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August 21, 2024

CAPITAL GAINS FALL LEGISLATION

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

At the end of the last Parliamentary session, Chrystia Freeland, Finance Minister, scrambled to bring in her latest tax hike to pay for her uncontrolled inflationary spending.

The Liberals claim this Capital Gains Tax only targets the ultra-rich. It

does not. It is a tax on food, homebuilding, retirement, doctors, pharmacists, truckers, and small business owners.

The Liberal-NDP coalition is deciding to hike taxes on homebuilders while we are facing a housing shortage and are raising taxes on doctors during a doctor shortage. They are raising taxes on farmers while food and

production is already expensive and small businesses will pay more in taxes which harms their company, employees, and consumers.

Canadians will be worse off because of Justin Trudeau's new tax. This job-killing tax will negatively impact every industry and all citizens by removing more

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ALBERTA BEACH POLY DAYS SIDEWALK BBQ FUNDRAISER

Submitted by Angela Weber

Summer in Alberta has definitely had its ups and downs – and Poly Days in Alberta Beach was certainly one of the high points for our friends and contributors in our community during the Sidewalk BBQ in front of the Village office on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024.

We gratefully acknowledge the efforts of the conductor, Anita War-

holik, who orchestrated a seamless, musical, and profitable endeavour.

The funds raised in the past during this sidewalk BBQ have always gone toward great projects –

and this year was no exception. We are pleased to report that both the Onoway Food Bank AND the Grasmere School Lunch Program

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Capital Gains Fall Legislation

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money out of the pockets of individuals and businesses, as well as the Canadians they serve.

The Liberals forced a last-minute motion in Parliament to try and implement this new tax,

but they will be forced to table legislation to enact the tax in the fall. There is still time to stop this tax.

Common Sense Conservatives will continue to fight against these harmful tax hikes from this Liberal-NDP gov-

ernment. We will bring back powerful paycheques for individuals and businesses. We will not punish Canadians for their hard work but rather reward them for their success.

Do you agree with this job-killing tax? If not, email the Finance Minister at chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca and tell her you can't afford this tax.



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Alberta Beach Poly Days Sidewalk BBQ Fundraiser

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each received \$998. Success like this, of course, never can happen without collaboration and cooperation – and most important, generosity! With support from

sponsors like: Fortis; Beachwave Market; the Village of Alberta Beach; Fire Rescue International; Mark Pappin; Heidi Letendre and Deb Gouin – the BBQ was one of the more popular venues during Poly Days –

THANK YOU for sharing our dream and believing we can make a real difference in the lives of those we serve. We sold out of food by 3pm! To all our incredible volunteers (you know

who you are!) the biggest thank you of all for your most generous donation of time, talent and good humour which made the hours race by!



JOKE of the week

Mike walked into a post office just before Valentine's day, he couldn't help noticing a middle-aged, balding man standing in a corner sticking "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. Then the man got out a bottle of Chanel perfume from his pocket and started spraying scent over the envelopes.

By now Mike's curiosity had got the better of him, and so I asked the man why he was sending all those cards. The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'" "But why?" asked Mike.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replied.

ANOTHER RAINBOW SALE

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Location
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Online auction starts Monday, September 16, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
Online auction will start soft closing on Friday, September 20 2024 at 12 noon
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Items in this sale include:
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ONOWAY LEGION NEWS



Submitted by Onoway Legion

Upcoming Meals:
Friday Night Supper- Aug 23-Cost \$25

Guten Appetit! Join us for a German themed meal cooked by Ira and his crew. Pork cutlets with mush-

room sauce, fried potatoes with onions & bacon, Sauerkraut, green beans & carrots and if you still have room for dessert apple turnovers. For reservations contact 780-967-5361 by Wed, Aug 21. Doors open at 4 pm: Dinner starts at 6 pm

Wednesday Wing Night-Summer Wing nights are here. From 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Come out on the following nights Aug 21, 28. Wings \$13. Four flavours Hot, Salt and

Pepper, Honey Garlic and BBQ. French Fries \$5

Club Activities:

Tuesday- Dart League starts Tuesday, Sept 3.

Wednesday - Join us for Pub Night and Musical Jam. Doors open 6:30 pm, house band starts at 7 pm. Summer dart league registration at 7 pm play begins at 7:30 pm. No charge to play.

Thursday - Pool League starts Thursday, Sept 5.

Friday- Every second Fri-

day is pub night. Next pub night is Aug 30. Come out for a friendly evening of cards, darts, or pool with friends.

You don't need to be a Legion member to take part in these fantastic activities.

Hope to see you at the Onoway Legion!

Activities in the Works:

Canadian Coldwater Revival- Sept 14. cost \$45. For tickets call or text 780-909-4558 or 780-934-7957

Brach General Meeting - Monday, Sept 9 at 7 pm

Legion Week - Sept 15-21
Legion Open House- Wednesday, Sept 18, 5 to 7 pm, free Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and cake

Legion 90th Gala- Saturday, Sept 21, Doors Open 5 pm. Dinner Served at 6 pm. Tickets \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Meal: Shrimp Cocktail, Prime Rib or Salmon, Carrots and Beans, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and cake. Tickets can be purchased at the bar. Dress: Semi formal/Legion Uniform

COOKS WANTED

Do you have a passion for cooking and a desire to give back to the community? We want you! The Onoway Legion needs your help to ensure we have enough cooks to keep our increasing popular Friday night dinners going. No obligation to volunteer regularly- once a year is great. We will provide the food and crew to help! Text or call 780-967-5631 for details.

You don't need to be a Legion member to volunteer, and we're eager to welcome dedicated individuals like you.

Visit LSAC.ca to explore the latest Lac Ste. Anne County news and events in greater detail.   

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County News Highlights

Sept 4 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

Sept 12 Council Meeting

FINAL WEEKS OF SUMMER PROGRAMS

Adventures for Kids and Youth

Day camps and day trips - are an opportunity to meet new friends, try different activities, and make lasting memories.

Call the Community Services department to squeeze in one more summer adventure while you can!

For program information and registration visit LSAC.ca/summer.

COUNTY ASSESSORS Out for Inspections

As required under the Alberta Municipal Government Act, County assessors collect and update information regarding your property to ensure fair and accurate assessments. The purpose of assessment is to fairly and equitably establish values allowing for the fair distribution of the property tax burden.

County Assessors are currently working on property inspections for assessment purposes. Request For Information (RFI) letters were recently mailed out to many property owners to assist in the collection of information.

If you received an RFI please take a few minutes to fill out the online survey or give the County Administration Office a call and we will gladly assist you.

The RFI process is an essential part of property assessment, ensuring that assessments are based on the most current and accurate information available.

For more information about the assessment process please visit LSAC.ca/assessment or contact the Assessment and Taxation department at 780.785.3411 or 1.866.880.5722 or email assessor@LSAC.ca.

KILINI CREEK BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION Completed Ahead of Schedule

The portion of Township Road 541 south of Onoway, which had been closed to the public due to the construction of the new culvert bridge, was recently reopened.

Friday, August 9, the barricades were removed and traffic returned to the road, between RR 15 and RR 20, across the completed culvert bridge.

ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT Watch out for workers and equipment in the region

Roadside mowing has been completed in Divisions 1 & 2. Motorists can expect to see mowers working in the areas surrounding Darwell and Glenevis as County crews finish off the season.

Please keep your distance from equipment, drive the appropriate speed limit and stay in your lane - especially on curves and hills.

Read up on our Roadside Vegetation Management Program online at LSAC.ca/agriculture.

ENOCH RCMP CHARGE MALE AFTER TAXI CAB ROBBERY

Submitted by Enoch RCMP

On June 6, 2024, approximately 4:00 a.m. Enoch Alberta RCMP responded to a robbery of a taxi cab driver at a residence in Enoch. During the course of the robbery the driver was stabbed causing minor injuries to his arm.

On Aug. 13, 2024, as a result of the investigation, Kelsey Crate, a 37-year-old

male resident of Enoch was arrested and charged with:

- Robbery
- Assault with a weapon
- Uttering threats

Crate was taken before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody with his next court date set for Aug. 14, 2024, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Stony Plain.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS ANNOUNCED FOR ONOWAY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Submitted by Northern Gateway School Division

The Division is pleased to announce the appointment of two Assistant Principals to the administrative team at Onoway Jr/Sr High School, commencing with the 2024 school year.

Mr. Chris Hallowes is an experienced educator who understands the importance of cultivating relationships with all stakeholders to deliver exceptional results for students. Over his 20+ years in the classroom, Mr. Hallowes has taught a range of subjects, served as a mentor for student teachers, served as acting administrator, and has coordinated and coached numerous extracurricular activities for students, including running club and the cross-country running team.

Mr. Hallowes shares, "It is an honour to be joining the administrative team at OJSH! Having just finished my first year at Onoway, I can say that I felt welcomed by staff, students, and the community. I look forward to seeing students achieve success both in the classroom and in

their extracurricular endeavours. Our staff is incredibly talented and dedicated to empowering our students to be at their best."

Mr. Hallowes has a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta, and a Masters of Education from Mount Saint Vincent University.

Congratulations Chris!

Ms. Karla Schmidt-Peterson has been an educator with NGPS since 2014 when she joined Onoway Jr/Sr High School, teaching Independent Living Skills. Since that time, Ms. Schmidt-Peterson has taught a full range of core and option classes while



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

- 1) Observe School Zone Speeds
- 2) Obey the Crossing Guard
- 3) Watch & Yield to Pedestrians
- 4) Observe Bus Safety Rules
- 5) Share the Road! Slow Down
- 6) Plan Your Route & Don't Rush
- 7) Obey School Zone Signage
- 8) Always Stay Alert!

Gerald Soroka, MP
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engaging in leadership support, including collaborating with partner schools, participating on the QLE Leadership Team, planning and facilitating professional development for OJSH staff, coordinating Collaborative Team Meetings, and serving as the school's Inclusive Education Facilitator.

Karla shares, "I was welcomed by NGPS a little over ten years ago and have been privileged to belong to the Onoway Jr./Sr. High School learning community for most of that time. We have an incredible team at our school serving a diverse population of students, families, and stakeholders. Becoming an Assistant Principal is an exciting opportunity for me to continue developing these positive collaborative relationships in a new capacity. I am proud of the supportive culture we have fostered at OJSH and am looking forward to further building on this vision for a safe, dynamic, inclusive environment that expands the future possibilities for students in our school and in the ever-changing world beyond."

Ms. Schmidt-Peterson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana University College and a Bachelor Of Education After Degree from the University of Alberta.

Congratulations Karla!

NGPS Superintendent Kevin Bird commented, "We are pleased to have two excellent educators step into the assistant principal roles at OJSH. Chris and Karla's combined expertise will complement the OJSH school community and be an excellent support to Principal Jespersen."



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PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

1. Always listen to the school bus driver
2. Always stand in a group while waiting for the bus. No pushing or shoving.
3. Always stay out of the DANGER ZONE until the bus driver says its ok to get on. You are too close if you can touch the bus.
4. Always remember to wait until the bus stops before standing up and leaving your seat. You move away from the bus and out of the DANGER ZONE right away when you get off the bus.

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Safety Smarts

Let's Keep the Kids Safe this School Year with These Easy Tips

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop and walk with your child beforehand.
- Ask your children to walk home in pairs or with friends
- Teach your child never to talk to strangers.
- Make sure your child knows their phone number and address as well as how to call 911.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Please drive with care and keep our children safe.

- * Slow down near schools, playgrounds and bus stops.
- * Never pass a school bus that is loading or unloading children.
- * Watch for kids walking or on bicycles.
- * Speed can kill! Please slow down.

These safety reminders are courtesy of the following local businesses:

<p>Guardian Beach Pharmacy 924-3647</p>	<p>Dianne's Tri Village Pizza 924-3132</p>	<p>Alberta Beach Esso 924-3707</p>	<p>Village of Alberta Beach 924-3181</p>
<p>Beachside Market 924-3155</p>	<p>Alberta Beach Inn & Suites 587-763-0351</p>	<p>Jack's Carstar -Onoway 967-5850 <small>JACK'S CARSTAR</small></p>	<p>Mama's In The Kitchen Restaurant & Catering 924-2468</p>
<p>Alberta Beach Ag Society 924-3545</p>	<p>Alberta Beach Lion's Club 267-0171</p>	<p>ATB Financial -Alberta Beach 924-2211</p>	<p>Beachcomber Beauty & Barber Salon 951-3242</p>
<p>Leann Knysh -Century 21 Masters 963-2285</p>	<p>Top & Drop Tree Services 924-2014</p>	<p>Bro-Built Homes & Contracting Ltd. 940-6415</p>	<p>Summer's Drilling 963-1282</p>

PARKLAND RCMP DRUG UNIT'S 8-MONTH LONG DRUG INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN THE SEIZURE OF FIREARMS AND DRUGS

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On August 2, 2024, the Parkland RCMP Drug Unit, with assistance from members of Parkland RCMP, St. Albert RCMP, Leduc RCMP, Red Deer RCMP and Air Services executed a total of 6 Search Warrants: two in Stony Plain, three in Edmonton and one in Red Deer. This operation marks the successful completion of an 8-month long investigation targeting illegal drug activity within Parkland County.

As a result of the investigation, eight individuals have been arrested and are facing a variety of charges including possession for the purpose of trafficking and firearms offences.

Following the execution of the search warrants, police have seized the following items:

- 513.7 grams of Cocaine
- 109.8 grams of Hash
- 12.8 grams of Psilocybin mushrooms
- 1 gram of Methamphetamine / MDMA
- 60 tabs of LSD
- 2.5 gallons of GHB
- 94 tablets of benzodiazepine
- \$6122 in Canadian currency
- 36 rounds of 12

- Gauge ammunition
 - Remington 870
- 12 Gauge shotgun
 - Akkar Churchill
- 12 Gauge shotgun
 - Stolen Commander 9mm pistol
 - 2400 contraband

- cigarettes
 - Body armour
- As the charges has not yet been sworn before the courts, the suspect's names cannot be disclosed at this time.
- Your Parkland RCMP

are committed to keeping our community safe.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY
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LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY: 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 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to request additional information on a permit.

PERMIT DESCRIPTION AND APPEAL INFORMATION	
<p>24-D0115 Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 8020022; NW 13-54-04 W5M; 112, 54227 RGE RD 41, Mission Creek Estates Shipping Container 8.0' x 20.0' (160.0 sq. ft.) Appeal to SDAB by Sep 2, 2024</p>	<p>Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of these developments must do so in writing on the applicable form on or before 4:30 pm on the noted date(s) to:</p> <p>Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB) Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Box 219, Sangudo, AB T0E 2A0 email: appeals@LSAC.ca</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: The County requires that a non-refundable fee of \$250 be paid for every appeal served on the SDAB.</p> <p>OR send to:</p> <p>Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) 2nd Floor, 1229 91 Street SW, Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9 email: lprr.appeals@gov.ab.ca</p> <p>Please contact LPRT to receive the applicable form.</p>
<p>24-D0116 Lot 1, Block 4, Plan 0728804; SE 27-53-06 W5M; 38, 53414 RGE RD 62, Sherwood Cove Short term rental out of principal building Appeal to SDAB by Sep 2, 2024</p>	
<p>24-D0083 Lot 9, Block 1, Plan 5145KS; SW 08-54-05 W5M; 21, 5427 HWY 633, Hoffmann Beach 1.5 Story Home - main floor 24' x 36' (864 sq. ft) second floor 24' X 21' (496 sq. ft.) Front Variance Request for proposed development - Regulation: 32.81 ft., Requested: 30.0 ft., Variance: 2.81 ft; Side Yard Variance Regulation: Required 19.69 ft., Requested: 6 ft, Variance: 13.69 ft. Appeal to SDAB by Sep 9, 2024</p>	
<p>24-D0086 SE 14-54-01 W5M; 1112 Hwy 633 2023 Manufactured home, main 23'8" x 60.0' (1440.0 sq. ft.) walls 8.0' Appeal to LPRT by Sep 9, 2024</p>	
<p>24-D0118 SW 11-55-03-W5M; 308, 55022 Ste. Anne Trail New commercial use within the existing building for addiction treatment facilities (Selling of tobacco products within existing structure(s)) Appeal to SDAB by Sep 9, 2024</p>	
<p>24-D0124 Lot 28, Block 01, Plan 772 1213; SW 34-54-04-W5M; 55, 4224 TWP RD 545, Warwa Estates Detached Garage, main 40.0' x 26.0' (1040.0 sq. ft.) 11.6' walls, Side Yard Variance Request for proposed development - Regulation: 6.0 m, Requested: 3.0m, Variance: 3.0 m Appeal to SDAB by Sep 9, 2024</p>	
<p>24-D0126 Lot 5, Block 5, Plan 9023655 Lakeview Place; RL21-26-54-03 W5M; 208, 54425 Ste. Anne Trail Shed 13.0' x 20.0' (260.0 sq. ft.) 7.9' peak Appeal to SDAB by Sep 9, 2024</p>	

Please scan this QR Code to visit the County Discretionary Permits Page.

TRAPPING SEASON IS UNDERWAY
Reminder to exercise caution and keep dogs leashed in common trap areas

The County has been setting beaver traps in problematic locations including ditches and ravines. Residents are strongly encouraged to keep their pets on leashes if they plan to venture into ditches. If you encounter a beaver trap, do not go near or touch it; a beaver trap is a dangerous device.

If you are trapping beavers, please make sure to follow the Code of Responsible Trapping, available at albertaregulations.ca.

Finally, as stated in the 2024-25 *Alberta Guide to Trapping Regulations* – "Fur-bearing animals must be trapped using methods that are proven to avoid unnecessary pain and suffering. The manner in which animals are trapped is a concern of many Albertans, including trappers."

Visit LSAC.ca/beavers for more information on the County's beaver abatement program.



BACK TO

Safety First!

Children who walk or ride bicycles to school should also obey the rules of the road. Be sure you see the kids off every morning, and consider checking in with the school or calling kids' cell phones to confirm they arrived safely.

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 <p>Town of Onoway 967-5338</p>	 <p>Onoway Timber Mart L.B.H. Hardware 967-2274</p>	 <p>Onoway Veterinary Clinic 967-2967</p>	 <p>Academy Fabricators 967-3111</p>

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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SCHOOLS IN!

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!

The kids are going back to school again.

Please watch out and slow down near schools!

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Just like more modern home heating systems, stoves and fireplaces need to be maintained, and that maintenance includes readying them before winter when they are used more heavily. Ensuring a fireplace or stove is in

good working order helps to guarantee efficiency of use and safety during the winter months.

Open-flame heating sources carry with them certain risks. The National Fire Protection Association states that, between 2009-2013, American fire departments responded to 56,000 home structure fires that involved heating equipment. The NFPA notes that the leading factor contributing to home-heating fires is a failure to keep things clean, principally from solid-fueled heating

equipment. The following are a handful of ways to stay safe as you get ready for another cozy season around the fire.

- Start with the chimney. Begin by having your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected. Creosote can build up inside of the chimney. Creosote is highly flammable and becomes more difficult and expensive to clean the longer it builds up inside your flue lining. In addition, animals may have created nest inside of the chimney since the last time the fireplace was

used. A professional chimney sweep should be hired in this situation. He or she will be able to effectively clean the chimney in a manner that is the least messy and disruptive to residents.

- Install or check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Operational alarms are essential to preventing injury or death resulting from smoke or carbon monoxide inhalation. Such detectors are inexpensive safeguards that should be installed on every floor of the house.

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Batteries should be replaced every six months, and the alarms themselves should be changed every five to 10 years.

Inspect the chimney from outdoors as well. Inspect the mortar around any bricks in the chimney and surrounding areas for cracks. If left unaddressed, these can cause dangerous fires. If there are serious cracks, a professional may need to make repairs or the chimney may need to be replaced. You also can have the chimney capped with a screen to

keep animals and debris from entering.

Inspect the damper. A damper is a valve or plate that stops or regulates the flow of air inside a chimney. It should be checked prior to the first use of a stove or fireplace so homeowners can be certain it opens and closes smoothly.

Clear out flammable items. Move flammable items away from the front of a fireplace or stove. Be sure curtains or other home furnishings are far enough away that they will not catch fire

from any errant sparks or flames.

Order wood now. Be sure there is plenty of wood for the season. Ask a wood supplier to estimate just how much will be needed, and double-check that the wood will arrive in time for the start of the season.

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REDUCE COLD-WEATHER FIRE RISK

Plenty of things heat up when the temperature drops, including the risk for fire hazards. Fireplaces, stoves, heating systems, candles, and even electric lights are used more of-

ten during the winter than any other time of year, so it makes sense that the risk of home fires increases when the mercury drops. The U.S. Fire Administration says 905 people die

in winter home fires each year. Cooking is the leading cause of all home fires and contributes to around \$2 billion in property loss each year. Understanding potential risks and

exercising caution can help homeowners protect themselves, their families and their homes from fire.

Cooking
Home heating fires peak between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., when many people are home preparing dinner. The following steps, courtesy of the American Red Cross, can improve safety in the kitchen and reduce the likelihood of a home fire.

- Never leave cooking food unattended, as it can take just seconds for fires to ignite.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stove or other appliances that generate heat.
- Clean regularly to prevent grease buildup.
- Make sure appliances are turned off before leaving the room or going to bed.

Heating
The National Fire Protection Association warns that heating is the second leading cause of home fires, deaths and injuries in the United States. The NFPA offers these safety guidelines.

- Install heating appliances according to manufacturers' instructions or have a professional do the installation.
- Fuel-burning equipment needs to vent to the outside.
- Never use an oven to heat a home.
- Keep anything that can burn

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away from heating equipment, including portable space heaters.

- Clean and inspect heating appliances regularly.

- Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.

Electric

The National Safety Council estimates that between 600 and 1,000 people die each year from electrocution. Electricity also can contribute to home fires. The Energy Education Council offers these safety suggestions.

- Never force plugs into outlets.

- Check that cords are not frayed or cracked. Do not run cords under carpets or place them in high-traffic areas.

- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis.

- Make sure light bulbs are the proper wattage for fixtures.

- Install ground fault circuit interrupters in kitchens, baths, laundry rooms, and elsewhere, making sure to test them regularly.

- Check periodically

for loose wall receptacles and loose wires. Listen for popping or sizzling sounds behind walls.

Home fires are no joke and can be prevented with simple safety checks.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Below are tips to help your child start the school year well rested and back on their regular schedule.

1. Start early. Begin the transition to a regular sleep schedule a couple of weeks before school starts.
2. Shift times in small increments.
3. Be prepared for some resistance.
4. Limit the use of electronics before bedtime.
5. Use a different approach for adolescents.
6. Once the routine is established, don't backslide. Once your child or teen is in a good sleep routine, maintain this routine throughout the week.

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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY?

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

Janet Jackson had a hot song with this title, and I hate to say it when I read some of the accusatory quips or demands on social media, that song runs through my head. Never fails to amaze me how folks who would not say boo in person are fearless and many times downright rude, disrespectful keyboard warriors. I can repost a picture of a beautiful sunset from Wabamun, Isle Lake, Lac Ste. Anne or Sandy Beach wishing everyone a happy Sunday, and some person exhibiting troll like characteristics "Demands" a full account of what I have done as an MLA for them. Telling me I must drop everything else, take their abusive nature because "I work for them!" What that tells me is that these folks in all likelihood have never run a business, had people work for them in the first place, or if they did, could never keep them on the payroll for very long, because no one gets away with that kind of behavior for very long.

Over the last few weeks however, I've had some great conversations with folks that needed clarity or were looking for updates on what I've been up too, and how some of the projects we've had in the hopper are progressing. That I believe is worthwhile conversation, and I thought giving an update here in the little local paper where I'm uncensored may be of help for many, I'll break it down by "Theme" so if something is not to your interest, you can skip to a heading that is, time is precious to us all.

Education / Careers / Skilled Trades

I was able to be part last term of the skills for Jobs Task force (Skills for Jobs Task Force | Alberta.ca), and led a task force myself on Career Education (Career Education Task Force | Alberta.ca). The findings of these two separate task force reports have helped form policy directly and indirectly. The mandate letters given to the current ministers of Education, and Advanced Education have items that are taken directly from the reports. Overall, between the two efforts it allows for a change in thinking when it comes to students being able to choose their career paths, provide support to them through our education system, as well as to tap into private industry, and better align post-secondary.

It puts the student back at the center again, and helps people get onto, and into their careers more expeditiously. In short, kids didn't know what they wanted to be when they grew up, because they didn't know what they could be when they grew up. There has been an inadvertent disconnect between the skills needed for industries, and addressing transferable skill sets within the industries.

Firearms / Property Rights / Personal Freedoms

As many know, I am all for freedom, accountability, and responsibility of individuals. So, when the federal government started messing further with what are some of the most restrictive firearms laws I asserted myself into the team that was going to make recommendations on policy, and re-patriate the responsibilities as delegated to the province. I was one of the three MLAs that were part of the firearms advisory committee (Alberta Firearms Advisory Committee | Alberta.ca). For what it's worth, had also made several speeches, attended town halls, was special guest on several firearms related podcasts, and literally helped educate several of my fellow MLAs as members of parliament from other provinces.

The outcome was that we hired our own Chief Firearms Officer, rather than having one appointed by the federal government, and we re-patriated the department to be in Alberta rather than in Eastern Canada. The culture and mission of the department changed to act not only as the group that "enforced the law" but rather used good judgment of the law and became an advocate / educator / supporter of responsible firearm ownership. Alberta in many ways is leading the country on this file, and if the chips fall in the right direction we will probably help form policy with the new federal government.

Alberta's moto is Strong and Free, and I believe for good reason. We take our freedoms, and the rights of others very seriously out here. We modernized the adverse possession laws so other folks who are squatting on your property can't take it from you. We made sure folks have an enhanced and modernized trespass laws, so that protesters (as an example) can't role up onto your farm, steal your turkeys, and disrupt your operations without consequence.

Speaking of turkeys, we passed a law called the Sovereignty within a United Canada Act to ensure that the charter of rights and freedoms, are upheld in our province, and that in the case where a federal government is not respecting those laws, we will stand up for them. It will basically put the onus back on the federal government to challenge us in court, rather than putting in policy, that clearly contradicts the foundational and defining laws of our country. We've already had to use it, believe it or not, when it came to the federal government straying into our jurisdiction on energy and electricity, which would have cost us billions upon billions of dollars as taxpayers.

Freedoms in choice of education, to allow parents to choose what method of delivery of education is right for their family. We believe strongly in family and parental rights, while still protecting minors. There was a point not so long ago where the freedoms of choice that our parents and kids have now were on the chopping block.

These freedoms that we have here in our province are not necessarily available in other parts of the country. I can't tell you how many people I've met over the last few years that have picked up stakes, moved from other provinces to experience firsthand what it is to be an Albertan. Freedom sells, and Alberta is calling for likeminded Canadians, and those abroad that want to be part of what we are building out here.

Intergovernmental and Transboundary Relations

In my role as the Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Corridor Development, I report to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, better known as the Premier. I am the lead MLA when it comes to our representation in several transboundary organizations. The organizations that we are members of are, the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (of which Alberta was a founding Member) The Council of State Governments, National Council of State Legislators, and The Energy Council. These organizations allow Alberta to help influence policy not only within our country, but in the USA as well. Simply put, if we want to change the tune that we have to dance too, you have to be able to help pick the playlist.

Some of these organizations also do work across the pond and

has allowed me to head over to Germany last year on the dime of the German Government and to see what they are doing over there on their energy policy. Due to that trip, we had a visit by German officials over here to Alberta as a follow up, another will be coming this fall, and I'll be heading over there again in October. The world is very connected, and when policy is made across the pond, it directly affects us here. I also have learned firsthand that "Our Story" is not being told by the federal representatives, and when we tell it ourselves, people want to hear it. In fact, we are literally the solution to a number of real-world needs.

Mental health and Addictions

We literally have a new program in place that is opening conversations right across north America. The model loosely puts focus on recovery, and getting folks out of their addictive cycle so they can be productive members of our society again. We will not allow folks to languish any longer in that addictive quagmire. Closer to home, we will be opening the newest recovery center located in Gunn. I can tell you full well that I have received compliments and words of encouragement from senators in Washington, and Oregon who told us full well they got the policy wrong, and are changing course, paying close attention to what we are doing here.

So, when folks ask me online, what have I done for them, and for Alberta, there are a number of areas that I've had the privilege to be part of, or lead initiatives that will have not only short-term results, but long-term gains. I want to thank all the folks that have taken the time to say hello when I'm out and about in the constituency, to give me a pat in the back when I need it, and a kick in the pants when I deserve it as well. As I've told you, I don't know what I don't know, so I'm all ears. You will also know that if we are engaging in conversation, I may challenge you as well, offering counterpoints and testing logic at times. It's to ensure that if I'm going to take things forward that they are sound, and that it will have the best bang for the buck for as many people in our area as possible. So, let's keep having the conversations, and making sure I know full well, what matters to you.

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