no spread occurred. The Government of Alberta will continue working closely with Alberta Health Services, the Public Health Agency of Canada and other partners across Canada.

"AHS will proactively offer influenza testing to residents in parts of central Alberta if they are presenting for COVID-19 testing at an AHS assessment centre. This testing will be optional and supports our ongoing influenza surveillance in the region.

"We are taking this seriously, but Albertans should know that sporadic cases of variant influenza have been reported over the past decade in North America. Variant Influenza A (H1N2) is rare with only 27 cases reported globally since 2005, and no cases in Canada prior to this one.

"H1N2 is not a food-related illness. It is not transmissible to people through pork meat or other products that come from pigs and there is no risk associated with eating pork.

"We will keep Albertans informed of the outcomes of the public health investigation."







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Good luck, good health and best wishes to you and yours in the coming year!



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CRA ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY FLAT RATE METHOD TO CLAIM HOME OFFICE EXPENSES FOR THOSE WORKING FROM HOME DUE TO COVID

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, would like to inform constituents that the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has announced a new temporary flat rate method to simplify claims for home office expenses.

Those that worked more than 50% of the time from home for a period of at least four consecutive weeks in 2020 due to COVID-19 can claim \$2 for each day worked from home during that period. The max-

imum amount any individual can claim for the temporary flat rate method is \$400.

This method can only be used for the 2020 tax year.

Those that have larger claims can still choose to use the detailed method to calculate employment expenses. To do so, get a completed and signed Form T2200S or Form T2200 from your employer and keep documents to support your claim.

For more information visit: Canada.ca/cra-home-workspace-expenses

MALE CHARGED IN SERIES OF HISTORICAL ROBBERIES

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

A 12-month investigation into nine different robberies and break and enters that occurred between December 30, 2019 and Jan. 30, 2020 has led to charges against an adult male.

Mitchell Curtis Bitzer (35) is charged with 56 counts including one robbery with a firearm, three assaults with a weapon, four robberies with a weapon, multiple counts of possession of firearms and other weapons as well as several break and enters, theft and breach charges. These charges stem from a spree of robberies and break and enters committed in the towns of Devon, Ashmont, Alberta Beach, Andrew, Thorhild, Blue Ridge and Fort Assiniboine. In several of these robberies the victims were working alone at rural stores or hotels and were bear sprayed by the suspect during the robberies.

The local RCMP detachments utilized the RCMP General Investigation Section (GIS) to coordinate the complex investigation into all the occurrences, and as a result linked the suspect responsible. The investigation entailed search warrants, production orders, forensics and statements from over a dozen victims and witnesses.

Bitzer was already custody on other matters when he was charged. He remains in custody and his matter has been set over to Dec. 17, 2020 in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court to speak to bail. No other suspects are being sought in relation to the above incidents.



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Obituaries



Schuler, Edna

Edna Schuler (nee Remin) age 93 passed away on December 16, 2020 at Stony Plain, AB. Edna was predeceased in 2003 by her husband of 53 Years. Frank. Left behind to mourn are her two sons Lyle (Lynda) Bill; and four granddaughters, Niki, Katie, Kimm and Shannon; many great grand children, nieces and nephews.

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