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## November 20, 2024

### PARKLAND RCMP INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS DROWNING CONCLUSION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Parkland RCMP and Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit have arrested an individual in connection to the drowning of a 5-year old-female on Wabamun

Lake, on Oct. 13, 2024.

On Nov. 13, 2024, RCMP arrested Mary Quinn, a 35-year-old resident of Edmonton. She has been charged with the following offence:

- Failure to provide necessities of life

Quinn was taken before a Justice of the Peace and was remanded into custody. She is scheduled in court on Nov. 20, 2024, via CCTV, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Stony Plain, Alta.

### NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH: MINISTER TURTON

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Children and Family Services Searle Turton issued the following statement in honour of National Adoption Awareness Month:

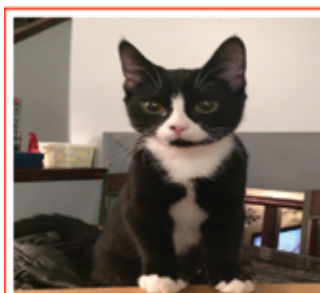
“Every child deserves a loving, forever family. During National Adoption Awareness Month, our government is proud to recognize the many Alberta families making a positive, life-changing difference for children and youth by

choosing to adopt.

“Adoption offers young people stability, providing them with a strong sense of belonging and the opportunity to form lifelong connections they can rely on for wisdom and support. Whether a child is being adopted from government care, a licensed agency, private direct placement or internationally, we are grateful for all the adoptive parents who provide unconditional love and nurturing homes to young people in need.

“Alberta is a leader in adoption, creating more ways to make adoption more affordable because building forever families should never be a burden for those yearning to be called mom or dad. These enhanced adoption supports include increased tax credits and a \$6,000 subsidy to reduce adoption costs through a licensed agency by as much as 50 per cent, as well as reducing red tape so

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**Missing Since Fri Oct 4 From Lindsay Crescent in Lakewood area in Spruce Grove.**

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**Missing Since Aug 3 From Lakewood Area in Spruce Grove**

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# National Adoption Awareness Month: Minister Turton

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the process is smoother for prospective families.

“As an adoptive parent, being able to provide a loving home

to a child in need continues to be one of the most rewarding and fulfilling decisions my family has made and it can be the same for any Albertans considering adoption. Now is

the time to open your heart and home to a child or youth in need.”

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# HONOURING THOSE WHO SERVE

Submitted by GYPSD

On November 4, 2024, Crescent Valley School in Hinton participated for the first time in the No Stone Left Alone Program.

The Grade 6 students travelled to the Brule Cemetery, and along with Trustee Shirley Ca-

puto, parents, and Brule residents, honoured two World War I veterans at their graves. Both veterans died a year apart from drowning (1922 and 1923). This ceremony was a powerful way for the students to connect to the past, recognizing the sacrifices of the fallen in the week leading up

to Remembrance Day.

As one student said, "Being out in the cemetery and learning the names of the (deceased) made it more real."

Another student pointed out, "As the two minutes of silence started, the wind picked up and it started to snow. It was like nature was acknowl-

edging them as well."

This experience was profound for all involved and several long-time residents of Brule reached out to thank our school for taking the time to honour our deceased Yellowhead County veterans.

# NOVEMBER: "TOGETHER WE ACCOMPLISH"

Submitted by GYPSD

At GYPSD, sports and teamwork play a vital role in our students' development. Throughout the year students engage in various athletic and other extra-curricular

activities/ options that promote physical fitness, personal growth, discipline, and camaraderie.

From team practices to friendly competitions, we emphasize the values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsman-

ship.

Students learn the importance of working together, setting goals, and supporting one another.

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**JOKE of the week**

A man was speaking to God. "God, why did you make women so beautiful?" he asked.

God said: "I did that to make you love them".

Then the man asked: "Well, God; why did you make them such good cooks?"

God said: "I did that to make you love them".

The man then asked: "But God, why did you make women so stupid?".

God said: "I did that to make them love you!"



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## **Notice of Public Hearing: Bylaw 2024-22 – Municipal Development Plan Bylaw**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, as amended, the Council of Parkland County has scheduled a Public Hearing regarding the proposed adoption of the following bylaw:

Bylaw: 2024-22 – Parkland County Municipal Development Plan

Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 2:00pm

Location: Parkland County Council Chambers, 53109A Hwy 779, Parkland County, Alberta

The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is a high-level plan that establishes a vision for the County's growth over the next 30 years. It sets future direction by identifying where different types of growth and development will occur, including residential, employment, recreation, and community service development. In addition to future land use, the MDP sets out policies to guide infrastructure, transportation, and environmental protection.

### **Hearing Procedure**

This is a formal Public Hearing and Council is prepared to hear and receive formal submissions and presentations (verbal or written) from those who wish to speak to the proposed Bylaw. Written submissions or presentations may either be submitted in advance to Planning & Development Services by 4:00 P.M. on November 22, 2024, or submitted at the commencement of the Public Hearing.

Anyone wishing to make a verbal presentation to Council must notify [governanceagendas@parklandcounty.com](mailto:governanceagendas@parklandcounty.com) in advance of the Public Hearing by 4:00 P.M. on November 22, 2024. Verbal presentations at the Public Hearing will be limited to 10 minutes. Anyone wishing to make a verbal presentation who has not made prior arrangements may be allocated a time at the commencement of the Public Hearing. Council advises that this is your last chance to comment on the proposed Bylaw, as Council cannot receive more submissions after the Public Hearing is closed.

### **Copies of Proposed Bylaw 2024-03**

Copies of the proposed Bylaw 2024-03 are available free of charge during regular business hours (8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday) from Planning & Development Services at Parkland County Centre. A copy of the proposed bylaw can also be found at [www.parklandcounty.com/2024-22](http://www.parklandcounty.com/2024-22) or [yourparkland.ca/MDP](http://yourparkland.ca/MDP)

If you have any questions, or wish to present a written or verbal submission, please contact the MDP Project Team at [buildingparkland@parklandcounty.com](mailto:buildingparkland@parklandcounty.com)

The personal information you provide will be used for the purpose of the items described above and is collected under the authority of Section 33 (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. If you have any questions about the collection, use, and disclosure of this information, please contact the FOIP Coordinator at Parkland County, 53109A HWY 779, Parkland County, Alberta T7Z 1R1 (780-968-3229) or email [foip@parklandcounty.com](mailto:foip@parklandcounty.com).

# 13 WINNERS SHARE \$ 298,525 JACKPOT IN SUPPORT IN SPLIT THE POT LOTTERY!

Submitted by Split the Pot Lottery

Congratulations to Split the Pot's Grand Prize Winners!

Alberta's first edition of Split the Pot Lottery announced its 13 Grand Prize winners this morning. The final jackpot payout soared to \$ 597, 050 - a more than healthy figure for its winners and for its 30 participating hospital and healthcare foundations across the province.

One Winner (60% of the final payout) | Winnings: \$ 179,115

- 1. Annette K. of Drayton Valley, Alberta, Ticket # B-19904155

Two Winners (split 20% of the final payout) | Winnings: \$29,852.50

- 1. Donna B. of St. Albert, Alberta, Ticket # A-10872436
- 2. Michael P. of Calgary, Alberta, Ticket # A-26529510

Ten Winners (split 20% of the final payout) | Winnings: \$ 5,970.50

- 1. Michel T. of Fort McMurray,

Alberta, Ticket # A-22053795

- 2. Lana B. of Camrose, Alberta, Ticket # B-23101082

- 3. Michelle M. of High River, Alberta, Ticket # A-13095637

- 4. Allan S. of Airdrie, Alberta, Ticket # A-15352039

- 5. Terry K. of Edmonton, Alberta, Ticket # A-16971608

- 6. Jacquie J. of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Ticket # A-27825714

- 7. Jerry D. of Frog lake, Alberta, Ticket # A-17589428

- 8. George W. of Calgary, Alberta, Ticket # A-21036837

- 9. Daniel J. of Airdrie, Alberta, Ticket # B-11354279

- 10. Dennis F. of Hythe, Alberta, Ticket # A-12773109

Winners were drawn on Friday, November 15, and revealed to the public this morning on Split the Pot Lottery's website and Facebook page.

Split the Pot Lottery supports 30 hospital & healthcare foundations across the province. It is also one of the largest partnered fundraising initiatives in Alberta. Ticket buyers prov-

ince-wide have the chance to share in the winnings, and by participating in Split the Pot, they are also

shifting the dialogue, highlighting that we are all connected and that a win for one is a win for all.

To learn more about Split the Pot Lottery and stay in the know about future draws, community members can follow them on Facebook or visit their website, where you can also join their mailing list.

Split the Pot Lottery (AGLC Licence #698984 ), is a joint venture of Airdrie Health Foundation, Bassano and District Health Foundation, Canmore Hospital Foundation, CapitalCare Foundation, Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation, Coronation Health Centre Foundation, Crowsnest Pass Health Foundation, Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation, Fairview Health Complex Foundation, Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital

Foundation, Glenrose Hospital Foundation, Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation, Hardisty General Hospital Auxiliary Guild, High River Health Foundation, Hinton Healthcare Foundation, Hythe Nursing Home Foundation, Medicine Hat Health Foundation, Mental Health Foundation, Northern Lights Health Foundation, Northwest Health Foundation, Ponoka & District Health Foundation, Regional EMS Foundation, Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation, Strathcona Community Hospital Foundation, Sturgeon Community Hospital Foundation, Three Hills Health Centre Auxiliary, Wainwright and District Hospital Foundation, Westview Health Centre Foundation, Wetaskiwin Health Foundation, Windy Slopes Health Foundation

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# ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OTTAWA'S CARBON TAX DOUBLE STANDARD

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government has filed an application at the federal court challenging the constitutionality and legality of Canada's heating oil carbon tax exemption.

Alberta's government is standing up against the federal government's carbon tax exemption for heating oil to protect Albertans from the double standard Ottawa has created with the carbon tax, which means Albertans continue

to pay carbon taxes to stay warm in winter.

Last fall, after years of insisting that the carbon tax is applied equally across Canada, the federal government exempted the carbon tax for heating oils, which are used predominantly in Atlantic Canada and Quebec. Over the last year, the federal government has refused multiple requests to grant a similar carve-out on other heating methods from Alberta and others across the country who are also facing rising costs of living.

Alberta's government will now take this fight to the courts. Alberta filed an application seeking judicial review of the exemption with the Federal Court on Oct. 29, asking the court to declare that the exemption is both unconstitutional and unlawful. The application argues that Ottawa's carbon tax exemption for heating oil is unconstitutional and inconsistent with the Government of Canada's stated purpose for enacting the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act.

"Last year, Ottawa decided Canadians in the East deserved a three-year break from paying the carbon tax on their home heating costs. While we're happy for these Canadians, Alberta, Saskatchewan and other provinces who heat their homes with natural gas have been deliberately excluded from these savings. Albertans simply cannot stand by for another winter while the federal government picks and chooses who their carbon tax applies to. Since they won't play fair, we're going to take the federal government back to court."

Danielle Smith, Premier

While the Supreme Court of Canada previously found the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act was constitutional, it found that Canada's jurisdiction to regulate greenhouse gas emissions was limited to the ability to create minimum national standards for carbon pricing for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Alberta strongly opposes the federal carbon tax exemption on heating oil, as the federal government is no longer creating minimum national standards that apply evenly across the country, and is instead creating a regime that favours one region and fuel type over others.

"This exemption is not only unfair to the vast majority of Canadians, but it is also unlawful as the federal government does not have the authority to make special exemptions for certain parts of the country under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act. The federal government isn't even following its own laws now. Someone needs to hold them accountable, and Alberta is stepping up to do just that."

Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice and Attorney General

The federal carbon tax adds to the rising cost of living for all Canadians. By 2030, it will cost Canadians \$25 billion every year, in addition to lowering the gross domestic product (GDP) by \$9 billion. In addition, the Bank of Canada has estimated that the federal carbon tax increases inflation by 0.15 per cent year over year.

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# ENSURING A SUCCESSFULLY REFOCUSED HEALTH SYSTEM

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government continues to make progress refocusing the health care system to ensure all Albertans get the care they need.

Albertans deserve a health care system that is focused on what matters – better services, improved outcomes, enhanced local decision-making and more support for Alberta's front-line workers. To ensure these goals are met, Alberta's government committed to refocus the health care system to give Albertans the health care system they need, without disrupting the services they rely on.

Since announcing plans to refocus Alberta's health care system in November 2023, significant progress has been made in several key areas.

Under Alberta's refocused health care system, four fully integrated provincial health agencies are being created to oversee the priority sectors of primary care, acute care, continuing care, and mental health and addiction. Two of the provincial health agencies, Recovery Alberta and Primary Care Alberta, have been established with input from more than 30,000 health care professionals and Albertans.

Additionally, it was recently announced that Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services Jason Nixon would become the sector minister for the new continuing care provincial health agency. He has now taken on this role and will oversee continuing care as the government works toward standing up the new continuing care agency.

"Refocusing the health care system is a complex process that needs to be done right. We're committed to taking the time necessary to develop a better health care system for Albertans and the front-line workers who work tirelessly every day to serve their patients."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

Acute Care Alberta transition  
Acute care, which includes

hospitals, emergency services and surgery care, is a significant part of the health care system, providing critical care to Albertans when they need it most. Alberta's new acute care provincial health agency, Acute Care Alberta, will become a legal entity in early 2025 and begin operating in spring 2025. As work continues, Alberta's government is committed to ensuring there are no interruptions to patient care while keeping front-line workers and all Albertans informed and supported.

The new acute care provincial health agency will work directly with service providers to speed up access to high-quality care, reduce wait times and ensure a patient's journey through the acute care system is efficient and effective.

To support the standing up of Acute Care Alberta, the Acute Care Provincial Health Agency Executive Transition Team has been established. The team includes executive members from Alberta Health and an external special adviser, Dr. Chris Eagle. As a former CEO of Alberta Health Services, Dr. Eagle brings extensive experience in the delivery of acute care services in the province. He will provide valuable insight and expertise that will support the transition of Alberta Health Services from a health authority to a service delivery provider.

Throughout this work, Albertans will continue to access acute care services as they always have, and there will be no impact to front-line health care workers and their continued dedication to delivering health care to Albertans.

Primary Care Alberta now operational

As of Nov. 18, Primary Care Alberta is a legal entity under the leadership of Kim Simmonds, whose first task is to support the transition of operations by setting the agency's vision and mission, implementing policies and processes, and developing plans. Simmonds and her leadership team will work closely with existing primary care teams at Alberta Health Services

to establish the new agency.

"Every Albertan deserves to have a long-term, trusted connection with a family doctor or health care team. We are ready to work to ensure all Albertans have a primary health care home."

Kim Simmonds, chief executive officer, Primary Care Alberta

Primary Care Alberta will coordinate and deliver primary health care services across the province, so all Albertans and their families are supported in their day-to-day health needs while avoiding visiting the emergency department and reducing pressures on acute care services.

Integrated approach to health system planning

As part of the refocusing work, Alberta's government is also taking a new, regional approach to health system planning through seven integrated health corridors.

As a regional grouping within a health care system, a health corridor is designed to reflect how Albertans use health care services in the province based on factors such as travel patterns, access points and local population needs. The corridors consider data related to where Albertans access services and facilities, as well as feedback received during health care refocusing public engagement sessions.

As a result, these corridors will enable an evidence-based approach to planning that will inform decisions about services, workforce and infrastructure across the four new provincial health agencies. This new approach will connect care pathways and support seamless patient journeys throughout the health care system.

"New health care corridors present many opportunities within Alberta's health care system. Further regionalization of services, in addition to a focus on rural needs and representation, will be essential to ensuring our communities get access to the care they need."

Kara Westerlund, president,

Rural Municipalities of Alberta

Health corridors will ensure Alberta's government will be better able to determine current gaps in the health care system and inform investments in those areas, including operational dollars and funding for capital projects. Getting a better regional understanding of how the health care system is being used will ensure decision-making processes reflect the changing needs of Albertans.

Upcoming engagement opportunities

Alberta's government remains committed to maintaining open lines of communication with Albertans as it stands up the new provincial health agencies that will form the backbone of Alberta's refocused health care system.

The input, experiences and feedback Alberta's government is gathering are helping to create a more effective and efficient health care system that meets the needs of Albertans today and for generations to come.

All Albertans are invited to participate in upcoming telephone town halls with Health Minister Adriana LaGrange to discuss the ongoing work to refocus the health system. Town halls will take place on:

- Nov. 19, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- Nov. 27, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

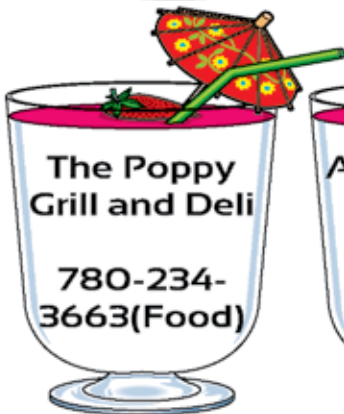
Albertans can register to participate online.

In addition to telephone town halls, Albertans can provide feedback on the refocused health care system online until Dec. 5.

A second round of in-person public engagement is planned for winter/spring 2025 to share information and receive feedback about refocusing work. Those interested in keeping up to date on the health system refocusing work and new engagement opportunities can sign up for an e-newsletter.

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# FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

**We wear purple in November to support the movement to end family violence.**

Children who witness violence in the home have twice the rate of psychiatric disorders as children from non-violent homes.\*

In Alberta, 74% of people report they personally know at least one woman who has been sexually or physically assaulted.\*\*

By wearing purple, we show solidarity with victims, help destigmatize the issue of domestic violence, and signal that we are a safe space for individuals experiencing family violence.



Need more information on how to support someone experiencing family violence, please contact FCSS for a helpful guide to services and supports.

\* Do-Bencher, Psychiatry, Nov 2004  
\*\* Canadian Women's Agency 2010 Ontario Survey 2011


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# ROADSIDE BRUSHING WORK

**Attention Yellowhead County residents! Winter roadside brushing and mulching work is underway throughout Yellowhead County until mid December to help improve safety on our county roads. Please be mindful of crews, reduce your speed in work zones, and follow all posted signage.**



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## Grizzly Bear Research Active in Yellowhead County

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To do this, we would like to set up sites with a scent lure surrounded by barbed wire.



Curious bears leave tufts of hair that we collect for analysis.



DNA in the hair lets us identify bears and understand how the population in the area is changing. We also extract hormones for indications of the bear's health and reproductive status.

The scent lures contain no food reward, so after investigating the site, bears move on and generally do not return once the lure is removed. The scents travel a few hundred meters at most, only drawing bears that are already nearby.


A site can yield hair samples from just 1 or 2 grizzly bears over the entire summer. While many sites don't yield any grizzly bear hair, this is also important information.



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# STRENGTHENING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ACROSS ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Albertans will benefit from a \$42-million investment to enhance primary care by recruiting more health providers and expanding essential services.

Alberta’s government is committed to advancing initiatives that will further strengthen primary health care. As part of this work, the government is actively working to increase access to primary care for all Albertans by implementing recommendations from the Modernizing Alberta’s Primary Health Care System (MAPS), a crucial step in that direction.

The final MAPS report highlighted the need to improve access to team-based

care. These new grants will specifically enhance access to such care in rural areas, attract more health care providers to these regions and expand integrated support services for vulnerable Albertans.

“These grants are another way we are strengthening primary health care across the province so more Albertans will have timely access to the care they need.”

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

Expanding community health supports

To provide more integrated care, Alberta’s government is investing \$30 million over two years to expand services at four community health centres: The Alex Community Health Centre, CUPS Cal-

gary Society, the Jasper Place Wellness Centre, and Radius Community Health & Healing.

These funds will support a wide range of expanded services, including primary health care for Indigenous and marginalized groups, mental health services, a walk-in clinic, outreach services and team-based care. The centres will also expand support services such as housing navigation, recovery support and food access programs.

“This funding connects primary care providers and multidisciplinary teams to vulnerable Calgarians, allowing The Alex to significantly scale up wraparound services and deliver accessible, team-based care that improves health outcomes

for at-risk individuals.”

Joy Bowen-Eyre, chief executive officer, The Alex Community Health Centre

“Thank you to the Government of Alberta for investing in the community health centre model. This grant will enable CUPS to expand our services, ensuring vulnerable and marginalized Albertans have access to primary care that is integrated, collaborative and holistic.”

Elaine Wilson, chief operating officer, CUPS Calgary Society

“With this grant, JPWC’s community health centre is reopening to offer West Edmonton low-barrier, integrated health care and social supports, prioritizing community-led,

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## LAND USE BYLAW REDESIGN

Check out the following events where you can give feedback and ask questions on the Draft Land Use Bylaw before it goes to Council.

### IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE DATES AND DETAILS

**Thursday, November 28, 2024**  
Parkland County Centre

**Thursday, December 5, 2024**  
Jubilee Hall, Wabamun

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**  
Entwistle Community Recreation Centre

The events are a drop-in format from 5:00 – 7:00 pm and light refreshments will be served.

Can't make the open house events? You can also view the draft and provide your feedback from **November 18, 2024 to January 17, 2025** at [YourParkland.ca/LUB](http://YourParkland.ca/LUB).



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# Strengthening Primary Health Care Across Alberta

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team-based care to enhance equitable health outcomes.”

Taylor Soroka, vice-president strategy, Jasper Place Wellness Centre

“Through this grant, Radius will expand its integrated health and social programs to further our goals of improving the quality of life and well-being of underserved Edmontonians.”

Tricia Smith, executive director, Radius Community Health & Healing

Supporting rural health care initiatives

Building on the recently

announced Rural Health Action Plan to improve rural health care, \$12 million is being invested over two years into a Rural Team Recruitment Grant and a Municipality Supported Clinics Grant to improve team-based primary health care.

The Rural Team Recruitment Grant and the Municipality Supported Clinics Grant will each provide \$6 million over two years.

The Rural Team Recruitment Grant will support community organizations and clinics in hiring additional non-physician team members to increase ca-

capacity and improve access within their clinics. In addition, the Municipality Supported Clinics Grant will assist rural municipalities or regions in enhancing team-based care, allowing them to take over ownership or support the operations of existing primary care clinics within their communities.

“These grants are wonderful news for rural Alberta. They will support municipalities so they can improve primary care for their residents and will draw more primary care providers to rural communities across the province.”

Martin Long, parliamenta-

ry secretary for rural health  
“Remuneration, respect, retention and recruitment of rural generalists will ensure the health of all Albertans. This government is recognizing that rural health care is unique, requiring solutions that support being cared for within a patient medical home servicing your rural or remote community.”

Dr. Rithesh Ram, president, section of rural medicine, Alberta Medical Association

## SCRAP THE CAP

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta is calling on Canadians to oppose the federal government's dangerous proposed cap on energy production, which will kill jobs and hurt all Canadians.

Independent analysis by the Conference Board of Canada, Deloitte and S&P Global tell the same story: the federal government's proposed cap would require oil and gas production cuts that would put people out of work and drain billions from Canada's economy. Despite these reports and continued opposition from many provinces, industry, businesses, experts and Canadians, the federal government will soon release its draft regulations.

The proposed emissions cap is a production cap. S&P Global Commodity Insights found that a 40 per cent emissions cap could lead to a reduction in oil and natural gas production of one million barrels per day by 2030 and a 2.1-million barrel reduction by 2035. According to the Conference Board of Canada and Deloitte, the cap could amount to a more than 10 per cent reduction in oil production and a 16 per cent reduction in conventional gas production in Alberta in 2030.

Alberta's government is launching a national advertising cam-

paign to inform Canadians that this cap will lead our province and country into economic and societal decline. Alberta would be hit hardest and in 2040, the province's GDP would shrink by 4.5 per cent. Canada's would decline by 1 per cent. The cap would result in 150,000 Canadians losing their jobs and the loss of \$14 billion a year from the economy. The average Canadian family would be left with up to \$419 less per month to spend on groceries, housing or fuel, impacting the quality of life Canadians enjoy coast to coast.

All Canadians deserve to know the dangers of this cap, which will negatively impact their families without reducing global emissions whatsoever.

“Once again, Ottawa is attempting to set policies that are shortsighted and reckless. We're challenging proposed policy that would stifle our energy industry, kill jobs and ruin economies by launching a national campaign that tells Ottawa to “Scrap the Cap.” We're telling the federal government to forget this reckless and extreme idea and get behind Alberta's leadership by investing in real solutions that cut emissions, not Canada's prosperity.”

Danielle Smith, Premier

The proposed cap will put safe, reliable and secure energy at risk

while costing tens of thousands of jobs and billions in lost federal revenue that pays for important programs, services and infrastructure. This means lost jobs, hurt families shuttered businesses and less revenue going to the schools, hospitals, programs and services every Canadian relies on.

If left unchanged, this cap would force Canada's energy industry to curtail production at the expense of struggling Canadian families. When production is cut, jobs, tax revenues and the economy are cut too. It is, in effect, a cap on prosperity that would be felt across the country.

Alberta is encouraging Canadians to visit the Scrap the Cap website and tell Ottawa they cannot and will not support a cap on energy production that leaves Canadians with a lower standard of living and reduced services. Print, television and social media advertisements will run nationwide from Oct. 15 to the end of November to urge Canadians to contact their member of parliament (MP) and share their thoughts. The Scrap the Cap website includes a letter that can be sent electronically.

“We will not stand by while the federal government threatens tens of thousands of jobs. This production cap means billions in revenues down the drain, and we

will not let our province's – or our country's – economic future be gutted by an out-of-touch federal government. There is a way to reduce emissions without killing the economy... but this unconstitutional production cap is not it.”

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

“A cap on oil and gas production will kill jobs and investment and adds to the growing list of federal programs that will kill investments in decarbonization. All Canadians need to let Ottawa know how this cap hurts Alberta and risks Canada's energy security.”

Brian Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals

Alberta is reducing emissions through common sense, incentives and technologies, not taxes or punitive regulations. The oil sands emissions intensity per barrel has fallen 23 per cent since 2009 and is expected to decline another 28 per cent by 2035. Alberta's overall emissions, electricity emissions and methane emissions are all declining, even as energy demand rises and the economy grows.

The province aspires to be carbon neutral by 2050 without cutting jobs or compromising affordable, reliable and secure energy for Albertans, Canadians and the world.

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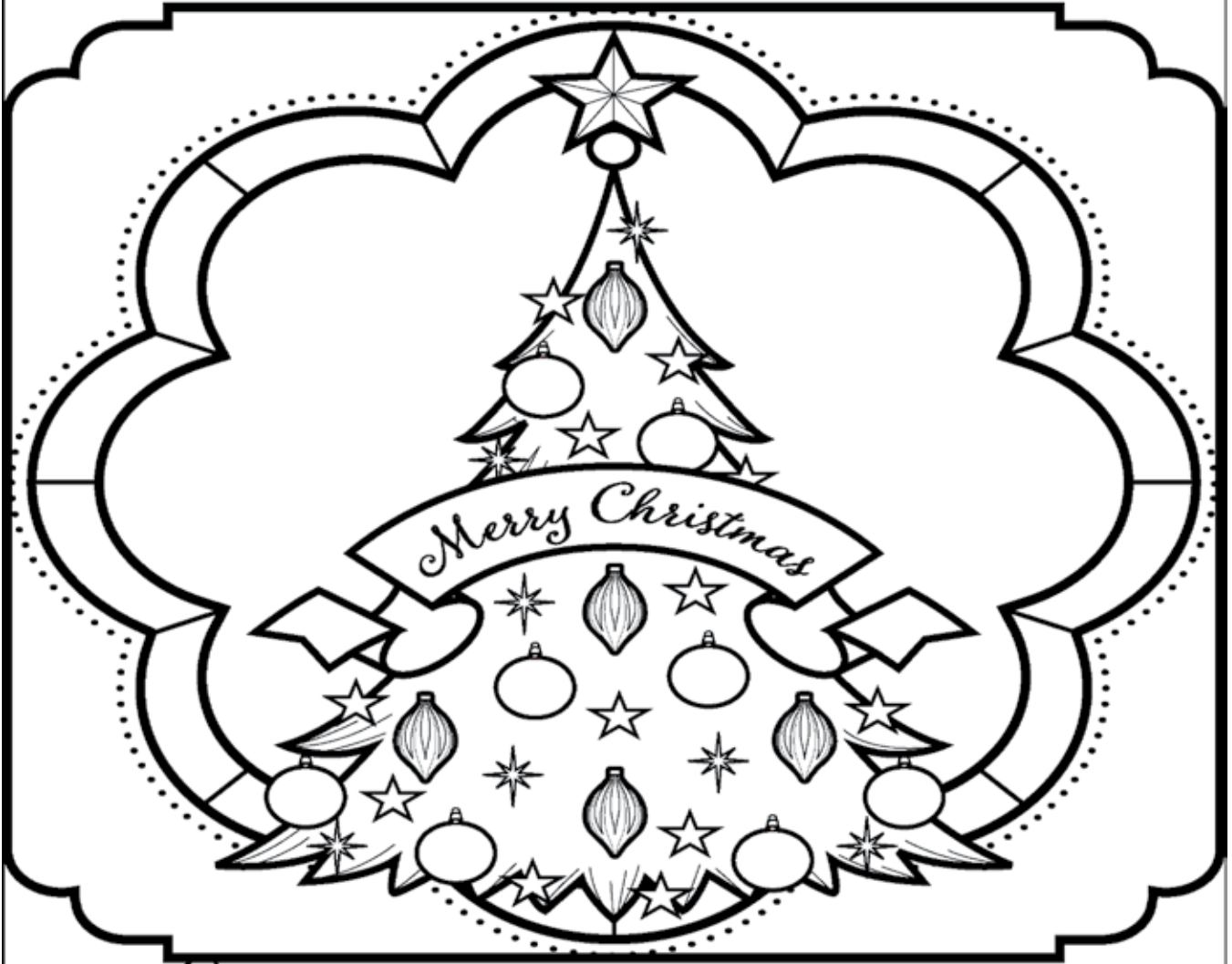
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