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## ELIGIBILITY CHANGES COMING FOR THE 2022-2023 CROP YEAR

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead, wishes to advise his constituents that Canadian producers will be grain

delivery declaration changes for the 2022-2023 crop year. Declarations of eligibility will be required across Canada starting from July 1, 2022 in Eastern Canada and August 1, 2022 in Western

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## CONSTRUCTION SEASON SET TO BEGIN IN LEDUC

Submitted by City of Leduc

Residents encouraged to visit online construction map for details and updates

The 2022 construction season is here, and all planned

projects are available online in an interactive map for residents to learn more and submit any questions they may have as the work begins.

This year's projects include

road reconstructions and overlays, back lane reconstructions, multiway expansions, and the solar carport and electric vehicle charger installation.

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## UPDATE ON SOME OF THE LATEST NEWS COMING OUT OF ALBERTA GOVERNMENT

Submitted by Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley

Fighting the federal firearm ban

Alberta chief firearms officer Teri Bryant is raising concerns

with the federal firearm ban. The federal measure prohibits more than 1,500 models of firearms and other related firearm components. It also calls for an amnesty period and a federal program to acquire

and destroy the firearms. The banning of an arbitrary selection of firearms and imposing unfair costs and controls on law-abiding gun owners reflects a...

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# Eligibility Changes Coming For The 2022-2023 Crop Year

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...dependability and quality of grain to the Canadian

licensed grain handling system. Canadians are encouraged to review the relevant link regarding Kinds of

Grain that Require a Declaration of Eligibility for Delivery of Grain.

# Construction Season Set To Begin In Leduc

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The full detailed project list, including ongoing prog-

ress updates, photos, timelines, and more, is available through the online interactive map.

Among the projects are several roads in the hospital area. The City is working closely with the hospital and the RCMP detachment to ensure emergency vehicle access and public drop-off access to the hospital will be maintained at all times. Work will be completed in phases, and residents living in and visiting the area can expect temporary impacts to street parking in order to allow crews to complete the work as quickly and efficiently as possible.

## Gerald Soroka, MP

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## FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

- Make your neighborhood and workplace safer by reporting broken street lights, cleaning up parks and vacant lots, and lobbying local government for better lighting in public places.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times, especially when walking or driving alone, in deserted areas, and late at night.
- Help out a friend or coworker

- who has been a victim of crime. Visit them often, listen to them and sympathize, and don't blame. Also find the number for victim services or a crisis hot line.
- When walking, pay attention to your surroundings and display a confident air; avoid displaying a lost look or large amounts of cash.
- Work for better drug treatment

- services, crime and drug abuse prevention education, and job and recreational opportunities for young people in your community.
- Have your car keys ready before you arrive at your vehicle. Check in front and back of your vehicle before entering.
- Join a watch group for your neighborhood, apartment

- complex, school or office. Use it to look out for each other and help the police.
- Keep doors and ground-level windows locked at all times, even when you are home. Consider installing grates on basement windows.

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# Update On Some Of The Latest News Coming Out Of Alberta Government

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...main concern of Albertans: firearms policies and regulations should be evidence-based instead of ineffective measures that target law-abiding citizens rather than criminals.

Welcoming West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin

United States Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia visited Alberta to discuss being partners in energy security.

Premier Jason Kenney and Senator Manchin spoke to media about the need to for Canada and the United States to be better partners in energy security. Manchin, who sits on the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, said the U.S. now wishes

it didn't kill the Keystone XL pipeline and that he will ask Premier Kenney to testify before the committee on the need for better energy cooperation between Canada and the U.S. on pipelines and energy issues.

Terminating relationships with Russian regions

In response to the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Government of Alberta has terminated its relationship with three Russian regions.

Premier Jason Kenney stated that despite the decades-long relationships, Alberta denounces Russia's invasion of Ukraine and is terminating its relationship with these regions. The relationships between Alberta and Tyumen

Oblast, Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug and Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug began in 1992, 1995 and 1997, respectively. This is the first time the Government of Alberta has terminated relationships with sister regions.

Acting to better support children and youth

Minister of Children's Services Rebecca Schulz has accepted and is implementing all six action items outlined in the Review of Deaths of Children and Youth Receiving Child Intervention Services.

The past two years have been challenging for children, youth, and young adults because of the COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions. Young adults struggling with

addiction have also been particularly hard hit by these events. Alberta's government is responding by making significant investments to improve mental health and addiction care and help youth and young adults recover from the challenges they face. Alberta's government is also enhancing safety planning, oversight and reporting to improve the safety of children and youth receiving intervention services.

Supporting well-being for Indigenous women

Three grants will help provide Indigenous women in Alberta with the skills and support they need to find careers and improve their livelihoods.

Funding to the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women (IAAW) will support programs to help Indigenous women find jobs, security and success in Alberta's rapidly recovering economy. With a focus on job readiness, retention and improved access to vital services, these programs will help participants build skills and confidence by offering customized plans to help develop career paths, from pre-employment training and education to long-term achievements in the workplace. The IAAW will also provide advocacy, referrals and strategies for mental health, housing, transportation, child-care, and assistance navigating the justice system.



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# BULLYING

## Tips for Dealing With Bullying

- 1) Take complaints of bullying seriously. Do not dismiss your child or expect your child to work through the situation alone.
- 2) Praise your child for reporting bullying situations to you and assure your child you will take action.
- 3) Talk to your child's teacher, counselor, or other caregiver about reports of bullying.
- 4) Work together to address the bullying situation. Don't confront the parents of the bully directly.
- 5) Ask your child specific questions about how your child is treated by peers, who he or she eats lunch with, and how other children are treated.
- 6) Teach your child to be assertive. Your child should be able to express feelings and needs clearly, without shouting or other aggressive behavior.



- 7) Provide opportunities for your child to make friends. Identify some of your child's interests and encourage your child to pursue them through sports, clubs, or other group activities.
- 8) Teach your child to identify bullying behaviors. These include hitting, damaging possessions, threatening, name calling, & excluding someone

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# BLOCK WATCH

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## NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

Start, join or reactivate a neighborhood watch program today!

Remember if you see a situation that doesn't feel right, it's suspicious.

Write down the description of any suspicious persons.

Get the model, color and license numbers of strange vehicles.

Call the police immediately. Don't assume someone else has called.

If criminal activity has occurred let your Block Watch Captain and neighbors know but **CALL THE POLICE FIRST**

### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY THAT YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR:

- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Unusual noises, sounds of breaking glass or shattering wood
- Beam from flashlight or light in neighbor's home
- Persons going door to door
- Someone looking into windows of parked cars
- Persons waiting in front of a home or loitering around the neighborhood
- A stranger in the back yard
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or a business after it has closed
- Property being carried by persons on foot
- Property being loaded into a vehicle

or being removed from a vehicle

- An opened or forced door or window
- Strange vehicles parked at your neighbor's house
- Slow moving vehicles cruising the block
- Someone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Abandoned cars

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# Spring **HOME** **RENO** **GUIDE**

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## WEEKEND RENOVATION PROJECTS

Some home renovation projects require the expertise of professionals, but there also are many ways for homeowners to

improve their homes without hiring a pro or spending too much money. The following are a handful of DIY renovation projects

homeowners can tackle in a typical weekend.

· **Closet conversion:** Ample closet space is a big plus for home buyers, but upon moving into a new home, many homeowners may find they don't need as much closet space as they initially thought. Guest room walk-in closets, in particular, may prove to be underutilized resources. Such closets often come with built-in shelving, and therefore, they make ideal spaces to convert to mini home

offices or study areas for kids. Installing an extra shelf to serve as a desk area for remote working or homework stations won't take up much of a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, and before you know it, you will have a fully functioning workspace.

· **Accent wall:** Accent walls can liven up a room by breaking the color pattern of the walls in the room.

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## Weekend Renovation Projects

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Accent walls also can be used to divert attention on a particular design element in a room, such as a painting or an elaborate wall furnishing. Painting an accent wall won't take very long, but such a project can give a room an entirely new look and feel.

· **Driveway:** If weather permits, repaving an asphalt driveway can be an ideal weekend project, especially if an existing driveway has endured

its fair share of wear and tear. Many driveways can be paved anew in a single day, but larger driveways or those that have endured an extraordinary amount of wear and tear may take a couple of days.

· **Storage and shelving:** Much like some homes come with an abundance of storage areas, others fall short of homeowners' or apartment dwellers' needs. If your home or apartment falls into the latter category, adding some shelving or finding

some new furniture that can serve double duty as storage areas is a weekend project that can help clear up some space. Purchase some wood shelving from a local furniture retailer to mimic the look of traditional built-ins or replace existing single-use furniture with newer items capable of serving multiple functions, including storage.

· **Art:** If the rooms and hallways in your home are bare or in need of new looks but your budget

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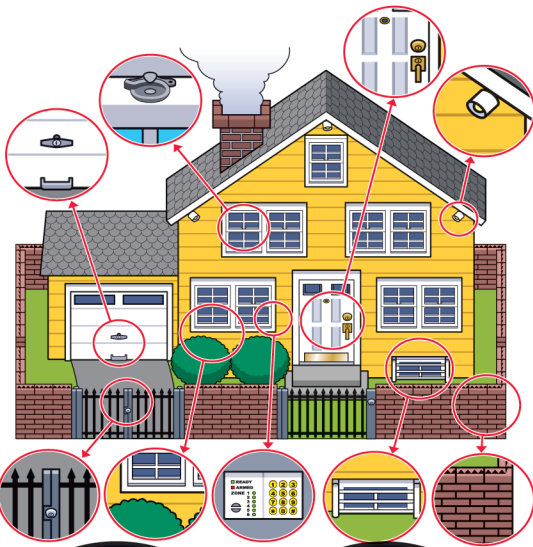
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- \* Turn off the telephone ringer so no one knows your home is empty.
- \* Lock and check doors and windows.
- \* Have your newspapers and mail stopped while you are away.
- \* Make your home look lived in - put lights, radios and TVs on variable timers and have a neighbour remove junk mail.
- \* Don't leave notes outside.
- \* Lock up tools, BBQS and ladders and put them out of sight.
- \* Make sure your hedges are trimmed so as not to provide cover for burglars.
- \* Make sure the exterior of your home is well lit.
- \* Let a trustworthy neighbour know when you are gone for holidays and leave an emergency contact number.

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### TIPS TO SPOT AN IMPAIRED DRIVER

Drivers who are impaired by fatigue, drugs, alcohol or other distractions such as cell phones, are a danger not only to themselves, but also to the innocent drivers around them. If you witness any of the behaviors below, call 911 and tell the operator that you are calling to report an impaired driver. Be prepared to describe the make, model, color and license plate number of the vehicle, and provide its exact location.

#### Signs of impaired driving include:

- Failure to turn on headlights at night.
- Illegal or sudden turning.
- Turning within an unusually wide radius.
- Nearly striking other cars or objects.
- Sudden or erratic braking.
- Drifting, swerving or weaving.
- Driving with the face close to the windshield.
- Drinking alcohol in the vehicle.
- Driving much slower than the posted speed limit.
- Rapidly accelerating.
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# ARTICLE FROM MLA SMITH

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

It is clear to all Albertans that inflation is beginning to impact our quality of life.

As a part of Alberta's recovery plan, we are providing \$10.4 million to continuing care operators, on behalf of residents, to offset one-quarter of this year's increase in accommodation charges for Albertans in long-term care and designated supportive living. Operators are permitted by legislation to raise accommodation rates each July 1 by the rate of inflation over the previous year. This year's increase will be 5.5 per cent. The government will pay operators directly for the increase for July 1 to

Sept. 30.

Furthermore, as part of Alberta's Recovery Plan, a record number of students will receive the Women in STEM Scholarship this year.

This scholarship supports women studying in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields, areas in which women are often under-represented. This year, \$732,500 is being distributed to 293 students. This one-time top-up funding will mean 243 more students are receiving funding than last year. Each will receive \$2,500 to pay for their studies. When women are supported in pursuing careers in which they are often under-represented, they have new opportunities to reach

their full potential, support their families and contribute to Alberta's growing knowledge-based economy.

Lastly, new funding for the Civil Society Fund will support 37 projects, helping vulnerable Albertans and contributing to the province's social and economic recovery.

As part of Alberta's Recovery Plan, these projects will help organizations supporting Albertans address a range of social issues such as mental health, homelessness, and domestic violence. A total of \$7 million is being invested into this program, with funding per project ranging from \$35,900 to \$550,000. Organizations will have up to two years to complete

their projects. Budget 2022 includes an additional \$6 million for the Civil Society Fund – completing our United Conservative, three-year \$20-million platform commitment to increase the capacity of civil society to address social issues.

As we move forward in 2022 the Alberta Government will continue to grow the economy through the Alberta Recovery Plan. We will address inflationary pressures on Albertans, provide help to those looking to grow the Alberta economy through a knowledge based economy and fund projects through civil society groups that will help vulnerable Albertans.

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOUTH FROM CANADA SUMMER JOBS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead, wishes to advise

his constituents that he recognizes the challenges facing the youth today with regard to job scarcity. New opportunities can be found

in the QR codes below from the Youth Job Bank and the Job Bank Mobile App. Eligible youth can apply for summer jobs in a variety of

industries. The last possible date to start a job is July 24, 2022.



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Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

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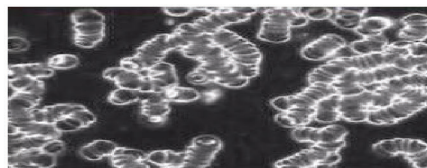
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