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September 30, 2026

CYANOBACTERIAL (BLUE-GREEN ALGAL) BLOOM ADVISORY ISSUED FOR WABAMUN LAKE

Submitted by AHS

A cyanobacterial (blue-green algal) bloom and/or toxins have been identified in the waters of Wabamun Lake. Residents living near

the shores of this lake, as well as visitors, are advised to take the following precautions:

- Do not swim or wade in any areas where cyanobacterial blooms are visible.

- Avoid all contact with cyanobacterial blooms in the water and washed up on shore. Wash with clean tap water as soon as possible if contact occurs.

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PARKLAND RCMP ARREST TWO, RECOVER STOLEN VEHICLES AFTER SHOPLIFTING INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Sept. 4, 2026, at approximately 7:45 p.m., Parkland RCMP responded to a report of shoplifting at a grocery store in Spruce Grove. Officers located

a female suspect attempting to enter the passenger side of a red car. As police approached, the male driver accelerated forward in attempt to leave the area. Officers prevented the female from entering the vehicle

and arrested her without incident.

The male driver fled the scene at a high rate of speed on Calahoo Road. Police recognized the suspect and attended

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INDEPENDENT REPORT RELEASED ON COSTS OF SEPARATION

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Albertans can now read comprehensive, independent analyses on how separation from Canada could

impact Alberta families, jobs and public services.

To provide Albertans with reliable, transparent information ahead of the Oct. 19 referendum, the University of Calgary's School of

Public Policy was commissioned to write an independent report examining potential economic and financial impacts of Alberta separating from

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Cyanobacterial (Blue-Green Algal) Bloom Advisory Issued For Wabamun Lake

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- Do not drink or cook with water from this lake.
- Do not eat whole fish or fish trimmings from this lake as fish may store toxins in their liver. Fish fillets contain less toxins and are safer to eat.
- Keep pets away from the

water. Do not allow pets to swim in areas where cyanobacterial blooms are visible or to contact blooms in the water or on the shore.

•Do not feed whole fish or fish trimmings from this lake to your pets.

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to

never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any body of water, including Wabamun Lake, at any time. Boiling of this water will not remove the toxins produced by cyanobacteria. An alternate source of drinking water should also be provided for pets and livestock while this advisory is active.

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Grand Opening

Please join West Central Airshed Society as we celebrate the opening of our new continuous air monitoring station in Wabamun.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 @ 1pm

West Central Fire Station 4820 - 52 Avenue
Wabamun, Alberta

This new station will provide valuable, real-time air quality data to support community decision making.

Join us for a brief opening ceremony, remarks from special guests, and an opportunity to learn more about your Airshed and air monitoring in Wabamun.

Please RSVP to jpeterston@wicas.ca by September 30th.

Parkland RCMP Arrest Two, Recover Stolen Vehicles After Shoplifting Investigation

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his residence, where they located the stolen red Ford Taurus associated to the investigation. The male suspect was observed running from the vehicle and was arrested without incident. Police also recovered a stolen motorcycle on the scene.

Colten Battaglini (28), a resident of Stony Plain, Alta., has been charged with the following:

- Operate vehicle while prohibited,
- Dangerous operation,
- Fail to stop for Peace Officer,
- Possession of stolen property over \$5,000,
- Possession of stolen property under \$5,000 (x3),
- Fail to comply with proba-

tion order,

- & drive uninsured contrary to the Traffic Safety Act.

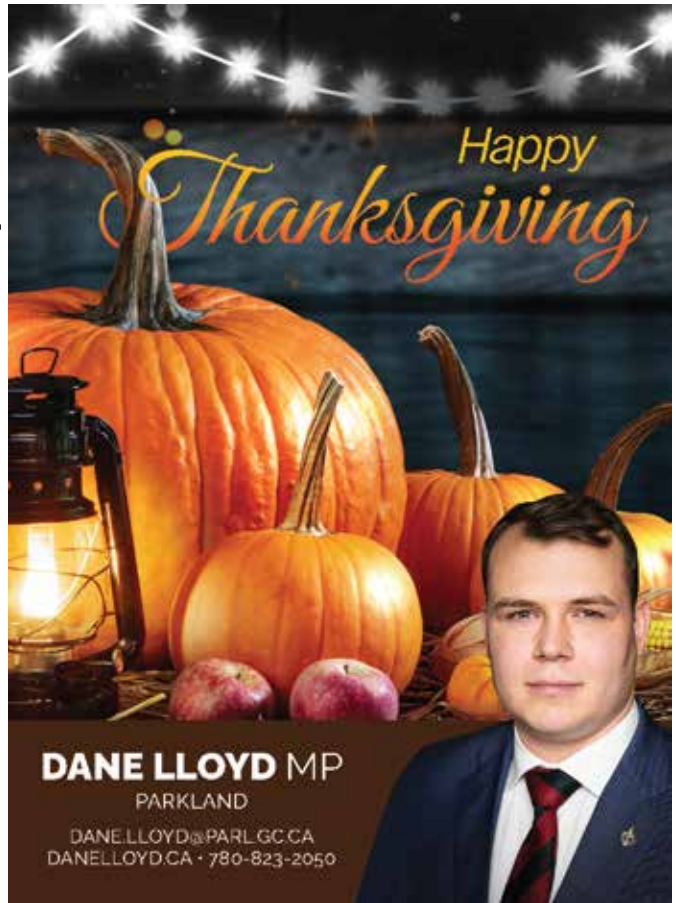
Jayden Stebbings (20), a resident of Spruce Grove, has been charged with the following:

- Theft under \$5,000,
- Obstruct a Peace Officer (x2),
- Possession of stolen property over \$5,000 (x2).

Colten Battaglini was remanded into custody to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in St. Albert on Oct. 14, 2026.

Jayden Stebbings was remanded into custody to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in St. Albert on Sept. 23, 2026.

If you have any information about this or any other crime, please contact the Parkland RCMP at 825-220-7267(RCMP).



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Lac Ste. Anne–Parkland

Your Guide to Voting

Referendum

In this referendum, electors will be asked to vote on 10 questions. Nine questions require a “Yes” or “No” response. One question asks electors to choose between two options.

You have three ways to vote:

- 1. **Vote during Advance Voting** from October 13 to 17, 2026, at an advance voting place in your electoral division.
- 2. **Vote on Election Day, October 19, 2026** at your designated voting place.
- 3. **If you’ve already requested a special ballot**, it must be received by mail at Elections Alberta by 5:00pm on October 16. Canada Post recommends you mail it no later than October 9.

Advance Voting Tuesday, October 13 to Saturday, October 17

During advance voting, you must vote at a voting place in your electoral division.

Advance voting places in your electoral division are listed below.
Or visit elections.ab.ca to find your voting place.

Advance Voting Places		Tuesday, October 13	Wednesday, October 14	Thursday, October 15	Friday, October 16	Saturday, October 17
Cedar Ridge Estates – Boardroom 53128 Rge Rd 21, Parkland County		9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm
Cherhill Community Hall 401 Railway Ave, Cherhill				9am – 8pm		
Evansburg Seniors Heritage House 5009 49 St, Evansburg		9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm			
Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre 4814 54 St, Mayerthorpe		9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm			
Onoway Community Hall 4920 49 Ave, Onoway		9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm
Parkland Village Community Hall 60 Parkland Gate Rd, Parkland County		9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm
Villeneuve Community Hall 61 54200 Rge Rd 265, Sturgeon County					9am – 8pm	
Wabamun Jubilee Hall 5132 53 Ave, Wabamun				9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	

Unofficial results will be posted after voting closes and ballots are counted at results.elections.ab.ca.
Official results will be posted October 29, 2026, at officialresults.elections.ab.ca.

Find everything you need to be referendum ready at elections.ab.ca



Election Day Monday, October 19, 2026

Election Day voting hours are 9:00am to 8:00pm.

On Election Day you must vote at your assigned voting place, which will be one of the places listed below. To find your designated voting place, scan the QR code and enter your residential address.

ELECTION DAY VOTING PLACE: Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland

Alberta Beach 50 Plus Club 5012 49 Ave Alberta Beach	Darwell Centennial Hall 54219 Hwy 765 Lac Ste. Anne County	Muir Lake Community Alliance Church 53428 Hwy 779 Parkland County	Seba Beach Seniors Golden Age Club 1091 St Seba Beach
Alcomdale Community Hall 400 - 57000 Hwy 44 Alcomdale	Duffield Community Hall 21 St Duffield	Muir Lake Community Hall 53422 Hwy 779 Parkland County	Smithfield Community Hall 53211 Rge Rd 34 Parkland County
Alexander Forestry Training Center Admin Rd Alexander No. 134	Evansburg Seniors Heritage House 5009 49 St Evansburg	Parkland Village Community Hall 60 Parkland Gate Rd Parkland County	Stettin-Nakamun Hall 1518 Twp Rd 562 Lac Ste. Anne County
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Carvel Hall 3A 52511 Hwy 770 Carvel	Gunn Area Hall 110 55022 Ste Anne Trail Gunn	Royal Canadian Legion Branch #132 - Onoway 4808 50 St Onoway	 Scan to find your voting place
Cedar Ridge Estates - Boardroom 53128 Rge Rd 21 Parkland County	Manly Hall 2320 Hwy 16 Parkland County	Sandy Beach-Myrna Noyes Community Hall 63 Lakeshore Dr Summer Village Of Sandy Beach	
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Returning Officer:

Reanne Springer
 Phone: 1-833-483-2822
 Email: ed67@elections.ab.ca

Accessible Voting

Barrier-free Access

All voting places are evaluated and modified, where possible, to provide barrier-free access to voters. Visit elections.ab.ca/accessibility to view accessibility information for each voting place.

Independent Report Released On Costs Of Separation

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Canada. The final report considers two hypothetical scenarios to give Albertans a sense of the costs associated with separation:

- A "smooth" scenario in which negotiations with Canada are quick and favourable to Alberta.

- A "difficult" scenario in which negotiations are protracted and unfavourable to Alberta.

In both scenarios, the independent report shows the short-term impacts of potential separation would result in significant economic disruption and costs for Al-

bertans. The report outlines that the cost of establishing a new country could range from \$50 billion to \$170 billion in the first five years following separation. These costs are in addition to impacts on economic growth and Alberta's fiscal position, which is explored in the report.

"It has been a great opportunity for the school to help inform Albertans on such a critical issue. From the start, we were afforded full independence and academic freedom with this project, which was successful under a compressed deadline. The work includes some of the most comprehensive economic and fiscal data available, analyzed objectively by our team of experts led by Dr. Tim Sargent."

Martha Hall Findlay, director, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary

Under the "difficult" scenario, limits on trade and market access could create lasting economic and fiscal challenges for both Alberta and Canada. Even after 20 years, employment could be nearly five per cent lower and Alberta's economy more than 16 per cent smaller than if the province remained in Canada. Despite higher taxes, the government could face an ongoing annual budget deficit of more than \$30 billion.

In the "smooth" scenario, Alberta may be able to maintain access to major trade markets, expand resource development and deliver some

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Independent Report Released On Costs Of Separation

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government services more efficiently. The report cautions, however, that any potential economic recovery could take many years following the disruption of separation and would depend on very specific conditions, including sustained high oil prices, that could not be guaranteed through negotiations.

Advisory panel assessment

An expert advisory panel, chaired by Dr. Jack Mintz, was appointed to review the report and prepare an independent assessment of the findings. The panel's work adds a broader range of perspectives to the analysis, ensuring Albertans are equipped with the facts.

The advisory panel's assessment underscore two key findings from the independent report: separation would involve significant short-term costs, and that the long-term economic and fiscal effects are highly uncertain. The panel also finds that the impacts of separation would extend beyond Alberta's borders, causing significant harm to Canada's economy.

"The panel concurs that separation results in short run economic costs for Alberta for uncertain net benefits in the longer run. However, we also stress that Canadians should be aware that Alberta's separation will undoubtedly harm Canada as well."

Dr. Jack Mintz, chair, Advisory Panel on the Potential

Impacts of Separation

Albertans can read the full report and the advisory panel assessment at: <https://www.alberta.ca/advisory-panel-on-the-potential-impacts-of-separation>. Eligible voters are encouraged to review the findings, consider the ev-

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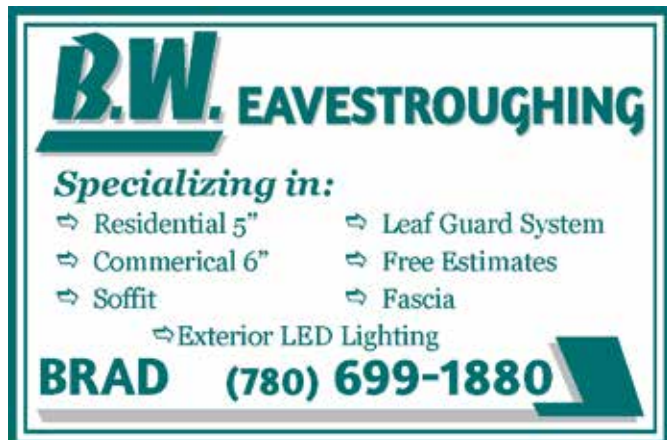
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Submitted by Yellowhead County

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STARS Update and Sup-

port Request

Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison for STARS, presented an overview of STARS' operations, emergency responses, services provided in Alberta, and their funding sources. Council received the presentation for information and referred STARS' financial support request

to the 2027 Budget deliberations.

Mountain Park Condominium

Following a September 15, 2026 presentation from representatives of Mountain Park Properties Condominium Corporation, Council approved a letter addressed to the corporation regarding the Node

9 development in Yellowhead County. The letter confirms that the County will follow its public engagement policies and meet all municipal and provincial notification and engagement requirements during the development process.

Human Resources Policy Changes

Administration presented the County's annual Human Resources Policy updates (1300.00 Human Resources Policy – Annual Summary of Changes). The report included changes related to the Code of Conduct, Personal Leave, and the Hybrid Work Model. Council received the report for information.

Taxation Properties Exemptions

Council received the Properties Exempt From Municipal Taxation report from Administration for information purposes. The report listed the 983 properties in Yellowhead County exempt under various provincial Acts and Regulations, including 10 non-profit organizations that require Council approval for their tax exemptions.



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Board meets 4 times per year.

- Provide advice to Council and Administration on opportunities and matters related to parks, recreation, arts, and culture services.
- Support the development, enhancement, and sustainability of recreation facilities, programs, and services.
- Review & approve grant funding for community organizations that provide recreation, arts and culture within its delegated authority.



Library Board

One (1) position for three-year term ending October 31, 2029

Board meets monthly.



- Have an impact on the provision of library services for Yellowhead County residents!
- Help develop the annual budget, library services, and planning for our three rural libraries: Evansburg, Wildwood, and Niton Junction.
- Provide operational cost-sharing funding to libraries in Edson and Hinton.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

One (1) position for three-year term ending October 31, 2029

Boards meet as required.

Note: Members appointed to the SDAB are automatically appointed to the Agricultural Service Appeal Board (ASAB).

- Hear appeals from decisions of the Subdivision Authority and Development Authority of Yellowhead County and make decisions pursuant to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.
- Hear property owner appeals under the Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pests Act.
- SDAB Course required (training is paid).





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For both Evansburg and Wildwood residents:

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