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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 con-

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

"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, ...

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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 Al-

bertans 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.

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Relief At The Pumps Is Here For Albertans

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.... 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 program, 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 maintaining 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.





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Alberta Calls On Ottawa To Halt The Carbon Tax Increase

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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 in-

flationary 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 opposing 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.

LEDUC CITY COUNCIL ENDORSES NEW REPORT ON KEY SOCIETAL CHALLENGES

Submitted by City of Leduc

Community effort went into the Homelessness Prevention and Poverty Framework

Leduc's Homelessness Prevention and Poverty Framework identifies short-, mid- and long-term

strategies to guide the implementation of initiatives for a number of priority areas in how this city's vulnerable population can be better supported.

The framework shares key priorities:

- Access to housing
- Improve access to ser-

vices

•Mental health and addiction

•Food security

Framework development included public engagement, gathering input from municipal partners, service agencies, and residents with grounded expertise

providing a better understanding of the issues facing those who are experiencing homelessness and at risk of homelessness within the City of Leduc.

TIME TO HONOUR ATHLETES, TEAMS, SPORT LEADERS AND BUILDERS

Submitted by City of Leduc

City of Leduc puts out the call for 2022 Sports Hall of Fame inductee nominations

Leduc's 7th annual Sports Hall of Fame is ready to celebrate outstanding individuals for their contributions to sport and this community asking for folks to submit their nominations for this

year's inductees by May 31.

The Leduc Sports Hall of Fame committee would like to induct individuals and groups in the following categories:

- Athlete
- Team
- Sport leader/builder

Induction criteria and process is outlined on the city's website at Leduc.ca/lshf in-

cluding the online nomination form. The 2022 inductees will be announced this fall when tickets go on sale for the Leduc Sports Hall of Fame Gala, Nov. 5, 2022. The City of Leduc will also include the 2021 inductees at this year's gala due to the event cancellation last fall due to the pandemic.



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Submitted by City of Leduc

Help create a strong plan, reflective of our community

The City of Leduc is updating its Strategic Plan and we want to hear from residents, the business community and all stakeholders on how we can continue to of-

fer a high quality of life, be a caring community and contribute to a thriving region.

Have your voice heard!

Complete the online survey by Jan. 28 at 4:30 p.m. and help create a strong plan that is reflective of our community. The survey will take about 10 minutes and

your responses will be used to help form the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

Once approved, the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan will be a guiding document for Leduc for the next four years and will identify areas of focus, strategies and performance measures that

will help us meet the needs of our community.

The City's Strategic Plan is updated every four years. Our current Strategic Plan was approved by City Council in 2019.

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HELP SHAPE THE CITY'S APPROACH TO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Submitted by City of Leduc

We want to hear from you!

The City of Leduc is developing a Public Engagement Framework and we want to hear from residents, the business community and all stakeholders about your experience with public engagement. We want to know what motivates you to participate in engagement activities, if you prefer virtual or in-person options, and what may be keeping you from taking part.

Complete the online survey by Feb. 11 at 4:30 p.m. and help shape the City's approach to engagement in our community. The survey will take about 10 minutes and your responses will be used to help form a Public Engagement Framework.

Once approved, the Framework will define the purpose, methods, responsibilities and desired outcomes for public engagement, as well as create an intentional, consistent and transparent approach to engagement that further builds public trust.

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 dou-

bling 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 buyback 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 criminals.

LIBERALS VOTED AGAINST CONSERVATIVE MOTION

Submitted by Gerald Soroka
MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to inform his constituents that although the Liberals acknowledged our natural gas is vital to our security and Europe's, they voted against our Conservative motion condemning Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine and calling on the government to undertake measures to allow Canadian natural gas to be exported to Europe to displace Russian gas.

Russia supplies 40 per cent of Europe's natural gas and uses this to intimidate Europe and Ukraine. If Russia cuts energy supplies to Europe, people will freeze, factories will shutter, and Europe's economy will grind to a halt.

We Conservatives are urging the Trudeau government to work more closely with NATO allies, particularly on energy security. Canada is the fifth-largest natural gas producer in the world, but we cannot get gas to tidewater to assist European democracies because we cannot get pipelines built.

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HOW TO MAKE SPRING PROJECTS MORE ECO-FRIENDLY

The arrival of warmer weather means different things to different people. Some anticipate opportunities for outdoor fun, while others may be considering redecorating or remodeling their homes. For the latter group, home improvement season provides a great opportunity to make homes more eco-friendly.

When planning home improvement projects, it's best to first choose a project and then look for ways to make the project more environmentally friendly. Such an approach may not

only benefit the environment, but it also may benefit homeowners' bottom lines.

Interior decorating

Longer days and warmer temperatures often translate into wanting to freshen up the interior of a home. Heavy draperies and comforters are put away, and lighter fabrics are taken out of storage. Whenever possible, reuse or repurpose items you already have rather than purchasing new items. Longer drapes can be cut and hemmed to be used as window treatments in other rooms. Making a

patchwork blanket out of old T-shirts is a crafty project that makes use of items that would otherwise be destined for landfills.

When laundering linens, skip the energy-using dryer and let items line dry in the sun and fresh air.

If you decide to purchase some new items, look for products made from sustainable or organic fabrics. Hemp and bamboo textiles have grown in popularity. Hemp and bamboo plants grow quickly, and their durability makes these materials smart choices.

When replacing items around the house, donate older items to a charitable organization.

Flowers and plants

Spring and summer call to mind beautiful blooming plants. Relying on native, sustainable plants is practical, environmentally friendly and cost-effective.

According to the National Wildlife Federation, sustainable plants are native plants. Native plants sustain local wildlife more effectively than non-native alternatives,

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.... so include native plants in your sustainable garden. Native plants also are less reliant on pesticides and herbicides to keep them healthy and viable.

Don't forget to bring plants indoors as well. Even though you may be opening the windows more, indoor plants can filter and purify indoor air. The NASA Clean Air Study, led in association with the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, found that certain common indoor plants naturally

remove toxic agents such as benzene, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene from the air. Efficient air cleaning is accomplished with at least one plant per 100 square feet of home or office space.

Proper disposal

Spring cleaning is another tradition for many families come the end of winter and dawn of spring. Many people use spring as a time to go through closets and garages to remove items they no longer use or need. In an effort to clean up fast, some people may dispose of chemical products,

paints, treated lumber, and many other items in ways that can be damaging to the environment. Always learn local municipal guidelines for proper disposal of potentially harmful products. Area recycling centers may have drop-off areas for stains and paints, used motor oil and other potentially harmful products.

Before discarding something, see if it can be donated or sold. This will result in fewer items ending up in landfills.

Exercise caution outdoors as well. Runoff from clean-

ing products used on home siding or driveways can leach into the surrounding soil or find its way into sewage drains that ultimately direct fluids to public waterways. Choose environmentally responsible products whenever possible.

Springtime renovation and cleaning projects provide the perfect opportunity to adopt eco-friendly practices that pay dividends for years to come.



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TYPES OF FIREPITS FOR YOUR BACKYARD OASIS

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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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.

"Carbon capture and storage is proven, safe and effective. We are ensuring that carbon capture and sequestration will be deployed responsibly and strategically over the long term in the best interest of Albertans. This will help meet the increasing demand from industry and help significantly

reduce emissions." Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy

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

- 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.

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 on-line 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.

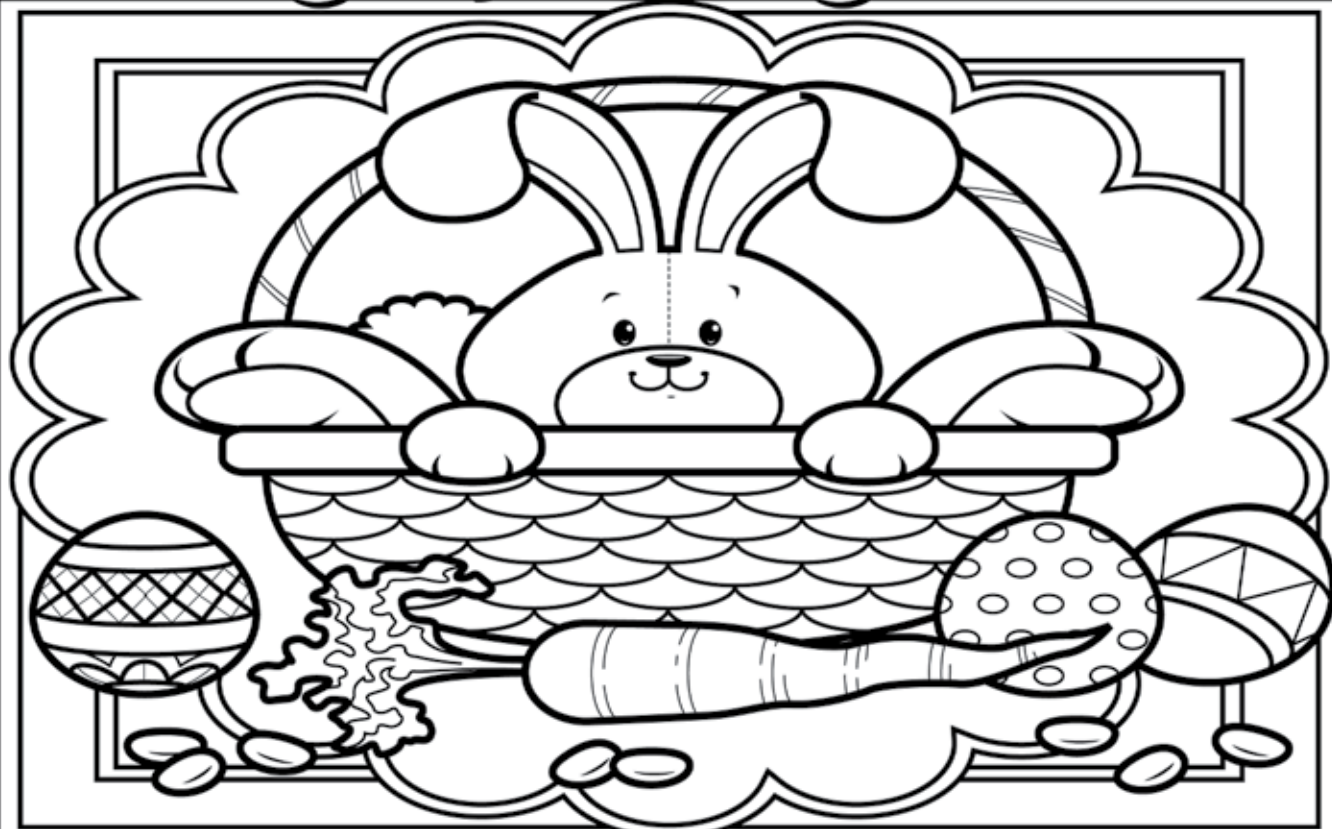
This is a night and day difference from the NDP, who would have posted a \$6 billion deficit this year, even with today's projected high commodity prices.

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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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 So-

cial 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 pass-

ports 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-to-expire passport.



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NOTE: Please inquire first as COVID-19 restrictions may still apply.

FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Evergreen Farmers' Market, Wednesdays at the Mackenzie Center of the Omniplex from 10:30AM-1:30PM. www.dvevergreenfarmersmarket.ca

BINGO

CALMAR: Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

JAMBOREE

DRAYTON VALLEY: Last Sunday of month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-4378

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THORSBY: meeting every Monday morning 9:00AM at Thorsby Fire Hall. Call 780-621-3461.

SOCIAL EVENTS

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CALMAR SENIORS BUS: to West Edmonton Mall - 1st Wed. 9:30AM; Seniors' Birthday Party - every 3rd Wed. 1:30PM; Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month. 1:30PM. (780) 985-3117.

DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE: 4th Wed. of each month @ 6PM, June - Sept. @ Chalet Lions Campground. Oct. - May (excl. Dec.) @Pioneers 73 Club (29 St. Lawrence Ave.). Guests \$7, Musicians \$2. More info call 780-987-2093.

DEVON RECREATION: Volleyball, Mondays 8-10PM, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9PM, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult).

INDOOR PLAYGROUND: Mondays, 10AM-12PM, Alder Flats Community Centre. Info (780) 388-3333 No fee. Please bring a snack for your child.

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Drinking a Problem? There is a Solution, call AA 780-491-1043

ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY: 3rd Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2nd Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2nd Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

DEVON TOASTMASTERS, Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively speak in public - we help conquer your fear.

More info: Marc 780-729-4932

DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3rd Wed of the month. For more information call (780) 542-2787

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MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP meets every 1st Tuesday of the month, Sept-June from 6-8PM at Norquest College, dates TBA. Info, Terra Leslie at 1-403-346-0290.

Winfield Legion Branch 236: Meetings every 2nd Tues. Contact Secretary Treasurer Shelly Oulton 696-3600 or Alfred Farmer 696-2006

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Thorsby Well Child & Immunization Clinic, every 1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month. Contact Thorsby Public Health Center for appointment. 789-4800.

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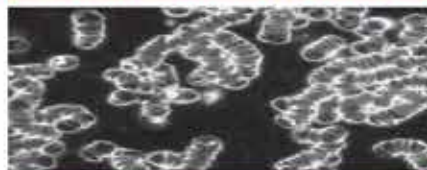
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