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PEACE RIVER'S COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT PRESENT...

THE AMAZING RACE

FAMILY EDITION

The Race

Family Teams of 4-6 participants will race around the community of Peace River, facing Detours, Roadblocks and Challenges fit for the most avid Amazing Race Fans!!

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Team Check In - 5:15pm
Race Starts at- 6pm

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At a Glance - June 19, 2026

Alberta Announces \$100 Energy Rebate

Alberta’s government has announced the Alberta Energy Rebate, a new affordability measure intended to return a portion of elevated energy revenues directly to residents. Beginning July 1, nearly 3.4 million Albertans will be eligible to apply for a non-taxable \$100 rebate, provided they are 18 or older, have filed a 2025 tax return and have a household income of \$225,000 or less. Finance Minister Jason Nixon stated, “Albertans deserve real relief and the freedom to use it when and where it matters most to their families. The Alberta Energy Rebate delivers exactly that with reliable support for more Albertans across the province.”

According to the province, the average Albertan consumes about 2,000 litres of fuel each year, meaning fuel tax relief would amount to roughly \$65 per person over one quarter. While the government argues that the rebate provides broader and more direct support, some Albertans may view the measure as modest given ongoing affordability pressures.

Province Launches Economic Review of Alberta Separation

The province has appointed an advisory panel to oversee the development of a report examining the potential economic impacts of Alberta leaving Canada. The University of Calgary’s School of Public Policy will conduct an independent analysis to assess possible transition costs, economic effects, savings, benefits, and risks associated with secession. The report is expected to be released in late summer.

The government says the report is intended to provide Albertans with objective, evidence-based information ahead of the October 19 referendum vote. The Opposition NDP has criticized the economic analysis, with Leader Naheed Nenshi arguing that the costs of separation are already known to be significant. "I have enormous faith in the academics at the school of public policy, but what I don't understand is why there's a panel at all," Nenshi said.

Four Alberta NDP MLAs Not Seeking Re-Election

Four Alberta NDP MLAs have announced they are not seeking re-election, marking the upcoming departure of several prominent members of the party's caucus. The MLAs are Lori Sigurdson of Edmonton-Riverview, Marlin Schmidt of Edmonton-Gold Bar, Joe Ceci of Calgary-Buffalo and Luanne Metz of Calgary-Varsity. Sigurdson, Schmidt and Ceci were first elected in 2015 and served in cabinet under former premier Rachel Notley.

NDP Leader Naheed Nenshi thanked the MLAs for their public service. "Before their time in elected office, each of them demonstrated a deep commitment to community service and improving the lives of others, and they carried that same dedication into public life," Nenshi said. All four MLAs will continue representing their ridings until the next election, with nomination dates for new candidates expected to be announced soon.

New Agreement Expands Pharmacy Care in Alberta

Alberta's government and the Alberta Pharmacists' Association have reached a new three-year agreement aimed at making pharmacy care more affordable and accessible. The framework includes longer prescription refills for Albertans with stable, chronic conditions, as well as expanded pharmacist-led services through pilot projects in rural and remote communities. Select pharmacies will offer services such as health screening, point-of-care testing and acute condition assessments beginning this fall.

The framework reflects the province's ongoing efforts to address shortages of access to primary care by expanding the scope of services pharmacies can provide. "This agreement is about practical results: fewer trips, better access and more care closer to home. Pharmacists are trusted front-line health professionals, and by working with the Alberta Pharmacists' Association, we are making it easier for Albertans to get the care they need, when and where they need it," commented Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services, Justin Wright.

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Friday News

June 19, 2026

Friday News strives to keep ABmunis' members and other subscribers well informed of the many newsworthy things happening in our members' municipalities across Alberta. It provides members with a weekly summary of online news stories from Alberta's newspapers, TV and radio broadcasters, and prominent podcasters. Our weekly e-newsletter is published 46 weeks a year.

ABmunis in the News

The Summer 2026 issue of AMA Insider magazine features an article about the [increased popularity of electric vehicles \(EVs\) in municipal vehicle fleets](#) across Alberta.

"Municipalities are taking a pragmatic approach to this," said ABmunis President Dylan Bressey. "They're always looking for new ways to enhance... services and save money for their residents." Communities such as Calgary, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Stony Plain and Strathcona are among the municipalities that have added EVs to their vehicle fleets.

The growing popularity of e-scooters, e-bikes and e-dirt bikes has become a concern for the City of Red Deer. City council hopes to kick-start a municipal advocacy campaign along with the City of Spruce Grove by presenting a [resolution to the 2026 Alberta](#)

[Municipalities convention](#) in late September. The proposed resolution calls on the provincial government to update legislation so communities have clearer regulatory direction about micro-mobility vehicles. Alberta's *Traffic Safety Act's* rules around these vehicles are tied to a power bicycle definition in federal legislation that has been repealed.

Assessment & Taxation

The City of Edmonton's [proposed user fee policy aims to boost financial sustainability](#) by aligning service costs with users while maintaining accessibility for all income levels. Councillor Anne Stevenson expressed concerns that escalating fees could decrease demand for services. Edmonton Transit Service plans to reveal fee scenarios this summer, but it needs the budget for final numbers. [Note: this article requires a subscription to read].

Edmonton city council [reversed its decision](#) to directly charge community leagues for stormwater management fees. Previously, EPCOR billed the city, which then recouped part of the cost through a tax levy on the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. Council had provided nearly \$1 million to alleviate the financial burden, but many leagues still struggled with the new charges. An updated plan is due on Sept. 25. [Note: this article requires a subscription to read].

Lethbridge's community issues committee [voted to recommend a 2.67% tax increase for 2027](#), down from the initially proposed 3.54%, after deliberating on more than 40 reduction initiatives. Recommendations forwarded to city council for June 23 approval include eliminating free Saturday disposal at the Waste & Recycling Centre and reducing summer transit service on several university-area routes.

Medicine Hat is [projected to run a \\$7-million budget gap by year's end](#), according to its April Tri-Annual Report. Contributing factors include city council's decision to raise property taxes by 4.9% rather than the 6.1% recommended by staff, as well as ongoing contract negotiations with fire and emergency services.

Diversity & Inclusion

The [City of Edmonton has launched](#) a 2SLGBTQIA+ safe spaces action plan to enhance inclusivity over four years. The plan, unanimously approved by city council, involves making facilities sensitive to diverse community needs. Mayor Andrew Knack emphasized the critical timing of these initiatives amid restrictive provincial laws affecting transgender rights. A \$750,000 budget will be available to support community groups, and discussions are ongoing for continued funding. [Note: this article requires a subscription to read].

Economic Development & Tourism

The City of Brooks [held a public information session](#) drawing about 150 people to explore the potential benefits and drawbacks of data-centre development as the provincial government pursues a data-centre boom.

Medicine Hat's building permit activity [lagged nearly 20% behind 2025 levels](#) through May, with most of the 2026 permit value coming from commercial alterations rather than new residential construction. In May, only two permits were issued for single-family homes.

Medicine Hat has [submitted 22 expressions of interest to passenger airline providers](#) across the country as it searches for a WestJet replacement, given the airline's plan to exit the region. No formal responses have been received so far.

Medicine Hat has [approved \\$25,000 in additional sponsorship](#) to become a premium-level sponsor at the 2026 Grand Slam of Curling Masters, to be held at Co-op Place in November. The sponsorship includes national and international media exposure through Sportsnet and the Rock Channel.

Medicine Hat is preparing to [host the 2026 Special Olympics Summer Games](#) from Aug. 11 to 15, with organizers still seeking hundreds of volunteers.

CBC's Daybreak Alberta took a stroll through Spruce Grove with Mayor Jeff Acker in its [Meet the Mayor series](#). Acker said the city recently invested \$24 million into its main street and downtown.

Westlock town officials [attended the inaugural AfriCanada Expo](#) in Edmonton, pitching the community to international investors as a regional hub with access to Highways 18 and 44,

CN Rail, and the Westlock Terminals. Mayor Jon Kramer highlighted opportunities in agriculture, food processing, industrial development, logistics, and healthcare, and promoted the town's participation in the provincial government's Rural Entrepreneurial Stream immigration program.

ABmunis' 2026 Summer Municipal Leaders' Caucus

Connect with municipal leaders across Alberta on June 24, in-person, featuring engaging discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities.

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Energy

Whitecourt town council [voted to send a letter of support for a proposed West Coast oil pipeline](#) after hearing from Sustrio, a company representing the Alberta government that is in the early stages of exploring a route to the West Coast. Mayor Ray Hilts said a project of this magnitude would be of great interest to the community. Whitecourt town council joined Woodlands County council in sending a letter of support.

Environment

The provincial government will [bring updated flood mapping to 10 Alberta communities](#), including Barrhead and the hamlet of Jarvie, covering about 260 kilometres along the Paddle and Pembina Rivers. Barrhead's director of development said the data will help council make more informed decisions about development in flood-prone areas.

Medicine Hat city council [approved a \\$245,000 budget amendment](#) to continue developing a Water Management and Adaptation Strategy, fully funded through federal grants. The strategy addresses long-term water security issues such as aging infrastructure, limited water licenses, and climate-related risks.

Whitecourt [received an A- on its 2025 FireSmart Alberta community scorecard](#), up from a B- the previous year, with top marks in education, cross-training, and wildfire legislation. The regional FireSmart coordinator said the next focus will be on updating the town's wildfire mitigation strategy and risk assessments.

Housing

Carstairs has reached an agreement in principle with NeoForm Developments for a [multi-phase seniors housing and mixed-use campus](#) in the Mandalay Estates subdivision, with total investment expected to exceed \$60 million. The first phase, slated to begin construction in early 2027, will include more than 60 units integrating commercial space, supportive care, and independent living apartments, though no wait lists are yet being accepted.

AgeCare Dawson, [a new seniors' care development located on Merganser Drive West in Chestermere](#), has received provincial funding. The project is designed to provide a range of care options, including long-term care, dementia care, and supportive living services. The addition of seniors' care spaces addresses a need that has been discussed in Chestermere for several years.

Cold Lake city council accepted as information [a proposal for Norah's Place](#), a 55-plus aging-in-place community that would include assisted living, palliative care, and independent living. City administration said it needs to assess water, wastewater, and stormwater servicing requirements before any financial assistance can be discussed.

Medicine Hat was [ranked the third most affordable rental market](#) in Canada outside of the six largest cities, with an average asking rent of \$1,321 per month in May 2026, according to Rentals.ca's National Rent Report. The national average was \$2,029.

Olds town council set a [public hearing for June 22](#) on a proposal to rezone land to accommodate 58 housing units, including bungalows, detached and semi-detached homes, and two-storey stacked townhomes.

Indigenous Relations

Airdrie city council [endorsed a 2026–2029 work plan](#) advancing its Indigenous Engagement Framework from development to more coordinated implementation. The work includes standardized protocols for honorariums and intentional relationship-building with Indigenous organizations. Deputy mayor Candice Kolson raised concerns about budget certainty for the initiatives.

Infrastructure & Transportation

Blackfalds began a [tennis court resurfacing project](#), with the courts closed from June 18 through the end of July. Trees surrounding the courts will also be removed in the fall as their roots are damaging the surface, with a new landscaping plan to come to town council during the 2027 budget deliberations.

The first stage of Calgary's [Bears paw feeder main replacement is halfway complete](#) and remains on schedule for year-end completion, with tunnelling underway at several locations in northwest Calgary. The city also named infrastructure services general manager Michael Thompson as acting chief operating officer of the water utility, effective June 22.

The first phase of Calgary's [Stephen Avenue Revitalization Project is set to wrap up ahead of schedule](#), having upgraded underground infrastructure and rebuilt the street surface with granite pavers between First Street Southeast and Centre Street. Despite the early completion, some businesses say foot traffic dropped about 20% during construction and called for a faster approach to future phases.

Calgary is [planning to redevelop 4.2 hectares of land](#) that has sat vacant near the Westbrook CTrain station for nearly 15 years. Options include non-market housing, park space, pathways, and retail, with public consultation underway and construction projected to begin as early as 2029.

Edmonton city council is [borrowing \\$15 million](#) for a new 500,000-square-foot transit garage in southeast Edmonton, raising the total project cost to \$367 million, supported by a \$291-million federal grant. While the city saved more than \$18 million from projects that ran under budget, it needs additional funds for existing and future capital commitments. [Note: this article requires a subscription to read].

Elk Point town council heard from its manager of operations that [recent heavy rainstorms overwhelmed the local sewage system](#), flooding the lift station's wet well and causing many residents to experience basement flooding for the first time. Storms also damaged a walking bridge and prompted a temporary highway closure south of the community.

The City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, and the Lacombe Flying Club are [developing a new master plan for the Lacombe Regional Airport](#). The plan will guide future development, identify infrastructure needs, and support the region's transportation and economic development goals.

A five-year road condition study revealed that Westlock faces [a \\$20-million backlog to bring local roads to ideal condition](#). The town's operations director estimated that \$500,000 per year is needed just to prevent further deterioration. Provincial highways through Westlock are also deteriorating, though their redesign has not yet received active construction funding.

Dozens of frustrated volunteers and local contractors [filled potholes on a stretch of Highway 63 through Fort McMurray](#) after months of complaints about damaged vehicles. Wood Buffalo Mayor Sandy Bowman said he wants the municipality to take over maintenance of an 18-kilometre section of the provincial highway, and Alberta Transportation Minister Devin Dreeshen said he is open to the idea.

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Intergovernmental Relations

Cold Lake city council approved a letter to the province's minister of assisted living and social services [raising concerns about the rollout of the Alberta Disability Assistance Program](#) and its potential impact on residents receiving AISH support. One councillor opposed the letter, arguing council should request accountability from the province rather

than a pause to the program.

Eckville town council and Lacombe County [hosted a public information session](#) on proposed updates to their Intermunicipal Development Plan, which guides growth in county lands surrounding Eckville and was last updated in 2018. Online and paper surveys will be available for two weeks to gather additional feedback.

Gibbons councillors [publicly rejected](#) the findings of the provincial government's viability review at a question-and-answer session, calling the report "garbage" and accusing the Ministry of Municipal Affairs of "fear-mongering." Residents pressed council on taxes, infrastructure, and long-term planning ahead of a vote on the town's future.

Municipal Governance

Airdrie's [latest resident satisfaction survey](#) found 81% of respondents rated quality of life as good or very good, though residents flagged ongoing concerns around healthcare access, rapid growth, roads, affordability, transit, schools, and infrastructure. The city also held its [first-ever community town hall](#) on June 15, where Mayor Heather Spearman, council, and senior staff answered resident questions on many of the same issues.

Banff town council passed first reading of amendments to its land use bylaw that [would allow expanded non-residential uses in heritage homes](#) to help preserve the community's built history. A public hearing is set for July 14.

Banff town council has [released its 2027–30 strategic plan](#), placing a human use management framework at the centre to address growing tourism pressure. The plan outlines four priorities: building a life in Banff, protecting the environment, moving people sustainably, and nurturing relationships.

Bowden town council has [hired Christiaan Rudolf Liebenberg as its new chief administrative officer](#), effective June 22. Liebenberg replaces Arno Glover, who resigned late last year.

In Calgary's ongoing corruption investigation, police documents reveal that former councillor Sean Chu directed a planning consultant to [use his personal phone for sensitive](#)

[conversations](#) to avoid Freedom of Information disclosure. Lawyers for Chu, former mayor Jyoti Gondek, and a developer appeared in court as police applied to retain seized phones for an additional nine months. No charges have been laid.

Cold Lake city council approved [updates to its Hall of Fame policy](#), moving from a committee-based model to an administrative one led by recreation staff, with council retaining final approval authority. The program had become inactive after changes to the city's committee structure. It will recognize athletes, artists, builders, community leaders, teams, and organizations.

Cold Lake city council [updated its records management bylaw](#) to align with Alberta's new *Access to Information Act* and *Protection of Privacy Act*, which replaced the previous FOIP legislation in 2025. The update does not change the substance of the city's records management process.

Town of Didsbury CAO Michael Simpson has [resigned after less than a year in the role](#). Vanessa Van der Meer, executive assistant to the CAO and legislative coordinator, was named interim CAO starting July 1 while the town searches for a permanent replacement.

Grande Prairie [launched its 2026 Resident Satisfaction Survey](#), inviting residents to share feedback on city services, property taxes, and community priorities via telephone and online surveys until July 2.

Hanna town council discussed ongoing concerns about stray cats following a resident complaint, but it declined to pursue a new bylaw, citing [enforcement challenges and the cost of spay-and-neuter programs](#). Mayor Danny Povaschuk said enforcement is often the biggest challenge with municipal regulations, and a program through an outside organization could cost about \$20,000.

Hanna town council [approved the second round of its 2026 Community Services Board grants](#), distributing \$8,000 among six local organizations, including Kiddies Korner Playschool, the Royal Canadian Legion, the Figure Skating Club, and the Indoor Pro Rodeo. Eligible applications this year totalled more than \$69,000 against a \$20,000 annual budget, and council noted the experience will help refine the program for 2027.

Medicine Hat has [launched a confidential online portal and phone hotline](#) through MNP for employees, contractors, and members of the public to report suspected wrongdoing at city

hall. The system follows council's approval in May of an updated whistleblower policy allowing anonymous third-party reporting.

Red Deer city council [presented its 2026 Mayor's Recognition Awards](#), honouring more than two dozen individuals. The highest honour, the Mayor's Special Award, went to Trudy Lewis for a 53-year career in inclusive education and to the Time Is Life campaign team for bringing a cardiac catheterization laboratory to Red Deer.

Whitecourt town council [authorized a conditional sale agreement for the current town office](#) to Ember Limited Partnerships, ahead of the opening of the Canfor Culture and Events Centre this fall. The new centre includes replacements for both the town office and the Whitecourt and District Public Library.

Policing & Security

The Blackfalds Policing Committee [issued a community statement](#) in response to resident concerns about a high-risk offender residing in the community, clarifying that decisions about release conditions and residency are made by courts and correctional authorities, not by local police, the committee, or the municipality. Residents were encouraged to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to police.

Lethbridge police [began rolling out body cameras for officers](#) more than three years after a provincial mandate was issued. The rollout started with nine officers and will expand to put all 165 cameras into use over the next six months, ahead of a provincial deadline of Jan. 1, 2027.

Disputes between neighbours in Olds [rose 24% in the last quarter](#), according to the Olds RCMP detachment. Commanding officer Staff Sgt. Jamie Day told town council the disputes involve a small fraction of the population and do not signal a broader public safety concern.

Safe & Healthy Communities

The City of Lacombe is marking the [Kinsmen Aquatic Centre's 30th anniversary](#) with a community celebration, featuring a barbecue, anniversary cake, family activities, and admission prices returning to the 1996 rate of \$2.50.

The Village of Linden's ambulance [responded outside of its coverage zone 96% of the time in 2026](#), answering 292 out-of-town calls compared to just 11 local ones, according to Emergency Health Services Alberta. Mayor Kelly Klassen said the situation places added strain on volunteer firefighters, who often arrive at emergencies before the ambulance.

Medicine Hat launched an [online survey to gather public feedback](#) on a pilot project to allow alcohol consumption at designated picnic areas and firepits in three parks from July 2 to the end of September. Consumption will not be permitted near playgrounds or splash parks, and Canada Day is excluded from the pilot.

Red Deer's [Rip 'N Rec Summer Pass is returning](#), offering residents aged 17 and under unlimited access to Red Deer Transit and city-operated recreation facilities from June 22 to Aug. 31 for \$55. The program is intended to reduce transportation barriers and keep youth active during summer break.

An [accessibility audit](#) of Stony Plain's municipal facilities identified barriers such as uneven pathways, inaccessible entrances, limited assistive listening technology, and missing power door openers. Councillor Melanie Loyns said the findings reflect her own experience accessing the town office, which scored 58%, when she temporarily used mobility aids. "I can't get into chambers unless someone opens the door, and that kind of puts limitations on who might ever sit at this bench."

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THE WEEKLY

June 24, 2026



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**Deadline extended for ABmunis
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**Casual legal: Employment
standards for minor workers**

**Advocacy WIN! Federal reforms
reflect municipal priorities**

ABmunis' advocacy has paid off with the federal government passing the *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act* (Bill C-14)! Learn how the new legislation affects your community.

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UPDATES

Mark your calendars for 2027!

We recognize that planning is already well underway for our municipal partners' 2027 calendar year, so we've highlighted ABmunis 2027 events you won't want to miss.

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**Deadline extended for ABmunis
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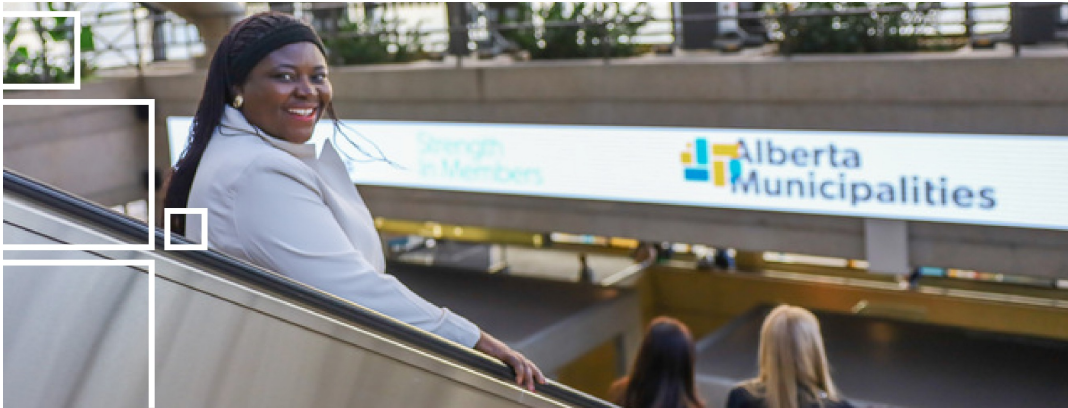
Please note: Next week's issue of *The Weekly* will be distributed on Thursday, July 2, in lieu of Canada Day.

Casual legal: Challenging Assessment Review board decisions

This week's article outlines key requirements to help ensure compliance while supporting safe and appropriate youth employment..

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- Understand what to expect from a Technical Options Report
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Happy Friday folks!

A quick nuclear snapshot ahead of the weekend.

One theme that stood out to me this week is that nuclear energy is increasingly being discussed not simply as an electricity source, but as part of a much broader conversation around infrastructure, economic competitiveness, supply chains, workforce development, energy security, and regional growth.

Several of this week's stories also highlight the growing importance of communities in supporting nuclear development — whether through manufacturing, workforce attraction, infrastructure planning, or international knowledge sharing.

With that in mind, here are a few items that caught my attention this week and may be of interest to CANHC members.

Key Developments

1. New nuclear manufacturing investment announced in Durham Region

Ontario announced a new nuclear manufacturing investment in Durham Region, supporting Canada's growing nuclear supply chain and creating opportunities for businesses and workers across the region.

For CANHC members, this is another reminder that the economic benefits of nuclear development often extend well beyond the immediate host community and can create regional opportunities for suppliers, manufacturers, and service providers. Stay tuned as we believe more media announcements on locations to come next Monday!!

Links:

- [New Nuclear Energy Manufacturing Coming to Durham](#) (Durhampost/ June 18, 2026)
- [Ontario-nuclear-deal-could-bring-supply-chain-opportunities-to-northumberland](#) (Northumberland Daily/ June 18, 2026)

2. \$2.2 billion Chalk River investment expected to boost regional jobs

The federal investment in modernizing Chalk River Laboratories continues to receive attention, particularly regarding the long-term employment, research, innovation, and economic benefits expected across the Ottawa Valley region.

Links:

- [\\$2.2B investment to modernize Chalk River Labs expected to boost regional jobs and industry](#) (CHMY-FM / June 18, 2026)
- [AECL-to-present-plan-for-new-reactor-in-3-years](#) (North Renfrew Times / June 18, 2026)

3. Port Hope and Canada reach landmark agreement on historic waste cleanup

A significant milestone was reached this week as the Municipality of Port Hope and the Government of Canada announced a new agreement related to the long-running Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) and the management of historic low-level radioactive waste. The agreement provides additional certainty regarding future responsibilities, long-term stewardship, and the continued partnership between the municipality and federal government.

For communities hosting nuclear facilities or legacy waste management projects, the announcement serves as another example of the long-term commitments and collaborative relationships often required to successfully manage nuclear-related infrastructure and environmental remediation projects.

Link:

- [Municipality-of-Port-Hope-and-Canada-Reach-Landmark-Agreement-for-Historic-Waste](#) (Municipal Information Network/ June 17, 2026)

4. Canada's infrastructure challenge and major project approvals

One of the more interesting articles this week examined Canada's estimated \$4.7 trillion infrastructure challenge and the relationship between permitting timelines, energy development, critical minerals, and economic competitiveness.

While not focused exclusively on nuclear, the article ties directly into ongoing federal discussions regarding major project reform and Canada's ability to build the infrastructure needed to support future growth.

Link:

- [Canada's \\$4.7 Trillion Infrastructure Challenge: Can Faster Permits Unlock a Critical Minerals Boom?](#) (Carbon Credits / June 15, 2026)

Worth Watching

1. Sweden selects Rolls-Royce SMR technology

One of the more notable international announcements this week saw Sweden select Rolls-Royce SMR technology for a new nuclear project.

While many Canadians would have hoped to see Canadian-linked technologies continue expanding internationally, the announcement highlights just how competitive the global SMR marketplace has become.

Links:

- [Swedish new nuclear project selects Rolls-Royce SMRs](#) (World Nuclear News / June 15, 2026)
- [Sweden selects Rolls-Royce SMR for nuclear project](#) (Exchange Monitor / June 15, 2026)

2. Saskatchewan and Czech Republic explore nuclear cooperation

Saskatchewan continues to advance international partnerships as it evaluates future nuclear opportunities, including cooperation discussions with the Czech Republic related to SMRs and microreactors.

Link:

- [Saskatchewan, Czech Republic aim to cooperate on SMRs and MMRs](#) (*World Nuclear News* / June 15, 2026)

3. Debate continues around who pays for new nuclear

An interesting Marketplace piece examining one of the recurring questions facing governments, utilities, and regulators: how the costs of major new energy infrastructure are allocated and how those decisions ultimately affect ratepayers.

Link:

- [Debates over who pays for new nuclear plants put ratepayers in the middle](#) (*Marketplace* / June 15, 2026)

Interesting / Worth a Read

1. Bruce Power Sustainability Report released

Bruce Power released its 2026 Sustainability Report highlighting community investment, environmental performance, workforce initiatives, and ongoing support for host municipalities.

Link:

- [Bruce Power 2026 Sustainability Report highlights commitment to communities and environment](#) (Bruce Power / June 15, 2026)

2. G7 backs Canada as major global energy supplier

Interesting to see energy security continue to feature prominently on the international agenda, with Canada being positioned as a key supplier of energy, critical minerals, and nuclear expertise.

Link:

- [G7 backs Canada as major global energy supplier to lessen reliance on Strait of Hormuz](#) (CBC News / June 17, 2026)

As always, happy to follow up on any of these items if useful. Feel free to share with your staff, colleagues, and council members.

Enjoy the weekend!



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CANHC
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Catherine Krushel

To: Executive Assistant
Subject: RE: Federal Nuclear Energy Strategy Just Released Today!! CANHC Initial Observations

Hello CANHC Members,

Earlier today, the Government of Canada released [Canada's Nuclear Energy Strategy](#) (CANHC received an Embargoed version earlier this AM) and hosted a launch event/ press conference in Newmarket, Ontario. CANHC Chair Mayor Adrian Foster attended the event in person on behalf of Canada's nuclear host communities, while I participated virtually.

CANHC also participated in the Nuclear Energy Leadership Table (NELT) process that helped inform development of the Strategy and appreciates the opportunity to contribute municipal perspectives during those discussions.

The Strategy outlines a long-term vision for the growth of Canada's nuclear sector, with a focus on four key pillars:

1. Enabling new nuclear builds across Canada
2. Expanding Canada's role as a global nuclear supplier and exporter
3. Strengthening uranium production, fuel security and waste management
4. Advancing nuclear innovation and technology development.

The Strategy reinforces the important role nuclear energy is expected to play in supporting Canada's future electricity needs, energy security, economic growth, workforce development and supply chain opportunities.

At first review, many of the themes align with issues CANHC has consistently raised, including regulatory efficiency, workforce development, Indigenous participation, supply chain readiness, long-term waste management and the importance of national coordination.

At the same time, CANHC notes that implementation of this vision will ultimately occur in host communities. As Canada advances its nuclear ambitions, further attention will be needed regarding municipal readiness, local infrastructure requirements, housing, emergency preparedness, public confidence, public education, and addressing misinformation regarding nuclear technologies. This is not reflected in the Strategy.

While the Strategy establishes an important national vision, many implementation details remain to be developed. CANHC looks forward to continuing dialogue with Natural Resources Canada and other partners to ensure the perspectives and experiences of host communities are reflected as future policies, programs and initiatives are advanced.

Attached (and pasted below for your convenience) is a preliminary CANHC briefing note summarizing key elements of the Strategy and potential implications for host communities. You will see I have underlined in a few places where the strategy does not reflect CANHC's positions ... Clare

CANHC Preliminary Briefing Note – June 22, 2026

Federal Nuclear Energy Strategy for Canada Initial Observations for Nuclear Host Communities

Purpose

On June 22, 2026, the Government of Canada released its [Nuclear Energy Strategy](#) for Canada..

CANHC participated in the Nuclear Energy Leadership Table (NELT) process that helped inform development of the Strategy and welcomes its release.

This briefing note provides initial observations from a host-community perspective and identifies areas where further discussion and implementation work may be warranted.

Overview

The Nuclear Energy Strategy establishes a long-term federal vision for the growth of Canada's nuclear sector and is intended to support Canada's future electricity needs, energy security, economic competitiveness, emissions reduction objectives, workforce development, innovation agenda, and export opportunities.

The Strategy is built around four pillars:

1. Enabling New Builds Across Canada
2. Being a Global Supplier and Exporter of Choice
3. Expanding Uranium Production and Nuclear Fuel Opportunities and Supporting World-Class Long-Term Nuclear Waste Management
4. Developing New Canadian Nuclear Innovations

The Strategy presents nuclear energy as a strategic national asset and an important component of Canada's future energy and economic development plans.

Key Messages for Host Communities

CANHC's initial review suggests three overarching messages for host communities:

1. *Nuclear is now clearly positioned as a national priority.*

The Strategy presents nuclear energy as a strategic national asset and an important contributor to Canada's future energy security, economic growth, industrial competitiveness, and emissions reduction objectives.

2. *Significant growth is anticipated.*

The Strategy contemplates expanded reactor deployment, workforce growth, supply chain expansion, export opportunities, uranium development, waste management initiatives, and continued innovation in nuclear technologies.

3. Implementation will occur in communities.

While the Strategy establishes a national vision, many of the practical implications associated with workforce growth, infrastructure, housing, emergency preparedness, public confidence, and long-term stewardship will ultimately be experienced at the community level. This is not recognized in the strategy.

The Strategy places considerable emphasis on partnerships involving federal and provincial governments, Indigenous Nations, utilities, industry, proponents, and supply-chain organizations. As implementation moves forward, CANHC believes there is an opportunity to more explicitly recognize host communities and municipal governments as partners in the successful deployment and long-term operation of nuclear facilities. CANHC will continue to press all parties to recognize this.

Why This Matters to Host Communities

The growth envisioned in the Strategy has direct implications for existing and potential host communities across Canada.

Potential community impacts and opportunities may include:

- Population and workforce growth;
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- Transportation and infrastructure requirements;
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CANHC Initial Observations

CANHC welcomes the release of Canada's Nuclear Energy Strategy and appreciates the opportunity to participate in Nuclear Energy Leadership Table discussions that informed its development.

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Given that nuclear projects are ultimately developed, operated, and stewarded within communities, CANHC believes host communities should be recognized as an important implementation partner alongside other key participants identified throughout the Strategy.

Community Readiness

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Catherine Krushel

To: Executive Assistant
Subject: RE: New CANHC Video - Please Watch and Help Tell Your Community's Story!

Hello everyone and Happy Monday!

I am pleased to share a new short video featuring CANHC Chair Mayor Adrian Foster introducing the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) and Canada's Municipal Nuclear Navigation Hub through our newly updated website at www.canhc.info under ABOUT CANHC - <https://canhc.info/about/>

The video wis also available on LinkedIn [CANHC Video Post on LinkedIn](#) and I have attachee a MP4 version here as well [CANHC Video Link \(New\) Introducing CANHC](#)

We would greatly appreciate it if you could watch, like, and reshare the video through your own municipal and professional networks.

We would also encourage member communities to consider creating their own short videos highlighting:

- your community's involvement in CANHC
- your local nuclear facilities, projects, or opportunities
- the benefits, challenges, and experiences of being a host or emerging nuclear community
- what makes your community unique

These videos do not need to be professionally produced. In fact, simple and authentic messages from mayors, councillors, CAOs, staff, or community leaders are often the most effective.

Why does this matter?

As Canada's nuclear sector continues to grow, there is increasing interest in the experiences, perspectives, and success stories of host communities. Sharing these stories helps:

- raise awareness of the important role municipalities play in Canada's nuclear sector
- showcase the economic and community benefits associated with nuclear development
- support informed discussions about new and emerging projects
- highlight the unique strengths and opportunities within your community
- build awareness of CANHC and the growing network of host and emerging host communities across Canada

CANHC would be delighted to feature member videos on our website, LinkedIn page, and other communications channels. We have started highlighting our member communities already through the CANHC Highlights Report 2025, and through community updates on our LinkedIn social media platform.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us tell the story of Canada's nuclear host communities.

Best regards,



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From: FCM Communique <communique@fcm.ca>
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To: CAO
Subject: FCM Voice: Advocacy updates | BCSF's Direct Delivery stream | Collective webinar | and more

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June 22, 2026



Advocacy update: Bill C-14 is now law



The federal Bail and Sentencing Reform Act (Bill C-14) has received royal assent and is now law, representing a meaningful step toward safer streets and fewer repeat violent offences.

This legislation responds to long-standing local concerns and a united front from municipal voices, including our provincial and territorial counterparts across the country. Thank you for your work in advancing this issue.

We will continue working with the federal government to ensure this legislation is supported by the resources needed to deliver real improvements in community safety.

» [READ OUR STATEMENT](#)

NEWS

FCM's recommendations on housing starts

FCM recently submitted recommendations to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA) as part of its study on housing starts in relation to federal programs in Canada.

Our submission highlights the critical role municipalities play in enabling housing growth and underscores the need for predictable, flexible federal infrastructure funding to support new homes. It also reinforces that the government must prioritize increasing the share of non-market housing to prevent homelessness and improve housing affordability overall.

» [READ FCM'S SUBMISSION](#)

Support FCM's work as a non-board committee member

Interested in contributing to FCM's national work without serving as a board director? Each year, the President appoints a limited number of non-board members to serve on board committees, including up to two policy committees. To apply, you must fill out an application form through the link below and submit a council resolution. Please ensure to provide a certified true copy of a resolution [following this format](#). The deadline to apply is July 26.

» [APPLY NOW](#)

BCSF's Direct Delivery stream now open for applications

The Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF)'s Direct Delivery stream (\$6 billion over 10 years) is now open for applications until July 15 (August 12 for territorial applicants). This stream is accepting local infrastructure, climate adaptation and regionally significant projects that are shovel-ready for 2026. Notably, applicants seeking \$1 million or less in funding are encouraged to apply to the Local Impact Stream in coordination with listed Regional Development Agencies.

FCM welcomes this intake, as well as the prioritization of previous applications submitted under Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada legacy programs.

» REVIEW INTAKE AND ELIGIBILITY DETAILS

FCM's new Rural Forum chair & Northern and Remote Forum chair elected

FCM is pleased to announce the election on June 18 of Robin Kurpjuweit, Councillor for Cypress County, AB as our new Rural Forum Chair, alongside Rural Forum Vice-Chairs Sarah McInnis, Councillor for Humboldt, SK and Joe Masi, Councillor for Portage la Prairie, MB.

Additionally, following FCM's Annual General Meeting on June 7, Kandis Jameson, President of the Northwest Territories Association of Communities, became the new Chair of the Northern and Remote Forum. FCM looks forward to working closely with all newly elected chairs and vice-chairs as we continue to advocate for the diverse and vitally important communities each forum represents.

Read FCM's recent reports on [rural Canada](#) and [Northern and Arctic Canada](#).

EVENTS

NEW Collective webinar: Canada Post's transformation

Join us on July 22 at 12 p.m. ET, for a special summer edition of our Collective webinar series. Learn more about what a renewed Canada Post might become and how that impacts communities as the provider navigates its standards to serve every Canadian household and business—including those in rural, remote and Indigenous communities—for generations to come.

Canada Post is an integral part of community economic development, growth and sustainability across the country. As it faces unprecedented financial threat, Canada Post is transforming to build a modern postal service that meets the evolving needs of Canadians and can stand on its own financially.

» REGISTER

Kickstart affordable housing retrofits with new GMF study grants

The Green Municipal Fund's Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative offers support to affordable housing providers seeking to undertake deep energy retrofits of existing affordable housing units to reduce their GHG emissions and improve residents' comfort, affordability and cost certainty.

Join us on Thursday, July 9, at 2 p.m. ET for a webinar about SAH's updated funding, including newly available study grants, as well as other ways that GMF is supporting Canadian housing providers.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **New FCM President prioritizes cross-country engagement push | Municipal World**

FCM President Tim Tierney spoke with *Municipal World* about his new role. Tierney discussed, among other things, the importance of his new mandate, the biggest challenges facing municipalities nationwide, including infrastructure, FCM's new Defence Task Force, and harassment local elected officials face.

» **Federal bail bill becomes law | Toronto Star**

Bill C-14, the *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act*, received royal assent in the House of Commons. FCM welcomed the passage of the legislation. "In communities of all sizes, local governments, police, firefighters, paramedics and other front-line responders witness daily the strain repeat offending places on public safety, essential services, residents, workers and local businesses," said FCM President Tim Tierney.

» **Tim Tierney calls FCM presidential position 'huge deal' for Ottawa | CityNews**

Ottawa Councillor Tim Tierney made history at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, becoming the first president from the city in over 80 years. Tierney said he plans to use his new title to advocate for the needs of municipalities across the country and named infrastructure as his top priority, which he deems a "non-glamorous" issue, like underground sewage.

» **Calgary seeking nearly \$1 billion from Ottawa for infrastructure, transit - Calgary | Global News**

Ahead of Budget 2026, Calgary city officials are recommending that council seek nearly \$1 billion from the federal government to cover needs such as infrastructure, transit and recreation. The city's critical infrastructure tops the list of proposed funding requests, including \$190 million to cover half of the costs of the Bearspaw feeder main replacement project.

» **Regina mayor hopes social housing gets a boost from national land bank initiative | Regina Leader Post**

Regina Mayor Chad Bachynski has high hopes for FCM's new initiative, *From the Ground*, which aims to expand social housing by leveraging existing land. The initiative was launched at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show in Edmonton at the beginning of June.

RESOURCES

Last chance to nominate a project for an FCM Sustainable Communities Award

There are only a few days left to apply for FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards. The Awards recognize initiatives that demonstrate local environmental responsibility and excellence. Eligible projects use best practices in sustainability and can be replicated by others to help communities of all sizes tackle local priorities.

All Canadian municipalities and their partners are eligible, and you can nominate multiple projects within the same category or across the seven different categories. Don't forget to highlight the key benefits and results of your initiatives.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Final call: Apply now to GMF's Accelerating circularity in construction materials offer

Don't miss your chance to apply for the Green Municipal Fund's *Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials* (ACCM) offer. With grants of up to \$100,000 and a two-year peer learning cohort, ACCM offers a practical opportunity to help your municipality reduce construction, renovation and demolition waste and advance circular solutions. Apply by June 26 to reduce landfill pressure, cut emissions and build local economic opportunities through reuse and recovery.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Funding to tap into the power of trees

Apply for up to \$10M to plant new trees in your community. New trees are essential to improving quality of life for all, as they bring various benefits like lower energy bills, improved health and increased resilience to floods and extreme heat. Our Tree planting funding supports projects in communities of all sizes. Build on the work you're doing with our funding, coaching and resources. Quebec municipalities can apply now. Apply for Tree planting funding by June 30, 2026.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

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Better research and data, stronger housing solutions

Municipalities need reliable housing data to plan for growth and respond to local housing pressures. CMHC provides trusted insights on rental markets, housing supply, affordability trends and construction activity across Canada. These insights help FCM members strengthen housing strategies and support informed local planning decisions.

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What does defence readiness have to do with municipalities?

More than many people might think.

When Canadians think about national defence, they understandably think about military equipment, personnel and operations. But defence readiness also depends on something much closer to home: the communities where military members and their families live, work and raise their children.

[READ MORE FROM CAROLE SAAB](#)



Continued collaboration between all orders of government is essential to supporting infrastructure in communities across the country.

FCM welcomes today's announcement as a positive step forward in building much needed infrastructure and affordable housing—and in delivering quickly for Canadians.

This announcement also provided support for the community of Tumbler Ridge, following this year's tragic events. This shows what's possible when all orders of government work together, with community at the centre, to help rebuild for the future.

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Bill C-14 made it to finish line with strong contributions and a united front from municipal voices and our provincial and territorial counterparts across the country, including AMM. Thank you for your leadership in advancing this issue.

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Subject: Regional Employer Supports LMI Bulletin: June 2026
Attachments: Employer Resources_2026-06.pdf; Hiring Demand Bulletin May 2026.pdf

Regional Employer Supports

Bulletin: Labour Market Information
June 2026

Did you know?

Employment in the province increased by 13,900 month-over-month in May 2026, a third consecutive monthly gain.

Full-time employment rebounded by +25,700 month-over-month in May 2026, offsetting a pullback in part-time employment (-11,800 month-over-month).

Regional Labour Market Information

Unemployment rate by region for May 2026:

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The unemployment rate for May 2026 across the Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River region declined by 2.6% compared to May 2025, indicating a tighter labour market and increased competition for talent.

Looking at regional hiring activity, there were 523 job postings across northwestern Alberta (excluding Grande Prairie) in May 2026. Hiring demand remains strong in several communities, with Slave Lake leading at 142 postings, followed by Peace River (128) and Athabasca (94).

Health care, educational services and the retail trade represented the highest demand based on industry.

Provincial Labour Market Information

The provincial unemployment rate for May 2026 decreased by 0.4% to 6.6%, in line with the national rate of 6.6% and a 0.8% decrease from May 2025.

Alberta's employment reached 2,670,500, reflecting an increase of 13,900 (+0.5%) from the previous month and a rise of 104,400 (+4.1%) compared to May 2025.

Employment losses were highest in wholesale and retail trade (-8,500), manufacturing (-6,200) and public administration (-3,300).

Alberta's average hourly wage for May 2026 increased by 4.8% to \$38.53 compared to last year.

More information: [Labour Market Notes](#), May 2026

Job Postings

Hiring Bulletins are attached to this email.

In May 2026, the number of job postings in Alberta increased by 2.8% (+892 job postings) from April 2026 and by 9.2% (+2,753 job postings) compared to May 2025.

The largest decrease in demand occurred in the following occupations:

- Business, finance and administration occupations (-729 job postings; -15.2%)
- Natural and applied sciences and related occupations (-380 job postings; -21.3%)

Regional Events & Opportunities

Employment Standards set out the rights and obligations of employers and employees in Alberta. This includes the minimum standards that employers must provide for employees. For more information, or to register for webinars, visit www.alberta.ca/employment-standards-webinars. Upcoming:
Temporary Foreign Workers and Employer Rights and Responsibilities: June 24, 2026, 1:30pm
Overview of Employment Standards in Alberta: July 23, 2026, 1:30pm
Overview of Employment Standards in Alberta: August 18, 2026, 1:30pm

WCB Disability Management for Alberta Construction

Join the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) for a webinar focused on disability management principles and practices for Alberta construction employers. This session will provide a practical overview of key WCB processes, employer responsibilities, and strategies to support effective return-to-work outcomes applied to the construction industry. This webinar is ideal for supervisors, managers, health and safety professionals and those responsible for claims or disability management.

Date & Time: June 25, 2026, 9:00-10:30am

Register here: [HERE](#)

Workforce Data: Building the future outdoor workforce

The Outdoor Council of Canada has launched a Workforce Data Project in Alberta to fill critical gaps in labour market information for the outdoor sector. Join to hear the latest findings.

Date & Time: July 22 at 1:00pm

Register here: <https://connect.outdoorcouncil.ca/outdoor-workforce-data>

Articles of Interest

[Government of Canada announces support for AI innovation and commercialization in Alberta](#)
(Government of Canada)
[Government of Canada investing in tariff-affected Alberta businesses to drive trade expansion and market growth](#) (Government of Canada)
[Trade as relationship: Indigenous economic growth in Alberta](#) (ATB Economics)
[Navigating the future of business technology](#) (Business in Calgary)
[Local Identity, Pride and Branding in Place Transformation](#) (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

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Wishing you all a safe and happy summer season!

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Regional Employer Supports

Employer Resources

June 2026

The following list of resources is not exhaustive and is updated on an ongoing basis.

Note that funding opportunities may have application windows.

Grants and Funding Programs – General

[Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – helps employers invest in training that focuses on enhancing productivity skills for their current and future employees that aligns with the needs of their business. It is an employer-driven program meant to partially reimburse the cost for an employer to send their employee(s) for training.

[Indigenous Employment Training Partnerships Program \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – grant funding for Indigenous communities and organizations to deliver group-training projects designed in partnership with employers and other partners.

[Northern and Regional Economic Development Program \(NRED\) \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – funds initiatives led by Alberta municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profits that promote regional economic development and diversification.

[Wage subsidies and assistance programs \(Government of Canada\)](#) – information on federal programs to help you hire the right employees for your business.

[Training on-the-Job Program \(WCB Alberta\)](#) – subsidy to employers to hire and train someone who is unable to return to their regular job due to a workplace injury. The worker develops skills and gains work experience while the employer receives financial support from WCB during the employee's training period.

[Workforce Partnerships Grant \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – grant program to support labour market adjustment strategies and workforce development through partnerships.

[Workforce Strategies Grant \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – grants to support organizations with innovative solutions that will help Albertans develop new skills and assist employers and industry to grow their workforce.

[Workplace Training Program \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – offers eligible Albertans work-site training and paid work experience. Participating employers provide on-the-job training and/or work experience with government funding contributions, with the expectation that participants maintain employment after completion of the program.

[BRIDGE Program \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – a pilot program designed to support women entrepreneurs and small business owners who are actively running their business to move from early-stage operations to an established, growth-ready future.

Grants and Funding Programs – Industry-Specific

[Addressing the Agriculture Labour Task Force Grant Program \(Ag for Life\)](#) – funding to increase public awareness of agricultural career opportunities and to provide human resources training to support worker retention.

[Training & Wage Subsidies for Environmental Jobs \(ECO Canada\)](#) – employment programs that stimulate environmental career pathways, skill development, business growth, workforce support and workforce advancement through wage and training funding.

Grants and Funding Programs – Youth and Apprenticeships

[Alberta Youth Employment Incentive \(CAREERS\)](#) – CAREERS works to connect students to employers for paid internships. Qualified employers can receive up to \$7,500 to hire Albertans aged 15 to 24, helping you fill workforce needs today while investing in the skilled workforce of tomorrow.

[Apprenticeship job creation tax credit \(Government of Canada\)](#) – non-refundable employer tax credit for eligible apprentices.

[Grants and funding for skilled trades and apprenticeship \(Government of Canada\)](#) – Grants, loans, and funding programs that help apprentices, employers, unions, and other organizations participate in apprenticeship.

[Opportunity Youth \(OY\) Works](#) – practical resources, tools, guides, and insights co-designed with employers and HR professionals to support hiring, onboarding, and retention of young people facing barriers.

[Student Work Placement Program \(Government of Canada\)](#) – gives post-secondary students paid work experience related to their field of study. Employers can access funding for each student hired, including first year students or students from an under-represented group (women in STEM, persons with disabilities, newcomers, Indigenous students, visible minorities).

[Supplementary unemployment benefit plan \(SUBP\) \(Government of Canada\)](#) – employers can top up wages while apprentices are in technical training.

[Trade Pathways Program \(Alberta Construction Association\)](#) – participating employers can access financial and recruitment support to help their company develop the next generation of skilled tradespeople in Alberta.

[Youth in Trades Incentive Program \(CAREERS\)](#) – CAREERS works with Alberta schools to connect students to employers for paid internships. YIIP provides qualified employers with financial incentives to hire interns.

Grants and Funding Programs – Shifting Trade Environments

[Canada-Alberta Workforce Resilience Initiative \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – financial support for employers, industry associations and communities in sectors operating in a shifting global trade environment to develop strategies for workforce transitions and to train employed workers.

[Work-Sharing Program \(Government of Canada\)](#) – helps employers and employees avoid layoffs when there is a temporary decrease in the normal level of business activity, beyond the control of the employer.

[Worker Retention Grant for Work-Sharing Employers \(Government of Canada\)](#) – allows employers with active and implemented Work-Sharing agreements to top-up the income of their employees, working reduced hours and taking training during non-work time, helping them build new skills while strengthening an organization's long-term resilience.

Resources – Employee Attraction, Recruitment, and Retention

[Agriculture Job Connector \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – matching workers with employers to fill agriculture and agri-food jobs.

[Careers In Energy](#) – free resources for small to large energy industry employers to help hiring and retention practices evolve and shift with the changing skills and knowledge demands of the energy sector.

[Job Bank \(Government of Canada\)](#) – advertise your job for free and access free tools and resources to help you find, hire, and retain the right workers.

[Labour Market Information \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – wage and salary information and job market forecasts, trends, statistics, and profiles.

[Level UP \(Riipen\)](#) – enables employers to connect with students from across Canada for paid, short-term, remote projects.

[Tourism HR Canada](#) – pan-Canadian organization with a mandate aimed at building a world-leading tourism workforce by facilitating, coordinating, and enabling human resource development activities.

[Tourism industry \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – provides employers with direct government support, offering guidance, information, and connections to programs that support tourism business development and workforce needs.

[Industry Hub | Travel Alberta](#) – is a centralized resource for tourism employers, offering tools, workforce supports, and market insights to help strengthen and grow their business.

[Ask Kate | Tourism Industry Association of Alberta](#) – is a free advisory service that connects tourism employers with expert guidance on business operations, funding, workforce, and industry regulations.

[Training for Work \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – Are you an employer looking for skilled employees? Contact one of our service providers to connect to job ready graduates in your area. Follow the link for more information and to see a list of Training for Work programs across Alberta.

[Wage and salary information \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – analysis of wages/salaries across a variety of occupations in Alberta.

Other Programs and Resources

[Alberta Advantage Immigration Program \(AAIP\) \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – an economic immigration program for permanent residence in Alberta. There are several streams for workers that employers should be aware of.

[Alberta Purchasing Connection \(APC\) \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – easy to use tool that lets public and private sector users manage, advertise, distribute, and download public purchasing opportunities for goods, services, and construction in Alberta. Check APC for funding or proposal opportunities.

[Business Benefits Finder \(Government of Canada\)](#) – get a list of government programs and services for your business.

[Business Link](#) – small business advice in Alberta to help small businesses start and thrive.

[Community Futures Alberta](#) – offers business loans, resources, mentoring, guidance and support for rural small business owners and entrepreneurs.

[Employment Standards \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – rules, regulations, compliance measures, and education and resources for employers and employees in Alberta workplaces.

[Francophone Mobility Work Permit](#) – a program for employers to hire French speaking temporary workers without a labour market impact assessment.

[Health and safety eNews \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – monthly Occupational Health and Safety newsletter.

[Menopause Works Here – Creating a Menopause Inclusive Workplace](#) (Menopause Foundation of Canada) – resources and supports for employers to provide practical guidance to inspire your organization to take action towards a menopause inclusive workplace.

[Prairies Economic Development Canada \(PrairiesCan\) \(Government of Canada\)](#) – federal department that supports economic growth across the Canadian Prairies by helping people navigate federal economic programs and services.

[Procurement support for business \(Government of Canada\)](#) – resources and supports available to support procurement with the Government of Canada.

[Regional economic development resources \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – resources to help community leaders, industry and business diversify and grow their regional economies.

[Small business resources \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – service helping small businesses connect to resources such as funding opportunities, mentorship programs, and expert advice. For more information, email [Biz Connect](#).

[Tradesecrets \(Government of Alberta\)](#) – information about apprentice services, certification, trades in Alberta, regulations, etc.

[Trucking HR Canada](#) – a non-profit organization working to ensure Canada's freight transportation network has the skilled workforce needed for today and into the future.

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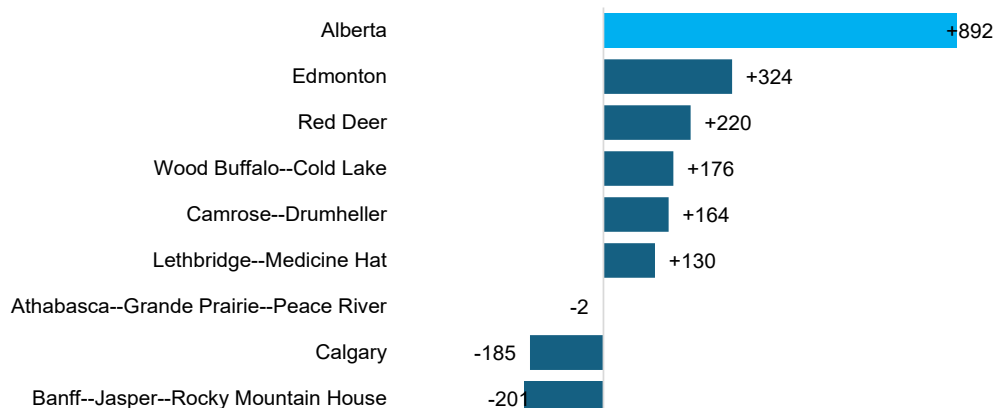
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Highlights

- In May 2026, there were 32,764 job postings advertised by employers in Alberta's online media¹.
 - The number of job postings in Alberta increased by 2.8 per cent (+892 job postings) from the previous month and was up by 9.2 per cent (+2,753 job postings) compared to May 2025.
 - On a month-over-month basis, job postings increased in five of the eight economic regions of the province.
 - Edmonton (+324 job postings; +3.1 per cent) witnessed the largest increase in job postings, followed by Red Deer (+220 job postings; +14.1 per cent).
 - Banff--Jasper--Rocky Mountain House witnessed the largest decrease in job postings (-201 job postings; -16.1 per cent) followed by Calgary (-185 job postings; 1.6 per cent).

FIGURE 1: MONTH-OVER-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB POSTINGS BY ECONOMIC REGION



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Note: Economic regions do not sum to the Alberta total because some job postings are not classified to an economic region.

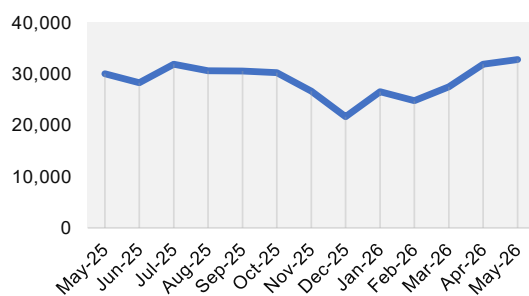
- In May 2026, the number of online job postings increased in only four of the 10 occupational categories, compared to the previous month.
 - The occupational category to register the biggest increase in job postings was trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (+1,685 job postings; +37.8 per cent), followed by occupations in education, law and social, community and government services (+410 job postings; +17.8 per cent).
 - Business, finance and administration occupations (-729 job postings; -15.2 per cent) registered the biggest decrease in job postings for the month, followed by natural and applied sciences and related occupations (-380 job postings; -21.3 per cent).
- Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey (LFS) data for May 2026 shows the following:
 - Employment in Alberta reached 2,670,500, reflecting an increase of 13,900 (+0.5 per cent) from the previous month and a rise of 104,400 (+4.1 per cent) compared to May 2025.
 - The unemployment rate declined to 6.6 per cent, down 0.4 percentage points from April 2026.
 - Full-time employment expanded (+25,700) in May, while a decline in part-time employment (-11,800) offset some of the gains.
 - The largest employment gains were seen in construction (+9,800), healthcare and social assistance (+8,300) and information, culture, and recreation (+5,300).
 - The largest employment losses occurred in wholesale and retail trade (-8,500), manufacturing (-6,200) and public administration (-3,300).
 - Employment rose by 12,900 in the private sector and by 1,200 in the public sector while it fell by 100 among the self-employed.

¹ Following changes in the data sources used by Signal49 Research in January 2026, volume of job postings it uses is expected to fall by about 5.0 per cent compared to data prior to the change.

Hiring demand for Alberta

Number of online job ads

About **32,764** new job postings were advertised by employers in Alberta's online media. This is **an increase of 892** postings compared to the previous month.



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top five hiring cities

Around two-thirds of job postings in Alberta are concentrated in the following locations:

Calgary	9,573	29.2%
Edmonton	7,982	24.4%
Red Deer	1,166	3.6%
Fort McMurray	1,046	3.2%
Grande Prairie	860	2.6%

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three employers

Alberta Health Services	2,322
Walmart Canada	611
McDonald's Restaurant	469

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) groups

52 - Business, management, marketing and related support services	1,645
51 - Health professions and related programs	1,528
13 - Education	1,065

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top five occupations

63200 - Cooks	866
64100 - Retail salespersons and visual merchandisers	745
31301 - Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses	715
73300 - Transport truck drivers	680
60020 - Retail and wholesale trade managers	597

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by occupation group

28 per cent in sales and service occupations

Sales and service occupations	9,313
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	6,142
Business, finance and administration occupations	4,059
Health occupations	3,341
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	2,707
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	1,400
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	445
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	318
Legislative and senior management occupations	270
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	232

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by skill group

Social-emotional skills	30,903
Occupational skills	28,921
Technologies	8,647
Tools and equipment	6,226

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities (TEER) category

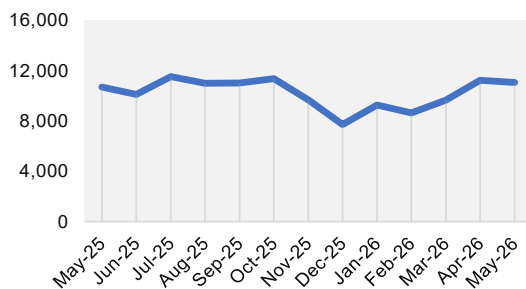
0 - Management	3,641
1 - University degree (bachelor's, master's or doctorate)	3,945
2 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of 2 to 3 years	5,494
3 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of less than 2 years	5,008
4 - Secondary school	3,712
5 - Work demonstration and no formal education requirements	3,792

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Hiring demand for Calgary economic region

Number of online job ads

About **11,033** new job openings were posted online in the region. This is a **decrease of 185** postings compared to the previous month.



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top five hiring cities

Calgary	9,573	86.8%
Airdrie	415	3.8%
Okotoks	250	2.3%
Cochrane	203	1.8%
Olds	131	1.2%

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three employers

Alberta Health Services	464
Walmart Canada	202
University of Calgary	165

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three CIP groups

52 - Business, management, marketing and related support services	732
51 - Health professions and related programs	416
14 - Engineering	383

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top five occupations

63200 - Cooks	268
64100 - Retail salespersons and visual merchandisers	255
60020 - Retail and wholesale trade managers	217
73300 - Transport truck drivers	201
65102 - Store shelf stockers, clerks and order fillers	185

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by occupation group

26 per cent in sales and service occupations

Sales and service occupations	3,100
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	2,035
Business, finance and administration occupations	1,527
Health occupations	850
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	758
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	655
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	149
Legislative and senior management occupations	141
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	94
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	64

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by skill group

Social-emotional skills	10,568
Occupational skills	9,976
Technologies	3,476
Tools and equipment	2,066

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by TEER category

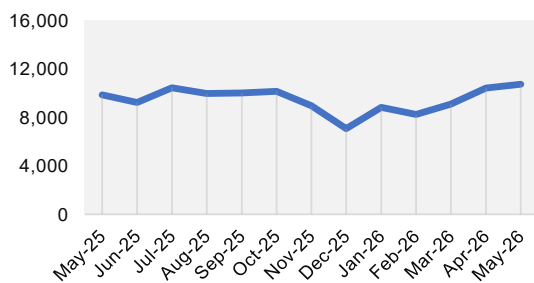
0 - Management	1,351
1 - University degree (bachelor's, master's or doctorate)	1,262
2 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of 2 to 3 years	1,700
3 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of less than 2 years	1,618
4 - Secondary school	1,268
5 - Work demonstration and no formal education requirements	1,229

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Hiring demand for Edmonton economic region

Number of online job ads

About **10,740** new job openings were posted online in the region. This is an **increase of 324** postings compared to the previous month.



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top five hiring cities

Edmonton	7,982	74.3%
Sherwood Park	558	5.2%
Nisku	352	3.3%
St Albert	322	3.0%
Leduc	300	2.8%

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three employers

Alberta Health Services	745
McDonald's Restaurant	184
Covenant Health	173

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three CIP groups

51 - Health professions and related programs	609
52 - Business, management, marketing and related support services	547
13 - Education	307

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top five occupations

73300 - Transport truck drivers	309
31301 - Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses	279
63200 - Cooks	257
64100 - Retail salespersons and visual merchandisers	229
13110 - Administrative assistants	203

Data: Source: Signal49 Research

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New job ads by occupation group

24 per cent in sales and service occupations

Sales and service occupations	2,606
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	2,332
Business, finance and administration occupations	1,534
Health occupations	1,175
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	768
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	497
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	152
Legislative and senior management occupations	90
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	88
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	64

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by skill group

Social-emotional skills	10,157
Occupational skills	9,594
Technologies	2,997
Tools and equipment	2,229

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by TEER category

0 - Management	1,207
1 - University degree (bachelor's, master's or doctorate)	1,284
2 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of 2 to 3 years	1,898
3 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of less than 2 years	1,696
4 - Secondary school	1,253
5 - Work demonstration and no formal education requirements	1,106

Data Source: Signal49 Research

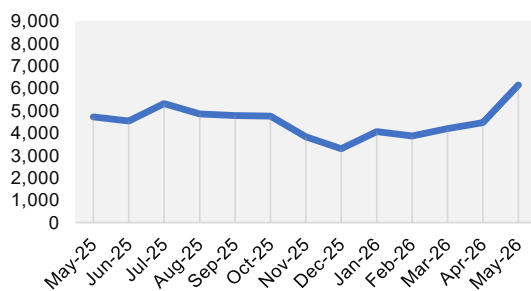


Hiring demand for selected occupations

Hiring demand for trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations

Number of online job ads

About **6,142** new job openings were advertised by employers in Alberta's online media. This is an **increase of 1,685** postings compared to the previous month.



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Job types for new job postings

97 per cent full-time positions

Three per cent part-time positions

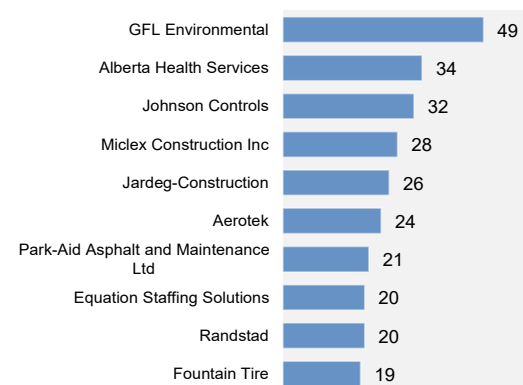
Top five hiring cities

Calgary	1,805	29.4%
Edmonton	1,724	28.1%
Fort McMurray	321	5.2%
Red Deer	181	2.9%
Grande Prairie	162	2.6%

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top employers

1 per cent in GFL Environmental



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top occupations

11 per cent in transport truck drivers

Transport truck drivers	680
Material handlers	483
Delivery service drivers and door-to-door distributors	449
Automotive service technicians, truck and bus mechanics and mechanical repairers	348
Carpenters	331
Construction trades helpers and labourers	320
Construction millwrights and industrial mechanics	247
Electricians (except industrial and power system)	159
Welders and related machine operators	156
General building maintenance workers and building superintendents	155

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three CIP groups

47 - Mechanic and repair technologies/technicians	153
46 - Construction trades	115
14 - Engineering	63

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by skill group

Occupational skills	5,687
Social-emotional skills	5,662
Tools and equipment	2,671
Technologies	857

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by TEER category

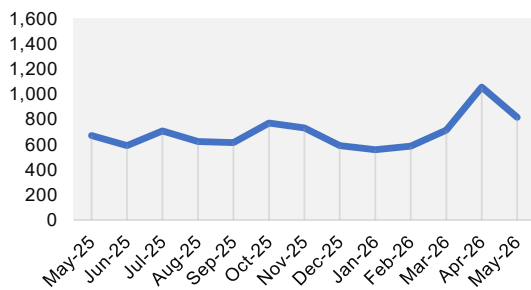
0 - Management	225
2 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of 2 to 3 years	2,111
3 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of less than 2 years	1,611
4 - Secondary school	145
5 - Work demonstration and no formal education requirements	1,378

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Hiring demand for tech occupations

Number of online job ads

About **816** new job openings were advertised by employers in Alberta's online media. This is a **decrease of 239 postings** compared to the previous month.



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Job types for new job postings

98 per cent full-time positions
Two per cent part-time positions

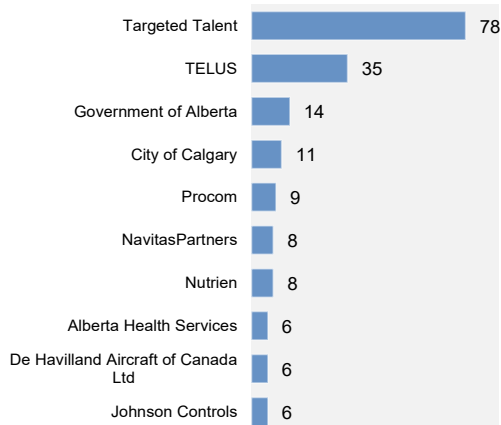
Top five hiring cities

Calgary	399	48.9%
Edmonton	264	32.4%
Fort McMurray	20	2.5%
Lethbridge	9	1.1%
Red Deer	8	1.0%

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top employers

10 per cent in Targeted Talent



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top occupations

23 per cent in professional occupations in advertising, marketing and public relations

Professional occupations in advertising, marketing and public relations	106
Software developers and programmers	96
Business systems specialists	74
Advertising, marketing and public relations managers	57
Database analysts and data administrators	53
Electrical and electronics engineers	45
Telecommunications equipment installation and cable television service technicians	44
Software engineers and designers	43
Information systems specialists	32
Data scientists	30

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three CIP groups

11 - Computer and information sciences and support services	136
52 - Business, management, marketing and related support services	124
14 - Engineering	111

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by skill group

Social-emotional skills	789
Occupational skills	770
Technologies	588
Tools and equipment	108

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by TEER category

0 - Management	110
1 - University degree (bachelor's, master's or doctorate)	533
2 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of 2 to 3 years	173
4 - Secondary school	0

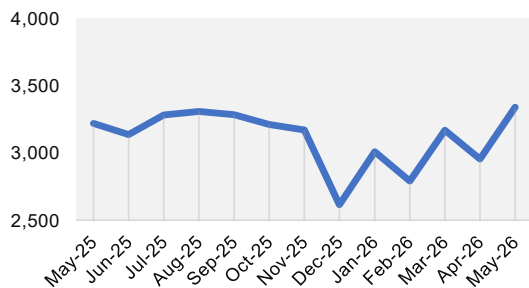
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Hiring demand for health occupations

Number of online job ads

About **3,341** new job openings were advertised by employers in Alberta's online media. This is an increase of **385** postings compared to the previous month.



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Job types for new job postings

59 per cent full-time positions
41 per cent part-time positions

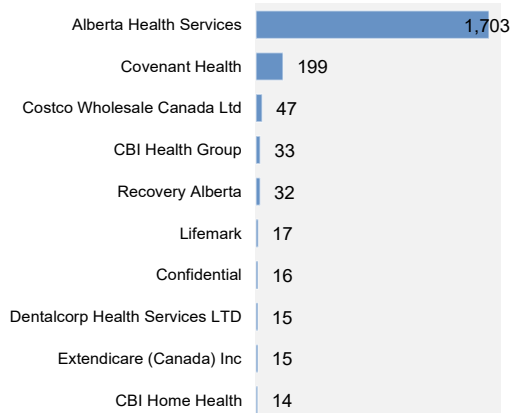
Top five hiring cities

Edmonton	994	29.8%
Calgary	767	23.0%
Red Deer	133	4.0%
Grande Prairie	118	3.5%
Medicine Hat	105	3.1%

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top employers

51 per cent in Alberta Health Services



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top occupations

21 per cent in registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses

Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses	715
Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates	521
Licensed practical nurses	382
Physiotherapists	147
Occupational therapists	115
Paramedical occupations	114
Medical radiation technologists	106
Other assisting occupations in support of health services	101
Pharmacists	91
Dental assistants and dental laboratory assistants	75

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three CIP groups

51 - Health professions and related programs	1,337
31 - Parks, recreation, leisure and fitness studies	171
26 - Biological and biomedical sciences	47

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by skill group

Social-emotional skills	3,153
Occupational skills	3,106
Technologies	597
Tools and equipment	273

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by TEER category

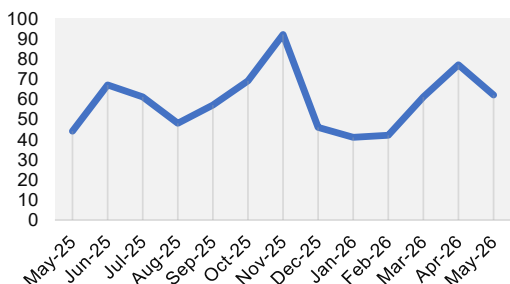
0 - Management	50
1 - University degree (bachelor's, master's or doctorate)	1,462
2 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of 2 to 3 years	908
3 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of less than 2 years	771

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Hiring demand for mining and oil and gas extraction occupations

Number of online job ads

About **62** new job openings were advertised by employers in Alberta's online media. This is a **decrease of 15** postings compared to the previous month.



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Job types for new job postings

100 per cent full-time positions
Zero per cent part-time positions

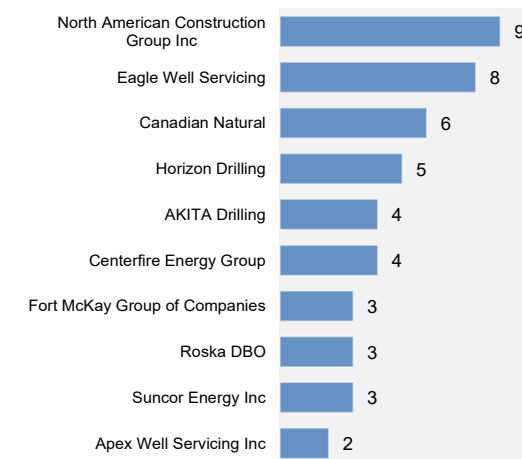
Top five hiring cities

Fort McMurray	22	35.5%
Calgary	6	9.7%
Nisku	4	6.5%
Edmonton	3	4.8%
Grande Prairie	3	4.8%

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top employers

15 per cent in North American Construction Group Inc



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top occupations

15 per cent in heavy equipment operators

Heavy equipment operators	9
Transport truck drivers	8
Oil and gas drilling, servicing and related labourers	8
Oil and gas well drilling and related workers and services operators	7
Central control and process operators, petroleum, gas and chemical processing	6
Construction millwrights and industrial mechanics	5
Material handlers	5
Geoscientists and oceanographers	3
Drillers and blasters - surface mining, quarrying and construction	3
Procurement and purchasing agents and officers	2

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three CIP groups

14 - Engineering	6
47 - Mechanic and repair technologies/technicians	2
03 - Natural resources and conservation	1

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by skill group

Social-emotional skills	56
Occupational skills	54
Tools and equipment	19
Technologies	15

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by TEER category

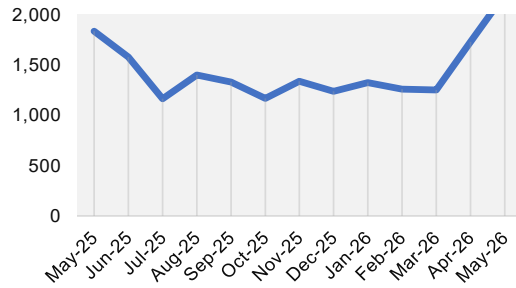
0 - Management	0
1 - University degree (bachelor's, master's or doctorate)	6
2 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of 2 to 3 years	10
3 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of less than 2 years	26
4 - Secondary school	7
5 - Work demonstration and no formal education requirements	13

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Hiring demand for education occupations

Number of online job ads

About **2,198** new job openings were advertised by employers in Alberta's online media. This is an **increase of 472** postings compared to the previous month.



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Job types for new job postings

81 per cent full-time positions
19 per cent part-time positions

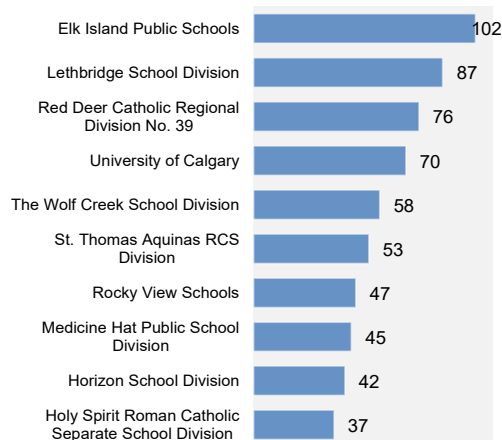
Top five hiring cities

Calgary	420	19.1%
Edmonton	306	13.9%
Lethbridge	135	6.1%
Red Deer	114	5.2%
Sherwood Park	86	3.9%

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top employers

Five per cent in Elk Island Public Schools



Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top occupations

24 per cent in Elementary school and kindergarten teachers

Elementary school and kindergarten teachers	520
Secondary school teachers	513
Home child care providers	244
Home support workers, caregivers and related occupations	231
Early childhood educators and assistants	217
Elementary and secondary school teacher assistants	172
College and other vocational instructors	138
School principals and administrators of elementary and secondary education	50
Other instructors	34
Therapists in counselling and related specialized therapies	15

Data Source: Signal49 Research

Top three CIP groups

13 - Education	783
51 - Health professions and related programs	37
38 - Philosophy and religious studies	26

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by skill group

Social-emotional skills	1,940
Occupational skills	1,083
Technologies	156
Tools and equipment	35

Data Source: Signal49 Research

New job ads by TEER category

0 - Management	75
1 - University degree (bachelor's, master's or doctorate)	1,223
2 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of 2 to 3 years	219
3 - Post-secondary education or apprenticeship program of less than 2 years	206
4 - Secondary school	475

Data Source: Signal49 Research

For more information

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Alberta Political News

- **Province to launch dual-practice physician model this fall**
Beginning in September, eligible Alberta physicians will be allowed to practice in both the public and private systems under the province's new dual-practice model.
- **Alberta Health Services ordered to turn over procurement records to the RCMP**
A health executive confirmed AHS has received a production order as the RCMP investigates the organization's contracting and procurement practices.
- **Premier Smith aide criticizes First Nations chiefs amid treason allegations**
In a social media post, Bruce McAllister called on First Nations leaders to address conditions in their own communities rather than criticize the Premier over the separation referendum.

“Dani Dollars”: Does It Make Cents?

Premier Danielle Smith's new affordability measure is being pitched as direct relief for Albertans facing high energy costs. But the government's decision to replace fuel tax relief with a one-time \$100 rebate raises questions about whether the policy is meaningful, responsible, or consistent with its own legislation.

On Wednesday, Smith announced the Alberta Energy Rebate, a one-time \$100 payment for Albertans over the age of 18 who have filed a tax return and have a household income under \$225,000. With approximately 3.4 million Albertans eligible, the program could cost the treasury up to \$340 million.

The rebate replaces the fuel tax relief program, which reduces the provincial tax on gasoline and diesel when oil prices are high.

The government argues that the new approach is fairer because it supports Albertans regardless of whether they drive.

“The minister of finance took a look at these options, and we collectively decided that it would be better to do the rebate of these dollars, give more dollars to those who need it the most, and make sure that they're able to use it according to their needs,” Premier Smith said during the announcement.

But the policy is difficult to square with the affordability pressures Albertans are facing. For many households struggling with groceries, rent, utilities, and other rising costs, a one-time \$100 payment is likely to provide only modest relief. While any support may be welcomed, the question is whether this is the best use of public funds.

The decision is also questionable because fuel tax relief was the support Albertans had been led to expect under the province's existing framework. Under provincial law, high oil prices were expected to trigger a 13-cent-per-litre reduction at the pump for at least the next three months. Instead, the government has chosen to replace that relief with a cash payment.

The measure has drawn comparisons to former premier Ralph Klein's "Ralph Bucks," the \$400 payments issued to Albertans in 2006. But the context then was very different. Klein's government was operating during a period of major surplus revenue, and the payment was framed as a dividend from Alberta's oil wealth. Today, Alberta's most recent budget forecasted total debt at \$109 billion.

Finance Minister Jason Nixon has rejected the comparisons, noting that "Ralph Bucks" were not connected to fuel tax relief. But that may only underscore the concern. The issue is not simply whether Albertans receive some form of support. It is whether the government is following through on a predictable affordability measure or replacing it with a payout that is more politically visible.

A \$100 payment allows the province to say it is acting on affordability, but it may not feel meaningful to Albertans. And for a government that has emphasized fiscal responsibility, "Dani Dollars" may look less like sound policy and more like a political gesture.

Treason Accusation Raises Stakes in Alberta Referendum Fight

"Treason" is not a word that appears often in Canadian politics. In fact, it is probably one of the rarer accusations political figures level against their opponents. Yet this week, Alberta Premier Danielle Smith found herself facing exactly that allegation after Alberta's Assembly of Treaty Chiefs called for the RCMP to investigate whether her government's referendum (on a referendum) constitutes criminal treason. The chiefs argued that facilitating a vote that could lead to Alberta leaving Confederation represents a violation of treaties, the Constitution, and Canada's sovereignty.

Smith dismissed the accusation as "disgraceful" and accused the chiefs of using "overwrought language". Grand Chief Joey Pete fired back, arguing that it was Smith and her government who needed to "check themselves" for attempting to advance what he described as a separatist agenda.

This is not the first time the word has surfaced during Alberta's sovereignty debate.

Earlier this year, NDP British Columbia Premier David Eby accused Alberta separatists who met with American officials of engaging in conduct that was "treasonous." As Eby put it: "To go to a foreign country and ask for assistance in breaking up Canada, there's an old-fashioned word for that. And that word is treason." Legal experts were quick to note that Canada's Criminal Code definition of treason is far narrower and generally involves force, warfare, or assisting an enemy state. But politically, Eby was making a broader argument about loyalty to the country.

The accusation has surfaced before in modern Canadian politics. During the 2008 parliamentary coalition crisis, Conservative MP Bob Dechert described the proposed Liberal-NDP coalition supported by the Bloc Quebecois as being "as close to treason and sedition as I can imagine."

An intriguing historical parallel comes from Stephen Harper himself. As a first-term Reform MP in 1996, Harper introduced the Quebec Contingency Act,

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legislation that argued Ottawa should not simply accept a province's unilateral departure from Confederation. Instead, Harper maintained that the federal government had both the right and obligation to determine whether a referendum question was clear and to defend the interests of the rest of Canada before any separation negotiations could proceed.

Whether one agrees with Smith's referendum or not, the return of "treason" to Canadian political discourse is a sign of how emotionally charged the national unity debate has become.

Historically, Canada has only secured two treason convictions. Louis Riel was convicted of high treason following the North-West Resistance in 1885. During the Second World War, Kanao Inouye — known as "The Kamloops Kid" — was convicted of treason for collaborating with Imperial Japan. Both men were hanged.

In Canada, treason is about as serious as political allegations get.

Nenshi's NDP Loses Four Familiar Faces

On Saturday, Alberta NDP leader Naheed Nenshi revealed on social media that four members of his caucus — Joe Ceci, Lori Sigurdson, Marlin Schmidt, and Luanna Metz — will not be seeking re-election in the provincial election scheduled for October 2027. Taken together, these departures represent a significant loss of experience, institutional memory, and talent for Alberta's Official Opposition.

The most notable retirement may be Joe Ceci. The former Calgary city councilor served as Finance Minister throughout Rachel Notley's government, a period that saw a collapse in global oil prices and some of the most challenging economic circumstances the province has faced in recent decades. His departure removes not only one of the NDP's most recognizable faces, but also one of the few remaining caucus members with experience in a major cabinet portfolio, let alone any cabinet experience at all.

Lori Sigurdson's retirement adds to that problem. A former Minister of Labour and later Minister of Seniors and Housing, Sigurdson represented another remaining link to the governing NDP caucus of 2015-2019. Her departure further erodes the party's institutional knowledge at a time when much of the caucus remains relatively inexperienced. It is also worth noting that both the majority and minority reports of Alberta's Electoral Boundaries Commission eliminated her Edmonton-Riverview constituency,

making her political future uncertain regardless.

Perhaps the most surprising retirement is that of Calgary-Varsity MLA Luanne Metz. A neurologist and internationally respected expert in multiple sclerosis, Metz brought credentials to the legislature that few politicians can match. As a first-term MLA with a distinguished medical career and strong public profile, she was destined for a cabinet role had the NDP won government in 2023. Metz becoming a one-term wonder is a genuine loss for the party.

And then there's Marlin Schmidt.

While the Edmonton-Gold Bar MLA did serve as Minister of Advanced Education under Notley, he will be remembered less for his cabinet work than for his reputation as the legislature's most combative opposition MLA. Conservatives will recall his infamous statement about "enjoying the fact that Margaret Thatcher is still dead", along with a list of inflammatory remarks that repeatedly drew points of order from government MLAs. Most recently, Schmidt accused Education and Childcare Minister Demetrios Nicolaides of planning to let "sexual predators off the hook," comments that resulted in government MLAs refusing to answer his questions in Question Period. For many Alberta Conservatives, Schmidt's departure will be viewed as cause for celebration.

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For the NDP, these retirements are more than routine, late-term turnover. They represent the continued departure of the party's only governing generation, and another reminder that rebuilding a "government-in-waiting" requires more than simply winning new seats.

A \$1.5 Million Panel to Study Separation's Price Tag

Alberta's government says it wants voters to have clear information before they cast a ballot in October's referendum on the province's future in Canada. That is a reasonable goal. If Albertans are being asked to consider a question as consequential as separation, they should have access to credible analysis about what it could mean for public services, the economy and provincial finances.

Last Friday, the province announced that the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy will lead a study on the potential economic impacts of Alberta separating from Canada. The report is expected to examine transition costs, economic risks, and the broader financial implications of independence. The government has also appointed an advisory panel, led by economist Jack Mintz, to review the university's work and provide input.

The government argues that this process is necessary to help Albertans make an informed decision. "It is important that Albertans make this decision based on clear and factual information given the significant potential impacts it could have on their lives, businesses and futures," said Juliana Rodriguez, press secretary to Finance Minister Jason Nixon, in an email statement.

However, the report and advisory panel could cost taxpayers up to \$1.5 million, raising a fair question: How much public money should be spent studying an option the government has already acknowledged would be extraordinarily expensive?

Earlier this month, Premier Danielle Smith estimated that separation could cost Albertans approximately \$400 billion. That figure included Alberta's share of the national debt, NATO commitments, the creation of an armed forces, and the establishment of services currently delivered by the federal government.

Even that estimate may not capture the full picture. Separation would also carry broader economic risks, including uncertainty for investors, potential trade barriers, and challenges associated with becoming a landlocked country. These are not minor considerations. They would affect businesses, workers, public finances and Alberta's long-term economic stability.

NDP Leader Naheed Nenshi echoed these concerns, stating that the economic analysis is an unnecessary expense. "We know the costs of separation are enormous," Nenshi said. "I have enormous faith in the academics at the school of public policy, but what I don't understand is why there's a panel at all."

There is value in evidence-based policymaking, and the University of Calgary's work may provide additional detail. But the basic direction of the evidence is already clear: separation would bring significant costs and serious uncertainty. In that context, spending up to \$1.5 million on another layer of analysis and an advisory panel may be difficult for many Albertans to justify.

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Subject: Building Communities Strong Fund Now Accepting Applications



FEATURED:

Building Communities Strong Fund Now Accepting Applications for Local Impact Stream

The Government of Canada's Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) is now accepting applications through the Local Impact Stream. The intent of the Local Impact Stream is to provide support to small projects that create economic benefits through the creation, improvement, or modernization of public infrastructure. The Local Impact Stream will fund up to 50% of eligible projects, with an allocation of between \$250,000 and \$1 million per project.

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MEMBER BULLETINS

Member bulletins are posted to RMAAlberta.com regularly each week. Below is a list of all the member bulletins compiled from the past week.

RMA Provides Input to the Canadian Infrastructure Council's National Infrastructure Assessment

RMA's feedback was centered on the unique realities of rural infrastructure asset management and reinforces the importance of practical, scalable approaches that reflect rural municipal capacity.

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Municipal Facility Rentals: Risk Management Tips

As summer evolves, so does the increase in facility rentals. Municipalities and non-profit organizations are often the primary providers of these facilities and play an important role in supporting community use. The RMA Insurance team has prepared guidance to help municipalities and organizations better manage facility rentals and support safe, well-managed use for all parties involved.

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Moisture Situation Update,
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REMINDERS

RMA Releases Bill 28: Rural Municipal Impact Analysis and Announces Follow-Up Member Webinar

RMA provides a deeper examination of key amendments within Bill 28 via the newly released *Rural Municipal Impact Analysis* and invites members to a second engagement session.

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RMA Encourages Members to Share Draft Resolutions for Review

As district meetings get scheduled leading up to RMA's Fall 2026 Convention, RMA is reminding members that the Policy and Advocacy team is available to assist with resolution development.

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RMA Webinar on Regional Advisory Councils

On June 22, 2026, RMA is hosting a webinar with Alberta Primary and Preventative Health Services to understand the role of Regional Advisory Councils.

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Government of Alberta Extends PERC and DIRC Programs Through 2028

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Government renews tax credit programs to offset uncollectable education and industrial taxes.

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Focus Group on Agricultural Plastics Recycling

Cleanfarms is inviting a small group of producers to take part in a 75-minute online discussion about agricultural plastics. RMA encourages its members to notify their local producers to put their names forward by filling out a short survey to see if they're a fit.

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Heat-Related Risks and Summer Wellness: Risk Management Tips

Summer conditions bring increased operational activity, but they also introduce heightened exposure to heat-related risks for municipal staff, assets, and facilities. The RMA Insurance team has prepared this bulletin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FCM's Sustainable Community Awards: Nominations Closing Soon

- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Sustainable Community Awards are a great opportunity for municipalities of all sizes to show off their sustainable solutions to local issues, gain free entry to the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference 2027, and help others who could replicate the project in their own communities. There is ten days remaining to nominate your sustainability project. [Learn more and submit your nomination here.](#)

Rural Health Professionals Action Plan (RHPAP)

Conference: October 6-8, 2026!

- Help strengthen the future of rural healthcare in Alberta by joining the RHPAP Conference this fall in Peace River.

This unique conference brings together healthcare professionals, municipal leaders, educators, attraction & retention committees, students, researchers, and rural champions to explore practical solutions, innovative ideas, and community-driven approaches to rural healthcare.

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IN THE NEWS

- [Alberta launches dual practice, public-private health-care model](#)

- **Alberta government launches Alberta Energy Rebate**
- **This Alberta village has an ambulance, but it's out of town 96% of the time**
- **Alberta government to bring updated flood mapping to northern communities**
- **Frustrated Fort McMurray residents fill Highway 63 potholes themselves**
- **'No plans right now' for grizzly hunting season in Alberta, minister says as rural residents call for hunt**



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