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January 19, 2021

EXPANDING FUNDING TO SUPPORT NEW BUSINESSES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is expanding its relaunch grant to ensure new businesses have access to the supports they need.

To better support Alberta's small business community through the ongoing public health crisis, the Alberta government is expanding the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant to allow new

businesses to apply. By expanding applications to businesses that started operating between March 1 and October 31, 2020, up 5,000 more Alberta businesses will be eligible for this funding.

New Alberta businesses impacted by public health orders will need to demonstrate a 30 per cent reduction of revenue using revenue figures from November or December 2020 compared with any prior month between March to Oc-

tober 2020. The payment is 15 per cent of their monthly revenue, for a maximum of \$15,000 in funding available for each business.

"We've been listening, and new businesses need our support. We've already provided funding to more than 40,000 businesses, and we're opening it up to more." - Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation

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LIMITED PROVINCEWIDE CHANGES TO PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Easing of restrictions for outdoor gatherings, personal services and funeral attendance will take effect Jan. 18.

While indoor gatherings remain prohibited, up to 10 people will be allowed at outdoor social gatherings. Personal and wellness services will be allowed to open by appointment

only. Funeral ceremony attendance will be increased to 20 people, with mandatory masking and two metre physical distancing. Funeral receptions are still not allowed.

All Albertans, businesses, organizations and service providers must continue to follow all other existing health measures.

"Albertans have done a good job of staying the course and

abiding by public health measures, but we are still seeing high hospitalizations and case numbers, and this continues to put a serious strain on our health-care system. How much further we can ease restrictions depends on our collective efforts over the coming days and weeks to limit the spread of the virus." - Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health

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MUNICIPAL LEADERS LAUNCH COVID-19 MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Submitted by Lac Ste. Anne County

In the wake of Alberta's recent declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19, Lac Ste. Anne County Council is working with the autonomous towns and summer villages within its borders to reinforce the importance of universal public compliance with the heightened provincial restrictions.

Appropriately titled Bend



the Curve, the joint municipal media campaign reminds community members of the power they possess to bend the curve downward on COVID-19 numbers. It also sends a message of gratitude to locals who already support the greater social good by heeding the public health restrictions.

"By consistently following AHS rules like self-isolating and physical distancing, we are making altruistic choices that help keep each other safe - especially our vulnerable populations," stated County Reeve Joe Blakeman, architect of the Bend the Curve campaign.

Awareness of this messaging is being supported via web and social media channels of the County and partner municipalities including Mayerthorpe, Oneway and Alberta Beach. A digital

ad campaign has also been launched in an effort to reach every household in the region during the holiday season.

An informational micro-site has been launched by the County and its partner municipalities at bendthe-curve.ca. The site breaks down the provincial regulations in simple terms, and provides some sobering local numbers to drive home the importance of heeding the health restrictions. It also leverages important regional data and resources, including daily updates from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Deena Hinshaw.

"This is our shared duty as rural Albertans," continued Reeve Blakeman. "Challenging times are ahead, and I'm asking Lac Ste. Anne citizens to do their part. Together we can win this."

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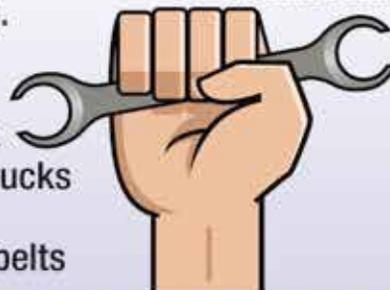
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Expanding Funding To Support New Businesses

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The Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant offers financial assistance to Alberta businesses, cooperatives and non-profit organizations with fewer than 500 employees that faced restrictions or closures from public health orders, and experienced a revenue loss of at least 30 per cent due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses can use the funding as they see fit to offset the costs they are facing as they relaunch their businesses. This includes the costs of implementing measures to prevent

the spread of COVID-19, such as physical barriers, PPE and cleaning supplies, as well as rent, employee wages or replacing inventory. The funds can also be used to help businesses expand their online presence or e-commerce opportunities so that they can continue to serve customers.

The program launched at the end of June with a budget of up to \$200 million. To ensure Alberta businesses have access to the supports they need, the budget was increased to \$500 million. More program details will be outlined on the program web page when finalized.

Applications will be open until March 31, 2021, unless otherwise communicated.

Alberta's Recovery Plan is a bold, ambitious long-term strategy to build, diversify, and create tens of thousands of jobs now. By building schools, roads and other core infrastructure we are benefiting our communities. By diversifying our economy and attracting investment with Canada's most competitive tax environment, we are putting Alberta on a path for a generation of growth.

Quick facts

- Any new company that

meets the 30 per cent threshold will be able to apply for the grant starting February 4, 2021.

- Small businesses that may be eligible under the new rules should wait until February 4 to apply, to avoid being deemed ineligible.

• Additional supports for businesses are available through the Federal Government

• Small and medium-sized businesses represent 99.8% of all job creators in Alberta, employing more than 500,000 Albertans.

Limited Provincewide Changes to Public Health Measures

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"Although we've seen a decline in transmission, our health-care system is still at risk. We must remain diligent in our efforts to bring our numbers down even further.

By easing some measures like outdoor gathering limits, we hope to support Albertans' mental health, while still following other restrictions that are helping us reduce case numbers." - Dr. Deena Hinshaw, chief medical officer of

health

Provincial and regional trends will continue to be monitored and assessed over the coming weeks to determine if further easing of restrictions may be considered.

Alberta's government is re-

sponding to the COVID-19 pandemic by protecting lives and livelihoods with precise measures to bend the curve, sustain small businesses and protect Alberta's health-care system.



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TIGER TROUT AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME TO AQUACULTURE

Submitted by Smoky Trout Farm Limited

Tiger trout are being added as a licensed species of trout in 2021 for the Alberta aquaculture industry and private pond owners throughout rural Alberta, including farmers, ranchers and recreational property owners. The licensing change from Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) is the culmination of years of cautious study, conversations between government and industry, and planning for the further introduction of the species.

Tiger trout are a hybrid of brown and brook trout. The species is desirable to anglers and sport fishers because of its unique "fighting" style. Tiger trout in Alberta cannot reproduce. This enhances the fish' capacity to grow to a large size after several years in water bodies with abundant food. These factors combine to lure anglers to any Alberta lake where they are stocked.

Excited customer demand from licensed pond owners has kept the Alberta aquaculture industry in talks with AEP for the past few years on the issue. This year, the Ministry has moved forward with surplus eggs and fingerlings available to fish farms, plus adding tiger trout to private licenses.

"For anglers and private pond owners who are serious about the experience of catching fish, tiger trout have been a wish list species for several years in Alberta. Fish farms are like any business, we want to supply species that our customers find desirable. We couldn't do this without the support of AEP. We purchase the triploid eggs from them and rely on them for licensing to operate," said Max Menard, owner of Smoky Trout Farm.

The move to expand li-

ensing for tiger trout into the aquaculture industry follows almost eight years of careful, science-based introduction of the species into Alberta water bodies. Scientists, regulators, hatchery staff, and fish and wildlife experts were, and continue to be involved at every point of the introduc-

tion. There will be up to 30 provincially stocked lakes with tiger trout in 2021.

"We're very careful on the stocking ratio, available food and other considerations when stocking tiger trout. Tigers are a bit slower growing, they take a few years to develop and food availability is very import-

ant," said Craig Copeland with AEP. "For working with the aquaculture industry for stocking, there has been a very clear direction at AEP that our hatcheries can supply surplus to them. We'll be providing eggs and fingerlings to fish farms, and pond owners can purchase stock from fish farms."

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County News Highlights

January 28, 2021
County Council Meeting

February 3, 2021
MPC Meeting

Council meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. County Council meetings begin at 9:30 am. Please visit LSAC.ca/agendas for meeting agendas. To address Council, appointments must be booked at least 8 working days prior.

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION The municipal general election will be held October 18, 2021.

The County has appointed Chris Belke as its Returning Officer in preparation for the 2021 municipal election. Chris can be contacted at returningofficer2021@LSAC.ca. Nominations for Councillors will be accepted by the Returning Officer until Monday, September 20, 2021.

Bookmark LSAC.ca/election2021 to review nomination requirements, voter requirements, information for candidates, voting results and other important election information as it becomes available. Visit the **Bylaws & Policies** section of the County website for the Election Bylaw.

SEASONAL AG SERVICES JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Agricultural Services department is recruiting for seasonal Pesticide Applicator, Weed Inspector and Crop Inspector positions. These 16-week terms begin May 3 and come with competitive wages.

Visit LSAC.ca/careers to apply.

DOES THE COUNTY HAVE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS?

Ensure you correct contact details are on file

The County sends important mail to ratepayers throughout the year. Sometimes this correspondence goes astray due to an incorrect or out-of-date mailing address on file.

Those living in rural areas can have two addresses: a mailing address, and a municipal address (street address). Your municipal address is that blue sign at the end of the driveway. While a municipal address helps emergency responders or courier services find your property, it's not a valid mailing address.

Not receiving any County notices in the mail? Better call 780.785.3411 or email LSAC@LSAC.ca to ensure the County has your correct mailing address on file. Visit LSAC.ca/address to learn more.

2021 GRAVEL TRUCK REGISTRATION

Registrations accepted until January 31, 2021

Public Works is accepting 2021 registrations from **EQUIPMENT AND GRAVEL TRUCK** owners located within, and having permanent residence within, Lac Ste. Anne County boundaries.

Registration forms and policy requirements can be picked up at the County administration office located at 56521 Rge Rd 65 during regular business hours. Forms can also be downloaded from the County website at LSAC.ca/roads. Registration forms will be accepted until Sunday, January 31, 2021.

Subsequent to proper registration,

when working for the County, all contractors **MUST** come equipped with approved reflective safety vests, hard hats and CSA-approved steel-toed boots.

As a registered gravel truck/equipment owner in Lac Ste. Anne County, you commit to a standard of operation that demonstrates the partnership between operators, the County, and its communities with regard to courtesy, efficiency and safety. Registration with the County does not guarantee work. However, you will **NOT** be called if you are not registered.

For further information, please contact the Public Works department at **780.785.3411** (toll-free **1.866.880.5722**).

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PILOT PROJECT

The County is excited to announce its participation in a two-year expanded electronics pilot project to help keep discarded electronic equipment out of the landfill. Through this project the County will do its part to divert 24,600 tonnes of electronics while adding jobs and positive economic impact to Alberta.

Recyclable electronics included in the pilot project include audio visual equipment, telecom, cell phone and wireless devices, electronic gaming equipment, small home appliances, portable power tools, toys, musical instruments and solar panels.

All Lac Ste. Anne County transfer stations and the Highway 43 East Main Landfill now have dedicated bins to collect these types of electronic waste.

For further information on this project, visit LSAC.ca/waste.



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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVALS

The following Development Permits have been approved or conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw. This list does not include Permitted Uses. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Planning and Development department at 1-866-880-5722 or devassistant@LSAC.ca, Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm to request additional information on a permit.

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL DEADLINE
20-D0267	NE 35-57-09 W5M 57518 RGE RD 91	Minor Home Business, tack and feed store, gift ware in portable building on skids Home Occupation	Jan. 25, 2021
20-D0280	2, 3401 Ste. Anne Trail SE 20-54-3 W5M 1; 0624932 Lakeshore Cove	Existing shed variance request, Side yard variance request, Regulation: 6.0m, Requested: 2.44m, Variance: 3.56m Other.	Feb. 1, 2021
20-D0272	11, 56514 RGE RD 21 SE 35-56-2 W5 M 6; 5; 7821036 Four Oakes	Mobile Home 22.0' x 76.0' (1672.0 sq. ft.) and Deck 13.0' x 24.0' (312.0 sq. ft.) on Screw Piles New Construction	Feb. 1, 2021
21-D0001	517, 55101 Ste. Anne Trail SE 10-55-3 W5 M 173; 1422592 Waters Edge	As Built Deck 12.0' x 12.0' (144.0 sq. ft.), Side Yard Variance Request Regulation: 2.43m Requested: 0m Variance: 2.43m Other	Feb. 1, 2021
21-D0003	31, 53414 RGE RD 62 SE 27-53-6 W5M 12; 4; 0728804 Sherwood Cove	2007 mobile home with deck, Mobile Home 76.0' x 20.0' (1520.0 sq. ft.) with 8.0' walls, Deck 15.0' x 50.0' (750.0 sq. ft.) New Construction	Feb. 8, 2021

Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of the above developments must do so in writing on the applicable form on or before 4:30pm on the above noted date(s). Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, c/o Lac Ste. Anne County, Planning & Development department, Box 219, Sangudo, Alberta, T0E 2A0.

PLEASE NOTE: Lac Ste. Anne County requires that a non-refundable fee of \$250.00 be paid for every appeal served on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Fees may be paid by Cheque, Visa, MasterCard, Interac or Cash.

COYOTE MITIGATION HELP
Assistance with coyotes and other predators during calving/lambing season

Spring is just around the corner and with that comes all the new exciting arrivals/additions for the year. Producing livestock has many challenges and coyote predation is one of them.

Although they are important to the ecosystem, coyotes, which are wild canines that are found across North America, can cause problems when they damage or kill domestic livestock or domestic pets, like dogs. If you are dealing with problematic

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Gardeners Day 2021 is hosted by the Sangudo & District Horticultural Club and proudly sponsored by Lac Ste. Anne County.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE: PREMIER KENNEY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Premier Jason Kenney issued the following statement about reports President-elect Joe Biden may cancel the Keystone XL pipeline permit:

"I am deeply concerned by reports that the incoming administration of President-elect Joe Biden may repeal the Presidential permit

for the Keystone XL border crossing next week.

"Doing so would kill jobs on both sides of the border, weaken the critically important Canada-U.S. relationship, and undermine U.S. national security by making the United States more dependent on OPEC oil imports in the future.

"In 2019, the United States imported 9.14 million barrels per day of petroleum, 3.7

million of which came from Canada. The rest comes from countries like Venezuela and Saudi Arabia, none of whom share the commitment of Canada and the United States to environmental stewardship, combatting climate change, or North American energy security.

"As President-elect Biden's green jobs plan acknowledges, Americans will consume millions of barrels of oil per

day for years to come. It is in perfect keeping with his plan that the United States energy needs should be met by a country that takes the challenges of climate change seriously.

"The Keystone XL pipeline also represents tens of thousands of good-paying jobs that the American economy needs right now. That is why major American labour unions who supported President-elect Biden's campaign strongly back the project, as do First Nations who have signed partnership agreements, and all state governments along the pipeline route.

"As the Government of Canada has said, building Keystone XL is 'top of the agenda' with the incoming Biden administration. Prime Minister Trudeau raised the issue with President-elect Biden on their November 9, 2020, telephone meeting, agreeing 'to engage on key issues, including ... energy cooperation such as Keystone XL.'

"We renew our call on the incoming administration to show respect for Canada as the United States' most important trading partner and strategic ally by keeping that commitment to engage, and to allow Canada to make the case for strengthening cooperation on energy, the environment, and the economy through this project.

"Should the incoming U.S. Administration abrogate the Keystone-XL permit, Alberta will work with TC Energy to use all legal avenues available to protect its interest in the project."

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FIRST NATIONS SIGN HISTORIC AGREEMENT WITH ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

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The Alberta-Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations Protocol Agreement outlines a formal process for ministers, chiefs and councils to meet several times throughout the year. Meetings will focus on six priorities:

- land and resources

- health care
- education
- justice
- economic development
- culture and tourism

“I’m proud to walk a path of reconciliation with Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations. We will work together in a spirit of respect and partnership to move forward our shared social and economic priorities. I couldn’t be more proud to sign the first agreement between Alberta’s government and the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations since 2008.” - Rick Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations

The protocol agreement gives Alberta and the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations a way to have meaningful discussions, share information and explore issues of mutual concern.

The agreement also commits to an annual meeting

between the chiefs of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations and Premier Jason Kenney.

“A protocol agreement is more than a document. It is a promise between governments about communication and collaboration with a focus on shared prosperity, now and for years to come.” - Grand Chief Billy Morin, Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations

The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations includes 16 First Nations that span central Alberta.

In 2020-21, Alberta’s government will provide the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations with a \$300,000 grant to support the agreement’s implementation. The agreement will remain in place for as long as both parties wish to keep it active.

Quick facts

• In September 2019, the Blackfoot Confederacy renewed their protocol agreement with Alberta’s government.

• In October 2020, government signed the Alberta-Stoney Nakoda-Tsuut’ina Tribal Council Protocol Agreement.

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ANSWER:

6	9	4	8	3	5	2	7	1
8	1	5	7	2	9	4	6	3
3	2	7	6	4	1	8	9	5
7	4	6	5	9	3	1	8	2
9	8	3	1	7	2	5	4	6
2	5	1	4	6	8	7	3	9
4	3	2	9	5	7	6	1	8
1	6	9	2	8	4	3	5	7
5	7	8	3	1	6	9	2	4

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1	6				4	3		
				1	6			

Church Directory

<p>Rich Valley Community Church</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>Worship Service 11:00a.m.</p>	<p>Catholic Parish of Lac Ste. Anne</p> <p>Sunday 10:00a.m.</p>		<p>Mayerthorpe Baptist Church</p> <p>Worship Service Sunday 10:30a.m.</p> <p>Children's Church 10:30a.m.</p> <p>4606-54 St. Mayerthorpe (780) 786-2677</p>	<p>Alberta Beach Alliance Church</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service & Kid's Church 11:00a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>(780) 924-3282</p>	<p>St. John's Anglican Church</p> <p>Onoway</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:00a.m.</p> <p>Everyone Welcome</p>
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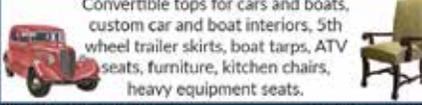
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