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COMPANY PENALIZED FOR A WORKPLACE FATALITY

Submitted by Government
of Alberta

A mining company has
been penalized \$360,000
related to a workplace fa-
tality.

Prairie Mines & Royalty
ULC, as an employer, plead-
ed guilty on July 8 in the
Leduc Court of Justice to
one count under the Occu-
pational Health and Safety
(OHS) Act for failing to en-

sure the health and safety of
a worker. The Crown with-
drew 11 other counts.

The charges stem from an
incident that occurred at a
mine site near Warburg

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LEDUC COUNTY, STURGEON COUNTY, CITY OF COLD LAKE AND EDMONTON AIRPORTS ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

Submitted by City of Leduc

Leduc County, Edmonton
Airports, Sturgeon County,
and the City of Cold Lake
have signed a Memorandum
of Understanding (MOU) to
officially partner on accel-
erating growth within the

aerospace and defence sec-
tors, focusing on training,
investment and business de-
velopment.

Significant economic op-
portunities are driving in-
creased labour market de-
mand for aviation-related
skills and trades training,

including aircraft mainte-
nance engineers in cate-
gories AME-M (Maintenance),
AME-S (Structures) and
AME-E (Avionics).

Each partner is working to
foster development for re-
gional assets such as

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GUILTY PLEAS REACHED IN ILLEGAL HUNTING INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Govern-
ment of Alberta

Eight people have
pleaded guilty to 13 of-
fences under Alberta's
Wildlife Act, following an

investigation into illegal
cougar and Canada lynx
hunts across the prov-
ince.

The convictions result-
ed in \$135,500 in fines
and a combined 18.5

years of hunting prohi-
bitions and related court
orders.

Most of the offences
involved illegal hunts of
cougars and Canada

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Company Penalized For A Workplace Fatality

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on Nov. 25, 2023. A worker was removing excess water and clearing ice from piping. An ice plug dislodged from the pipe, striking the worker and causing fatal injuries.

Under a creative sentence, the court ordered the company to pay \$360,000 to the Alberta Mine Safety Associ-

ation to conduct research, develop industry best practices and a comprehensive training program for water removal operations.

The company and the Crown have up to 30 days to appeal the conviction or penalty.

Alberta's OHS laws set basic health and safety rules for workplaces across the

province. They provide guidance for employers to help them ensure their workplaces are as healthy and safe as possible while providing rights and protections for workers. Charges under OHS laws may be laid when failing to follow the rules results in a fatality or serious injury.

Leduc County, Sturgeon County, City Of Cold Lake And Edmonton Airports Establish A Framework For Strategic Collaboration

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the Cold Lake Regional Airport, Edmonton International Airport (YEG), and Villeneuve Airport. Other pri-

orities include the continued support of modernization efforts at 4 Wing Cold Lake, the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range, and CFB Edmonton. The partners will also

work towards expanding commercial passenger air opportunities. All partners agreed that collaborating on these initiatives would be beneficial.



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the man asks, "He costs \$5,000 because he can type, answer incoming phone calls and takes notes."

"What about the red one?" the man asks. The assistant says, "That one's \$10,000." Curious, the man asks, "What does he do?" The assistant says, "I don't know, but the other two call him boss."

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Guilty Pleas Reached In Illegal Hunting Investigation

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lynx across Alberta. Common offences included hunting cougars after the season had closed, possessing illegally harvested wildlife, using prohibited electronic calling devices during hunts and hunting without valid licences.

In January 2024, fish and wildlife officers began investigating an illegal closed-season cougar hunt involving Byron Stewart, owner of Tracks N Trails Outfitting in Drayton Valley. Investigators confirmed that a resident hunter, guided

by Tracks N Trails Outfitting, had killed a male cougar after the season had closed.

As the investigation progressed, officers uncovered evidence of 11 illegal guided hunts across Alberta, including eight involving non-resident hunters and three involving Alberta residents. Search warrants executed in Alberta and British Columbia resulted in the seizure of 11 cougar skins and skulls, along with five Canada lynx skins.

Following the investigation by Alberta Fish and Wildlife Enforce-

ment Services, Alberta residents Byron Stewart, Cindy Stewart and Devin Hyde of Drayton Valley; Jody Janzer of Kitscoty; Luke Viravec of DeBolt; and Garrett Patton of Worsley pleaded guilty to a variety of offences. Two non-residents, Joshua Owens of New Braunfels, Texas, and Arnold Compton of Excello, Missouri, also pleaded guilty.

Illegal hunting undermines wildlife conservation and management efforts in Alberta. It can contribute to overharvesting, negatively affect wildlife populations and

reduce hunting opportunities for law-abiding hunters through quotas and shorter hunting seasons.

Anyone with information about suspicious hunting or fishing activity is encouraged to contact the 24-hour Report A Poacher line at 1-800-642-3800 or by reporting online at alberta.ca/report-poacher.aspx. Reports can be made anonymously and may qualify for a reward.



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NEW RULES BOOST WATER STORAGE AND CONSERVATION

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is making it easier for farmers, ranchers, communities, businesses and emergency responders to store and use water.

New and expanded Water Act exemptions will increase water availability, improve conservation, support agricultural production and help protect communities from future emergencies.

Currently, many dugouts are sized too small to capture available water because of a 2,500 cubic metre exemption limit. Effective immediately, farmers and ranchers can fill their dugouts up to 7,500 cubic metres – triple the previous limit – provided

the water is used for agricultural purposes. This change helps protect them from future droughts and supports strong agricultural operations.

"Albertans asked for practical improvements to make more water available, and we're delivering. These changes make it easier for farmers, businesses and communities to access and store water. It's good for communities, the environment and the economy."

Grant Hunter, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

"Reliable access to water is essential for Alberta's farmers and ranchers, especially as they manage drought risk and plan for the future. These practical changes respond directly to what producers and rural commu-

nities have been asking for – making it easier to store and use water responsibly so agricultural operations can remain strong, resilient and productive."

R.J. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Alberta's government is also making it easier for communities and businesses to use less fresh water by using stormwater instead. Under the new exemptions, a newly constructed wetland will also be able to capture and fill with up to 7,500 cubic metres of local surface runoff per year. That's a 1,250 cubic metre increase from the previous limit, supporting more wetlands across the province.

Other changes include making it easier to:

- Use water for bridge, sign washing and

dust control.

- Supply water to a temporary work camp.

- Access water from borrow pits on unoccupied public land in the Green Area.

As demand for water increases across our province, Alberta's government is modernizing the water management system to ensure we meet the challenges of today. Recent improvements include passing the Water Amendment Act, which removes the requirement for riparian restoration projects to get a temporary diversion licence for watering plants, while also ending the unnecessary 10 per cent holdbacks on most water licence transfers, giving Albertans more freedom to water.



Proposed Internet Tower in the Town of Calmar

Please take notice that MCSnet is proposing a 46 m free-standing tower in the Town of Calmar
LOCATION 4815 47 St.

The purpose of this tower is to provide enhanced Broadband Wireless Internet Services in the area along with VOIP (Voice over IP) telephone services.

All equipment complies with Health Canada's Safety Code 6, including combined effects within the local radio environment at all times. The installation will respect good engineering practices, including structural adequacy. The tower will be constructed in compliance with Transport Canada's aeronautical obstruction marking requirements.

Any person(s) wishing further information, having questions, comments or concerns are asked to contact MCSnet on or before the close of consultation period end date August 23, 2026.

Projet de tour Internet proposé dans la Ville de Calmar

Veuillez prendre note que MCSnet propose l'installation d'une tour autoportante de 46 m dans la Ville de Calmar.

EMPLACEMENT 4815 47 Rue.

Le but de cette tour est de fournir des services améliorés d'Internet sans fil à large bande dans la région, ainsi que des services de téléphonie VOIP (Voix sur IP). Tout l'équipement est conforme au Code de sécurité 6 de Santé Canada, y compris les effets combinés dans l'environnement radio local en tout temps. L'installation respectera les bonnes pratiques d'ingénierie, y compris l'adéquation structurelle.

La tour sera construite en conformité avec les exigences de marquage des obstacles aéronautiques de Transports Canada.

Toute personne souhaitant obtenir de plus amples informations, poser des questions, faire des commentaires ou exprimer des préoccupations est priée de contacter MCSnet au plus tard le 23 août 2026.

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ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES KICK OFF IN STRATHCONA COUNTY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Strathcona County will welcome Alberta's top young athletes for the 2026 Alberta Summer Games.

From July 16 to 19, 2026, one of Alberta's largest amateur sporting events will bring more than 2,400 athletes, coaches and technical officials from across the province to Strathcona County for the 2026 Alberta Summer Games. The Games are an iconic event for Alberta's young athletes, providing the opportunity to compete at a high level, represent their communities, build lifelong friendships, and showcase the next generation of talent.

The Games are being delivered in partnership with Strathcona County and with support from the provincial government. Alberta's government is investing \$1,275,000 to support the 2026 host society in delivering the

Games, including, transportation, food services, venues and promotion.

"The Alberta Summer Games give young athletes the chance to test themselves, represent their communities and build lasting connections. Hosting more than 2,400 participants is also a major moment for Strathcona County, with real benefits for local businesses and residents. We are proud to support an event that strengthens sport across the province and creates opportunities for the next generation."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

The competition is expected to generate about \$3 million in direct economic activity to the Strathcona region, as athletes, families and spectators spend on local hotels, restaurants, retailers and attractions, providing a welcome boost for businesses throughout the region.

"The 2026 Alberta Summer Games are coming to Strathco-

na County, and I look forward to seeing these athletes compete. They have put in the discipline and hard work and now will have the chance to show what they're made of. Alberta's government is proud to be a financial partner in giving them the stage to compete. Thank you to Strathcona County for hosting an event that supports young athletes across the province."

Nate Glubish, MLA for Strathcona-Sherwood Park

"The Alberta Summer Games celebrate the talent and dedication of young athletes while welcoming families from across the province. These games will showcase the spirit that makes our region so special and leave a lasting impact on our local businesses and communities."

Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, MLA for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

The Games kick off July 16 at Emerald Hills Pavilion with an opening ceremony and the light-

ing of the cauldron. Athletes aged 11 to 16 will compete over the next four days across 13 sports, including baseball, tennis, beach volleyball and golf.

"These Games give these young athletes an opportunity to showcase all the hard work they've put into their sport. We are all really proud of their dedication and can't wait to see them compete on a provincial stage."

Bonnie Hunka, chair, 2026 Strathcona County Alberta Summer Games Society

For more than 50 years, the Alberta Games have helped launch athletic careers while leaving lasting benefits in host communities and supporting local infrastructure. More than 50 alumni have gone on to represent Canada at the Olympic and Paralympic Games, demonstrating the important role the Alberta Games play in developing future champions.

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PLANTING SEEDS OF GROWTH FOR LOCAL CO-OPERATIVES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

As part of Budget 2026, Alberta is investing \$9 million over three years for capital projects at local seed co-operatives to help modernize aging infrastructure.

If passed, Budget 2026 funds the cost-shared Co-operative Seed Processors program to help co-operative and municipal plants to update and build facilities and infrastructure, improve technology, upgrade equipment and optimize operations to ensure they remain sustainable.

Local seed co-operatives ensure weeds are not spread through seed, seeds and grains are cleaned to meet regulatory and customer standards and help maintain consumer and market confidence in Alberta's crop products.

"Farmer-owned local seed co-operatives play an integral role in ensuring seeds and crops are pest- and dis-

ease-free, they strengthen local communities and help ensure we are successful in global markets. Now more than ever, seed co-operatives need support to modernize aging facilities so they can remain economically viable and serve our growing agriculture industry."

RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

The program is funded 75 per cent by the seed co-operatives and 25 per cent by the government, and will help facilities continue providing vital services, like cleaning, grading and conditioning seed and grain products. The result is a total \$27-million investment over three years.

Most seed co-operatives were built between the 1960s and 1990s. Upgrading technology and equipment will ensure co-operatives remain viable and competitive.

As a result of this investment, seed co-operatives

will be able to continue serving producers, providing good jobs in rural communities and strengthening local economies.

Individual seed plants that are members of the Alberta Seed Processors Association will be able to apply through the association. The association will then work alongside Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation to ensure eligible applicants receive funding.

"We applaud Minister Sigurdson and his team for recognizing the vital role these co-operatives play. This investment isn't just about machinery; it's about the revitalization of a farmer-owned network that has underpinned Alberta's agricultural success for more than 70 years. This funding ensures our members can continue to provide world-class seed and grain processing services while remaining competitive in a modern market."

Uwe Quedenbaum, pres-

ident, Alberta Seed Processors Association

"We are thrilled and deeply encouraged that Minister Sigurdson recognizes the immense inflationary pressures put on co-ops when undertaking any capital improvement project, especially a large-scale endeavour like ours. Through years of hard work and disciplined financial planning, we broke ground on a new \$6.5-million state-of-the-art facility slated to open in the fourth quarter of 2026. Although our project is already underway, this provincial funding is a critical lifeline; it ensures we can complete the build exactly as envisioned without being forced to trim key aspects of the project due to constant cost-control pressures."

Rick Kemp, chair, Innisfail Seed Cleaning Co-op

Budget 2026 is focused on what matters, makes disciplined choices, and takes decisive action.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AGAINST DROUGHT AND FLOODS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government will invest more than \$28 million to help protect families, communities and our economy from future floods and drought.

Many communities face challenges keeping up with water demand, drought-proofing their infrastructure or preventing floodwaters from damaging homes and critical infrastructure. That's why Alberta's gov-

ernment is investing \$25 million for 12 projects through the Drought and Flood Protection Program and \$3.5 million for projects through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program.

With this funding, communities and other partner organizations will build projects designed to keep homes and businesses dry, roads accessible, and critical infrastructure operating safely during an emergency. Water supply and storage

infrastructure will be expanded and watershed health will be improved so growing communities have the water they need, even during periods of drought.

"Investing in drought and flood protection keeps communities safe, while allowing them to continue to grow and thrive. This helps ensure safe and reliable access to water while making Alberta more resilient to extreme weather events."

Grant Hunter, Minister

of Environment and Protected Areas

Alberta's government is investing \$125 million over five years into the Drought and Flood Protection Program. Last year, the government delivered millions to counties, towns, cities and Indigenous partners for infrastructure projects, which are now underway. In total, \$75 million has now been invested in 40 projects through the program.

TARGETING WEEDS ON OIL AND GAS SITES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Recognizing the importance of protecting agricultural land, Alberta's government is taking action to address weed issues on oil and gas sites.

The new Oil and Gas Conservation Regulation under the Oil and Gas Conservation Act will provide the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) with the ability to hold companies accountable for controlling weeds and agricultural pests on their sites. For sites that do not have a responsible owner, the Orphan Well Association will be responsible for conducting required weed and pest control.

Under the regulation, the AER now has the authority to enforce the requirement that oil and gas companies

conduct weed or pest control. Municipal weed inspectors will be able to notify the AER and trigger compliance activity.

The regulator can then take steps under the Oil and Gas Conservation Act and use tools available in the Responsible Energy Development Act to direct companies to conduct the necessary weed and pest control as part of the "reasonable care and measures" requirements under the law.

"Weed and pest control is an important issue for Alberta's farmers that previous governments failed to address. These new rules will help ensure companies uphold their responsibilities to the landowners that host the oil and gas industry on their lands."

Brian Jean, Minister of En-

ergy and Minerals

"Agriculture is essential to Alberta's success. Protecting our farmland from weeds and pests is critical, and that includes responsible management on oil and gas sites. By working together, we can make sure both sectors thrive. These updates help ensure clear expectations, stronger compliance and better outcomes across the province."

R. J. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

"The Farmers' and Property Rights Advocate Office welcomes additional supports for rural landowners in helping them effectively manage weed and pest control challenges associated with oil and gas infrastructure on agricultural lands. Leveraging the existing compliance and enforcement tools of the Al-

berta Energy Regulator will allow farmers and ranchers to realize increased crop yields while lowering operational costs related to critical vegetation management efforts."

Peter. J Dobbie, Farmers' and Property Rights Advocate of Alberta

This initiative will help protect Alberta's multi-billion-dollar agrifood industry and ensure two of our most important economic drivers co-exist and prosper. Preventing the proliferation of weeds on oil and gas leases will prevent weeds and pests from spreading to nearby agricultural lands and impacting their productivity. Dealing with the "weeds on well sites" issue was a recommendation of the Mature Asset Strategy.

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REDUCING TRUCKING BARRIERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is leading the way in breaking down trucking barriers, making it faster and safer for truck drivers to move goods across Canada.

Alberta's government is launching the Canadian Trucking Regulations Hub, a made-in-Alberta digital tool that helps truck drivers navigate regulatory and op-

erational differences across provinces and territories.

"Alberta is proud to lead the development of this made-in-Alberta solution that supports truckers. By bringing key information together in one place, we are making it easier to navigate rules across jurisdictions, saving drivers time, and helping industry operate more effectively."

Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Transportation and Eco-

nomics Corridors

The Hub helps truck drivers plan their routes accurately so they can avoid low bridges and prevent costly infrastructure damage. It provides clear, accessible information which will help with links to permit information and safety code standards to navigate interprovincial trips. Instead of searching through multiple sources, the Hub brings everything together in one

place.

Alberta has worked closely with federal, provincial and territorial partners to develop and refine the tool, with all jurisdictions participating and contributing to data validation. Each province and territory will now be responsible for maintaining and validating its own data, ensuring information remains accurate and up to date. Responsibility for long-term management of the Hub is expected to transition to the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) in fall 2026.

"We welcome today's announcement and are pleased to work with the Alberta government to advance the implementation of the Canadian Trucking Hub, an important step toward improving the efficiency and safety of goods movement across the country."

Linda MacAusland, president and CEO, Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators

Alberta's government is continuing to take action to strengthen the trucking industry by engaging with trucking companies and driving schools on issues facing the industry and how to address them. Measures include potential experience-based requirements for commercial drivers coming to Alberta, such as creating a two-year waiting period, as well as stronger penalties for damage to public infrastructure. This ongoing work reflects a continued focus on ensuring drivers are well-prepared, while protecting Alberta's transportation network and supporting safer roads.

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EXPANDING HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR ALBERTANS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Proposed legislation would expand access to testing and medications, making it easier for Albertans to get care faster and closer to home.

If passed, Bill 29, the Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 would enable self-referred preventative testing, improve timely access to addiction treatment medications and complete Alberta's health system refocusing.

Enhancing access to preventative health testing

If passed, Bill 29 will allow Albertans to access certain private preventative health tests without a referral later this year. Preventative health testing is essential for identifying medical conditions at an early stage, when interventions are simpler, less costly and more effective. This change will make it easier for Albertans to take proactive steps in managing their health while helping reduce pressure on the public system.

Details on how self-referred testing will work, including eligible tests and any reimbursement, will be outlined in future regulations.

Improving timely access to critical medications

If passed, Bill 29 will allow authorized prescribers to keep a limited supply of certain prescription medications used in addiction treatment for urgent situations.

In many rural, remote and Indigenous communities, long travel distances to pharmacies can delay treatment when time matters most. These changes will help people begin treatment sooner by improving access to medications needed for care. Faster access to medication can be critical in stabilizing patients and supporting recovery.

All medications will continue to be dispensed through licensed pharmacies and subject to strict safety, storage and oversight requirements.

"The Alberta Recovery Model is about meeting people where they are and improving access to treatment. Timely access to

life-saving addiction medications reduces barriers to care – especially in rural, remote and Indigenous communities."

Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

Completing the health system refocusing

If passed, Bill 29 also includes final steps to complete Alberta's health system refocusing, supporting a more coordinated and streamlined health system.

Remaining public health functions will be aligned under

the Ministry of Primary and Preventative Health Services, helping ensure more consistent oversight and a more streamlined approach to delivering public health services. This work is about reducing fragmentation across the system and improving clarity about where services and responsibilities sit, so care can be delivered more consistently and efficiently.

Additional amendments will update legislation to re-

flect these changes and ensure alignment across related acts.

"Early detection of cancer saves lives, plain and simple. We support adding new screening pathways that complement our public health system, ensuring more Albertans can access the early screening needed to identify cancer sooner and improve outcomes."

Wendy Beauchesne, CEO, Alberta Cancer Foundation

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PROTECTING ALBERTANS FROM CYBERCRIMINALS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

The new cybercrime task force will address the growing problem of extortion and digital fraud targeting Albertans.

Cybercriminals represent a serious and ongoing public risk by targeting families, seniors and businesses across Alberta for financial exploitation. To address these risks head-on, the task force will provide recommendations to address cybercrime, including fraud, identity theft and extortion carried out using technology. Fraudulent schemes are

commonly conducted over international borders, making it more difficult for police departments to identify and find the source of the scams.

"We have seen too many examples of extortion threats across our province. This is unacceptable and it's why Alberta is taking action to develop a coordinated provincial strategy to stop these scammers from extorting families in our communities."

Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice

"With growing uses of artificial intelligence, I am grateful for the opportunity

to serve on this task force, working together to mitigate risks of cyber fraud, identity theft and extortion for the benefit of Albertans."

Jason Stephan, MLA for Red Deer-South and Cybercrime Task Force Chair

The cross-ministry task force will comprise experts in law, technology, consumer protection and law enforcement. Membership will also include representatives from the ministries of Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Services, Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, Technology and Innovation and Intergovernmental and International

Relations. A details list of members is available on the alberta.ca Cybercrime Task Force Webpage.

The task force will explore ways to protect the public from scammers who impersonate, use threats or deception to obtain personal information or pressure victims into making payments under false pretences. The recommendations will focus on legislative and regulatory options as well as federal government advocacy, to strengthen consumer protection and public safety.

ALBERTA RCMP ENCOURAGES ALBERTANS TO PREPARE EMERGENCY PLAN

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The Alberta RCMP is encouraging community members to prepare an emergency plan in the event of a flood or wildfire. As summer approaches, it's important to be prepared to act quickly in case of a natural disaster.

Keep the following in mind when making an emergency plan for your family:

- Consider the specific needs of your household, including older family members, special health or mobility needs, children, pets and service animals.

- Detail how your family will contact each other during an emergency

and make sure family members have shared and saved each other's contact information. Remember, you may not be in the same location when these events are taking place.

- Determine the best and quickest way to evacuate your home. Include evacuation routes, meeting or muster points, etc.

- If you can't evacuate your home, be prepared to be self-sufficient for three days. This includes having enough food, water and a secondary power source if possible.

- Prepare an emergency kit, or "grab-and-go-bag." Along with water and non-perishables, your kit should include things

like medications, personal hygiene items, copies of important documents, as well as a first-aid kit, manual can opener, phone charger, power bank, flashlight, extra batteries, emergency blanket, extra cash and seasonal clothing.

- Ensure household members know the location of your emergency kit, fire extinguishers, and where water, electric and gas utilities are located.

- Learn the emergency plans for your workplace, school and community in case you're not at home in the event of a disaster.

- Listen to instructions from local police and first responders on how to evacuate your neighbour-

hood. Don't take shortcuts as you could end up in blocked or unsafe areas.

- If you are able, consider making an out-of-town contact, far away enough that they likely won't be affected by the same disaster, that your family can stay with in the event of evacuation.

Practice your plan frequently so that you're ready in case of emergency. Remember, evacuation alerts warn the public of a potential or current threat. If an alert is issued, you should prepare to evacuate. Evacuation orders are mandatory and issued when the public must leave the area for their safety.

STRENGTHENING CANCER CARE FOR ALBERTANS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta is strengthening cancer care with earlier breast cancer screening and a program to help patients preserve fertility and build a family after treatment.

Alberta's government is expanding free breast cancer screening to all women aged 40 and older and is providing \$2.25 million to Cancer Care Alberta, in partnership with Fertility Alberta, to create a new oncofertility program to support cancer patients facing urgent fertility decisions.

One in two Albertans will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Through earlier screening, cancer can be identified sooner, when life-saving treatment is most effective. Preserving fertility ensures treatment does not take away a future beyond diagnosis, including the choice to build a family.

New Oncofertility Program

The program is expected to benefit 250-400 patients annually and builds on the provincewide oncofertility pathway introduced in 2025, which improved standardized screening and streamlined referrals to fertility clinics for patients who may want to have children after treatment.

It addresses a key gap by adding financial support for faster access to urgent fertility consultations, so patients can make critical decisions before treatment begins. This innovative program brings together care, funding and navigation to ensure patients can act quickly with the peace of mind that their future fertility is protected and focus on treatment.

The program will be fully developed and implemented in 2026-27, with more information on eligibility and how to access supports to be shared as details are finalized.

"Cancer Care Alberta is proud to partner with the provincial government and Fertility Alberta to build upon the established oncofertility expertise within our health system. By strengthening this integrated approach, we are ensuring that Albertans can take steps to protect their future fertility."

Brenda Hubley, interim managing director, Cancer Care Alberta

Expanding breast cancer screening

Beginning April 1, 2027, all women

aged 40 and older will be able to self-refer for breast cancer screening without a physician referral. In the interim, women aged 40 to 44 can access free screening with a one-time physician referral, while women aged 45 and older can continue to self-refer.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer affecting Alberta women. This expansion will make more than 193,000 additional women eligible for breast cancer screening, helping detect cancer earlier, often before symptoms

appear, when treatment is most effective.

"Mammography is a safe and effective screening tool for early cancer detection. This policy change will save lives, reinforcing Alberta's long-standing leadership in breast cancer screening, and improving outcomes for women across the province."

Dr. Rahim Samji, president, Alberta Society of Radiologists

"Breast cancer is now more than 90 per cent survivable when caught early, so rapid detection

is the most powerful defence we have against this disease. Expanding access to women at age 40 provides a critical head start toward earlier treatment and a successful recovery. This is a powerful step forward that directly improves the outcomes for cancer patients and their families."

Wendy Beauchesne, CEO, Alberta Cancer Foundation

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ALBERTA RCMP GIVES MOTORCYCLE SAFETY REMINDERS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Motorcycle season has arrived, and the Alberta RCMP is providing safety reminders to riders and other motorists. By being aware of each other, following traffic laws and practicing safe driving behaviours, everyone can stay safe on the roads.

Last year, in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction, there were 288 reported collisions involving motorcycles. As a result of these collisions, there were 259 injuries and 16 fatalities.

Help stay safe this riding season by following the below tips:

- Complete a pre-

ride check. Take time before getting on your bike to check fluids, tires, lights/signals, chains and the overall condition of the motorcycle. Refer to Alberta Transportation's Rider Guide for a checklist.

- Gear up. Riders and passengers must wear helmets that meet safety requirements and state the date of manufacture. A proper coat, pants, boots that cover the ankles, gloves and shatter-proof eyewear can reduce the risk of injury in the event of a collision. Avoid buying used helmets as they could have defects.

- Be bright and

in sight. Stay in sight of larger vehicles and avoid blind spots. Wear a high visibility jacket and helmet, in colours such as orange, yellow or white to be noticeable on the road.

- Maintain a safe following distance. Stay clear of loose gravel or rocks thrown by other vehicles on roadways and be cautious as excess debris and sand may affect tire traction and overall handling.

- Avoid speeding and weaving. Speeding in and out of traffic on a motorcycle is illegal and dangerous. Safe handling, and sharing the road responsibly, reduces the risk of collision.

- Don't show off. Just because your bike can do it, doesn't mean your bike should do it. Slow down on unfamiliar roadways and don't feel pressure to keep up with more experienced riders.

"We can all work together for a safe riding season," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "Last May saw 45 motorcycle collisions, making up approximately 16% of the total for last year. Look out for each other on the roads. If you're in a vehicle, make sure to complete a full check before changing lanes to ensure motorcycles and smaller vehicles aren't in your path."

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NEWS RELEASE - ELECTIONS ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Special Ballot requests now open for October 19 Referendum

Online applications to Vote by Mail are now open for the October 19, 2026, Referendum. Vote by Mail, also known as a Special Ballot, is available to all eligible Alberta electors. Electors do not need to provide a reason to apply.

"Vote by Mail gives Albertans the flexibility to choose a day and time that works for them to sit down and consider the referendum questions," said Gordon McClure, Chief Electoral Officer. "With 10 questions, some electors may want extra time to review the questions and voting by mail lets them do that on their own schedule."

Vote by Mail is a convenient option for electors who will not be available or are going to be away from their electoral division during advance voting days October 13-17, or on Election Day, October 19. This includes students

studying away from home.

Applications to Vote by Mail close October 9, 2026, and all completed Special Ballot packages must be received by Elections Alberta by mail before 5:00pm on October 16, 2026. Returning Offices will not accept Special Ballot packages.

Apply to Vote by Mail

Electors can secure a Special Ballot by:

- Completing the online form at <https://special-ballot.elections.ab.ca/>,
- Writing to info@elections.ab.ca, or
- Contacting the Returning Office for their electoral division starting September 21.

The last day to request a Special Ballot is October 9, 2026. Electors are encouraged to apply earlier enough to ensure they receive it and can return it by the deadline.

Once an application is received, a Vote by Mail package will be mailed to the address provided by the elector, which will include a prepaid return envelope. Special Ballot packages will begin mail-

ing to electors on September 1, 2026.

Special ballots may also be picked up in person at:

- Elections Alberta's head office in Edmonton starting September 1, or
- The elector's electoral division Returning Office starting September 21.

A designate may pick up a package on the elector's behalf. A person may apply for a Special Ballot on behalf of an elector only when the elector requires assistance due to disability or illness.

If an elector does not wish to be added to the List of Electors, they can request a secure Special Ballot.

Completing your Vote by Mail

Once electors receive their package, they can complete it at a time that suits them. Elections Alberta must receive completed packages by mail before 5 p.m. on October 16, 2026.

Electors voting by mail must sign a declaration and provide identification to prove their name and address. Please note: electors

are required to include copies of their accepted ID with their Special Ballot. Please do not send Elections Alberta original forms of ID.

Other voting options

Electors may vote during Advance Vote in their electoral division, October 13-17 at any advance voting location in their electoral division.

Election Day voting locations will be open 9:00am to 8:00pm on October 19, 2026. Electors must vote at their assigned voting location in their electoral division on Election Day.

Referendum information

Visit our website to learn more about Referendum 2026. Apply to work during the Referendum at our recruitment webpage. All positions and training are paid. Please see the Important Referendum Information Update for more information on ballots, voting, and voting requirements. Follow Elections Alberta on social media for more Referendum 2026 updates.

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.

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8	4	2	7	5	1	6	9	3
1	9	3	4	8	6	2	7	5
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Leduc Public Market: Every Thursday 10-2 @ City Center Mall. 5201 50 st. Leduc

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Saskatchewan Dr., Devon. Contact Brenda at 987-9113 for info.

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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

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