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SAFELY REDUCING EMISSIONS IN THE INDUSTRIAL HEARTLAND

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Six new proposals will begin exploring how to develop environmentally safe carbon storage hubs to reduce emissions from the industrial heartland around Edmonton.

Research shows that carbon capture and storage is a safe way to store carbons

deep underground to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. If developed, these hubs will help safely grow and diversify Alberta's energy sector and reduce emissions for multiple industries.

The International Energy Agency is among the sources that have said carbon capture is critical for ensuring Canada meets its emission reduction

targets in the coming years.

The list of proposals and companies includes:

- Meadowbrook Hub Project, Bison Low Carbon Ventures Inc. for a potential sequestration hub north of Edmonton
- The Open Access Wabamun Carbon Hub, Enbridge Inc. for a potential sequestration hub west of Edmonton

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RELIEF AT THE PUMPS IS HERE FOR ALBERTANS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is no longer collecting the provincial fuel tax while oil prices are high.

Drivers will save the 13-cent provincial fuel tax on every litre of gasoline or diesel they purchase.

With the corresponding reduction in GST, this

amounts to total savings of about \$6.80 per tank for a compact car (50 litres), \$7.21 for a small SUV (53 litres), \$12.65 for a mid-size SUV (93 litres), \$18.50 for a large pickup truck (136 litres) and \$185.50 for a semi-trailer (1,364 litres).

The measure is in effect now and will remain in place until at least June 30. The government will

consider the future of the tax, based on a sliding scale of the price of West Texas Intermediate crude.

"Alberta's government is pleased to implement a measure that will provide real economic relief to Alberta families and businesses alike. Elevated fuel prices don't just impact Alberta drivers, ...

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Safely Reducing Emissions In The Industrial Heartland

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•The Origins Project, Enhance Energy Inc. for a potential sequestration hub south of Edmonton

•Alberta Carbon Grid™, Pembina Pipeline Corporation and TC Energy for a potential sequestration hub north and northeast of Edmonton

•Atlas Carbon Sequestration Hub (Atlas Hub), Shell Canada Limited, ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd. Suncor Energy Inc., for a potential sequestration hub east of Edmonton

•Wolf Midstream and partners for a potential sequestration hub east of Edmonton.

Companies will be invited to work with government to further evaluate the suitability of each location for safely storing carbon from industrial emissions. If the evaluation

demonstrates that the proposed projects can provide permanent storage, companies can work with the government on an agreement that provides them with the right to inject captured carbon dioxide. This agreement will also ensure they will provide open access to all emitters and affordable use of the hub.

The Alberta Energy Regulator will ultimately approve only projects that meet Alberta's rigorous safety and environmental standards.

Alberta's skilled workforce and years of expertise in carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) are critical to helping industries in Alberta – and across Canada – meet our country's emissions goals. For example, the Quest and Alberta Carbon Trunk Line projects have safely captured and

stored more than seven million tonnes of carbon dioxide since starting operations. CCUS is also used in several jurisdictions in the world to reduce emissions, including Saskatchewan, several U.S. states and Norway.

A second request for full project proposals to provide carbon storage services to regions across the rest of the province is now open. Applications will be accepted from April 25 to May 2.



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Relief At The Pumps Is Here For Albertans

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.... they influence the price we pay for almost every service and product that relies on transportation to be rendered or delivered. With the provincial government’s intervention, all Albertans will now reap the benefits of money saved at the pumps and beyond.”

Jason Kenney, Premier
“We recognize the significant challenges rising inflation and high energy costs create for Alberta families and businesses. Alberta is already one of the most affordable provinces to live in, and this relief measure serves to reaffirm the Government of Alberta’s commitment to maintaining that affordability for anyone living or doing business here.”

Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance
“Keeping commercial vehicles on our roads has been challenging because of factors like supply chain issues and driver shortages. Eliminating Alberta’s fuel tax will provide much-needed relief for industries so they can keep moving, remain profitable and help our economy grow.”

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Transportation
In providing relief at the pumps to Albertans, the government will see an estimated \$100 to \$115 million decrease in fuel tax revenue for each of the first three months.

Albertans will see further relief through other cost-saving measures to

be introduced in the coming months:

- Alberta’s government will provide \$150 in electricity rebates to more than one million eligible homes, farms and businesses that have been affected by above-average consumption costs over the past several months.
- A natural gas relief pro-

gram, announced as part of Budget 2022, will see eligible consumers receive a rebate when natural gas prices exceed \$6.50 per gigajoule starting in October.

•Further details about both programs will be announced in the coming weeks.

Enhancing and main-

taining affordability remains a key component of Alberta’s Recovery Plan, developed to foster and facilitate the province’s economic recovery in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 22-181 AMENDMENT OF LAND USE BYLAW 10 -157

In accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, you are hereby advised that the Summer Village of Point Alison Council is considering Bylaw 22-181. If passed, this Bylaw would have the effect of closing a Portion of Prospect Drive in the Summer Village of Point Alison within the N.W. ¼ of Section 2 - 53- 4 - W5 at Lot 1.

In accordance with Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act, the Summer Village of Point Alison Council would like to hear from those persons who claim to be affected by proposed Bylaw 22-181.

Due to the Covid pandemic, the Public Hearing is being held via teleconference on:
April 11, 2022, at 6.00 PM.

All interested persons are encouraged to express their views by providing a written submission by email to Gordon Wilson Mayor Summer Village of Point Alison, gord@gwilson.ca. In return we will send you the link to the meeting.

Written submissions will be accepted up to 24 hours prior to Public Hearing of April 11, 2022. In order for persons to speak at the meeting we will require a written submission before hand.

Speakers will be given 5 minute to speak.

Any questions regarding the proposed Bylaw should be directed to Gordon Wilson gord@gwilson.ca

CANADA EXPANDS SIMPLIFIED RENEWAL PROCESS FOR PASSPORTS

Submitted by Government of Canada

As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, more and more Canadians are looking to travel abroad. The Government of Canada will continue to modernize and improve its services to better respond to the changing needs of Canadians.

The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, and the Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, today announced the expansion of the simplified renewal application process for Canadian passports.

Beginning today, March 31, Canadians in Canada and abroad can now use the simplified process to renew an expired passport as long as it was issued within the last 15 years. The simplified process is also available to individuals who had their passport lost, stolen or damaged. Previously, the simplified renewal process wasn't available for passports expired longer than a year or those that were lost, stolen or damaged.

With the simplified renewal process, applicants don't need to have a guarantor or to provide their original documents, such as proof of citizenship or photo identification. They simply need 2 photos, 2

references, their completed form and the applicable fees. These changes make renewing a passport easier, while maintaining the highest level of program integrity.

With the easing of COVID-19 travel restrictions, the demand for passports—both new and renewals—has started to increase and is returning to pre-pandemic levels. The Government of Canada recommends that Canadians apply early and not finalize any travel plans until they have received their new passport. Thanks to the simplified process, Canadians without imminent travel plans do not need to rush to renew an expired or soon-

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Submitted by Seba Beach Seniors

Starting April 23, the Seba Beach Seniors will be hosting the first of a five monthly series called Talking Circles: Towards Truth and Reconciliation. The series features Indigenous speakers, leaders and scholars who will offer a way to building understanding between our cultural groups.

Cathie Duchesne, of the Seba Beach Seniors said, "this is a rare opportunity to learn from Indigenous knowledge-keepers. The Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Report pointed

to how we can move past our history. To do so, it's important to understand the background to where we are today in Canada, and in our neighbourhood, to see how we can move forward to become stronger together. On five Saturday afternoons the series will explore important topics and conclude each day with refreshments and discussion."

The Talking Circle series are:

- April 23, 2:00 PM. Knowledge Keepers Share Their Stories -- Jade Brown-Tootoosis, Carrie Armstrong, and Carolyn Wagner share their personal stories focusing on Plains culture. They will discuss use of environmental resources, Indigenous ways of knowing, cultural iden-

tity, and traditional government structures.

- May 28, 2:00 PM. Understanding Métis Identity -- Dr. Chris Anderson, Dean and Professor, University of Alberta Faculty of Native Studies presents the Canadian story of Métis people.

- June 25, 2:00 PM. Treaties and Canadian Legislation -- Madalyn Mandziuk from the University of Alberta Institute of Prairie and Indigenous Archaeology (IPIA) discusses the devastating results of the colonial system that continues to impact Indigenous peoples today.

- July 23, 2:00 PM. Residential Schools -- How residential schools (IRS) continue to have lasting effects on individuals and

communities.


- August 27, 200 PM. Truth and Reconciliation-- Exploring the meaning of "truth" and how all of us can move forward through "reconciliation."

The five monthly events will be held Saturday afternoons at the Seba Beach Seniors Centre.

On September 30 a Celebration Feast will be held featuring performances, demonstrations, and feast food!

Those interested in joining in can register for one or each of the Talking Circles afternoons and Celebration Feast by registering at the Seba Seniors Thrift Shop Wednesday and Saturdays 10 AM-3 PM

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NEW PRENATAL BENEFIT FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS ON AISH AND INCOME SUPPORT

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government will begin providing prenatal benefits to vulnerable expectant mothers to help ensure moms and babies will be healthier.

Alberta's government will implement the new prenatal benefit for pregnant women on AISH and Income Support at the start of their second trimester to provide eligible clients with \$100 per month until the baby is born – for a total of \$600. This is on top of a one-time natal benefit of \$256 for expectant mothers at 36 weeks of pregnancy.

As part of Alberta's Recovery Plan, the government is providing businesses and families with the help they need to get back on their feet as the economy recovers. Women with limited resources often face a number of challenges during pregnancy. This new benefit, highlighted in the recent speech from the throne, will provide mothers with more funds to put toward

their health and wellness.

The February 22, 2022 Speech from the Throne stated that:

"Many vulnerable women and girls have inadequate support during pregnancy, which can affect their child's health and life chances. To assist low-income mothers and improve health outcomes for their babies, the government will significantly increase and expand prenatal benefits to mothers receiving AISH and Income Support."

"Providing more support for vulnerable expectant mothers is a positive, common sense step and compassionate step. This is about helping moms facing poverty, while improving health outcomes for their babies." Jason Kenney, Premier

"The research is clear. Providing support early in a woman's pregnancy can result in both healthier pregnancies and babies and better long-term outcomes. Initiatives like this helps Alberta's Recovery Plan ensure we're not only helping people today but

we're building a stronger foundation for tomorrow." Jason Luan, Minister of Community and Social Services

Research shows, providing early support in a woman's pregnancy can result in healthier pregnancies and babies and better long-term outcomes.

"The rising cost of living is intensifying the challenges faced by vulnerable individuals, especially women. The additional benefit announced today is a very positive step by the Alberta government to recognize the distinct financial strain faced by expectant mothers. This benefit will help already vulnerable women cover some of the unique costs that arise during pregnancy, such as clothes that fit their growing belly and shoes to fit their swollen feet. Most importantly, this benefit will provide a little extra money for nutritious food and vitamins as well as cribs and clothing for a safe and healthy infant." Tricia Smith, executive director, Boyle Mc-

Cauley Health Centre

"Every woman who is on AISH and is pregnant is deeply in need of support to have the best outcome for her baby. A little extra cash enables the mother and her support staff to pay for all things a baby needs. For instance, every baby needs a car seat. In addition, every baby needs great nutrition and a low-stress home environment to start growing in. The most important developmental period for a child starts in utero and extends into the preschool years. Good nutrition and a low-stress home environment set a baby up for a great start. The baby with a great start becomes a teen finishing high school and an adult with job skills. The additional funds announced by the Premier today will provide much-needed extra support for a mother and her baby at the time of her birth." Dr. John Lilley, co-chair, Pregnancy Pathways



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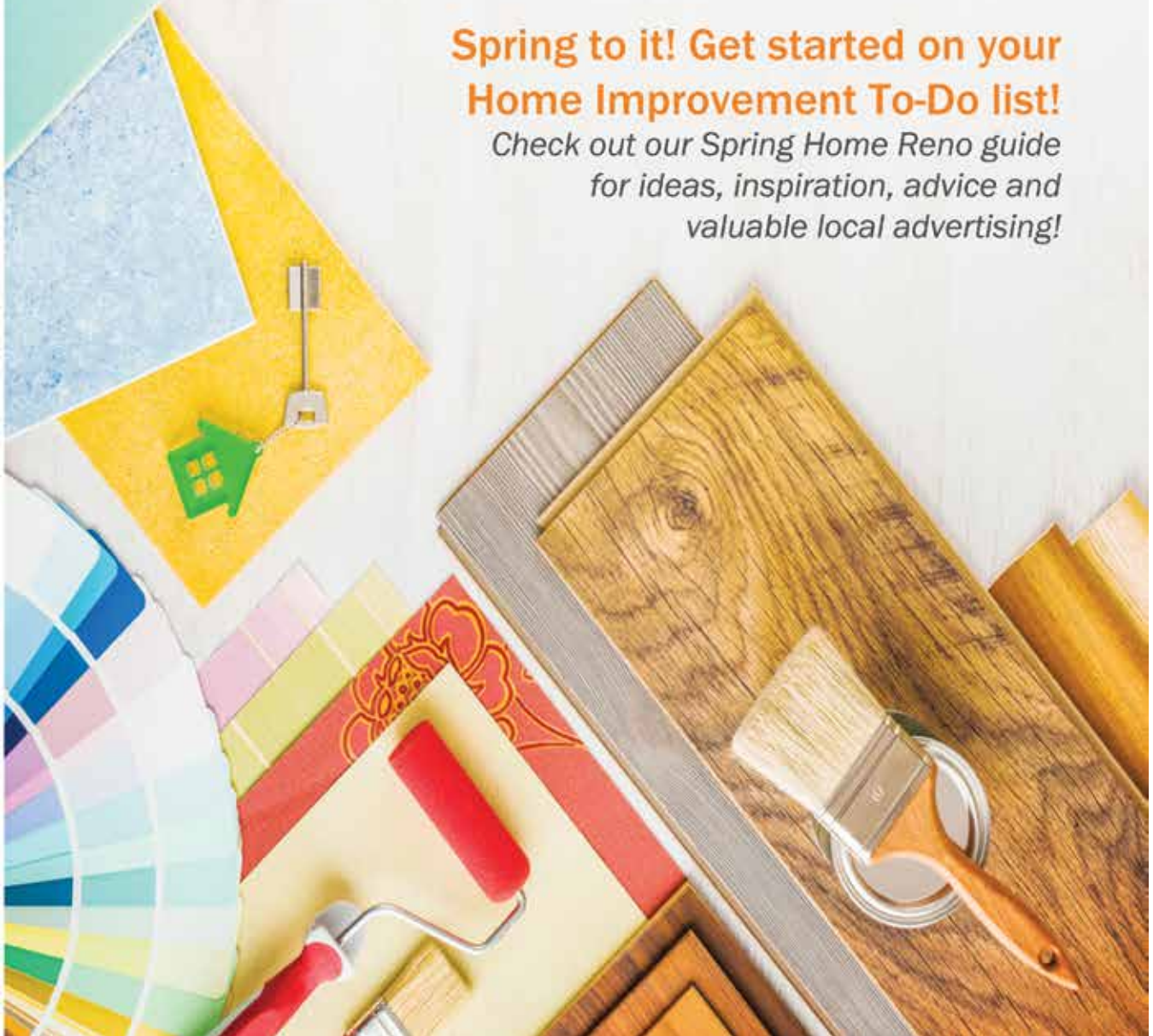


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THE PROBLEM WITH HARD WATER

Hard water can cause scaling, deposits inside of pipes, reduced cleaning ability, and several other problems.

Home ownership opens people's eyes to many new experiences, even requiring homeowners to familiarize themselves with certain things they never encountered as renters. Homeowners become novice plumbers, electricians, horticulturists, and even chemists as they wade through the projects and repairs involved with owning a home.

Outside of high school chemistry class, you may

never have given thought to water composition and how it changes. However, once you become a homeowner, you may have to pay special attention to the type of water bubbling out of your faucets. Hard water is a common concern, and it can affect appliances and other parts of the home.

What is hard water?

Hard water affects about 85 percent of the United States, according to the Water Quality Association. Although not harmful to human health, hard water can impact one's daily life in

other ways.

Hard water is formed when water moves through soil and rock. It dissolves very small amounts of minerals and holds them in a solution. Calcium and magnesium are the most common minerals to turn water "hard." The more magnesium and calcium water dissolves, the harder it becomes.

From nuisance to damaging

Hard water can not only be a minor headache, but also something more serious. Hard water can interfere

with various cleaning tasks and also personal grooming. Clothes washed in hard water may not be fully clean and may appear dingy. Hard water can cause a film on surfaces, such as bath tiles and tubs. Some people find that their hair and skin can appear dull and sticky due to hard water.

Hard water can have other effects, too. Over time, the water can deposit minerals on the inside of pipes, reducing water flow.

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If these deposits grow thick, you may have a plumbing issue on your hands. Furthermore, mineral deposits can harm appliances, such as water heaters, washing machines and dishwashers. Eventually, hard water may render these appliances ineffective, and they will need to be replaced.

Treatment options

Considering hard water is such a common concern, a number of treatment options exist. The main types of water-softening systems use either a packaged water softener or a mechanical water-softening unit.

Packaged water softeners are chemicals that bond with the calcium and magnesium ions in the water so that they cannot interfere with cleaning efficiency. These chemicals fall into two categories: precipitating and nonprecipitating. Precipitating softeners are borax and washing soda and can affect pH levels of water and make water cloudy. Nonprecipitating softeners use phosphates. Alkalinity won't be increased, and usually there is no cloudiness or buildup. These products are typically added to laundry loads and the like and are not recommended for drinking water.

Mechanical water-softening systems are hooked up directly to the plumbing of the house. They are ion-exchange systems that

will add salt to the water. Although it can be safe to drink, softened water may not be recommended for those who are on low-sodium diets.

Hard water is a problem many homeowners have to face. It can affect a home's appliances' performance and cleaning abilities. Water hardness can be managed,

and it is best to consult with an expert water-softening system manufacturer about your options.

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3 POTENTIAL TROUBLE SIGNS FOR DRIVEWAYS

Though they are often easy to overlook, driveways are durable parts of a home that can greatly impact a home's curb appeal. Driveways endure quite a bit of wear and tear over their lifespans, and homeowners who have not given their driveways much thought may want to start looking for potential trouble signs that indicate a need for some driveway maintenance.

According to the online home improvement resource HomeAdvisor.

com, the average cost of a driveway installation in 2015 was just under \$3,700. Those costs are influenced by a host of factors, including the size of the driveway and the material its made of. Damaged driveways do not necessarily need to be replaced, as some may just need minor repairs. But homeowners who see any of the following trouble signs in their driveways may want to consult a professional contractor to determine what their next

steps should be.

1. Potholes

Potholes might be most often associated with heavily trafficked roadways, but even driveways are susceptible to potholes. As the ground beneath the driveway expands and contracts, the pavement above that ground weakens and becomes more susceptible to damage. That damage may ultimately lead to large chunks of the driveway breaking down, creating holes as a result.

Homeowners who live in areas that experience heavy snowfall may see their driveways develop potholes after they are shoveled or plowed. Potholes that are not fixed may damage vehicles that drive on the pavement, and potholes may even expand over time.

2. Accumulation of water

Puddles that form during a rainstorm may not be indicative of anything other than a rainy day.

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3 Potential Trouble Signs For Driveways

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But water that pools or runs down the middle of the driveway may indicate drainage problems. Such problems may be the result of structural problems with the slope of the driveway, which can cause bigger issues down the road. When water is not absorbed into the ground or directed away from your home, it can then flow into the house, potentially making your garage or home susceptible

to water damage.

3. Cracks

Cracking is one of the more noticeable issues that can plague driveways. Many driveways experience cracking as materials inevitably succumb to the elements. Driveway cracks may develop for various reasons, including poor initial installation. Tree roots that grow beneath the driveway surface may also contribute to cracking as the driveways ultimately succumb to the pressure created by

the growing roots. Some cracks may prove less problematic than others, but homeowners should still speak with a contractor if they notice their driveway is starting to succumb to cracks.

Driveways may not draw the attention of homeowners too often, but damaged driveways that go ignored may ultimately lead to very costly problems.

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Outdoor entertaining areas are popular among homeowners, and firepits are one of the most sought-after additions to such spaces. In fact, a 2016 survey from the American Society of Landscape Architects found that fireplaces and firepits were the most popular outdoor design element in 2016. Various styles are available to homeowners who want to add firepits to their backyards, and choosing the right type may come down to budget, the amount of yard space available or even personal preference.

•Wood firepit: As their name suggests, wood firepits burn wood, which may appeal to

homeowners who already have wood-burning fireplaces inside their homes. Because they don't require homeowners to tap into gas lines, wood firepits are generally easy to set up and install, and many homeowners prefer the aesthetic appeal of crackling wood and flames that's synonymous with wood firepits.

•Gas firepit: Gas firepits are touted for their convenience, as they don't require homeowners to carry wood and build fires. Upon being connected to a gas source, gas firepits provide fire at the click of a switch. Gas firepits are also appreciated for their safety,

as there is little or no risk that flames from gas firepits will grow too large and become difficult to control.

•Gas fire tables: Gas fire tables might be ideal for those homeowners whose sense of decor favors more modern looks. Gas fire tables come in a variety of shapes and sizes and, like gas firepits, there's no need to struggle with lighting a fire or carrying firewood.

•Tabletop firepits: Homeowners, condominium or apartment dwellers with limited backyard space may want to consider the convenience of tabletop firepits. Restaurants may use tabletop firepits in

their outdoor seating areas because they provide warmth and ambiance without taking up much space. Tabletop firepits fueled by gas will not need to be connected to a gas source, which may appeal to consumers who want something that's simple as well as small.

•Fire urns: While they might not technically qualify as firepits, fire urns provide a similar effect as firepits. Fire urns are typically gas-powered and may be an ideal choice for homeowners who are looking for a unique, awe-inspiring feature for their outdoor entertaining areas.

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ALBERTA CALLS ON OTTAWA TO HALT THE CARBON TAX INCREASE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is introducing a motion in the legislative assembly to urge the Government of Canada to halt the increase to the carbon tax scheduled for April 1.

Alberta's economic recovery is at risk if everyday Albertans are left behind and unable to absorb the costs being imposed on them by the federal government. That's why Alberta's government is urging the Government of Canada to halt the scheduled increase to the carbon tax.

Alberta's government is already taking action by stopping the collection of the provincial fuel tax effective April 1 and providing families with \$150 electricity rebates to help Albertans with the rising cost of living, while capping the price of natural gas to protect consumers.

According to the Bank of Canada, the scheduled

April 1 increase of the carbon tax to \$50 a ton will increase inflation by an estimated 0.5 per cent while inflation is already at a 30-year high.

"Albertans will be receiving much-needed relief from the provincial fuel tax and the \$150 electricity rebate, on top of our cap on natural gas prices. Now we need the Government of Canada to stop increasing the cost of living by shelving their planned April 1 carbon tax hike, which they intend to more than triple over the years to come." Jason Kenney, Premier

"The best thing a government can do during inflationary pressures is to spend less, borrow less and tax less. We are doing just that, but in order for Albertans to feel the difference, the federal government needs to do the same. Halting the carbon tax is critical at a time when inflation is already challenging families across the country." Travis

Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

"The very first act of this government in 2019 was to end the carbon tax through Bill 1 because we knew the damage it would do to the economy and to families. Now with the rising cost of everything from gas to groceries, we will be formally calling on the Government of Canada to halt the carbon tax increase scheduled for April 1." Jason Nixon, Government House Leader

The Bank of Canada recently said the impact of the carbon tax on the rising inflation rate of 5.1 per cent was 0.4 per cent. The Bank of Canada has a target rate for inflation at 2.0 per cent.

The federal carbon tax rate on gasoline is set to increase again on April 1, from just under nine cents per litre to just over 11 cents per litre.

"We applaud the Government of Albert for stepping up and oppos-

ing this carbon tax. Justin Trudeau needs to hear this message. Albertans have had enough of this tax and it's time to cut us a break. Ignoring the provincial government's calls for action isn't punishing our politicians, he's punishing hard-working Albertans who are struggling under Ottawa's high taxes." Kevin Lacey, Alberta director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Alberta's government will stop the collection of the provincial fuel tax to offer Albertans relief from current high fuel prices. Currently, Albertans pay 13 cents per litre in fuel tax. This change will come into effect April 1.

Alberta's government will also provide \$150 electricity rebates to help Albertans pay for the high bills they faced this winter. More than one million homes, farms and businesses are expected to receive a \$50 monthly rebate for three months.

AMNESTY PERIOD FOR ARBITRARY FIREARM BAN EXTENDED

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise the amnesty period for the arbitrary firearms ban that was due to expire in April, is now extended for an additional year and a half.

In May 2020 the Liberals announced they were banning more than 1,500

models of firearms, including the AR-15. Owners of these guns would have a two-year amnesty period to come into compliance with the prohibition.

The Liberals are nearly doubling the amnesty period and stretching out their failed campaign promise beyond 3 elections, leaving the entire process in limbo.

This Liberal firearm

ban and plans for a buy-back program should be scrapped, and the resources should be provided to our police officers, border officials, and grassroots youth diversion programs.

What the Liberals should do is focus on making our streets safer by targeting the true source of gun violence in Canada: illegally smuggled guns in the hands of gangs and crim-

inals.



ARTICLE FROM MLA SMITH

Submitted by Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley

Recently, the government showed our commitment to the trucking industry by investing \$30 million over the next three years to help more women and men train for jobs in the commercial trucking and transportation sectors. This investment is building on the success of the Driving Back to Work program that has helped hundreds of Albertans retrain for a career in the trucking industry.

Annual funding of \$10 million for the next three years is earmarked for the Driving Back to Work program to encourage

more Albertans to enter the trucking industry and for online and simulator training.

It is estimated that by 2023, there will be a shortage of about 3,600 commercial drivers in Alberta. A career behind the wheel provides exceptional opportunities for individuals and families. I look forward to seeing the Driving Back to Work program continue to attract more Albertans to the trucking industry.

I encourage anyone interested in a career in the trucking field to visit alberta.ca/driving-back-to-work-grant-program.aspx to learn more about the Driving Back to Work Program.

While there has been a lot going on at the Legislature, I am happy to report that this past week, United Conservative MLAs voted unanimously to pass Alberta's first balanced budget in nearly a decade. (Predictably, the NDP voted against it; the nine NDP MLAs who bothered showing up anyway.)

After establishing a new set of fiscal anchors, restoring a healthy investment climate, and posting an estimated \$511 million surplus - United Conservatives officially passed Alberta's landmark balanced budget this afternoon in the Alberta Legislature. The budget sets Alberta on a path to a prosperous and diversified future, while maintaining fiscal discipline and responsible spending.

This was a great moment for our province. United Conservative MLAs were sent to Edmonton, in part, to deliver a balanced budget for Albertans. We can now say we accomplished that mission for families, businesses, and future generations.

This is a night and day difference from the NDP,

who would have posted a \$6 billion deficit this year, even with today's projected high commodity prices.

We're sticking to our new fiscal anchors and maintaining our fiscal responsibility. That's what common sense conservative governance is all about.

United Conservatives, along with millions of hardworking Albertans, have turned Alberta's economic fortunes around, after the NDP nearly drove them off a cliff. Alberta is back, and this budget is a symbol of our province's hard work and sacrifice.

As always, my heart is with the people of Ukraine, as they fight for their freedom and sovereignty. Slava Ukraini!

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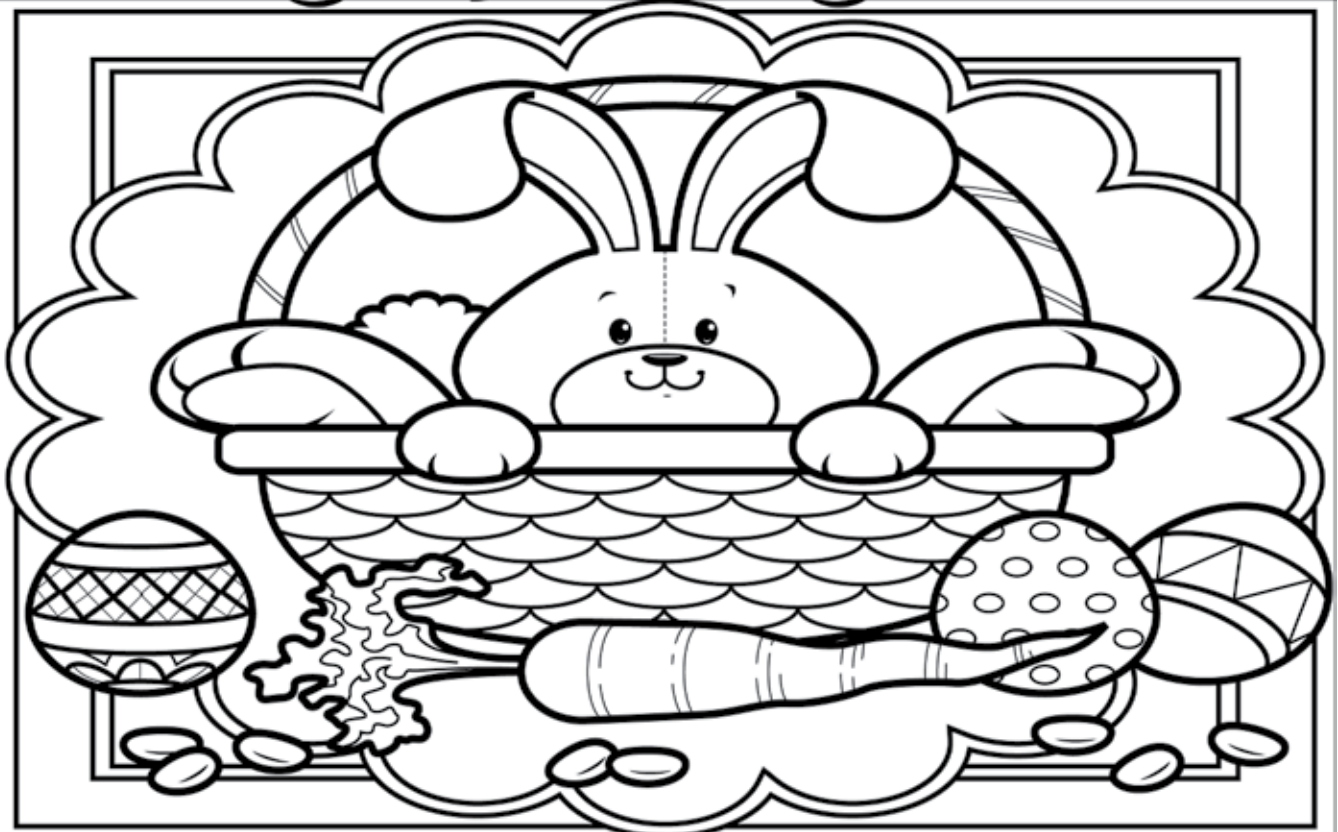
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