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RURAL ORGANIZED CRIME TEAM ARREST MALE ON WARRANTS

Submitted by Alberta
RCMP

On May 28, 2026, the Government of Alberta announced it was providing 8 million dollars in additional funds to law enforcement in Alberta to combat orga-

nized crime. The Alberta RCMP received 2 million in additional funding which has supported the creation of the Alberta Rural Organized Crime Team (ROCT) which is having an impact in Alberta communities every day.

On June 12, 2026, the Alberta RCMP Rural Organized Crime Team (ROCT) arrested a male on outstanding warrants and concluded an ongoing investigation.

With the assistance of
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INVESTING IN EARLIER CANCER DETECTION

Submitted by Government
of Alberta

Applications are now open for the next round of the Cancer Research for Screening and Prevention grant.

Alberta's government is

taking action in the fight against cancer by funding research that improves prevention, screening and early detection across Alberta. Through the Cancer Research for Screening and Prevention (CRSP) grant, Alberta-led projects can

receive up to \$1 million to address gaps in cancer care and strengthen prevention and treatment across the province.

"Cancer affects almost every family in Alberta, with about one in two

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EXPANDING HANDS-ON AGRICULTURAL TRAINING

Submitted by Government of
Alberta

Alberta's government is investing more than \$7 million to expand hands-on training, helping students build careers close to home.

Rural communities thrive when students can learn, train

and work in communities where they live.

That's why Alberta's government is investing more than \$7 million in 2026-27 to expand and modernize training at Lakeland College, ensuring post-secondary infrastructure keeps pace with growing regional workforce demand.

Funding will support upgrades and expansion of the beef yard, along with the relocation of horse pen facilities at the Vermilion campus. These improvements will expand training capacity, modernize learning spaces, and strengthen the connection

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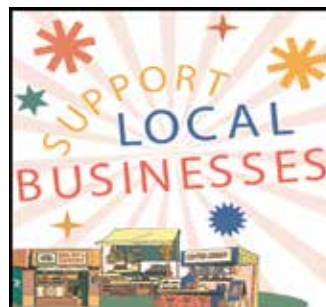
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Rural Organized Crime Team Arrest Male On Warrants

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the Alberta RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT), Maskwacis RCMP, Wetaskiwin RCMP, Alberta RCMP Air Services, and the Alberta RCMP K Division Police Dog Services (PDS), ROCT identified the location and whereabouts of a male suspect wanted on outstanding warrants for multiple offences from multiple jurisdictions.

ROCT attended a residence in Maskwacis, and with the assistance of ERT and PDS, 29-year-old Nicholas Morin, a resident of Maskwacis, was located and arrested without incident.

Morin was arrested for outstanding warrants out of Wetaskiwin and Edmonton.

The Wetaskiwin warrants

originated from a 2024 Maskwacis RCMP investigation. Morin is charged with the following:

- Assault causing bodily harm;
- Uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm (x2);
- Mischief;
- Forcible confinement;
- Assault with a weapon;
- Assaulting a peace officer;
- Aggravated assault;
- Fail to comply with a release order (x3);
- Obstructing a peace officer (x2);
- Fail to Attend Court;
- Disobeying a court order (x2).

As a result of the investigation conducted by ROCT, Morin is additionally charged with:

- Obstructing a peace officer.

Morin was held for a Judicial Interim Release (JIR) hearing and was remanded into custody. Morin is scheduled to appear in the Alberta Court of Justice in Wetaskiwin at 9:30 a.m. on July 2, 2026.

Morin was also arrested for outstanding warrants out of Edmonton, in relation to an Edmonton Police Service (EPS) investigation from Jan. 2026.





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After a few minutes of haggling the boss finally agrees to a 5% raise, and Sam happily gets up to leave. "By the way," asks the boss,

"Which three companies are after you?"

"The electric company, water company, and phone company!"

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Investing In Earlier Cancer Detection

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Albertans expected to develop cancer in their lifetime. Early screening and diagnosis saves lives, improves outcomes and gives Albertans more time with their loved ones. That is why we are investing in research that helps more Albertans access screening, reduce their cancer risk and get the

care they need sooner.”

Justin Wright, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services

The CRSP grant focuses on expanding access to services for Albertans who face barriers to care, including those in rural and remote communities, First Nations and Métis communities, and youth, where limited access to screening can

increase the risk of a later diagnosis and fewer treatment options.

Since launching in 2022, the CRSP grant program has awarded \$12.6 million to support 18 projects that are improving cancer prevention and screening across Alberta. These projects are helping break down barriers to care and connect more Albertans with

screening services, particularly in communities where access can be more challenging.

Applications for the CRSP grant are open until July 24. Proposals will be reviewed by a national panel of cancer experts, health system leaders and patients.

Expanding Hands-On Agricultural Training

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between students, employers and the rural communities they support.

“Institutions like Lakeland College keep rural communities strong by connecting Albertans to education and careers close to home. This investment strengthens those institutions, expands modern training spaces and builds Alberta’s workforce.”

Myles McDougall, Minister of Advanced Education

The project will enhance animal welfare and student learning. Originally built for 60 students and 100 cows, the beef yard now supports more than 80 students and 220 cows. Upgrades will bring facilities in line with current demand while supporting future growth. The horse pen relocation will replace aging infrastructure with modern, purpose-built

spaces designed to improve animal care, enhance safety and strengthen the quality of hands-on training.

“Alberta’s agriculture sector depends on skilled people, strong producers, and practical training that reflects the realities of modern agriculture. This investment will help Lakeland College continue preparing students for rewarding careers while supporting innovation and long-term strength in rural Alberta.”

Tara Sawyer, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

This investment will also strengthen Lakeland College’s hands-on, student-managed learning approach and expand applied research that benefits producers and the broader livestock sector.

“We are grateful to the Government of Alberta for its continued investment in Lakeland College and its commitment

to strengthening the future of agriculture in our province. This support is instrumental in advancing the revitalization of our student-managed farm lab, including critical upgrades to our beef yard facilities and the relocation of our horse pens, ensuring our immersive learning environments reflect the needs of today’s industry. These investments will en-

hance the hands-on experiences that set Lakeland apart, equipping students with the skills, knowledge and confidence to lead the future of agriculture while supporting innovation and growth across Alberta’s ag sector.”

Alice Wainwright-Stewart, president and CEO Lakeland College

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HISTORY COMES ALIVE THIS SUMMER

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government launches the 2026 summer museum and heritage site season with new and exciting visitor experiences across the province.

On May 16, Alberta's nine seasonal museums and historic sites will once again welcome visitors for a summer of exploration, learning and discovery.

From science and storytelling to Indigenous and francophone cultural experiences, together, Alberta's 21 provincial museums and historic sites offer affordable, educational and unforgettable experiences that inspire curiosity and connection.

"Our provincial heritage sites and museums share Alberta's history with the world. This summer, we are ready to welcome more visitors from across Alberta, Canada and the world to explore the people, places and stories that shaped our province."

Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

Through Budget 2026, Alberta's government is investing more than \$55 million to support these world-class spaces that bring the province's history, culture and heritage to life. Last year, provincial heritage sites welcomed almost one million visitors, and this investment will support new and updated exhibits that continue driving Alberta's economy by attracting more local and out-of-province tourists.

"Alberta's heritage sites and museums share the people, cultures and experiences that define our province. Through this significant investment, we are creating new opportuni-

ties for visitors to explore and learn about our province, while creating jobs, strengthening communities and getting us closer to our goal of growing the visitor economy to \$25 billion by 2035."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

This summer also marks the reopening of Alberta's Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village following extensive recovery efforts after last year's devastating fire. Beginning May 16, visitors will once again be able to experience the Village's immersive living-history programming and celebrate Alberta's strong Ukrainian heritage.

"Every museum and historic site has a story to tell. Whether you are standing beside dinosaur fossils, exploring Indigenous history or learning about fur trade and settlement history, these places bring Alberta's past to life. Thank you to everyone who helps keep these stories alive for future generations."

David Makowsky, director, Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village

"The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society is thrilled that the Ukrainian Village will reopen to share our beautiful heritage with the public again. We look forward to resuming our programs and services, such as the Historical Children's Program Summer Day Camp. The community's generosity and support enabled us to be in a position to thrive again."

Gail Fenton, president, Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society

Alberta's government is proud to support and preserve

these cultural landmarks so that families, communities and visitors can continue to celebrate Alberta's incredible legacy for generations to come.

This summer heritage season marks exciting developments across Alberta's historic sites and museums. Here is a sample of what is happening:

- Discover hands-on heritage experiences across Alberta

From Social Saturdays at Historic Dunvegan to activity days at Rutherford House and themed weekends at Fort George and Buckingham House, visitors can enjoy crafts, games, fur trade experiences and more throughout the summer.

- Enjoy family-friendly activities all summer long

From Victoria Settlement's interactive experiences to programming across provincial sites, visitors can explore Alberta's history through engaging, hands-on activities for all ages.

- Celebrate culture, history and community traditions

Take part in Canada Day at Father Lacombe Chapel, National Indigenous Peoples Day at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump and seasonal events at Stephansson House, featuring poetry, music and heritage-inspired programming.

- Explore Alberta's energy and innovation history

Visit Turner Valley Gas Plant to discover the birthplace of Alberta's petroleum industry, now featuring expanded tours including the 1952 Sulphur Plant.

- Discover archives and stories from Alberta's past

The Provincial Archives of

Alberta will offer facility tours during the Edmonton and District Historic Festival and Doors Open Edmonton in July, providing a behind-the-scenes look at Alberta's documentary heritage.

- Experience living history at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump

Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site to mark National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 and enjoy drumming and dancing performances every Wednesday in July and August. New this summer: outdoor interpretive elements, including Rock That Ran, connecting Blackfoot storytelling and geology, as well as new World Heritage interpretive panels.

- Track history at the Reynolds Museum

Continue exploring Making Tracks: Crawlers, Tractors & Snowmobiles for a second season and get hands-on with historic machines and science-based activities. Visitors can also enjoy the 28th Annual Car Show on July 11 and experience Demo Days: Tracked Vehicles at Work, where machines come to life in action.

- Explore life, loss and discovery at the Royal Alberta Museum

Discover Death: Life's Greatest Mystery, on display until Sept. 7, and explore Chez nous: la francophonie de l'Alberta, open through May 9, 2027. Together, these exhibitions offer immersive experiences that connect science, culture and storytelling, with highlights including interactive displays, rare objects and engaging multimedia elements.



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NON-SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS OPTION NOW AVAILABLE IN ALBERTA

Submitted by AHS

Albertans now have access to non-surgical treatment for obesity – a minimally invasive weight-loss procedure performed by bariatric surgery and gastroenterology teams at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty (ESG) reduces the stomach size by suturing it internally. The surgical team inserts a thin flexible tube with a camera down the mouth to reach the stomach. They then use tools through the endoscope to stitch the stomach from the inside to reduce the size of the organ. The procedure typically takes about 90 minutes.

"This procedure is a significant advancement in the field of weight-loss surgery, especially for patients who don't qualify for traditional bariatric surgery or prefer a less invasive option," says

Dr. Noah Switzer, upper gastrointestinal and bariatric surgeon. "Rather than

having a complex surgery requiring extensive recovery, patients have access to technology that requires no cuts or incisions that allows them to go home the same or next day."

For years, Mary-Ann Thurber felt hesitant about the risks associated with bariatric surgery as a long-term weight management treatment. The 65-year-old patient in the Edmonton Adult Bariatric Specialty Surgery Clinic at the hospital found short-term success with appetite suppression medication. She was offered the new procedure as an alternative treatment option.

"Since having the procedure in February, I am sleeping better, I have more energy and ultimately feel better equipped and motivated to manage my weight without the help of appetite suppression medication," says Thurber. "I'm so grateful this option was available for me in Edmonton."

Like bariatric surgery, the

new procedure makes patients feel full with less food, leading to weight loss and improvement in weight-related conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and sleep apnea.

"Unlike a laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, where upwards of 80 per cent of the stomach is removed, ESG uses an endoscopic suturing device to fold and stitch the stomach tissue into a smaller shape, keeping the entire organ in place," says Dr. Kirles Bishay, gastroenterologist at the hospital. "Thanks to new technology, we can reduce the size of the stomach without removing any part of the stomach, meaning ESG patients have a lower risk of surgery and quicker recovery."

Thurber stopped taking her appetite suppression medication shortly before the ESG procedure and is expected to continue to see some weight loss post-procedure, without the ongoing support of medication.

In the past five years, more patients are finding success with weight management with the increase of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) prescribed medications on the market; however, stopping the medication can often lead to weight regain.

"There are benefits and risks associated with any medication," says Dr. Switzer. "ESG should help get patients off lifetime weight management medication and give them a sustainable tool to achieve better health and weight outcomes."

The endoscopic device, which allows surgeons to suture the stomach from the inside, was approved by Health Canada in February 2024. The endoscopic procedure is jointly performed by a surgeon and gastroenterologist through the Edmonton Adult Bariatric Specialty Surgery Clinic at the Royal Alex, which is the only facility in Alberta where the procedure is performed. Since first performing the procedure in December, the team has completed eight procedures, making the Royal Alex now home to the largest ESG program in Western Canada.

A referral to the Edmonton Adult Bariatric Specialty Surgery Clinic at the Royal Alex by a physician, nurse practitioner, or specialist is required for adults who struggle with obesity and meet clinic criteria. This clinic is a bariatric surgical clinic only. In preparing for bariatric surgery, medical and psychological interventions are provided to patients to ensure they are successful pre and post-surgery.

Alberta Health Services provides a range of healthcare services for more than five million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide excellent, patient-focused healthcare that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

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WATER QUALITY ADVISORY ISSUED FOR ZEINER PARK BEACH AT PIGEON LAKE

Submitted by AHS

Due to elevated levels of bacteria, Alberta Health Services (AHS) is advising the public not to swim or wade at this beach area on Pigeon Lake, effective immediately.

Elevated levels of bacteria were detected via testing of the lake water at this beach location. At current levels, gastrointestinal illness may result from ingestion of the water at Zeiner Park Beach. There is also the possibility of skin, ear

and eye infections with water contact.

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any body of water, including Pigeon Lake, at any time.

Water-borne organisms, including fecal bacteria, can cause vomiting and diarrhea.

This advisory will remain in effect until further notice.

SUMMER SAVINGS AT ALBERTA MUSEUMS AND SITES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta is making it more affordable for families and young people to learn our history at provincial museums and historic sites.

Through its participation in the Canada Strong Pass, Alberta's government is once again helping families, youth and visitors enjoy summer experiences at a reasonable price with free and discounted admission to all provincial museums and historic sites.

During the program period, general admission to Alberta museums and historic sites will be free for children and teens aged 17 and

under and half-price for young adults aged 18-24. There's also no limit on visits, so guests can return as often as they like during the program period, making it easier than ever to learn about Alberta's history and culture.

Alberta's participation in the Canada Strong Pass invites both Albertans and out-of-province visitors alike to experience everything our province has to offer, from world-class museums to historic sites spanning from Historic Dunvegan in the north to the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre in the south.

Through hands-on exhibits, special events and seasonal pro-

gramming, Alberta's museums and historic sites offer engaging experiences that support learning and ensure more people connect with and take pride in the story of our province.

"We're pleased to take part in the Canada Strong Pass again this year, welcoming more families and young people to the Royal Alberta Museum with free or discounted admission and opportunities to explore Alberta's rich and diverse stories."

Meaghan Patterson, executive director, Royal Alberta Museum

"Museums allow us to discover what brings us together: our history, our creativity, our perspectives

and the stories that shape Canada. With the Canada Strong Pass, even more Canadians will be able to enjoy cultural experiences across the country, while saving money."

Marc Miller, federal Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture and Minister responsible for Official Languages

The Canada Strong Pass is not a physical or digital pass that visitors need to present or download. Instead, the benefits are automatically applied to all eligible guests during the program period. For details on participating sites and visitor information, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/historic-sites-museums>.

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STRENGTHENING SURGICAL CARE IN ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta is expanding surgical capacity and modernizing funding to improve access to timely procedures for patients across the province.

Alberta's government is investing \$809 million to strengthen surgical services by increasing operating room availability, expanding the use of chartered surgical facilities, and upgrading hospital infrastructure. With this investment the first phase of patient-focused funding implementation will begin to modernize how surgeries are delivered and funded.

Patient-focused funding will tie the number of patients treated to hospital funding, taking into consideration the complexity of care provided. This ensures funding follows the patient rather than traditional block funding, helping improve access to surgery and reducing wait times for procedures that can signifi-

cantly enhance quality of life.

"Behind every surgery is a person waiting to get back to their life. By expanding surgical capacity and modernizing how we fund care, we are strengthening our health system so Albertans can access the care they need to return to what matters most."

Danielle Smith, Premier

First announced last year, the initial phase of patient-focused funding is now in place across 12 hospitals, applying to high-volume procedures, such as hip and knee replacements, cataract surgeries and select shoulder procedures.

Patient-focused funding has been introduced gradually in other jurisdictions over several years, including the U.K., Germany, Australia and Norway. In these cases, implementation occurred in successive stages as impacts were assessed so systems could adapt. In Alberta, future phases will be introduced following careful assessment of early results, supporting

a stable and measured transition to a model that works for patients and the health system.

"Patient-focused funding is about making sure resources follow the patient and the care being delivered. We continue to learn from leading jurisdictions around the world so we can improve access, strengthen the system and deliver better care for Albertans."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services

Through Budget 2026, Alberta is investing \$525 million over three years in the Acute Care Action Plan. This will support up to 50,000 additional surgeries by expanding operating room capacity in public hospitals and increasing the use of chartered surgical facilities for lower-complexity procedures. This will help free up hospital capacity for more complex cases, which will reduce wait times and improve patient flow.

"We are focused on turning capital investment into real results for patients. By upgrading and expanding operating room space in our hospitals, we are improving access to surgical care and building a stronger, more resilient system."

Martin Long, Minister of Infrastructure

In addition, Alberta is investing \$284 million over three years through the Alberta Surgical Initiative Capital Program to renovate operating rooms, upgrade surgical infrastructure and purchase new equipment in publicly

owned hospitals. These investments will improve efficiency and expand long-term surgical capacity across the system.

"These targeted investments, combined with the implementation of patient-focused funding, will expand access, improve transparency and drive efficiency in surgical care across the province."

David Diamond, interim chief executive officer, Acute Care Alberta

"The implementation of patient-focused funding is occurring in a thoughtful and intentional manner to ensure that over time, Albertans can experience the full benefits of an activity-based model, including better access, greater efficiency and improved transparency."

Dr. Aaron Low, chief medical officer, Acute Care Alberta

Alberta completed a record number of surgeries last fiscal year, performing 332,847 procedures and exceeding both its annual target and the previous year's total. Surgical volumes continued to climb throughout the year, reaching a record-high monthly total of 24,676 surgeries in March 2026. Alberta's government is continuing to build on that momentum to ensure Albertans receive care within clinically recommended timelines.

Together, these initiatives strengthen Alberta's publicly funded health care system by expanding capacity, modernizing infrastructure and improving how surgical care is delivered.



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ALBERTA'S SUMMER SPORT SEASON IS UNDERWAY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Communities across Alberta are welcoming thousands of athletes and fans as a full line-up of major sport events unfolds for summer 2026.

Through the Major Sport Events grant program, Alberta's government is supporting 12 national and international competitions held between February and August 2026. Funding will help communities across the province host major events that drive tourism, showcase Alberta on the national and international stage, and drive the local economy.

Alberta's government has invested \$1.3 million through the program to support events in Calgary, Canmore, Grande Prairie, Edmonton and St. Albert across a wide range of sports, including climbing, triathlon, wrestling, curling, BMX, softball and taekwondo.

"Alberta continues to lead the way as a premier destination for major sport events, attracting top competitions, welcoming athletes and delivering real economic benefits for communities across our province. We are proud to support events that strengthen our reputation on the world stage while creating jobs and supporting local businesses."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

In the first half of 2026, seven supported events were successfully hosted in Alberta between February and May, attracting more than 103,000 athletes, coaches, officials and spectators from across Canada and around the world. These events generated significant tourism and economic activity for host communities while showcasing Alberta's ability to deliver first-class competitions.

Looking ahead, five upcoming major events will take place through the summer. Together, all 12 supported events are projected to wel-

come more than 115,000 attendees and generate over \$82 million in local economic activity.

"We are proud to host athletes from across North America. This event allows us to further develop the sport of competitive climbing in Edmonton and across Alberta. We love to see the excitement that a large-scale sport event generates in the community."

Adam Luciuk, founder and CEO, Climb YEG

Alberta communities will welcome five more events through the summer months, including the Edmonton Athletics Invitational, the World

Triathlon Cup, the U17 Women's Canadian Fast Pitch Championships in Calgary and the Canadian BMX Championships in St. Albert. These events are expected to attract more than 12,000 athletes, coaches, officials and spectators.

"Burson Global ranks Edmonton as Canada's number one sports city, and these events bring athletes, families and fans here to experience it for themselves. Sporting events drive visitation, support local businesses and generate economic activity. Together, they directly impact Edmonton by creating a vi-

brant and connected city."

Traci Bednard, CEO and president, Explore Edmonton

The Major Sport Events grant program provides up to \$250,000 per event to eligible hosting organizations. Funding can be used for venue rentals, infrastructure enhancements, marketing and promotion, broadcasting, and accommodations for athletes and attendees.

Applications for the next round of funding open in fall 2026. Event organizers interested in bringing major sport competitions to Alberta are encouraged to apply.

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WEST COAST PIPELINE, PRIVATE PARTNER, OILSANDS PRODUCTION AND PATHWAYS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government has submitted its application for the West Coast Oil Pipeline to the federal Major Projects Office for listing as a project of national interest.

The West Coast Oil Pipeline will transport more than one million barrels of oil per day to Canada's west coast and strengthen access to growing Asian markets, helping meet Alberta's goal to double its oil production to eight million barrels per day over the next 10 years.

After studying both northern and southern route options, Alberta selected a southern corridor from Bruderheim, Alberta, to the southwest coast of British Columbia. This offers the fastest, most cost-effective path to expanding Canada's energy exports. The proposed corridor builds on existing infrastructure, reflects feedback from Indigenous groups and the Government of British Columbia, reduces regulatory barriers given it would not be subject to the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act (Bill C-48), and gets Canadian oil to global markets faster.

"Canada has everything it needs to become an energy superpower, but only if we build the infrastructure to get our resources to market. Alberta has done its part by putting forward a responsible, world-class proposal and selecting the strongest route to Canada's west coast. A west coast oil pipeline will create tens of thousands of jobs, generate tens of billions in new provincial and federal revenues and make Canada more secure and self-reliant. This project will define Alberta's and Canada's economic future."

Danielle Smith, Premier

The proposed pipeline runs through southern British Columbia, largely following the existing Trans Mountain pipeline corridor to a deep-water, VLCC-capable port terminal on B.C.'s southwest coast. Leveraging this existing corridor will

significantly reduce regulatory and logistical barriers, while minimizing land disturbances.

The submission outlines details on the proposed corridor and size of the pipeline and associated infrastructure, costs and benefits to Canada. The submission clearly demonstrates why this project is in the national interest. The Alberta-Canada landmark energy agreement announced in May includes a commitment from the federal government to a timely review of Alberta's submission for a west coast pipeline, with the goal of achieving national interest listing by Oct. 1, 2026, and obtaining the permissions necessary for the design and construction of the pipeline to commence as early as Sept. 1, 2027.

"The benefits of this project extend far beyond the energy sector. A west coast pipeline will support businesses and workers right across the supply chain – from manufacturing and engineering to transportation and services – helping drive economic growth in communities across Canada and generating revenues that support public services people rely on."

Brian Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals

Private and Indigenous partnership

To facilitate this project, Alberta's government will enter into a partnership with Trans Mountain Corporation and Pembina Pipeline to bring together world-class expertise in pipeline design, construction and operation.

"Trans Mountain is proud to bring our experience as an oil pipeline developer, constructor, operator and owner to this new partnership. Our existing relationships and partnerships with the Indigenous Peoples, communities and stakeholders along the proposed corridor give us a solid foundation for success. We are proud to help bring more Canadian energy to the world, as Canada fulfills its role as a global energy superpower."

Mark Maki, chief executive officer, Trans Mountain Corporation

"The project represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to advance nation-building energy infrastructure that strengthens Canada's economy and expands access to global markets for Canadian energy. We are proud to participate in this national priority that brings together the Government of Canada, the Province of Alberta, Indigenous partners and industry."

Scott Burrows, president and chief executive officer of Pembina

Indigenous equity partnership and consultation will also be an essential part of developing and constructing this critical nation-building project. Through the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation (AIOC) and the federal Canadian Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program, the Alberta and Canadian governments will facilitate opportunities for Indigenous communities wishing to partner in the West Coast Oil Pipeline project.

"This important project will be shaped by ongoing collaboration with Indigenous communities across Alberta and British Columbia. Indigenous knowledge and perspectives are essential from the outset and throughout the life of the project to ensure it is carried out responsibly and reflects community priorities. Through respectful partnership, we will advance shared prosperity and strong, enduring relationships."

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Indigenous Relations

Following an existing corridor limits new land disturbance and reduces impacts on ecosystems and communities. Existing relationships along the corridor provide a solid foundation for meaningful engagement, partnership and Indigenous co-ownership opportunities.

Increasing oilsands production and building the pathways project

Following months of nego-

tiation, Alberta's government, along with the federal government and Oil Sands Alliance, are finalizing a tripartite agreement that will include a series of regulatory reforms and growth incentives needed to expedite growth in oilsands production necessary to fill the new west coast pipeline and expand the existing Trans Mountain pipeline. Details of this agreement are expected to be released in the coming days.

As part of that same agreement, Alberta's government and the Government of Canada will provide the conditions necessary for Oil Sands Alliance member companies to simultaneously grow production and build Pathways, the world's largest carbon capture and storage infrastructure project.

Pathways will make Alberta bitumen among the lowest-emission heavy oil globally, displacing higher-emitting sources and improving environmental and geopolitical outcomes. Alberta and Canada will continue work in close partnership, collaborating with industry and Indigenous partners to grow energy exports, attract investment and lower emissions – while strengthening the economy and addressing global energy and security challenges.

"We believe we've achieved a framework where there the governments are providing the necessary conditions for our companies to both grow production and to build the Pathways Project. We'd like to thank the Canadian and Alberta governments for their leadership, and the Major Projects Office for its commitment to this process. We look forward to working together over the next several months to put the MOU into operation, to create a Canadian energy superpower, and a more resilient, competitive and sustainable Canadian oil sands sector."

Kendall Dilling, president, Oil Sands Alliance

INFORMING ALBERTA'S FUTURE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government has appointed an independent advisory panel to oversee the development of a report on the potential economic impacts of Alberta leaving Canada.

Alberta has clear citizen-initiated referendum laws that protect democratic participation, and Albertans deserve the opportunity to express their views at the ballot box on Oct. 19. Alberta's government is committed to ensuring Albertans have access to objective, evidence-based analysis so they can be confident in their decision.

The University of Calgary's School of Public Policy has been selected to conduct an independent analysis of the potential economic impacts of secession so that Albertans can make an informed decision. The report will give voters a better understanding of the estimated transition costs, economic impacts, potential savings and risks that could result if the province pursued this constitutional change.

"Albertans deserve clear and credible information on the potential impacts of separation. This is a huge decision that will impact our kids and grandkids long into the future, and we cannot approach it lightly."

Jason Nixon, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

"The University of Calgary's School of Public Policy is pleased to conduct this analysis to provide a better understanding of the estimated transition costs, economic effects, potential benefits and other economic implications of secession that would impact Albertans. We appreciate the independence and control over our work and final report."

Martha Hall Findlay, director, School of Public Policy, and James S. and Barbara A. Palmer Chair in Public Policy, University of Calgary

Alberta's government has also appointed an expert advisory panel that will provide input and act as a consultative body for both the School of

Public Policy and government throughout the process. While the panel will offer input, the school will retain full and independent control over the final report.

Economist Dr. Jack Mintz will lead the panel, joined by Ted Morton, political scientist and former Alberta finance minister; Adam Legge, president of the Business Council of Alberta; Alex Pourbaix, board chair of Cenovus Energy Inc. and Janice MacKinnon, former Saskatchewan finance minister.

"Albertans need to know and understand the potential impacts of separating from Canada. This work is highly complex, carried out by researchers at the School of Public Policy. The advisory council will provide feedback to ensure that the in-depth assessment of economic considerations associated with separation enables Albertans to make an informed decision."

Dr. Jack Mintz, President's Fellow, University of Calgary

After the report is completed, the advisory panel will review

the findings and deliver an independent written assessment. This approach will allow for further and potentially differing views to be shared, ensuring Albertans are equipped with all the facts.

The final report is expected to be released in late summer so Albertans have time to read, discuss and decide for themselves on the Oct. 19 referendum vote.

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ALBERTA UNVEILS BOLD 10-YEAR CANCER CARE STRATEGY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta is launching a new provincial cancer care strategy to expand screening, speed up diagnosis and improve care for patients across the province.

Alberta's Strategic Plan for Cancer to 2036 is a provincewide roadmap to improve prevention, early detection, treatment, recovery and supportive care. It was developed from feedback from patients, families, clinical experts, researchers and communities across Alberta.

"As a cancer survivor, I know

first-hand how deeply cancer affects individuals and families. This 10-year plan is our roadmap to ensuring that Alberta isn't just keeping up but leading the country when it comes to cancer care."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services

The strategy sets out five key goals to strengthen cancer care over the next 10 years:

- Preventing more cancers and accelerating access to diagnosis and care.
- Delivering seamless, state-of-the-art care for every Albertan.

Leading the next era of innovation in cancer research and treatment.

Building a stronger and more sustainable cancer system.

Attracting, retaining and training the best and brightest cancer workforce in Canada.

Cancer affects almost every family in Alberta, with about one in two Albertans expected to develop cancer in their lifetime. As demand for care grows, the strategy aims to improve outcomes, reduce wait times and ensure more consistent access to high-quality cancer services

across urban, rural and remote communities.

"This strategy sets a clear, long-term direction for transforming cancer care in Alberta. Building on our strengths in clinical excellence, research and data infrastructure, it brings the whole system together to improve access, integrate care, drive innovation and ensure sustainability – delivering world-class, connected and responsive care that patients and families can depend on today and into the future."

Brenda Hubley, managing director, Cancer Care Alberta

Over the next decade, the Strategic Plan for Cancer's more than 40 actions and commitments will drive improvements across the province's health system. Key initiatives include expanding screening programs, improving diagnostic and referral pathways, strengthening supportive care, increasing access to clinical trials and advanced therapies, modernizing data and digital tools, and supporting workforce growth across the cancer care system. The strategy's implementation will be led by Cancer Care Alberta and Acute Care Alberta, in partnership with health agencies, providers, researchers and community organizations.

"This strategy marks a significant milestone for cancer care in Alberta, and the Alberta Cancer Foundation is excited to partner with government on accelerating progress. Our donors are committed to finding better ways to prevent, screen and treat cancer – and together we can improve the lives of Albertans impacted by cancer."

Wendy Beauchesne, CEO, Alberta Cancer Foundation

Alberta's government has made improving cancer care a top priority through the creation of Cancer Care Alberta, expanded breast and cervical cancer screening, a new onco-fertility program, expanded outpatient and community-based care and continued investments in cancer services. Budget 2026 builds on this commitment by investing \$1.2 billion over three years in cancer care, including \$223 million in new operating funding to hire more oncologists, expand surgical capacity, increase treatment spaces and improve access to supportive services.

Alberta's Strategic Plan for Cancer builds on this momentum and sets a clear path forward, helping shape a future where cancer care is more accessible, more connected and more responsive, improving experiences and outcomes for patients and their families at every stage of their journey.

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MORE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is investing \$4M in the modernization of the Wood's Homes Bowness campus in Calgary.

Children and youth in care deserve safe, stable and supportive environments where they can heal, grow and thrive. As Wood's Homes marks its 100th anniversary, Alberta's government is investing \$4 million to support the expansion of the Bowness campus in Calgary. This funding will help create more modern spaces that will support approximately 80 children and youth in care.

While family-based placements like kinship and foster care are always prioritized, group homes and campus-based care provide specialized supports for young people

with complex needs while maintaining family, community and cultural connections. Wood's Homes supports approximately 20,000 children, youth and families across Alberta each year.

"For 100 years, Wood's Homes has helped generations of young Albertans find safety, stability and hope. This latest funding will help continue that legacy, ensuring more children and youth can access the specialized care and support they need in the years ahead."

Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

"Supporting the wellness of young people is a top priority for Alberta's government. We know addressing mental health and addiction challenges early helps build resiliency and brighter futures, and we are proud to part-

ner with Wood's Homes on this exciting expansion."

Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

The Bowness campus has been integral to the work of Woods' Homes since 1926. The modernization project includes four new cottages providing safe, welcoming spaces and wraparound supports for young people.

"On behalf of Wood's Homes, I want to express our sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Children and Family Services and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction for their \$4-million commitment to the future of children's mental health care on the Bowness campus. This investment is about more than infrastructure; it is a commitment to the thousands of children, young people and families who will benefit from

these services, and an investment in hope, healing and the future of care in Alberta."

Bjorn Johansson, chief executive officer, Wood's Homes

Alberta's government has invested more than \$1 billion this year to support the safety of children and youth in government care, a five per cent increase in funding. This includes rate increases and an expanded referral incentive for foster and kinship caregivers, pay increases and enhanced mental health supports for child intervention practitioners, and additional investments in provincial campus-based care centres serving youth in rural and remote communities.

SUDOKU of the week

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

ANSWER:
Last Weeks

You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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8	2	9	6	4	7	1	5	3
7	6	5	3	1	8	4	2	9
4	3	1	2	5	9	6	7	8
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May-Sept

Leduc Public Market: Every Thursday 10-2 @ City Center Mall. 5201 50 st. Leduc

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