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June 17, 2026

Her Worship Shelly Marie Shannon
Mayor
Town of Peace River
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Dear Mayor Shannon:

I am pleased to confirm the 2026 funding allocations for your community.

For the Town of Peace River:

- The 2026 Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital allocation is \$1,170,517.
- The 2026 LGFF Operating allocation is \$118,068.
- The 2026 Build Communities Strong Fund-Community Stream (BCSF-CS) allocation is \$448,220.

LGFF Capital is a legislated program aimed at providing local governments with advanced notice of their future infrastructure funding. As indicated on the program website, in 2027, your community will be eligible for \$1,307,876. Information on 2028 LGFF Capital allocations will be shared with local governments this fall, after changes in provincial revenues between 2024/25 and 2025/26 have been confirmed. I would like to also inform you that work is underway to develop a new allocation formula for the LGFF Operating program, which will be announced later this year.

As you may be aware, in 2025, the Government of Canada launched the BCSF, which included a renaming of the Canada Community-Building Fund to the Community Stream under the BCSF. Please note that no program or funding changes are being made apart from the name change.

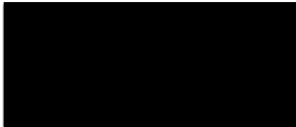
LGFF and BCSF-CS funding amounts for all municipalities and Metis Settlements are also posted on the Government of Alberta website at www.alberta.ca/municipal-affairs-funding-programs.

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I look forward to working together with you to support your local infrastructure and operating needs, and building strong, vibrant communities across Alberta.

Sincerely,



Dan Williams, ECA
Minister of Municipal Affairs

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THE NEWS - ISSUE 250 (June 17, 2026)

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Pierre Poilievre's Federalist Offensive

Associate Mackenzie Blyth examines Pierre Poilievre's attempt to position himself as both a champion of Alberta's frustrations and a defender of Canadian unity. The article explores how the Conservative leader is framing western alienation as a policy problem rather than a constitutional one, while testing whether a reform-minded federalist message can resonate with Albertans considering separation.

AlayaCare

AlayaCare is helping transform the future of home and community care through an integrated digital platform that connects caregivers, organizations, patients, and families. By combining cloud-based healthcare technology with artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, and remote monitoring tools, the Canadian company is enabling more coordinated, efficient, and personalized care delivery.



KEY INFLUENCER:

Matt de Jong

As Chief of Staff to Alberta's Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration, Matt de Jong plays a central role in advancing the province's economic development, investment attraction, workforce growth, and trade priorities

Alberta's Passenger Rail Plan Presents a Generational Opportunity

Associate Scott Ratch analyzes Alberta's newly released passenger rail master plan, exploring both the transformative potential and significant challenges associated with developing a province-wide rail network.



At a Glance

And of course, the At a Glance section will fill you in on the important political news of the last two weeks.

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Friday News

June 12, 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

Downloading by the provincial and federal governments to the municipal level over the last decade [cost the City of Calgary an estimated \\$1.05 billion on programs and services](#) that would typically be delivered by other orders of government. A city report says the funding gap widened over the last 10 years, as the city's expenses outpaced its constrained ability to grow revenues amid high inflation and record population growth. Alberta Municipalities President Dylan Bressey said the report was "completely unsurprising" and suggested that municipalities need to reimagine how their operations are funded. "We really don't think property taxes should continue to be the primary source of revenue for municipalities," said Bressey.

Westlock town council [backed a St. Albert resolution](#) urging the Alberta government to ban

door-to-door solar panel sales and address misinformation about the Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP). Both towns have experienced contractors using high-pressure tactics and spreading misinformation at residents' doors. The resolution will be brought to the Alberta Municipalities convention in the fall. Alberta Municipalities previously revoked one contractor's approval to operate as a qualified CEIP contractor in Westlock after the town filed a formal complaint.

Assessment & Taxation

Athabasca town council [adopted a new investment policy](#) allowing administration to move money between accounts to maximize interest returns while preserving capital. The CFO estimated the policy will generate an extra 1% to 2% interest annually above historical returns, with all securities required to be rated by at least one major rating agency.

According to new data from Municipal Services Assessment Group, [2025 property assessments in Athabasca increased across all property types](#), with industrial and commercial properties rising by an average of 9.4%, multi-family dwellings by 6.8%, and single-family homes by 3.1%. Assessors attributed the increases primarily to market inflation, and all results remained within provincial quality control guidelines.

Banff town council is [weighing higher business licence fees for bed-and-breakfast operators](#) to reflect the commercial nature of roughly 40 home-based short-term rental properties, opting against a residential tax sub-class after administration said the blanket approach would not account for the uniqueness of individual properties. Any revenue from a fee increase would be directed to Banff's community housing reserve.

The governance and finance committee of Banff town council is [recommending a cash-in-lieu-of-parking fee increase to \\$40,000 per stall](#), up from \$21,000 per stall set in 1999, for businesses in the commercial downtown district that do not build required parking. The rate would match the fee charged in neighbouring Canmore.

Calgary city council is [considering a new infrastructure renewal levy](#) as one of several options to close a funding gap that administration estimates could require at least \$49 billion over the next decade to address aging water pipes, roads, transit, and parks. Other options under consideration include increasing the existing share of property taxes

dedicated to infrastructure, pursuing external funding, selling municipal assets, or using tax-supported debt.

Carstairs town council [approved its 2026 tax rate bylaw](#), reducing the residential mill rate from 5.30 to 4.70 as assessed values increased by 14.4%. Mayor Dean Allan said growth in assessments allowed the reduction, but noted that increases in education taxes and seniors' housing levies created significant budget pressure.

Economic Development & Tourism

A business retention survey conducted by Barrhead town administration found the majority of the 26 respondents described their business as stable or growing, with [rising operational costs cited as the biggest challenge](#) by nearly three-quarters of businesses. Administration said it will continue to connect businesses with supports such as the Chamber of Commerce and Community Futures, and it hopes to improve survey participation once a new economic development officer is in place.

Canmore town council directed administration to [enter into a four-year funding agreement with Tourism Canmore Kananaskis](#), continuing the existing model of providing the organization with 12% of the previous year's business registry revenue. The agreement includes annual public reporting requirements and retroactive funding for 2025, after the previous agreement expired at the end of 2024.

The City of Edmonton [unveiled its economic development strategy for 2026-2030](#), which aims to attract global investment and grow the city's non-residential tax base. Mayor Andrew Knack noted concerns about perceptions that Edmonton is "business unfriendly." Critics called for more focus on cleanliness and support for small businesses, as well as the [night-time economy and infrastructure for sporting events](#). [Note: this article requires a subscription to read].

Fort Saskatchewan Mayor Lisa Makin [took CBC Radio's Daybreak Alberta for a walk down her city's main street](#). The city's population recently surpassed 30,000. "What that number means to me is growth pressures," she said, noting that Fort Saskatchewan is the fourth fastest growing municipality in Alberta. She noted the importance of the tax base provided by Alberta's Industrial Heartland and increased construction to support development.

Lacombe city council gave first reading to a land use bylaw amendment [creating a direct control district for a proposed mixed-use redevelopment](#) in the city's downtown core, which would see commercial and residential uses developed on land that currently has a parking lot, vacant parcels, and a commercial building. A public hearing on both the Municipal Development Plan redesignation and the new district bylaw is scheduled for July 13.

Lethbridge city council [approved a new economic development strategy](#) developed with input from 51 people representing 43 provincial, federal, Indigenous, industry, and post-secondary organizations. Mayor Blaine Hyggen said the strategy positions Lethbridge as a regional hub for agri-business, advanced manufacturing, higher education, and logistics in southern Alberta.

St. Albert [released its 2026-2029 strategic plan](#), prioritizing economic growth with responsible development, community well-being, and fiscally responsible governance. Mayor Scott Olivieri highlighted the Lakeview Business District expansion and \$28 million in federal funding for the Northeast Servicing Project as key economic development priorities.

ABmunis' 2026 Summer Municipal Leaders' Caucus

Connect with municipal leaders across Alberta this June through a series of in-person and virtual sessions featuring engaging discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities.

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Environment

Medicine Hat city council is considering [approval of a \\$245,000 budget amendment](#) for its Water Management and Adaptation Strategy, a 25-year plan addressing aging infrastructure, limited water licenses, and climate-related risks. The amendment would

bring the total strategy budget to \$570,000, with the increase expected to be funded through grants from the Green Municipal Fund and Results Driven Agricultural Research.

Housing

Bashaw town council [approved a letter supporting a development permit](#) for the Bashaw Valley Lodge seniors' residence, which will operate with up to 38 dwelling units and a minimum of three full-time staff on site at all times.

Coaldale's Our Community, a residents' group, is [opposing a zoning change from single-family residential to direct control](#) that would allow an eight-unit apartment complex, saying the development would change the character of their subdivision. The group says it has more than 100 letters opposing the change; a public hearing is scheduled for July 20.

Cold Lake city council held a public hearing on a proposed rezoning to a direct control district to [permit a temporary worker accommodation camp for the 4 Wing construction project](#), with each phase accommodating up to 540 people. Residents raised concerns about proximity to schools, traffic, and nearby vulnerable populations, while city officials said the development would help reduce pressure on Cold Lake's tight housing and rental market.

Grande Prairie city council [approved a bylaw amendment allowing semi-detached homes](#) to be built on two lots in an area where single-detached homes currently sit.

Red Deer city council [passed a zoning bylaw amendment allowing house suites in duplexes](#) across most residential zones in the city, on a 5-4 vote after a public hearing of nearly three hours. The change removes the need for a public hearing when applying for a development permit for a house suite in a duplex, though only one suite per duplex is permitted, regardless of parcel configuration.

Infrastructure & Transportation

Calgary city council directed administration to [present alternative downtown alignment options for the Green Line LRT](#) by September, after public feedback showed strong

opposition to the province's preferred elevated track along 10th Avenue and Second Street Southwest. Mayor Jeromy Farkas also floated options such as [partnering solely with Ottawa to build the downtown segment](#) or pausing it while building the north and south legs connected by a bus "bridge." The provincial government reiterated that a downtown tunnel remains off the table.

Heavy rainfall [pushed Cold Lake's wastewater and drainage systems well above normal flows](#), though city officials said infrastructure continued to operate as intended. Road maintenance work was delayed, and mud from gravel surfaces required additional street sweeping.

Cremona village council directed administration to [seek quotes and funding options for three capital projects](#): underground infrastructure replacement and paving of a street that was previously estimated at \$600,000; a chip-and-seal estimate for another street; and a \$50,000 playground replacement. Mountain View County is expected to share some of the street-work costs.

Edmonton Transit Service will [take over as the long-term operator of the Valley Line LRT](#) from TransEd, the City of Edmonton announced. The one- to two-year transition begins immediately and covers both the operating Valley Line Southeast and the Valley Line West, which is scheduled to open in 2028. City manager Eddie Robar called it "a business decision in the interests of taxpayers and transit riders — not a reflection on TransEd."

A traffic safety report commissioned by the City of Edmonton indicates [residents feel less safe on roads](#). Surveyed citizens blamed speeding, road rage, and distracted driving, with construction and lack of consequences leading to road aggression. Recommendations include enhanced enforcement, education, and infrastructure planning. Alberta Transportation has a \$13-million fund to help municipalities improve safety at high-risk intersections.

Olds began a [\\$1.2-million project at a highway intersection](#), replacing a collapsed sewer, adding dedicated turn lanes, and disconnecting a nearby service road. The town also plans to [lobby Alberta Transportation for an updated Highway 27 functional plan](#), as the current one dates to 2009; longer-term priorities include reducing access points from about 60 to 30, adding traffic signals, and building a south leg to 67A Avenue.

Phase 3 of Olds' [smart water meter installation program](#) is underway, with just over 1,000

homeowners and businesses notified to book installation appointments. Once complete, more than half of the town's roughly 5,000 meters will have been replaced.

Red Deer city council [approved a \\$305,000 capital budget amendment](#) to repair the Mountview water reservoir, which has been out of service since cracking and delaminating waterproofing were identified during maintenance work. Repair work is expected to be completed within four weeks, returning the reservoir to service ahead of peak summer demand.

The Town of Taber moved a step closer to a pilot project that would allow [golf carts to travel on permitted municipal streets](#) after a proposed bylaw passed first reading in council on June 8. Taber's bylaw was developed along the lines of those adopted by Coaldale and Lacombe.

Westlock town council [approved an \\$11,300 budget amendment](#) to replace two aging boilers at the Westlock Aquatic Centre, bringing the total project cost to \$96,300. The boilers could not be repaired because replacement parts are no longer available.

Whitecourt town council [awarded its 2026 street improvement program to E Construction for \\$1.24 million](#) and [approved the replacement of water features](#) at the Aquatic Centre in the Allan and Jean Millar Centre, including new features for the tot pool and an arch orca fountain in the leisure pool.

Intergovernmental Relations

Athabasca Mayor Rob Balay is [asking the provincial government to opt into a federal program](#) that would allow businesses in rural communities to fill up to 15% of their positions with temporary foreign workers, up from the current 10% cap.

Canadian municipalities [announced the launch of a defence task force](#) at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) annual conference in Edmonton. The initiative aims to improve coordination of infrastructure planning between military bases and their neighbouring communities. The task force will address challenges faced by military families, enhance urban planning, and promote dual-use infrastructure. Edmonton Mayor Andrew Knack highlighted Edmonton's strategic role in supporting Canada's defense

posture, with its advanced infrastructure serving both civilian and military purposes. [Note: this article requires a subscription to read].

Carstairs town council and Mountain View County [held a public open house on proposed changes to their intermunicipal development plan](#), including an annexation of county lands to the north and east of the town and new provisions for extending municipal water and wastewater services into the county.

A resolution jointly submitted by the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County [passed with 98% support at FCM's annual convention](#), urging the federal government to reverse proposed closures of federally operated agricultural research centres and develop a long-term national agricultural research strategy. Lacombe Mayor Thalia Hibbs called it "a powerful and unified message from municipalities nationwide" about the importance of protecting Canada's agricultural research capacity.

The Medicine Hat Public Library [presented to city council on the implications of Bill 28](#), which empowers the provincial minister of municipal affairs to regulate or prohibit library materials and restrict access for youth under 16. Chief librarian Ken Feser described the library community's reaction as "100% universal" opposition.

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Municipal Governance

Calgary's ongoing corruption investigation [expanded to include an allegation](#) that a planning consultant offered campaign donations in exchange for votes from city council on a land-use bylaw amendment. Court documents revealed that former mayor Jyoti Gondek allegedly provided guidance on a tactic to secure a reconsideration motion on the vote. No charges have been laid, and parties are set to return to court later this month for cross-examination of the lead detective.

Canmore town council [set a June 30 public hearing on a proposed land use bylaw amendment](#) redesignating the Alpine Club of Canada's national clubhouse property on Indian Flats Road to a site-specific direct control district. The change would give the club a framework for long-term redevelopment, including improved parking, staff accommodation, and maintenance facilities, without requiring a new approval process for each phase of work.

The City of Edmonton has [sued the Canadian Snowboard Federation](#) for \$120,000 remaining from the expenses for the 2023 FIS Snowboard Big Air World Cup event. The federation was charged nearly \$139,000 for stadium use, security, and other services, but failed to complete the full payment by the January 2024 deadline. The federation acknowledged the debt and is negotiating a settlement with Edmonton. Financial reports reveal significant debts, raising concerns about the organization's financial management.

The [Town of Gibbons is contesting](#) a provincial viability review that found the municipality financially distressed and examined whether it should remain a town or dissolve into Sturgeon County. Mayor Rick Henderson [called parts of the report](#) "incorrect, incomplete, or outdated," and the town issued a letter to the municipal affairs minister, maintaining that Gibbons has a viable future as a town.

Grande Prairie city council [voted to have administration develop an Internal Code of Conduct Pledge](#) for council following a public complaint about social media posts by a councillor. Council also approved changes to the fire department bylaw to replace blanket false-alarm fees with targeted charges for repeat offenders and introduce fines ranging from \$250 to \$7,500 for severe life-safety violations.

Lacombe city staff [completed a defensive driving instructor certification](#) that will enable the city to deliver driver safety training in-house, with four employees from public works and the fire department completing the six-day course.

Olds town council [set a June 22 public hearing](#) on a proposed bylaw amendment that would allow religious assembly as a use in a light industrial park.

Red Deer city council [adopted its 2026–29 council term direction](#), setting four priorities: fiscal discipline, safe and supported neighbourhoods, economic growth and city pride, and housing that works for Red Deer.

Red Deer city council [unanimously approved a sponsorship pilot program](#) to allow the city to pursue sponsorships for programs, services, events, and amenities, establishing a consistent framework for identifying and managing opportunities. Administration will report annually on sponsorship revenues and outcomes.

Taber town administration [ordered the removal of a pro-separation billboard on town land](#), citing public complaints and a violation of land use rules. The electronic sign — reading "Send Ottawa a message! Choose Alberta." — had attracted controversy and boycott threats. The person who paid for the billboard said he plans to erect additional signs on private land in response.

Westlock town council [advanced updates to its travel and expense reimbursement policy](#), including a mileage rate increase from \$0.54/km to \$0.57/km aligned to the provincial standard, and new daily meal allowances of \$15 for breakfast, \$20 for lunch, and \$30 for dinner.

Westlock town council [authorized the auction of surplus firefighting breathing equipment](#) following a recent replacement program. The sale is expected to generate between \$10,000 and \$12,000 for the town's general revenue.

An arbitrator ruled that the former CAO of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo handled plans to lay off 459 positions in 2024 with a "shoot first, aim later" approach that "amounted to bullying," [ordering the municipality to pay more than \\$300,000 to CUPE Local 1505](#). Former CAO Henry Hunter denied wrongdoing, saying the 120-day layoff notice was standard procedure.

Policing & Security

Bashaw town council [authorized a letter to RCMP leadership](#) supporting the Village of Alix's concerns about staffing shortages at the Bashaw detachment, where only two of six regular member positions are filled. Deputy Mayor Kyle McIntosh said he was "shocked to hear that we were relying on 2 active police officers."

Firefighters from the Blackfalds Fire Department and Lacombe County Fire Service [earned NFPA 1001 certification](#) after six months of evening and weekend training, including live-

fire exercises. The certification establishes nationally recognized competencies for professional fire service personnel.

Didsbury town administration identified [uncertainty about whether the town can complete its RCMP contract through to its 2032 end date](#), given the provincial transition to the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service. The town is also seeking to formalize an occupancy agreement with the detachment, which has been operating under an expired lease since 2016.

Safe & Healthy Communities

Barrhead town council directed administration to [consult with the Barrhead Accessibility Coalition](#) to find cost efficiencies for a federally funded accessibility upgrade to a splash park that came in over budget due to rising costs for rubberized surfacing. Councillors said the situation highlighted the need for a comprehensive recreation master plan.

Cold Lake council [received a presentation on Norah's Place](#), a proposed 55-plus age-in-place community that would offer independent living, assisted living, memory care, and palliative care under one roof on a 4.24-acre site near Lakeland Lutheran Church. The presenter said the facility would serve seniors from Cold Lake and surrounding communities, including Lac La Biche, St. Paul, and Bonnyville.

Edmonton city [councillors are considering a \\$6.5-million plan](#) to implement a community hub program to address the growing homelessness crisis. Initiated by Mayor Andrew Knack, the proposal aims to establish either a year-round day shelter or a comprehensive community hub. Council will discuss the plan during the upcoming four-year budget deliberations. [Note: this article requires a subscription to read].

Fort Macleod town council [passed a pilot program to trap, neuter, and return feral and stray cats](#). It is surveying residents to identify the top locations where cats have been spotted.

Leduc Mayor Lars Hansen [addressed resident concerns](#) about the city's plan to stop operating ambulances on behalf of the province after the provincial government [changed funding agreements for integrated ambulance services](#). Two 24-hour advanced life support

ambulances will remain stationed in Leduc under the provincial system, and every fire engine will include at least one paramedic.

Medicine Hat [launched its Parks and Recreation Explorer](#), an interactive mapping tool providing detailed write-ups and photos of local parks, playgrounds, pools, spray parks, and recreation facilities. The city plans to update it with ongoing recreation opportunities such as basketball, pickleball, and disc golf.

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Advocacy WIN! Golf cart pilot project

Improving pharmacy access in emergencies

Build Communities Strong Fund - Local Impact Stream

FCSS stories highlight local impact at Summer MLC

Thank you for your participation in making our Summer MLC's a great success! Catch up on the topics of discussion during our first in-person sessions that were held on June 10 and June 12.

[Read full story](#)

UPDATES

Advocacy WIN! Golf cart pilot project

In response to a resolution proposed in 2023, see what the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors had decided in response to the use of golf carts on certain approved roads and public lands.

[Read more](#)

Improving pharmacy access in emergencies

ABmunis has partnered with the University of Alberta, to explore how mobile pharmacy services can improve access during emergencies like wildfires—and your input can help shape the findings.

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Build Communities Strong Fund - Local Impact Stream

The federal government has launched the Build Communities Strong Fund – Local Impact Stream, offering funding for community infrastructure projects that support local priorities and economic growth.

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Check out our 2025 Annual Report

2025 highlighted how much responsibility municipalities have and how much they deliver to residents. At ABmunis, we proudly amplified our members' voices, focused on practical solutions, and remained a trusted source of information and advice.

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This is your last opportunity to nominate an outstanding individual or team by June 19, for the 2026 Alberta Municipalities Award!

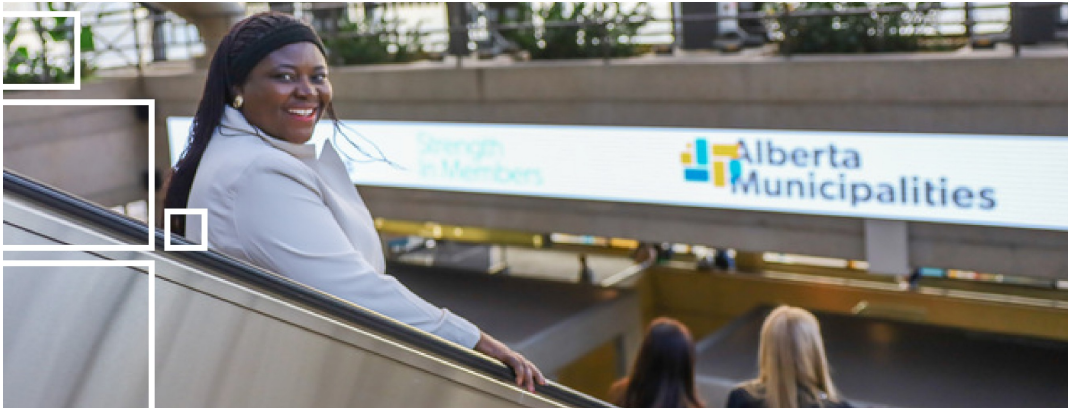
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Casual legal: Challenging Assessment Review board decisions

This week's article highlights that challenging an Assessment Review Board decision can be difficult, as courts typically defer to the board unless a decision is clearly unreasonable.

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EVENTS



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The PNWER Summit comes to Alberta

The Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit is the leading nonpartisan forum bringing together public and private sector leaders from Canada and the U.S. to address shared challenges and opportunities in the Northwest.

Learn more and join the conversation on July 19-23, 2026 in Edmonton [here](#). If this is your first PNWER Summit, use code FirstSummit-PNWER-26 to receive 20% off your registration while supply lasts.

Register to the 2026 Animal Welfare Symposium

Registration is open for the 2026 Animal Welfare Symposium: Improving Communities Through One Health, taking place September 10 in Calgary. Hosted by the Alberta SPCA, this one-day event brings together professionals and advocates to explore solutions to animal welfare challenges across the province.

The following day, September 11, PetSmart Charities of Canada will host the Connecting Pets and People Summit at the same venue, focused on best practices and reducing barriers to pet adoption.

Early bird registration for both events closes June 30. Learn more and register [here](#).

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Resolutions adopted at AC2026



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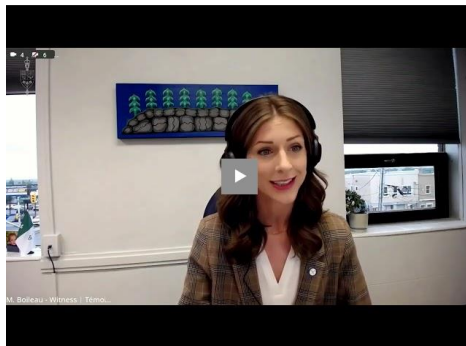
At FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show, FCM members adopted several significant resolutions, demonstrating their commitment to addressing issues faced by communities across Canada:

- Improving public safety by limiting headlight brightness
- Federal support for the forestry sector and resolving the softwood dispute
- Pan-Canadian strategy on mental health, addictions and chronic homelessness
- Strengthening Canada's defence capabilities with local governments
- Reversal of federal agricultural research centre closures
- Supporting local small businesses by modernizing the Canada Small Business Financing Program

For more information about these resolutions and others, please visit our resolutions website and database.

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NEWS



Advocacy update: Addressing homelessness in Canadian communities

On Thursday, Mayor of Timmins and Chair of FCM's Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, Michelle Boileau, testified before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons

with Disabilities (HUMA) on the need for predictable, long-term funding for homelessness prevention and response in Canadian communities. Through the renewal of the National Housing Strategy, FCM is calling on the federal government to make Reaching Home a permanent and expanded pillar of Canada's homelessness response.

[» WATCH THE REMARKS](#)

Advocating for better connectivity in rural, remote and northern communities

Too many Canadians in rural, remote and northern communities still lack adequate broadband access. Reliable high-speed internet and cellular service are critical for remote work, education, healthcare and community safety. FCM continues to call on the federal government for updated strategies and increased funding to ensure every rural community is connected. According to The Hill Times, with 256 communications to the federal government, no organization has lobbied more than FCM on the issue in the past year.

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EVENTS

Webinar: Implement and integrate climate adaptation plans

Join our webinar on June 25 at 1 p.m. ET to learn how municipalities are embedding climate adaptation into everyday operations and decision-making. Through examples from the City of St. John's and the District of Sooke, participants will explore practical approaches for sustaining momentum, integrating adaptation priorities and tracking progress over time.

[» REGISTER](#)

Workshop: How to complete a GCCC funding application

Is your municipality planning to apply for Tree planting or Urban forestry plans and studies funding through GMF's Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative? Join our upcoming online workshop on July 8 at 1 p.m. ET to strengthen your application with practical tools, reporting requirements, tips and insights. Whether you're new to urban forestry or refining your planting project, this workshop will answer your questions, boost your confidence and help you prepare a high-quality application.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» New President of Federation of Canadian Municipalities | CTV News

FCM's newly elected president, Tim Tierney, spoke with CTV Ottawa about the significance of being the first Ottawa-based president in over 80 years and how advocacy in the coming year will help shape Budget 2026, particularly regarding infrastructure and Canada's future.

» Canadian cities under pressure | Taking Stock with Amanda Lang | CP24

FCM's Past President Rebecca Bligh discussed key municipal issues and FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show on *Taking Stock* with Amanda Lang. Canada's infrastructure deficit and municipalities' fiscal capacity were on the agenda.

» 'You can't build a house if you can't flush the toilet'—The hidden housing bottleneck that's lurking beneath cities across Canada | Financial Post

Across Canada, housing projects are delayed because of aging infrastructure beneath the streets, population growth and the cost of upgrades. FCM's past President Rebecca Bligh told the Financial Post that the result is that municipalities are increasingly limited on how quickly they can move on housing approvals.

» **Masi secures FCM board role, discusses conference priorities | Portage | Winnipeg Sun**

Portage la Prairie Coun. Joe Masi will serve another two years on FCM's Board of Directors after being acclaimed as a Manitoba director. As vice-chair of FCM's Rural Forum, Masi used FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show to lobby Housing and Infrastructure Minister Gregor Robertson for dedicated water infrastructure funding.

RESOURCES

Gain recognition for your work in community energy

FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards honour environmental initiatives in Canadian cities and communities of all sizes. There are seven award categories to choose from.

The Award in Community Energy recognizes projects that generate or store energy for community use in an innovative, sustainable way to increase resilience to climate change and lower GHG emissions. Whether it's a renewable energy, district energy, battery storage, heat recovery or other low-carbon energy system, consider nominating it for an award as a way to gain recognition for your work and share best practices with others who could replicate a similar system in their community. Submit your application by June 28.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Strengthen your community's ecosystem by planting new trees

From restoring wildlife habitats to providing food sources for mammals, birds and insects, trees support local biodiversity which in turn helps your community become more resilient to environmental stressors. You can enhance your community's ecosystem by applying for up to \$10M in funding for new tree planting projects. Learn more about the benefits of trees and the funding and support available.

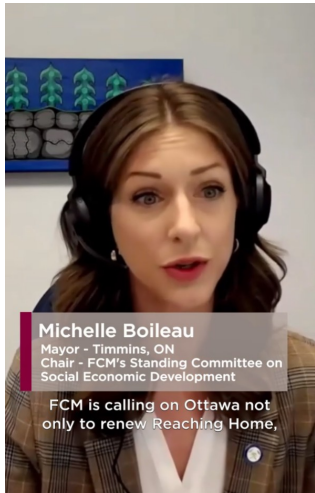
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Municipalities are on the front lines of Canada's homelessness crisis and they know what is needed on the ground—but they cannot solve the crisis alone.

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"We don't have the luxury of stepping back. We're on the front lines."

Municipalities are stepping up. Let's keep building the future together.

FCM President [@timtierneyottawa](#) at [#FCM2026AC](#) last week.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



Last week, Bridgewater Mayor **David Mitchell** joined the G7 Urban7 engagement group—a formal engagement group that brings together local and regional governments to provide collective input into the G7 process—in Nancy, France.

He delivered a clear message: on climate, economic resilience, infrastructure adaptation, trade diversification and more, local leaders in Canada and around the world are leading the way.

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The Power Source

Keeping you connected with news, stories and information about Energy Alberta and the proposed Peace River Nuclear Power Project.





Alberta's Next Big Build: Why Nuclear Matters Now

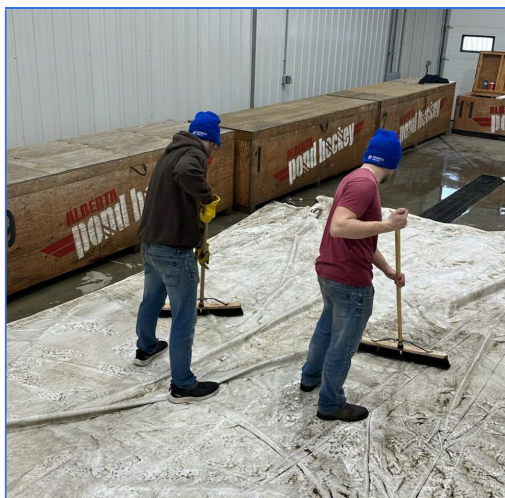
In this blog by Energy Alberta's President and CEO Scott Huset, he talks about how jurisdictions around the world are investing in new nuclear generation to meet rising electricity demand. The opportunity for Alberta is here. The question is whether we are ready to stand together and act.

[Learn More](#)



Powering Communities, Supporting Traditions at Harmon Valley Amateur Rodeo

Energy Alberta was proud to sponsor the Ladies Barrel Racing event at this year's Annual Summer Rodeo - a weekend filled with thrilling rodeo action, community spirit and family fun. It was a fantastic weekend celebrating the traditions that make the region so special.



Energy Alberta's Community Cares Crew: Neighbours Supporting Neighbours

Being part of a community means showing up for one another - and that spirit is at the heart of Energy Alberta's Community Cares Crew. This winter, our team volunteered 292 hours helping our neighbours across the region.

[Read More](#)



Walking Together Through History: Energy Alberta Participates in KAIROS Blanket Exercise

As a company, we recognize that meaningful engagement begins with listening and understanding the history of the lands and communities connected to the Peace River region. Our commitment to learning and reflection is an important part of how we approach relationship-building with Indigenous Nations and Communities.

[Read More about Energy Alberta's Participation in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise](#)

In the News

[Smith Talks Vision for Alberta Energy Expansion Beyond Oil & Gas](#) (Western Standard)

[Nuclear Leadership in Canada Grows with Federal Investment](#) (PR Newswire)

Procurement

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Energy Alberta is focused on building relationships with Indigenous, local and regional businesses. Register as a potential supplier by adding your name to our vendor list.

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Energy Alberta will support employment and skills training opportunities for Indigenous, local and regional workers. Register today to receive updates on future opportunities to join our team.

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Attachments: Investment Data Hub Information Sheet.pdf

Good Day Northwest economic development champions,

Below is a curated overview of economic development programs, news, and upcoming deadlines sent to regional economic development stakeholders in the Northwest service region. To learn more about each initiative, simply click on the underlined links provided. If you have any question or if there's any way I may support your community or organization in its economic development efforts, please reach out, I am always happy to connect.



Who: Economic Development Officers no matter the size of your community.

What: A partnership of economic development leaders across the Northwest service region.

Why: To provide a forum for conversations to share ideas, learn together and from one another, and advance collaborative initiatives.

Where: In-person meetings across the region, from Grimshaw to Grande Cache and in-between.

How: Quarterly meetings: Spring/Summer in-person, Fall/Winter virtual with administrative support throughout the year from the NW REDS.

Next meeting: September TBD, Grande Cache In-person **Interested?:** Email NW REDS nicole.nelles@gov.ab.ca to join Collaborative 56.

Northwest Impactful News:

June 15, 2026: The British Columbia government is looking at building two new hydroelectric dams, including a fourth dam for the Peace River. The project known as Site E would have a capacity of up to 750 megawatts. The Site E dam was originally proposed in 1958, along with four other Peace River sites, including the recently completed Site C project, which is now known as the John Horgan Dam. That massive dam has a capacity of up to 1,230 megawatts. **Technical work is now underway. [Province 'seriously' considering 4th hydro dam in northeast B.C., plus one on Sunshine Coast: minister | CBC News](#)**

The Government of Alberta JETI **Investment Data Hub** is officially live! This new tool will support investors and economic developers with direct access to sectoral and regional data to strengthen investment cases across the province. **Visit the website here: [Home | Investment Data Hub](#)** I have attached an **information sheet** - Collaborative 56 will be having a demonstration at our next meeting in the Fall. If you would like to request any marketing material please reach out. We can

print copies and mail or provide you with a digital file. A user guide and FAQ sheet are under development - watch for them in an upcoming Regional Connector.

People in Canada celebrate [National Indigenous History Month | Alberta.ca](#) every June and recognize National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21. A special time to acknowledge Indigenous Peoples, to learn about their histories, cultures and ways of Life. Join the celebrations this June by attending special events in Alberta.

The Government of Alberta's planned replacement of the Red Earth Creek School remains an approved capital project, but recent developments have pushed back the anticipated timeline. According to information released by the Peace River School Division, the original tender process was cancelled after construction bids came in significantly over budget. Rather than cancelling the project, Alberta Infrastructure has decided to proceed using a design-build approach, which combines the design and construction phases under a single contract. While officials believe the new approach will help manage costs and improve project delivery, it is expected to add approximately nine months to the project's schedule. The new Red Earth Creek K-12 School will replace the existing facility and provide space for 180 students, with the ability to expand to accommodate up to 230 students in the future. The school will continue to serve students within the Peace River School Division and is expected to support the educational needs of the community for decades to come. [Red Earth Creek K-12 Replacement School - Alberta Major Projects](#)

June 9, 2026: [Indigenous art gallery opens for the month of June in Beaverlodge : My Grande Prairie Now](#)

June 3, 2026: [Canada advances forest sector transformation to protect jobs and strengthen communities nationwide - Canada.ca](#) \$100 million – New **Regional Development Fund**

Purpose: Provide place-based support to regions heavily impacted by forestry downturns.

What it supports:

Economic diversification

Community-level adjustment and transition

Projects in areas facing mill closures or sector contraction

Target: Communities and regions, not just individual firms.

Once program design details, eligibility criteria, intake processes, and delivery mechanisms for this new fund are unveiled...

June 1, 2026: Kudos to Northwest service region recipients of the [Backgrounder: 2026–2028 Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities Stream Two Funding Recipients - Canada.ca](#) Grande Prairie Friendship Centre, Little Red River Cree Nation, Woodland Cree First Nation Education Committee. The federal government has announced funding to help with expanding access to sport and physical activity for First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. The funding comes through the Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities program, which sees Ottawa giving \$22.8 million to Indigenous groups across the country for programming from 2026-28.

June 1, 2026: [Strengthening the Alberta-Quebec relationship | Renforcer la relation Alberta-Québec | alberta.ca](#) - the Northwest service region was ahead of this curve! In March 2026 Smoky Hemp Decortication Ltd. (SHDL) in partnership with the Smoky River Regional Economic Development (SRRED) hosted a Quebec delegation including Nature Fibres' General Manager, on a site tour of SHDL. Based in Val-des-Sources, Québec, Nature Fibres manufactures hemp-based insulation products for residential and commercial use and is currently seeking a Canadian biomass supplier to replace imported material from France.



With funding support from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation’s Small Community Opportunity Program, SRRED initiated exchanges between the Smoky River Region and Québec partners, including site visits and technical discussions. This work supported early interprovincial coordination focused on supply chain alignment and market opportunities in the hemp sector. The SHDL facility is nearing completion and will incorporate Canadian-developed, patent-pending decortication technology designed to improve cost efficiency and operational performance relative to conventional systems. Beyond the regional context, the project reflects a broader interprovincial opportunity, aligning Alberta’s strengths in hemp biomass production with Québec’s leadership in downstream processing and hemp-based green building materials, where strong demand exists from retrofit, net-zero, and low-carbon construction markets.

The Side Centre for Entrepreneurial Excellence | Northwestern Polytechnic hosted the **Trade Accelerator Program | Alberta.ca** supported by JETI and Calgary Economic Development April through June 2026 - kudos to participating Peace Country businesses whom the TAP program coordinators are quoting as saying: *"your cohort 51 was among the most proliferate they have ever had the privilege of working with"*:



JETI Small Business Supports:

- Small businesses are essential to the success of Alberta’s local communities and economy.
 - Small businesses account for more than 95 per cent of businesses in the province and employ nearly 35 per cent of Alberta’s private sector labour force.
- Through government’s Biz Connect service, small businesses receive guidance related to starting and growing their business and are referred to local resources for additional supports: **[Small business resources | Alberta.ca](#)**

Funding Opportunities:

Travel Alberta Signature Investment Fund Expressions of Interest now being accepted

The Signature Investment Fund helps bring high-potential tourism developments to life in Alberta. With up to \$1.5 million in support, Travel Alberta is seeking bold, viable projects that can catalyze tourism growth across the province, with a focus on **Tourism Development Zones**.

Build Communities Strong Fund Direct Delivery stream Deadline July 15, 2026, and August 12, 2026 for projects from Indigenous applicants.

Provides \$6 billion over 10 years, starting in 2026-27, to support regionally significant projects, climate adaptation, and community infrastructure. The online portal is now open for project applications that are shovel-ready for 2026.

Build Communities Strong Fund – Local Impact Stream Deadline July 17, 2026

Supporting municipalities, non-profits, economic development organizations. Provides \$250,000 to \$1 million (typical range) to support local and regional projects that build economic capacity and diversification across Prairie provinces.

Community Support Fund (CSF) Deadline July 15, 2026

Supporting Indigenous-led projects that reduce violence and increase the safety and economic security of Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people. Provides a maximum of \$200,000 to support projects or initiatives. Multi-year projects or initiatives will also be considered.

ATCO Community Energy Fund Applications are open

A funding program that helps communities upgrade buildings, save energy, reduce emissions, and lower costs through practical efficiency and clean energy projects.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Deadline July 15, 2026

Focus on environmental community projects

Environmental Science Program (Research, Modelling, Risk Assessment) Deadline July 7, 2026

Provides funding of about \$100,000–\$250,000 per year for environmental research and modelling projects related to climate and ecosystem risk.

Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative Deadline September 15, 2026.

The initiative supports reconciliation by funding up to \$100,000 per grant for Indigenous-led cultural and economic development projects.

The **New Horizons for Seniors Program - Community-based projects - Canada.ca** community-based stream is a federal grant. It supports projects that are designed by seniors and for seniors in their communities. This program funds projects that empower seniors in their communities through increased social inclusion.

Application period:

From June 2, 2026 to July 14, 2026 at 3:00 pm, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Funding amount: Up to \$50,000 for a project that is up to 1 year in duration

Who can apply: Not-for-profit organizations, Indigenous organizations, municipal governments

The Western Financial Group **Western-Emergency-Support-Fund-Application-Guide.pdf**

Trust-based funding of up to \$10,000 to registered Canadian charities and qualified donees facing urgent, unforeseen challenges. This includes both community crises and internal operational emergencies that threaten the continuity of essential services. Their goal is: Help organizations stay operational and continue supporting their communities when it matters most.

Silver Gummy Indigenous Grant **Indigenous Grant - Silver Gummy**

The Silver Gummy Foundation is looking to support Indigenous stream projects. Up to \$15,000 will be granted for first time requests and repeat Grantees are eligible for up to \$50,000 per project for one year. Project extensions do not need to be new. Applicants may apply for bridge funding to expand upon successfully demonstrated projects.

Alberta Blue Cross - Built Together [Built Together | Alberta Blue Cross®](#)

Our Built Together program helps Albertans build spaces for active living in their community. Whether it be a skate park, playground, outdoor gym or sports court, we're giving back to Albertans and helping them live their best lives. Each year, this Alberta grant awards \$50,000 grants in Edmonton, Calgary, a secondary city, rural community and an Indigenous community.

UFA Agricultural Community Foundation [How To Apply | Agricultural Community Foundation](#)

From local community clubs to agricultural organizations, to capital projects and event sponsorships, the UFA Agricultural Community Foundation has multiple funding opportunities available for the agricultural community.

The Molson Foundation [The Molson Foundation - The Molson Foundation](#)

The Molson Foundation brings together community organizations and institutions from across Canada to shape innovation and create lasting change for the benefit of society. By focusing our impact on the areas of education, health, the arts and humanities, we draw on history to better the future.

Green Municipal Fund - [Implementation projects: Adaptation in Action | Green Municipal Fund](#)

We fund adaptation projects where the total eligible costs are \$1 million or less. While your work may be part of a larger, multi-year climate strategy, the portion you apply for must be a separate, standalone phase. This means the specific activities we fund must deliver immediate risk reduction to your community once complete, without requiring the completion of a larger, separate project.

Learning Opportunities:

[Alberta Open Farm Days](#) - August 15 & 16, 2026

Alberta Open Farm Days is your free, behind-the-scenes look at the province's agriculture and local food system. It is also an incubator for agricultural tourism and rural sustainability, bringing Albertans together through educational and hands-on experiences that show where food comes from and how it is produced.

[EDAC: 2026 Annual Conference](#) - September 14 to 17, 2026, Moncton

This conference brings together economic development professionals from across Canada to share best practices, insights, and emerging trends. The event features plenary sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities focused on advancing local and regional economic growth.

[RhPAP Rural Community Conference](#) - October 6-8, Peace River

The Rural Community Conference, hosted by the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), is a biennial event aimed at strengthening rural healthcare in Alberta by bringing together key stakeholders across multiple sectors. The conference is dedicated to rural health innovation, focused on ground-up, community-rooted approaches to building a sustainable healthcare workforce and systems in smaller communities.

[BDC Small Business Week](#) October 18 to 24, 2026

BDC Small Business Week is an annual celebration of Canadian entrepreneurship organized by the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC). Since 1979, over 10,000 entrepreneurs gather every year in October to learn, network and get tips to stay ahead; fueling the strength of Canada's business community.

Upcoming Northwest Events:

- Click here to register for [The 3rd Annual AgricultHER School | Cows and Fish](#) June 27, 2026 9am-6pm: The third annual AgricultHER School on June 27 will bring women in agriculture from across the Peace region to the Westmark Hall near Woking for an empowering hands-on learning and networking event. Starting at 9 a.m., the schedule includes a farm tour, producer panel and expert discussions on farm management, mental health and other industry topics. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) founded the Northern Women in Ag

Conference in 2024, an annual event designed to promote education and connection for women in agriculture. "We host this event in Fairview each February, but we wanted to bring an event with a similar feel to the women of the Peace in the summer months, too," said Alaina Archibald, PCBFA Operations Director and a farmer in the Hines Creek area. "As such, we have partnered with several local municipalities and other groups within the ag sector to bring this event together, and we are thrilled to be hosting it for the third year in a row in 2026!" Local municipal effort The association is partnering with the County of Grande Prairie, the MD of Greenview, Big Lakes County, the MD of Fairview, Saddle Hills County, and Cows and Fish Riparian Management Society to present AgricultHER this year.

- Grande Prairie will welcome nearly 450 athletes from across Canada when it **hosts the 2026 National Disc Golf Championship** July 24-26, 2026. Alberta has not hosted a national-level disc golf tournament in decades. Organizers consider it an excellent way to showcase the city's golf courses and sports tourism capabilities.
- Registration opens June 1st: **Paddle the Peace spots sure to fill up fast - South Peace News** August 15, 2026, Peace River
- **RhPAP Rural Community Conference:** October 6-8, Peace River

*Feel free to **forward this email to anyone that you think may appreciate or need this information.** If your role involves Economic Development for a community region, and you did not receive this email directly, please send me an email at nicole.nelles@gov.ab.ca to have your name added (or removed).*

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New tool release: Alberta Investment Data Hub

Overview

The Alberta Investment Data Hub is a new tool designed for economic developers and investors that streamlines access to key investment data, enabling regional and sector-specific insights to build stronger, data-driven investment cases.

Key sectors

The website is organized through a series of sector and subsector profiles. Each sector and subsector has a full, tool-rich profile associated with it. On the homepage, you can view a sector summary that shows you the full industry definition and highlighted data from each profile.



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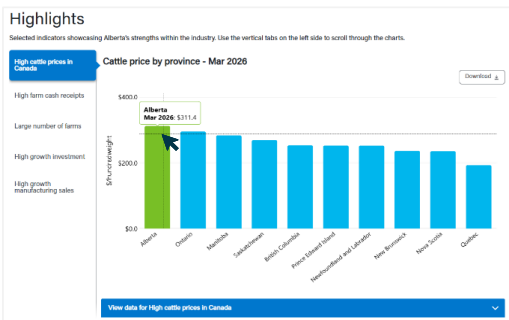
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[View full profile](#)

Alberta is Canada's largest cattle producer, and a major producer and international exporter of grains and oil seeds, particularly wheat and canola. It also has a rapidly growing food manufacturing industry. This profile defines the agriculture and agri-food sector using the following North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes: Crop production (111), Animal production (112), Support activities for crop and animal production (1151, 1152), Food manufacturing (311) and Beverage manufacturing (312).

\$12.5B GDP (basic prices) 2025	\$3B Investment 2025	6.4K Businesses 2025	\$1.9B Manufacturing sales Feb 2026	\$1.5B Merchandise exports Mar 2026
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Beta release: Sector profile features



Highlights

Understand Alberta's sector strengths at a glance throughout interactive visualizations. Get more details by hovering over the chart, clicking to expand the data table, or downloading an image or the raw data into a spreadsheet.

Visit the Alberta Investment Data Hub: investmentdata.alberta.ca

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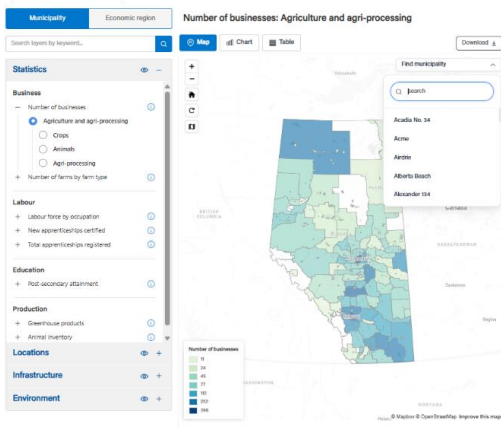
Key Metrics

Discover provincial-level data across various indicators such as GDP, investment, financial performance, product insights, and more with multiple visualizations.

Find exactly what you need by viewing a time-series, comparing provinces and subsectors, toggling between monthly, year-to-date, and annual data, and viewing growth trends.

Regional Explorer

Explore sector data at the municipal (or sub-division) and economic region level. Maps, charts and tables are available for each indicator. You can also plot data layers such as infrastructure on the map.



Regional Explorer

Explore municipal and regional-level data on an interactive map, including key industry data such as the number of businesses, labour force by occupation, apprenticeships, post-secondary attainment, production, and more.

Further customize your search by selecting infrastructure layers such as airports, power generation and rail terminals or find a municipality. Users can view results by map, chart or table.

Login portal

The website includes a login portal for Alberta economic developers. For the beta release, the login portal will include a tool that compares Alberta and its municipalities to Canada and the U.S. across a range of metrics to assess their relative strengths and weaknesses. Economic developers and municipalities can request access to the portal by emailing economiclink@gov.ab.ca.

What's next: Upcoming features*

New sector profiles, expanded datasets and enhanced features, including:

- **Regional Profiles:** View a detailed sector profile for an individual region or municipality.
- **Product Explorer:** Easily find data related to a specific product, such as production, prices, exports and more.
- **Custom Report Builder:** Create custom reports directly from the site's data and charts, with options to generate a unique URL or export to Excel, PowerPoint, or PDF, to easily share with others.

*Subject to change.

For questions or to request a demonstration of the Alberta Investment Data Hub, please contact economiclink@gov.ab.ca.

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Alberta Political News

- **Premier Smith's approval rating falls to a record low**
An Ipsos poll found that only 38 per cent of Albertans approve of Smith's performance as premier, while just 33 per cent approve of her handling of Alberta separatism.
- **Alberta announces passenger rail master plan**
The plan includes \$15 million over three years to advance passenger rail planning, including high-speed rail between Edmonton and Calgary, and a train connecting Calgary and Banff.
- **Province appeals court decision on separatist referendum petition**
The Alberta government has filed an appeal after a judge quashed a proposed separation referendum petition, ruling that the Province failed to consult First Nations.

Boundary Panel Pick Fuels Gerrymandering Concerns

The Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries has officially appointed the four members of its advisory panel, marking another step in the UCP government's controversial electoral boundaries review process.

The panel will include the UCP's nominees, former Harper cabinet minister Monte Solberg and Sylvan Lake resident Darwin Durnie, alongside opposition nominees Dr. Gerard Kennedy and Brent Robinson. The appointments were approved on Tuesday by the UCP majority on the committee.

While the committee's work is intended to provide recommendations on Alberta's new electoral map, the appointments themselves quickly became the focus of debate.

One of the central concerns raised by the NDP throughout this process has been the possibility of gerrymandering. Gerrymandering occurs when electoral boundaries are drawn in a way that advantages a particular political party by concentrating or dispersing voters to produce preferred election outcomes rather than reflecting natural communities of interest.

During the previous Electoral Boundaries Commission process, Durnie co-authored an extensive submission proposing alternative electoral maps across the province. His proposals included hybrid rural-urban constituencies in both Calgary and Edmonton that stretched city-based ridings into surrounding rural areas. In Calgary, several proposed constituencies resembled what critics have described as a "wheel-and-spoke" model, with

urban neighbourhoods connected to large rural regions beyond city limits.

The proposals for Lethbridge were even more dramatic. Rather than maintaining urban-focused constituencies within the city, Durnie's submission divided Lethbridge among four separate rural-urban ridings. One proposed constituency would have stretched from the University of Lethbridge westward through rural southern Alberta all the way to the borders of British Columbia and Montana.

Opposition MLAs argued that those proposals are precisely the type of maps Albertans have been worried about since the government reopened the boundaries process.

Speaking during Tuesday's committee meeting, NDP MLA Kathleen Ganley said Durnie's submission "intentionally sort of carves Calgary up into pizza slices" and described the proposal as "clearly American-style gerrymandering." She argued the maps were designed so that "Calgary voters don't get to choose their representatives" and that voters could end up electing UCP MLAs "regardless of how they vote."

Separatists Hit a Wall in Taber

If Alberta separatists expected friendly ground in Taber, the town's response to a pro-separation billboard suggests the movement's appeal may be narrower than its organizers would like to admit.

Earlier this week, the Town of Taber ordered the removal of a digital billboard on town land just off Highway 3. Cory Morgan and the third-party advertising group Pathway to Independence organized the sign. It features the Alberta shield alongside the slogan: "Send Ottawa a message! Choose Alberta."

The controversy is notable not only because of the sign's message, but because of where the backlash occurred.

NDP MLA Christina Gray echoed those concerns, telling the committee that Durnie's previous submission represented "exactly the type of gerrymandered proposals" opponents have feared throughout the process.

The appointment comes amid broader criticism of the government's decision to reopen Alberta's electoral boundaries review after rejecting the majority recommendations of the independent Electoral Boundaries Commission. The government has maintained that the advisory panel will operate independently and fairly.

Whether Durnie's previous recommendations influence the panel's final advice remains to be seen. Politically, though, his appointment is already having an impact. For an opposition that has spent months warning about gerrymandering, selecting someone who has already proposed some of the most aggressive rural-urban boundary combinations in the province is unlikely to calm fears. If anything, it pours gasoline on them.

Taber is not an obvious place for separatist advertising to run into municipal resistance. The community sits in one of Alberta's most reliably conservative regions, with a long history of right-wing populist politics and frustration with Ottawa.

The former Cardston-Taber-Warner riding elected Paul Hinman in 2004, the first Alberta Alliance MLA, whose party became a precursor to the Wildrose Party. In the last provincial election, UCP MLA Grant Hunter held the area with more than 75 per cent of the vote.

That context makes the town's response especially significant.

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According to a letter obtained by The Canadian Press, Taber’s Chief Administrative Officer, Derrin Thibault, told Morgan that the sign had prompted multiple concerns over its political content and violated land-use rules by becoming a nuisance. The town gave Morgan 10 days to remove it.

“The Town has received multiple concerns regarding political content currently being displayed on the digital sign,” Thibault wrote.

The town declined to comment publicly, but its actions still send a message. Even in a deeply conservative community, local concern was strong enough for the municipality to distance itself from separatist advertising.

That should give separatist organizers reason to pause.

Morgan has claimed that the backlash has helped the cause by generating attention, supporters, and donations. “It was going to be a quiet billboard in one spot, part of a bigger campaign,” Morgan said. “It morphed into a whole pile of attention, which only brought in more supporters [and] more donations.”

But attention after a controversy is not the same thing as broad support. A billboard being forced into the news cycle because a conservative municipality wants it removed is hardly evidence of a movement breaking into the mainstream.

If anything, the episode suggests the opposite. Separatist organizers may be able to attract headlines and energize a dedicated base. But if their message generates this much opposition in Taber, the question becomes harder to avoid: Where in Alberta could such a campaign run without controversy?



SOURCE: The Canadian Press

Alberta Balances Parental Choice and Online Safety

Ottawa’s proposed legislation to ban most social media access for children under 16 has placed Alberta’s UCP government in a familiar position: wary of federal intervention and more comfortable emphasizing the role of parents. But that instinct raises a harder question: Can families realistically be expected to manage the risks of youth social media use on their own?

The issue has gained momentum in Canada and internationally as governments grapple with the growing influence of digital platforms on children and teenagers. Social media can offer young people opportunities for connection, but it can also expose them to harm that is difficult for families to monitor or prevent.

Alberta’s government has not endorsed the federal proposal, but it has not rejected it outright either. “Alberta’s government is aware there are jurisdictions implementing or considering limiting or banning social media for children. We continue to monitor and review developments,” said a statement from the office of Technology and Innovation Minister Nate Glubish.

The response fits the UCP government’s broader approach to family policy. Rather than supporting sweeping restrictions, the province has framed the issue around giving parents more authority and better tools.

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“We believe government policies should focus on empowering parents and ensuring they have the tools they need to protect their children, including measures that give parents greater control over what their children can access online,” Glubish added.

That position is not without merit. Parents should not be sidelined in decisions about their children’s lives. Any policy that affects young people online should recognize the central role families play. But the scale and design of social media platforms make this a difficult burden to place on parents alone.

As Polls Slide, Alberta Separatism Offers Poilievre an Opening

For the Conservative Party of Canada, any national polling figure that starts with a number lower than three should be cause for a five-alarm fire.

This week, Nik Nanos’ latest federal tracking survey put Conservative support at just 29.4 per cent nationally, while the Liberals sat comfortably at 42.3 per cent.

To find a comparable result, Conservatives would have to go back to the party’s formative years. In the 2004 federal election — the first election after the merger of the Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservatives — Stephen Harper’s newly formed Conservative Party won 29.63 per cent of the vote nationally. Even in 2015, when Justin Trudeau swept to a majority government and ended nearly a decade of Conservative rule, the party still captured 31.89 per cent of the popular vote.

In other words, today’s polling numbers place Pierre Poilievre’s Conservatives in territory they have rarely occupied in the party’s entire modern history.

To be sure, Canadians are not in election mode. Polls conducted between elections often reflect

The Alberta NDP has taken a more receptive stance towards Ottawa’s proposed legislation. Nathan Ip, the party’s shadow minister for technology and innovation, stated: “The Alberta NDP Caucus supports efforts that help keep young people safe and is open to considering evidence-based measures, including approaches being tested in other jurisdictions.”

That is closer to where the debate should land. A ban on most social media use for children under 16 is not a complete solution, and it must be designed carefully. But the status quo is failing too many young people. Empowering parents matters, but so does recognizing when the scale of a problem requires government action.

mood more than voting intention, and a campaign can quickly reshape the political landscape. Poilievre is also beginning a renewed effort to rebuild his national profile, including campaigning in Alberta against the prospect of a separatist referendum.

Still, Conservatives would be wise not to dismiss the warning signs.

The current Liberal advantage has proven remarkably durable, and Poilievre continues to trail Prime Minister Mark Carney by a wide margin on preferred-prime-minister measures. For longtime Conservatives, numbers beginning with a “2” evoke memories of the movement’s wilderness years in the 1990s, when a divided right struggled to present itself as a credible national alternative.

One poll does not make a trend. But if future surveys continue to show Conservative support below 30 per cent, the conversation inside conservative circles may undermine the durability of Poilievre’s leadership. This summer’s campaign for Alberta to stay in Canada could be the exact opportunity he needs to seize the moment and change the conversation.

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Location: Mighty Peace Golf Course

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From: Peace River & District Chamber of Commerce <assistant@peacriverchamber.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 11:46 AM
To: CAO
Subject: THE LATEST NEWS FOR YOU



The graphic features the logo for 'peace river + district CHAMBER of commerce' on the left, with the tagline 'your voice of business.' and the word 'newsletter' below it. Contact information for phone (780.624.4166) and email (assistant@peacriverchamber.com) is provided. On the right, a photograph shows two people in an office setting, one standing and one sitting at a desk. The graphic is decorated with yellow and blue geometric shapes.

We've extended the Paint the Town Plaid registration until 3:00 today!

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Government of Alberta Extends PERC and DIRC Programs Through 2028

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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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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



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AGRICULTURE UPDATE

Moisture Situation Update,
June 4, 2026

JOB POSTINGS

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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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The Government of Alberta is holding a webinar on Wednesday June 17th for rural municipalities to share more information about the new RCAM procedures to enable weeds management compliance. Representatives from Agriculture & Irrigation (AGI) as well as the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) will be present.

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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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- The census is critical for determining demographic changes and ensuring every household is counted, which can influence funding and programming within communities. Follow-up activities, including letters and in-person visits, have already begun. If residents of your community have any questions

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IN THE NEWS

- **Alberta leads the world in methane reduction: Government of Alberta**
- **New manufacturing plant creates jobs for Albertans: Government of Alberta**
- **RMA president reflects on rural Alberta bus line closures**
- **County of Stettler decides on “lottery system” for strychnine**
- **First Nation in court to challenge proposed Wonder Valley AI data centre project in northern Alberta**

- **Farmers, food processing get supports in Canada's new National Food Security Strategy**
- **Corb Lund delivers 'Water Not Coal' petition, says more than 200,000 signed**



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