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PLAID Parade & RIVER DAYS KICK-OFF!

FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH
5:00PM | RIVER ROAD

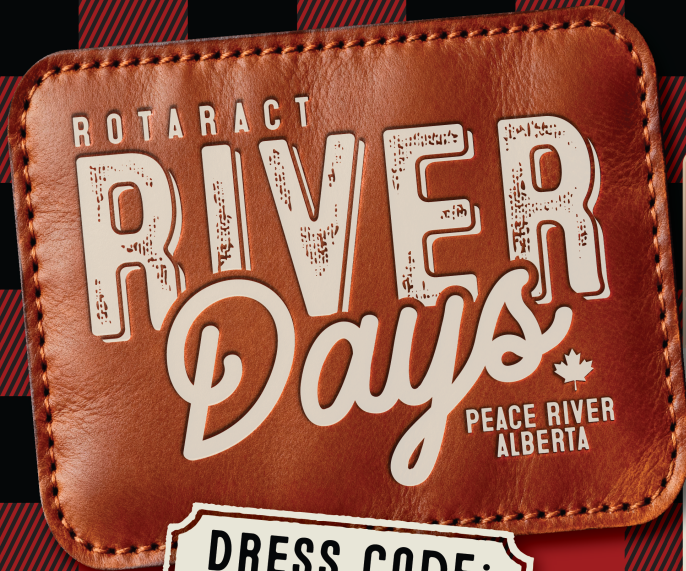
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ROTARACT
**RIVER
Days**
PEACE RIVER
ALBERTA

PEACE RIVER
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Gold Cup
CHAMPIONSHIP
JET BOAT RACE



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**DRESS CODE:
ALL PLAID!**

WEEKEND *Schedule*

FRIDAY JUNE 19TH, 2026

101ST BLOCK PARTY!

5:00PM	RIVER DAYS PLAID PARADE
6:00PM	JET BOAT SHOW & SHINE NAVS HOCKEY SHOOT OUT LEGION COMEDY & OPEN MIC ART HUB EXHIBIT & VENDORS THRASH & BASH SKATE CONTEST PEACE PRIMATES ARM WRESTLING BEER GARDENS & FOOD TRUCKS LIVE MUSIC & DANCING
11:00PM	LAST CALL - TIME TO BOUNCE

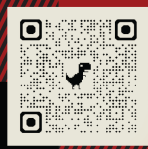
JUNE 19-21 DOWNTOWN PEACE RIVER

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH, 2026

RIVERFRONT PARK

9:00AM	GOLD CUP JET BOAT RACES
10:00AM	MANN'S LANDING MARKET RIVERFRONT FUN FAIR MINING FOR MONEY FACE PAINTING RIVER KINGS 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL BOUNCY CASTLES & LASER TAG LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT BEER GARDENS & FOOD TRUCKS
4:00PM	FOAM PARTY

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**LET'S PAINT THE
TOWN PLAID!**

SUNDAY JUNE 21ST, 2026

RIVERFRONT PARK

10:00AM	GOLD CUP JET BOAT RACES FLAPJACK BREAKFAST
12:00PM	PRINCESS PARTY IN THE PARK
1:30PM	GARDEN TEA PARTY SUPERHERO SHOWDOWN



WEEKEND EVENTS ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT
AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

County Early

CANADA D-EH!

June 24, 2026

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cecil Thompson Park



**BBQ, Musical Performances,
Bouncy Castles, Laser Tag,
Magic Show, Face Painting,
Popcorn, The Topsy Burro,
& More!**



**NORTHERN SUNRISE
COUNTY**

We've got it, all!

TOWN OF PEACE RIVER'S CANADA DAY CELEBRATION!

BOUNCY CASTLES

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**TOONIE SWIM (\$2) AT THE
POOL FROM 3:30PM -
5:30PM**

**GREAT CANADIAN FUN TRAIL
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**

FACE PAINTING

GLITTER TATTOOS

**WATER FUN WITH THE
PEACE RIVER FIRE DEPT**

BALLOON ANIMALS

FOOD VENDORS

DOOR PRIZES

**WATCH THE FIREWORKS AT 11:59PM ON
JUNE 30TH AT RIVERFRONT PARK**

1:00PM - 4:00PM

JULY 1, 2026

**GREEN SPACE BETWEEN THE
BAYTEX ENERGY CENTRE AND PEACE
REGIONAL POOL**

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TOWN OF
PEACE RIVER
ALBERTA

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At a Glance - June 12, 2026

Passenger Rail Planning Moves Ahead in Alberta

Alberta’s government is investing \$15 million over three years to advance passenger rail planning and begin implementing recommendations from the completed Passenger Rail Master Plan. The plan outlines a 30-year vision for a provincewide passenger rail network, including high-speed regional service between Edmonton and Calgary and higher-speed service between Calgary and Banff. The Opposition NDP supports the project, but criticized the government’s lack of clear timelines.

Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Devin Dreeshen, stated: “We know passenger rail connections between Calgary and Edmonton and their international airports are a priority for Albertans. Our initial work will focus on these connections, allowing us to plan for a network of rail services that connect with LRT, transit and the airports to make it easier for Albertans to get where they need to go.”

Province Invests \$4M in Wood's Homes Campus

Alberta Counsel client Wood’s Homes has secured \$4 million in funding from the Government of Alberta to support the modernization and expansion of the Bowness campus in Calgary as the organization marks its 100th anniversary. The funding will help create more modern spaces for approximately 80 children and youth in care. Wood’s Homes supports around 20,000 children, youth and families across Alberta each year with mental health, housing, family support and crisis services.

Bjorn Johansson, chief executive officer of Wood's Homes, commented: "On behalf of Wood's Homes, I want to express our sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Children and Family Services and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction for their \$4-million commitment to the future of children's mental health care on the Bowness campus. This investment is about more than infrastructure; it is a commitment to the thousands of children, young people and families who will benefit from these services, and an investment in hope, healing and the future of care in Alberta."

Grant Funding to Support Survivors of GBV

Alberta's government is investing \$2.5 million through the Community Pathways to Justice grant to support survivors of gender-based violence. The funding will help community-based organizations deliver programs that assist survivors in navigating the justice system and accessing legal supports. Eligible Alberta-based organizations, including non-profits, municipalities, and Indigenous communities, can apply for operating funding before the June 23rd deadline.

"Alberta's 10-year Strategy to End Gender-Based Violence is creating lasting change by preventing harm, supporting survivors and strengthening the community organizations people rely on every day. This investment helps expand survivor-centred services and improve access to justice, so more Albertans can find the support they need, when and where they need it most," commented Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, Tanya Fir.

Calgary Considers Green Line Funding Shift

Calgary Mayor Jeromy Farkas is suggesting the city may need to cut the provincial government out of the Green Line's downtown segment to get the long-delayed LRT project moving. After the province reiterated that support for a downtown underground tunnel is off the table, Farkas said Calgary could explore partnering only with the federal government on the downtown portion.

"For us to get construction as quickly as possible on the far north and the far south, we have to have some flexibility in terms of what the downtown looks like," Farkas said. Some councillors have also voiced concern that the province's preferred elevated track could harm downtown property values and development.

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Friday News

June 5, 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

In light of a [report indicating Calgary has borne \\$1.05 billion in costs](#) downloaded by other orders of government since 2016, Alberta Municipalities president Dylan Bressey noted that all municipalities are feeling the pain. "We've seen successive governments over a period of about 10 years make dozens and dozens of decisions that have increased our costs while also decreasing our revenue," he told CBC. "Each of these decisions on their own has reason behind them, and might actually be a good decision in isolation. But the cumulative impact is that we are putting municipalities under a huge financial crunch." President Bressey also spoke with [Global News Calgary](#) about the city's \$1.05 billion fiscal gap, saying the struggle extends far beyond Alberta's biggest city. Municipalities throughout the province are feeling the pressures created by federal and provincial downloading, higher costs and lower revenues.

St. Albert city council is [bringing two resolutions to Alberta Municipalities' annual convention](#) in September. One calls on the provincial government to extend its door-to-door energy product sales ban to include solar PV products, and another seeks more equitable access to charitable casino gaming for charities in communities outside of Edmonton and Calgary. The towns of Jasper, Westlock, and Rocky Mountain House have agreed to second the solar resolution, while Edson will second the charitable gaming resolution.

Assessment & Taxation

Calgary city council directed administration to [analyze changing its natural gas franchise fee methodology](#) and to increase ATCO franchise fee revenue by \$25 million in 2027. Mayor Jeremy Farkas noted the Alberta Utilities Commission allows the city to collect more in franchise fees than it currently does, with the final amount dependent on regulatory proceedings.

Chestermere city council [approved a 2026 property tax increase](#), raising the residential mill rate from 3.2% to 3.5%, which will add about \$227 annually for the average homeowner assessed at \$700,000. The city said it still has the lowest municipal tax rate in the region despite the increase.

Clyde village council [approved \\$583,400 in general municipal taxes for 2026](#), with the minimum tax rising \$20 to \$870 for residential, farmland, and non-residential properties. The overall mill rate decreased following growth in assessed values, resulting in a savings of about \$10 per \$100,000 of assessed value for residential properties compared to 2025.

Forestburg village council [approved a 2.5% municipal tax hike](#) after five years of flat municipal tax rates, with the CAO citing rising policing costs, flat provincial capital grants, and increasing service costs as key drivers. Council also raised its minimum tax charge from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Economic Development & Tourism

Banff and Canmore have [committed seed funding to establish a destination stewardship council](#) focused on regional tourism and human use management in the Bow Valley, with Banff contributing \$25,000 and Canmore setting aside \$40,000. The initiative responds to increasing pressure from population growth, new hotel development, and provincial plans to double tourism spending to \$25 billion annually by 2035.

Brooks city council is hosting a [public information session on data centres](#) on June 10, following its recent decision to amend its Land Use Bylaw to permit data centres as a discretionary use in industrial zones. The session will cover data centre construction, municipal planning, and power generation.

Canmore launched a [functional art program on Main Street](#) with 10 artists creating usable installations, including a cedar strip canoe split into two seats, painted bollards, bike racks, and waste bins. The town has a one-time \$50,000 capital budget for the program, which runs until mid-October.

Cremona village council agreed to [explore the cost of a joint digital highway display](#) proposed by the Cremona Water Valley and District Chamber of Commerce, which would be visible to motorists on Highway 22. No funding has been committed, and the village is seeking quotes as a first step.

Olds town council [conditionally declared support](#) for Synapse Real Estate Corporation's proposed \$10-billion AI data centre, filing a statement of intent to participate with the Alberta Utilities Commission that raises concerns about air quality, noise, emergency management, and property values. The town also [sought a binding commitment](#) from Synapse on a community benefits program, including defined amounts, a governance framework with municipal representation, and annual public reporting obligations.

Westlock town administration told council the town is [using business incentives and an influx of young families to fund aging infrastructure](#), with the number of business licenses growing from 409 in 2021 to 518 in 2025. The town is approaching a population of 5,000, a milestone that administration said is necessary to share the tax burden and sustain critical services.

Westlock town council [reduced its Rural Renewal Stream immigration endorsements by 50% this year](#), introducing stricter requirements focused on workforce retention and

ensuring that employers make meaningful efforts to hire locally before looking internationally. The town's intake under the program is now closed for the rest of the year.

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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Energy

Medicine Hat city council [approved a \\$1,057,000 budget amendment](#) to replace residential gas meters manufactured in 2013 that failed federal compliance testing, bringing the total program budget to \$1,736,000. The meters must be replaced before the end of 2026 to avoid potential enforcement penalties.

Environment

Bonnyville's 2026 Community Clean-Up Blitz [collected about 930 kilograms of garbage](#) across the town, with 62 volunteer bags submitted at \$7 per bag. The town has run the per-bag incentive program for more than 20 years to encourage residents and community groups to keep public spaces clean.

Calgary's recent heavy rainfall is expected to fuel higher mosquito populations this summer, with researchers [tracking an invasive mosquito species](#) discovered in the city several years ago. Officials say it is too early to predict how severe the season will be.

[Note: this article requires a subscription to read].

Crowsnest Pass council [delayed sending an advocacy letter](#) about West Fraser's proposed Mount Tecumseh logging plan, choosing to wait until the company presents to council in

July before taking a formal position. Residents have raised concerns about the plan's potential effects on backcountry recreation, watershed values, and a Nordic ski trail system.

Medicine Hat is implementing [precautionary closures of parks and trails along the South Saskatchewan River](#) in response to a provincial high streamflow advisory, with river flows expected to rise further before conditions improve mid-next week. The city says no overland flooding or property damage is anticipated, but residents are asked to stay off the river and away from low-lying areas.

Medicine Hat is [planting 800 tree saplings in public spaces](#) and providing 1,400 more for private properties through the federal Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative. The program runs for three years, with costs split 50/50 between the city and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at about \$1.2 million annually per side.

Olds is [warning residents about improper dumping](#) at its residential yard waste disposal area, where garbage was deposited during the site's first week of operation. If the problem persists, the town says it will consider cameras or a staffed facility, both of which would increase costs.

Sundre Mayor Richard Warnock [raised concerns about the potential ripple effect](#) of the provincial government's decision to stop funding the Alberta Water Council. He noted that organizations such as the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance rely on provincial funding for stream monitoring and operations. The alliance was awaiting its annual funding confirmation when the story was reported.

Housing

Banff's Municipal Planning Commission [approved a subdivision creating three condo units](#), with conditions that the property owner legalize two unapproved basement suites already on-site and build a public sidewalk on an adjacent street.

Bashaw town council [approved first reading of a Land Use Bylaw amendment](#) to allow security suites as a discretionary use in highway commercial zones, legalizing an existing suite that had been inadvertently excluded in a 2018 bylaw update. The amendment will be

publicly advertised before returning to council for a final vote.

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board in Brooks [upheld the city's decision to deny an eight-unit dwelling application](#) in a high residential area, finding that the proposed density was not suitable for the property. The board said the number of units would need to be reduced for any multi-unit dwelling to be considered at the site.

Calgary city council voted 10-5 against a motion to expand local area plan development as a replacement for its repealed blanket rezoning policy, [leaving unclear how the city plans to increase housing density](#). Councillors who opposed the motion cited the nearly \$15-million cost and concerns that LAP-compliant applications have failed regardless.

Heartland Housing Foundation [received nearly \\$11 million through the provincial Affordable Housing Partnership Program](#) for an all-ages downtown apartment building in Fort Saskatchewan with more than 80 units priced below market rates. The AHPP grant represents about 30% of the project's estimated total cost, with construction expected to begin in spring 2027. "This site plays a vital role in our downtown core, and the development will strengthen our community and provide meaningful benefits for generations to come," said Mayor Lisa Makin.

Westlock town council approved first reading of a Land Use Bylaw amendment to [rezone a long-vacant lot for medium-density residential development](#), allowing up to six units where current zoning permits only two. A public hearing is scheduled for June 22.

Infrastructure & Transportation

Barrhead town council reluctantly [approved an unbudgeted \\$60,000 increase](#) to its Beaver Brook Estates overlay project, raising the total budget to about \$590,000, after engineers found the road surface too soft for the original scope. The additional funding will allow crews to excavate deeper, extending the expected lifespan of the road to 10 to 15 years.

Calgary city officials proposed a [\\$342-million investment over four years](#) to reduce water losses from leaky pipes from about 23% annually to 15% by 2030, roughly double the spending in the current budget cycle. Mayor Jeromy Farkas said fixing the pipes would deliver a "fivefold or 10-to-1 return" on investment.

Chestermere has [advised boaters of intermittent waterway restrictions](#) of up to 15 minutes during upcoming construction on the Chestermere Boulevard Bridge, with flaggers to be stationed at the bridge and signage posted at nearby boat launches.

Cold Lake city council agreed to bring a [marina boat launch feasibility study](#) to 2027 budget discussions, after administration noted that shallow water, a short concrete ramp, and underwater obstructions continue to limit the current facility. A forklift-style boat storage and launch system was among the alternatives explored.

Cold Lake city council reviewed a resident's concern about [redundant paperwork requirements for seniors](#) applying to the city's adaptive transit service but made no changes. City administration noted the service is already running at or over capacity. Options to streamline renewal applications were outlined but not approved.

Edmonton city council is considering ending 15-minute free parking and [introducing higher fees in busy areas](#). Proposed changes include charging at attractions such as the Muttart Conservatory and Fort Edmonton Park, which could double annual parking revenue to \$10.4 million by 2028. Mayor Andrew Knack highlighted concerns about subsidizing "free" parking through property taxes. The proposals will be reviewed on June 9.

Edmonton's stormwater infrastructure is [effectively managing heavy rain](#), according to EPCOR, despite more than 70 millimetres of rainfall since May 31. Recent flooding near Yellowhead Trail originated from bare soil at a construction site, EPCOR said. Alberta Forestry issued a high streamflow advisory, warning of potential North Saskatchewan River flooding. Residents are advised to avoid stormwater ponds.

Mountain View County [approved about \\$148,000 in funding for infrastructure and community projects](#) in Carstairs and Didsbury through intermunicipal collaboration committee agreements, as well as nearly \$56,000 for sewer upgrades in Cremona. Carstairs will receive about \$29,000 for a splash park shade structure, cemetery improvements, and an arena door replacement, while Didsbury will receive almost \$63,000 for arena and aquatic centre upgrades, a library energy retrofit, and other improvements.

Red Deer city council [issued 21 new taxi licence plates](#) from a draw involving five applicants who had requested 70 plates in total. The 21 plates include 15 newly allocated for 2026 and six previously awarded plates that were returned to the city.

St. Paul's wastewater treatment plant [processed a record 13,849 cubic metres in a single day](#) during recent heavy rainfall — the highest volume in more than 26 years of operation, according to the CAO. The event highlighted the need for stormwater infrastructure upgrades, including storm ponds on the west side of town.

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Intergovernmental Relations

Airdrie Public Library officials told city council that compliance with the Government of Alberta's Bill 28 could require a manual review of about 65,000 library items and create at least \$135,000 in one-time labour costs alone. The library board asked council to advocate for provincial consultation and dedicated funding, but [council accepted the presentation for information only](#), directing the matter to the city's intergovernmental department for further discussion.

Cold Lake city council authorized a letter asking the provincial government to [pause the rollout of the Alberta Disability Assistance Program](#) and engage further with affected people, after a resident told council the transition from AISH was creating fear and financial uncertainty. Several other municipalities have made similar requests.

Innisfail town council [declined to seek observer status](#) with the Alberta Utilities Commission for the proposed Synapse data centre in neighbouring Olds, with Mayor Jean Barclay saying it was not the town's place to interfere in another municipality's investment attraction efforts. Innisfail council did update its own Land Use Bylaw to include data centres as a discretionary use in industrial zones.

Municipal Governance

Airdrie is hosting its [inaugural Mayor and Council Town Hall](#) on June 15, with Mayor Heather Spearman presenting on key city issues and priorities, followed by a question-and-answer session and the opportunity to meet council and city staff in person.

Airdrie city council [endorsed a redesigned myAIRDRIE portal](#) with a mobile-first, app-like interface aimed at improving access to municipal services. The portal has more than 84,867 active accounts, representing about 85% of Airdrie households, and council agreed to champion the update to encourage broad community adoption.

Barrhead Mayor Ty Assaf hosted Grade 3 students from Barrhead Elementary School, [explaining how council decisions are made](#) and how a resident's request to keep backyard chickens prompted administration to research and bring an Animal Control Bylaw amendment forward. Assaf told students he first ran for council in 2004 because he saw things he wanted to change in the community.

Despite recommendations from both its recreation board and a council committee to raise recreation rates by 5%, Brooks city council [voted to approve a 3% increase](#) instead. Recreation rates will be reviewed further as part of a southern Alberta regional benchmarking project expected to begin in the fall.

Cremona village council [restored the Cremona Public Library's full \\$8,700 funding allocation](#), reversing a cut earlier in the year that had reduced support to \$2,500. The restoration was funded by trimming road repair and sewer flushing budgets.

Gibbons is preparing for a public vote on whether to remain an independent municipality or dissolve into Sturgeon County, after the provincial government [released a viability review report](#). The report found that the town's expenses grew more than twice as fast as its revenue from 2020 to 2024, and it was unable to generate enough income to cover day-to-day services in 2024. The report found the town would need a 42% tax increase to remain viable on its own, compared to about 30% under dissolution, and that it had [used 96% of its borrowing capacity](#) by 2024. An information session is set for June 10, with the vote on June 24 and 25.

Grande Prairie city council added a section to its Noise, Nuisance and Disturbances Bylaw [banning the release of pets onto public property](#), with exceptions for off-leash areas and wildlife re-release. Mayor Jackie Clayton said the change addresses issues such as feral

domesticated rabbits interbreeding with wild populations and a past incident involving goldfish released into a city pond.

Medicine Hat city council [unanimously adopted changes to its Land Use Bylaw](#) that expand the number of land use districts from 18 to 21 and nearly double the number of definitions, reorganizing residential zoning into four density classifications for greater clarity. Cypress County opposed the changes, citing concerns that regional industrial planning commitments were not reflected in the updated bylaw.

Olds town council [created an interim subdivision and development appeal board](#) after the dissolution of Parkland Community Planning Services left the town without an appeals mechanism. Three accredited members were appointed to handle appeals until Olds can join Red Deer County's planned regional board.

St. Paul town council tabled a proposal to [write off a \\$129,405 loan to the St. Paul BMX and Skateboard Society](#) and formally acquire the skatepark as a municipal asset, requesting financial statements and provincial grant compliance documents before making a decision. The skatepark is valued at about \$975,000, and the loan has been outstanding since its repayment deadline passed in February 2023.

Wetaskiwin Mayor Joe Branco refused to apologize after a councillor publicly described [a remark he made at a May planning meeting as "insensitive and racial"](#), saying he did not recall making an offensive comment. Wetaskiwin city administration is also seeking a legal opinion on whether Branco's decision not to follow a provided script at a May public hearing put the proceedings in jeopardy.

Safe & Healthy Communities

Barrhead's CAO told council the town's [recreation master plan needs a comprehensive overhaul](#). The master plan was last updated 15 years ago and no longer reflects community needs, current infrastructure conditions, or the processes needed to evaluate grant-funded projects that are externally initiated. The CAO suggested that council consider allocating up to \$70,000 for an updated plan in its 2027 budget deliberations.

Cold Lake city council referred [a request from Age Friendly for \\$50,000 per year for three](#)

[years](#) to its 2027 budget deliberations, as the seniors' services organization expands from Cold Lake to serve the broader Lakeland region. Age Friendly currently supports 164 active clients through programs including home visits, transportation, and dementia programming.

The sole emergency homeless shelter in Lac La Biche [closed after a five-month search for a new location failed](#), displacing between 20 and 25 regular clients of the Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter Society. Lac La Biche County, which owned the facility, said the site was never intended as a permanent location and cited ongoing operational challenges as reasons for the closure.

A development permit application for a [200-bed homeless shelter in a Red Deer industrial area](#) is open for public comment until June 15, with city council expected to debate the permit on June 23. Red Deer Homeless Foundation submitted the application for the former Peavey Industries site, which would be the first phase of Project Nexus, a planned social care campus.

Whitecourt town council [established an ad hoc committee to advocate for a CT scanner facility](#) at the Whitecourt Healthcare Centre, with all councillors appointed and neighbouring municipalities invited to join the campaign. The Friends of Whitecourt Society has committed \$1.5 million of the \$3 million needed for the project.

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THE WEEKLY

June 10, 2026



Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries materials

Nominations OPEN for ABmunis Municipal Awards

Casual legal: Challenging Assessment Review Board decisions

Strong ABmunis presence at FCM's 2026 Convention

ABmunis had a strong and productive presence at the FCM 2026 Convention. President Dylan Bressey highlighted innovative approaches to funding and taxation, while board members engaged in important discussions and networking opportunities.

Read full story

UPDATES

Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries materials

Catch up with the Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries, key topics and access resources on proposed changes that could restrict materials, shift local decision-making, and raise privacy concerns.

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Nominations OPEN for ABmunis Municipal Awards

Don't miss the opportunity to nominate an outstanding individual or team by June 19, for the 2026 Alberta Municipalities Award!

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The Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) is Alberta's innovative financing tool that enables residential and commercial property owners to pay for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades.

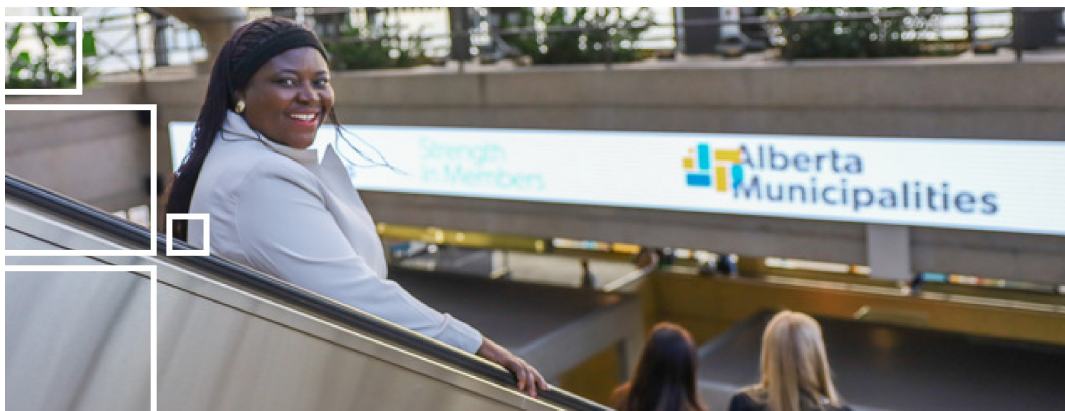
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Casual legal: Challenging Assessment Review board decisions

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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Grants in Place of Taxes program

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GOOD TO KNOW

New intake for FireSmart Funding

The FRIAA FireSmart Program is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the FireSmart disciplines of emergency planning, public education, interagency co-operation, cross-training, legislation, and development controls. A Request for Expression of Interest (RFEOI) is also open for the vegetation management discipline.

A virtual (Zoom) Information Session is available at 11:00 am MST, on June 22, 2026. Connection information and agenda details are available [here](#).

You can download the application packages from the FRIAA website, linked [here](#). Proposal and Expression of Interest submissions are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 4, 2026, to the [FRIAA submissions portal](#).

2026-27 Ecosystem Services grant program open!

The Government of Alberta's Ecosystem Services Grant Program is now open, with funding available to municipalities, non-profits, and NGOs to support conservation and ecosystem services projects. Applications are due September 15, 2026, with a fillable application form expected to be available on June 15. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Housing 101 webinar

Join the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association (ASCHA) for an upcoming Housing 101 webinar on June 15 at 2:00 PM. This session provides a clear, practical overview of Alberta's community and seniors housing systems, including roles across government, housing providers, and municipalities.

This webinar is well-suited for elected officials, municipal staff, and anyone looking to strengthen their understanding of Alberta's housing landscape. No prior housing experience is required. Register for the webinar [here](#).

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Catherine Krushel

To: Cindy Millar
Subject: RE: CANHC News Updates from the Past Week - Nuclear is not Boring!

Happy Friday folks,

A quick nuclear snapshot ahead of the weekend.

One theme that stood out to me this week is that discussions around nuclear energy are increasingly extending well beyond reactors themselves and into broader conversations around municipal readiness, workforce development, economic growth, Indigenous participation, and infrastructure planning.

This week also saw a very notable Federal Court of Appeal decision involving the Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) at Chalk River and the application of the Species at Risk Act (SARA). While the ruling is specific to the NSDF project, it forms part of a broader and rapidly evolving legal landscape surrounding Indigenous rights, Aboriginal title, environmental assessment, and major project development in Canada.

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

- **Federal Court of Appeal decision raises important questions for future nuclear projects and assessments**

There was a very notable Federal Court of Appeal ruling (May 28) on procedural matters related to the application of the Species at Risk Act (SARA) involving Kebaowek First Nation and the Concerned Citizens of Renfrew County regarding the Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) at Chalk River, Ontario. Together with other ongoing Indigenous rights and Aboriginal title cases across Canada, including litigation in New Brunswick involving the Wolastoqey Nations, these developments highlight a rapidly evolving legal landscape that may have implications for major project development, environmental assessment, and Indigenous-Crown relations. In the near future, I will be undertaking a more strategic review of these decisions and their potential implications for host communities.

Most notably, the decision raises important questions about the future of the NSDF project and the long-term management of legacy radioactive waste at Chalk River. While the courts will ultimately determine the legal path forward, the ruling leaves uncertainty regarding timelines and next steps, including how Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) will safely manage the substantial volumes of low-level radioactive waste currently stored on site if the project experiences further delays.

CANHC will continue to monitor these developments closely given their potential implications for host communities, project proponents, regulators, and Indigenous nations.

Links:

- [Appeals Court Upholds First Nation Victory Against Chalk River Nuclear Waste Project](#) (*The Energy Mix / June 2, 2026*)
- [Algonquin community's opposition to planned Chalk River nuclear dump upheld at appeal](#) (*Nathan Fung, CBC News / May 31, 2026*) *Also appeared on: [Yahoo News](#) (*Nathan Fung, CBC News / May 31, 2026*) *Also appeared on: [Yahoo News](#)
- [First Nation prepared to take federal UNDRIP case to the Supreme Court](#) (*iPolitics.ca / June 1, 2026*)

- **Bruce Power launches Regional Municipal Readiness Assessment Fund**

Building on the recently announced agreement with Kincardine, Bruce Power has launched a Regional Municipal Readiness Assessment Fund to support neighbouring municipalities and counties in assessing infrastructure, growth, service delivery, housing, transportation and other readiness considerations associated with the proposed Bruce C Project. This is an interesting example of regional readiness planning extending beyond the immediate host municipality.

Link: [Bruce Power Launches Regional Municipal Readiness Assessment Fund for Potential Bruce C Project](#)

- **CBC National Coverage of the Wesleyville Project**

To follow up on last weeks clippings, the proposed Wesleyville project received broader public attention, including national CBC coverage examining the proposal and perspectives from the local community and project proponents. As the federal review process advances, public awareness of the project appears to be growing. We now have a link to the CBC National news on the proposed project and engagement.

Link: CBC National News Segment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwtuMzAZe8U>

Worth Watching

- **Indigenous ownership continues to expand in major energy infrastructure**

Six First Nations (shores of Lake Superior) have increased their ownership stake in Ontario's East-West Tie transmission line, continuing a broader trend of Indigenous equity participation in major energy infrastructure projects. This is a significant outcome for the six First Nations who used the Indigenous Opportunities Financing Program (IOFP), where the province is providing a guarantee of up to \$75 million to support the expanded ownership stake. They now have a 20% equity stake in the transmission line.

Link: [Six First Nations increase ownership stake in Ontario's East-West Tie Transmission Line](#) (*Daily Commercial News / June 3, 2026*)

- **Nuclear returns to Quebec's energy debate**

Interesting commentary emerging from Quebec as nuclear energy begins reappearing in broader discussions around energy security, electrification, and future power demand. This is one of many articles that have recently popped up, as the government is likely testing the public waters on the matter since they have already decommissioned most of the Gentilly 2 nuclear power plant. With the potential influx of data centres, Quebec may have no choice but to reconsider their current energy strategy.

Link: [Bruce Power Launches Regional Municipal Readiness Assessment Fund for Potential Bruce C Project](#)

- **Saskatchewan appears to be revisiting reactor technology options**

An interesting article suggests Saskatchewan may be taking another look at large reactor technologies alongside its previously announced SMR path. Worth watching as the province continues evaluating future generation options.

Link: [Sask Plans to Evaluate Large Nuclear Reactor Technologies](#) (The World Spectator/ June 1, 2023)

Interesting / Worth a Read

- **Finland prepares to open the world's first permanent deep geological repository**

Finland's Onkalo repository continues moving toward operation and remains one of the most closely watched nuclear waste management projects globally. The project is often referenced internationally as a potential model for long-term used fuel management.

- [Finland buries nuclear waste in deep Olkiluoto tunnel](#) (News Minimalist / May 30, 2026)
- [Finland prepares to seal world's first long-term nuclear waste repository](#) (News Minimalist / May 29, 2026)

- **Data centres continue exploring nuclear power**

Another reminder that AI and data-centre growth continue to drive interest in nuclear generation internationally, particularly for jurisdictions seeking reliable, emissions-free baseload electricity.

- [Data centers consider going nuclear](#) (Tech Brew/ June 03, 2026)

- **Warnings re "Rubber Stamp" Approval as Ontario Expands Nuclear Spending**

An article raising concerns about the pace and direction of Ontario's nuclear expansion plans and regulatory oversight. The piece includes commentary from Professor Mark Winfield, a long-time energy policy academic whose work has generally emphasized renewable energy, conservation, and demand-side management approaches over large-scale nuclear development. While many in the nuclear sector would disagree with his conclusions, the article provides a useful reminder of some of the criticisms and concerns that continue to be raised as governments move to accelerate major energy projects.

- [Expert Warns of ‘Rubber Stamp’ Approvals as Ontario Expands Nuclear Spending](#) (Nathaniel Crouch, *The Energy Mix* / June 3, 2026)

And, Because I Just Love This!

- [Bruce Power’s summer site bus tour program returns on June 1](#) (Bruce Power/ May 29)

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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Catherine Krushel

To: Cindy Millar
Subject: RE: CANHC's Weekly Nuclear Media Snapshot from June 6 to June 11

Happy Thursday folks,

A quick nuclear snapshot ahead of the weekend as I am not working tomorrow 😊.

One theme that stood out to me this week is that Canada's nuclear sector continues to move from planning and discussion into implementation and delivery. Whether it is refurbishment projects reaching major milestones, communities preparing for potential new nuclear development, Indigenous participation in energy infrastructure, or international delegations visiting Canada to learn from our host community experience, the role of municipalities continues to grow.

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. *Kincardine hosts Kenyan delegation interested in nuclear energy*

A delegation from Kenya visited the Municipality of Kincardine this week to learn more about Canada's nuclear industry and the role communities play in supporting long-term nuclear development. The visit included discussions on municipal governance, community benefits, emergency preparedness, infrastructure planning, and what it means to be a successful nuclear host community.

As countries around the world begin exploring nuclear energy, Canada's host communities increasingly have valuable experience and lessons learned to share. (The CANHC LinkedIn page also reposted on this visit)

Links:

- Municipality of Kincardine Media Release (June 8, 2026) <https://www.kincardine.ca/news/posts/media-release-june-8-2026-kenyan-delegation-visits-the-municipality-of-kincardine/>
- [Kincardine hosts Kenyan delegation interested in nuclear energy](#) (*Kincardine News* / June 8, 2026)

2. *Bruce Unit 3 refurbishment completed ahead of schedule*

Bruce Power's Unit 3 refurbishment has returned to service ahead of schedule and is expected to deliver approximately \$150 million in savings to Ontario ratepayers. The milestone is being highlighted by both Bruce Power and the Province as evidence that large-scale nuclear refurbishment projects can be delivered successfully while supporting thousands of skilled jobs.

Links:

- [Renewed Unit 3 returns to service ahead of schedule as Bruce Power's strong performance to deliver approximately \\$150 million back to Ontario ratepayers](#) (*BrucePower.com* / June 8, 2026)
- [Ontario Delivers Record-Setting Nuclear Refurbishment at Bruce Ahead of Schedule and Under Budget](#) (Ontario Newsroom / June 8, 2026)
- [Ontario touts made-in-Canada nuclear project as Ford pitches trade ties in U.S.](#) (Alan S. Hale, *London Free Press* / June 8, 2026)

3. Alberta article challenges assumptions about political support for nuclear energy

An interesting commentary piece that is really worth a read, argues that support for nuclear energy is becoming increasingly mainstream and may no longer carry the political risks it once did. Whether one agrees with the article or not, it reflects a broader trend of nuclear becoming part of mainstream discussions around affordability, reliability, energy security, and economic development.

Link: [Alberta Just Proved That Nuclear Energy Isn't a Political Suicide Mission](#) (Troy Media / June 10, 2026)

4. New Brunswick appears to be stepping back from SMR deployment plans

One of the more surprising stories this week suggests NB Power's upcoming Integrated Resource Plan may no longer include deployment of new SMRs that had previously been identified as an important part of the province's energy future. This is worth watching closely given New Brunswick's long-standing interest in advanced reactor technologies and the work underway at Point Lepreau. The article is still only found in the Telegraph-Journal who just broke the story (which is only available to subscribers), but I was able to find Reddit Threads that provide open access to the article content.

Links:

- [Reddit New Brunswick Thread 1](#): This open-access thread contains the **exact article content** and discussion regarding how NB Power's looming 2026 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) has dropped new SMR nuclear development. [1]
- [Reddit New Brunswick Thread 2](#): A secondary open forum where locals are breaking down the article's details, specifically how this marks a major shift from the 2023 energy plan where SMRs were labeled a "critical part of the future". [1, 2]

Worth Watching

1. ***California rethinking nuclear energy***

A notable opinion piece in The Hill argues that California's reconsideration of nuclear energy may signal a broader shift in thinking among environmental organizations and policymakers as jurisdictions grapple with reliability, electrification, and growing electricity demand.

Link: [California is rethinking nuclear — environmental groups should, too](#) (The Hill / June 9, 2026)

2. Nuclear waste transportation and repository discussions continue to generate strong reactions in Northwest ON

Some rallies (albeit small in size) and demonstrations took place in Northwestern Ontario regarding proposed transportation and storage of used nuclear fuel. Regardless of one's perspective, the coverage is a reminder that waste management remains a sensitive public policy issue facing the nuclear sector.

Links:

- ['This poison is coming': First Nations warn against nuclear waste](#) (Penny Robinson, *TBNewsWatch.com* / June 6, 2026) *Also appeared on: [Timminstoday.com](#), [Nationtalk.ca](#)
- [VIDEO: Weekend rally opposes nuclear waste storage in region](#) (*TBNewsWatch.com* (Video) / June 8, 2026)
- [Grassy Narrows expressing concern over nuclear waste transportation proposal](#) (*APTN News* (Video) / June 8, 2026)

Interesting / Worth a Read

1. Federal funding announced for Canada's first Executive Nuclear Energy Management School

The Government of Canada is supporting the development of a new Executive Nuclear Energy Management School at the University of Saskatchewan in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), reflecting growing interest in leadership development and workforce readiness within the sector.

- [Funds from Feds for first Canadian Executive Nuclear Energy Management School](#) (John Cairns, *Moosejawtoday.com* / June 8, 2026)

2. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and McMaster University expand student research opportunities

Fifteen undergraduate students will be working on leading-edge nuclear research through a new partnership between CNL and McMaster University — another positive workforce development story.

- [Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and McMaster University put 15 undergrads to work at the leading edge of nuclear research - Faculty of Science - McMaster University](#) (Faculty of Science - McMaster University/ June 9, 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 - and thanks to members for sharing articles with me as greatly appreciated!

Enjoy the rest of the week and upcoming weekend!



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Building the future together: A conference to remember



Last week, over 3,000 attendees from across the country gathered in Edmonton for FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show, *Building the future together*. Throughout the event, delegates explored solutions to key challenges through engaging workshops, built connections at lively receptions, discovered new tools and innovations at the Trade Show, and gained valuable insights from a lineup of inspiring municipal leaders.

The program featured a range of political keynote speakers, including federal Ministers Gregor Robertson and Dominic LeBlanc, Conservative MP Scott Aitchison, NDP leader Avi Lewis and Green Party of Canada leader Elizabeth May.

» [SEE THE HIGHLIGHTS](#)

NEWS

FCM 2026-2027 election results

At the Annual General Meeting yesterday, delegates from across the country chose their new Table Officers and Board of Directors. We are pleased to announce that we will once again have a strong team working in the best interests of our members in the challenges ahead. Thank you to everyone who has put their name forward.

Here is the composition of the FCM Table Officers for 2026-2027:

FCM President

Tim Tierney, Councillor, City of Ottawa, ON

First Vice-President

Kathy Valentino, President, Association of Manitoba Municipalities, MB

Second Vice-President

Marc Doret, Mayor, City of Dorval, QC

Third Vice-President

Amy Coady, President, Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, NL

Immediate Past President

Rebecca Bligh, Councillor, City of Vancouver, BC

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Streamlining of the Canada Public Transit Fund

Last week, the federal government announced changes to the Canada Public Transit Fund (CPTF), which partially responds to FCM's advocacy to streamline and accelerate transit projects. The new Strong Transit Fund stream of the CPTF simplifies onerous regional planning and reporting requirements. Funds will now flow through the provinces and territories and will continue to fund rural transit projects.

FCM welcomes this announcement as a positive step and will continue to monitor the implementation of this fund. FCM is calling for the federal government to restore the full \$30 billion fund over ten years and add a 3.5% index to ensure the value of the fund over time.

» [READ OUR REACTION](#)

FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards

FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards honour local sustainability initiatives from across the country. Winners are selected by a panel of 12 judges who represent a cross-section of the Canadian sustainability community and whose expertise cover the seven award categories that you can apply to: Sustainable Transportation,

Sustainable Buildings, Community Energy, Climate Adaptation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions, Waste, and Accelerating Net-Zero Transformation.

All Canadian municipalities and their partners are eligible to apply for an award. Don't forget to submit your nomination by June 28.

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Survey: Economic return of municipal infrastructure

FCM and PSD Citywide are researching the economic return that Canada earns from each dollar invested in municipal infrastructure, and your input is needed. Survey findings will support FCM's advocacy on infrastructure funding, including the size and composition of the Canadian municipal infrastructure deficit and the federal investment-return case for closing it.

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes and responses are anonymous. The submission deadline is June 15. Please contact eibrahim@psdcitywide.com if you have any questions.

» [TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

Members from the North (including provincial Norths) are invited to complete a different version of the survey [here](#).

EVENTS

FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference returns in February 2027

Mark your calendars: FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) is coming back to Ottawa, Ontario, from February 8-11, 2027. Early bird registration opens this fall.

Meet hundreds of municipal leaders and changemakers from across the country and discover new ways to tackle your community's most pressing sustainability challenges. Whether you represent a large city or a small, rural or remote community, SCC offers practical tools, peer learning and adaptable approaches grounded in real municipal experience.

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AC IN THE NEWS

More than 3,000 attendees gathered in the City of Edmonton for FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, which took place from June 4 to 7. Ahead of the conference, then President Rebecca Bligh spoke to the importance of AC with [Amanda Lang on her show Taking Stock](#) and [CTV Morning Live](#).

FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus kicked off the conference with a significant announcement on the [importance of strengthening downtown cores](#). Standing united, the mayors laid out three priorities that focused on local infrastructure, housing and homelessness, and transit.

On Friday, FCM [launched the Defence Task Force](#) to strengthen collaboration between local governments and federal partners as Canada works to enhance its defence readiness.

On the final day of the gathering, [Ottawa City Coun. Tim Tierney was elected president](#), succeeding Vancouver Coun. Rebecca Bligh.

RESOURCES

Funding now available: GMF's Accelerating circularity in construction materials

Municipalities need practical ways to reduce construction, renovation and demolition (CRD) waste and keep more materials in use. The Green Municipal Fund's Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials offer delivers funding and cohort support to help communities plan and advance circular approaches for CRD materials.

Eligible applicants can access up to \$100,000 in grant funding (covering 50% to 80% of eligible costs, and up to 100% for Northern and eligible Indigenous first-time applicants), and a 2-year peer learning cohort with guidance. Let's keep more construction materials in use and send less to landfill. Applications are open until June 26.

[» APPLY NOW](#)

Contribute to valuable research on climate action in Canadian communities

The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) is undertaking a new survey of the current state of local climate action in Canada. The insights from this survey will help municipalities achieve ambitious targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. No matter where you are in your climate action journey, we want to hear from you.

Participants will be entered into a draw to win a full-access pass to GMF's Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) in February 2027 in Ottawa. This is your chance to contribute to important research and be part of a cleaner, healthier future.

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From insightful plenaries and study tours to important AGM business and elections, it's been a busy and inspiring last day at [#FCM2026AC](#).

As the Annual Conference and Trade Show comes to a close, we want to thank all the local leaders,

At the [#FCM2026AC](#) Trade Show, Canada's top municipal partners, experts and suppliers are connecting municipal leaders with the solutions they need to address their local challenges.

Our thanks to all the incredible exhibitors who joined us in Edmonton this week.

[EXPLORE](#)

"In a country under strain, FCM is connective tissue."

FCM CEO [Carole Saab](#) addresses delegates at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show earlier today.

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presenters, and the international delegation from Tunisia and Vietnam who joined us in Edmonton and made this week a true success. We'll see you next year in Halifax for [#FCM2027AC!](#)

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Replay your favourite AC2026 moments

More than 3,000 attendees from across Canada gathered in Edmonton last week for *Building the future together*—FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

Delegates connected with federal leaders and representatives, shaped FCM's policy priorities and dug into the challenges and opportunities defining this moment for communities across the country. From building more homes to strengthening local economies to ensuring safe, thriving communities, one message came through clearly: Building the future Canadians deserve will take all of us—a real, modern partnership across governments that matches the scale of the moment.

You were with us in Edmonton? Your favourite keynotes are now available to re-watch and share. You missed AC2026? Dive into our political and FCM leadership keynotes—and get a taste of what's waiting for you in Halifax at AC2027.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



FCM's CEO, Carole Saab, gave her keynote address on the main stage by underscoring that Canada's path forward runs through its communities. She emphasized the central role municipalities play in advancing national priorities and delivering real results—on housing, infrastructure, climate resilience, and public safety—and the need for local voices to help shape federal policy

Minister of Canada–U.S. Trade and Intergovernmental Affairs, Dominic LeBlanc had a fireside chat with now FCM's Past President, Rebecca Bligh, discussing how the government is navigating economic uncertainty with the U.S. by protecting key sectors and strengthening supply-chain through a Team Canada approach that brings all orders of government together.



Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Gregor Robertson, made an announcement on a new funding stream that will help municipalities accelerate local community projects that support housing development and are key to building great places to live.



CPC MP and Shadow Minister for Housing Scott Aitchison's fireside chat with President Tim Tierney focused on how municipalities need the federal government to reduce the burden on local governments by bringing long-term resources, building enabling infrastructure, and designing simpler, right-sized programs that work for smaller and rural communities.





Iqaluit Mayor Solomon Awa spoke about how, across Northern and remote regions, local governments are on the front lines of nation building every day. He emphasized that Northern and Arctic sovereignty depends on communities being able to meet basic needs—starting with safe, affordable homes and reliable services that keep people healthy.

Newly elected **NDP Leader, Avi Lewis**, used his keynote and fireside chat with FCM's 1st Vice-President Kathy Valentino to highlight the party's long-standing ties to municipalities and the growing fiscal imbalance created by decades of federal downloading.



Green Party Leader Elizabeth May focused on climate adaptation in her keynote address on the main stage. She highlighted rising U.S. geopolitical tensions, the need to embed FCM's policy work in federal platforms and budgets, the importance of consensus with all orders of government—including Indigenous partners—and the need to keep rural communities front and centre.

FCM President Tim Tierney's inaugural address touched on how municipal leaders share a unifying mission of building the future together that transcends different communities. He shared his goal to be a relentless champion for our members in Ottawa.



PRESS CONFERENCES



Watch the [Big City Mayors' Caucus press conference](#) where BCMC Chair Mayor Josh Morgan (London, ON), Mayor Andrew Knack (Edmonton, AB) and Mayor Soraya Martinez Ferrada (Montreal, QC) called for federal support to make downtowns more vibrant, for ending homelessness and for providing better funding for infrastructure and public safety.

FCM unveiled its new [Defence Task Force](#) earlier this week, bringing together municipalities that host and support Canada's defence installations and infrastructure. The announcement underscored how local governments are essential to shaping national readiness.



We hope this gave you a taste of this incredibly successful event. You can also catch up on great content produced at the conference and posted on our social media accounts.

Watch for our communications in the coming days and weeks for more highlights from FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show. This includes a special photospread in Municipal World magazine.

Stay tuned!

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Alberta Political News

- **Premier Smith warns Alberta separation could cost \$400 billion**

Smith said Alberta could face roughly \$400 billion in transition costs if it separated from Canada, citing expenses related to establishing new institutions, infrastructure, and services.

- **Former Alberta judge appointed to chair electoral boundaries panel**

Retired Court of Appeal justice Brian O'Ferrall will chair Alberta's electoral boundaries commission, while the NDP raised concerns about impartiality due to his past UCP donations.

- **Poll suggests broad support for applying privacy laws to political parties**

An Ipsos poll found that at least 80 per cent of Albertans believe political parties and candidates should be subject to the same privacy laws as businesses, following a massive voter data breach last April.

Queberta? A New Alliance Takes Shape

The emergence of a closer Alberta-Quebec relationship amid fracturing national unity may seem like one of the more unusual political developments of 2026. Alberta's separatist movement is largely rooted in conservatism and resource development, while Quebec nationalism has traditionally been associated with progressive political culture and a distinct linguistic identity.

Yet beneath those differences lies a surprisingly durable common ground: both provinces have long championed stronger provincial autonomy and have often viewed the federal government with skepticism.

That reality was on display this week as Premier Danielle Smith travelled to Quebec City to meet with Quebec Premier Christine Fréchette. The meeting was

focused on strengthening economic ties, improving interprovincial trade, and exploring areas of common interest around provincial jurisdiction and autonomy.

Smith framed the relationship in warm terms, joking that the alliance could be called "Queberta" while arguing that Alberta and Quebec have more in common than many Canadians assume. "We've both dealt with an Ottawa that has refused to listen to our needs," Smith said during her visit. She also emphasized that Canada's federal system works best when provinces are empowered to make their own decisions.

The timing is notable, with both provinces navigating heated sovereignty debates. Alberta voters will face a referendum question in October that could

lead to a future binding independence vote, while the Parti Québécois continues to lead or remain highly competitive in polls ahead of Quebec's provincial election. The PQ has promised to hold a third sovereignty referendum during its first mandate if elected.

That overlap has led to unexpected political sympathy between some Quebec nationalists and Alberta separatists.

PQ leader Paul St-Pierre Plamondon recently defended Alberta's right to hold a referendum and criticized Prime Minister Marc Carney's warnings about separatism. "We are free to consult our population at any time," he argued, drawing direct parallels between Alberta's debate and Quebec's sovereignty movement. He has also opposed the federal Clarity Act, echoing longstanding Bloc Québécois arguments that Ottawa should not determine whether a province's referendum question or result is sufficiently clear.

While the policy objectives of Alberta and Quebec separatists often diverge dramatically, both movements share a belief that provinces should exercise greater control over their own affairs.

Federal political history shows Conservative/Quebec nationalist alliances are uncommon but surprisingly effective.

Two of the largest majority governments in Canadian history emerged when Quebec nationalists and Conservatives found common cause. In 1958, Union Nationale Premier Maurice Duplessis endorsed John Diefenbaker, helping produce a 208-seat PC majority government. In 1984, Parti Québécois Premier René Lévesque's support for Brian Mulroney helped deliver the largest majority government in Canadian history – 211 seats.

No one is suggesting Smith is on the verge of recreating another grand Alberta-Quebec coalition. Significant differences remain around energy development, climate policy, and economic priorities. But Smith's outreach to Quebec demonstrates a broader strategic reality: provincial autonomy is a hot issue capable of bridging ideological divides that would otherwise seem impossible.

For Alberta conservatives seeking greater leverage within Confederation, Quebec may appear an unlikely partner. But it may also be the most influential one available.

“Patient-Focused Funding”: Progress or Pitfall?

The Government of Alberta has begun implementing its new “patient-focused funding” model in 12 public hospitals, including Edmonton's Royal Alexandra Hospital and Calgary's Rockyview General Hospital.

In practical terms, the model moves Alberta closer to activity-based funding. Rather than relying solely on traditional hospital budgets, providers are funded based on the number and type of procedures they perform. For now, the province has set billable rates for less invasive surgeries, including knee, hip and cataract replacements. Additional procedures, and potentially private providers, may be added later.

Premier Danielle Smith described the change as a

way to improve efficiency, emphasizing that the new model will be gradually rolled out. “This is about getting the level of efficiency up at all of our hospitals,” Smith said.

There is a reasonable case for testing that approach. Alberta's health system faces persistent surgical backlogs, growing demand and significant budget pressures. A funding model that rewards completed procedures could help improve access and make better use of existing operating room capacity. Other jurisdictions, such as France, Germany, and the Netherlands, have used versions of activity-based funding to encourage efficiency, but their experience also shows that design matters.

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The main risk is that the system may reward volume without adequately protecting quality of care. If hospitals are paid primarily for the number of procedures performed, they may be encouraged to prioritize faster, less complex cases, discharge patients too quickly, or place less emphasis on follow-up care. That is especially concerning in a system already facing workforce shortages and capacity constraints.

Opposition NDP hospitals critic Sarah Hoffman has argued the model is not a real solution to bottlenecks in the system, calling for the government to invest in public surgical capacity. “Activity-based funding pushes hospitals towards quicker, less complex procedures at the expense of comprehensive care, proper follow-up and better health outcomes,”

Hoffman said in a statement.

However, simply calling for more public investment is not a complete answer. Expanding surgical capacity also requires trained staff, beds, operating room time and coordination across the system. More money alone will not resolve bottlenecks if Alberta lacks the workforce and infrastructure needed to deliver additional care.

That is why the province’s gradual rollout is important. Patient-focused funding may help wait times and improve system performance, but only if it is tied to clear quality standards, transparent reporting and safeguards for complex patients. Alberta is right to test new incentives. The key is ensuring efficiency, access and quality improve together.

From TV Screens to the Political Scene

Sean Amato’s move from the Alberta Legislature Press Gallery to the Alberta NDP Caucus will almost certainly become a talking point for conservatives who already viewed him as the Legislature’s most oppositional reporter.

Amato announced this week that, after 21 years in journalism, he had “filed my final story” and was “choosing to take a stand for Alberta & Canada.” He later thanked CityNews and his colleagues, saying they had produced “some of the best journalism at #ableg.”

His next role as Director of Communications for the Alberta NDP Caucus will be interpreted very differently depending on one’s political perspective.

For supporters, the move simply reflects a journalist choosing to become more directly involved at a moment when Alberta’s politics is being shaped by separatism, constitutional fights, and increasingly polarized debates. Amato himself hinted at that rationale, writing that he may have found a “better way” to serve Alberta.

For conservatives, the interpretation will be far less charitable.

Amato was already viewed by many inside and around the UCP as aggressive and adversarial. His decision to move directly into a senior communications role with the NDP will give critics an easy argument: that his previous reporting should now be viewed through a partisan lens.

That criticism may be unfair to the broader press gallery, but politically, it will land. Conservatives have long argued that mainstream media institutions are biased against conservative governments. A high-profile legislative reporter leaving journalism to immediately begin working for the Official Opposition will be treated by many on the right as confirmation of what they already believed.

For the Alberta NDP, Amato brings a deep knowledge of the Legislature, strong media instincts, and a demonstrable understanding of how political stories are shaped.

For conservatives, he will likely become Exhibit A in their case against media neutrality.

Alberta's Pipeline Path of Least Resistance

New CBC reporting has offered one of the clearest looks yet at how the Alberta government is thinking about the route of a future oil pipeline to the West Coast. The province is not just looking for a path to tidewater. It is looking for a route through B.C. that can survive local resistance.

According to documents obtained by CBC, Alberta is primarily examining three possible northern routes through British Columbia. One would begin near Fort McMurray and move west toward Prince Rupert. Two others would originate near Fort Saskatchewan and have three potential end points on B.C.'s north coast.

A fourth option through southern B.C., ending near Vancouver, is also being explored and may be preferred by Ottawa. But for Alberta, the northern corridors appear to remain the main focus.

That matters because Alberta has already made progress with the federal government by signing a memorandum of understanding. The harder test may now be in B.C., where the route itself could determine whether the project gains momentum or runs into the same resistance that has stalled pipeline ambitions before.

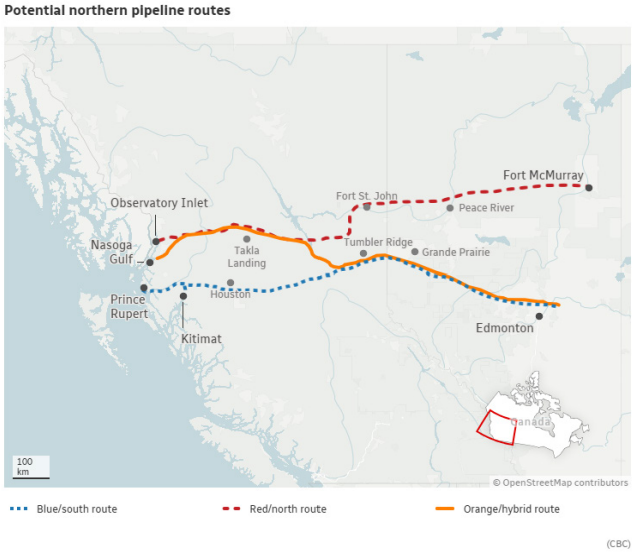
Rather than defaulting to the cheapest or most direct route, CBC's reporting suggests that the province is looking at corridors that pass through areas with a stronger history of supporting resource development. In other words, Alberta may be trying to find the path of least resistance before it files a proposal to the federal Major Projects Office.

Heather Exner-Pirot, a special advisor on energy to the Business Council of Canada, described the approach as a strategic one, noting that the government could have prioritized cheaper routes. "This is a strategic route for political reasons, not for economic reasons. So it will be a bit more expensive, but they must expect that that will save them time and money on the back end," she said.

That also helps explain why the province may submit a broad corridor, rather than a final route, to the Major Projects Office. Premier Danielle Smith's office indicated that a specific route and port could be selected later, giving the federal government more room to maneuver.

For example, Alberta's former deputy energy minister, Grant Sprague, suggested that a northern route that ends near Prince Rupert could give the federal government flexibility on the tanker ban. "If they were to proceed with the northern route through Prince Rupert, at least they can maintain their ban for all of that waterway south of Prince Rupert," Sprague said.

That is the real story in CBC's reporting. Alberta may have Ottawa at the table, but it still needs a route that avoids a political brawl in B.C. The goal is not just reaching the coast; it is getting there with the least resistance.



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WEEKEND *Schedule*

FRIDAY JUNE 19TH, 2026

- 101ST BLOCK PARTY!**
- 5:00PM RIVER DAYS PLAID PARADE
 - 6:00PM JET BOAT SHOW & SHINE
 - NAVS HOCKEY SHOOT OUT
 - LEGION COMEDY & OPEN MIC
 - ART HUB EXHIBIT & VENDORS
 - THRASH & BASH SKATE CONTEST
 - PEACE PRIMATES ARM WRESTLING
 - BEER GARDENS & FOOD TRUCKS
 - LIVE MUSIC & DANCING
 - 11:00PM LAST CALL - TIME TO BOUNCE

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH, 2026

- RIVERFRONT PARK**
- 9:00AM GOLD CUP JET BOAT RACES
 - 10:00AM MANN'S LANDING MARKET
 - RIVERFRONT FUN FAIR
 - MINING FOR MONEY
 - FACE PAINTING
 - RIVER KINGS 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL
 - BOUNCY CASTLES & LASER TAG
 - LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
 - BEER GARDENS & FOOD TRUCKS
 - 4:00PM FOAM PARTY

SUNDAY JUNE 21ST, 2026

- RIVERFRONT PARK**
- 10:00AM GOLD CUP JET BOAT RACES
 - FLAPJACK BREAKFAST
 - 12:00PM PRINCESS PARTY IN THE PARK
 - 1:30PM GARDEN TEA PARTY
 - SUPERHERO SHOWDOWN

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ISED Consultation on Amendments to Cell Tower Siting Process

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) has launched a public consultation on proposed amendments to the federal antenna tower siting requirements. ISED's consultation will remain open until July 16, 2026.

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Building Construction Risk Cycles and Builders Risk Policies

The RMA Insurance team provides insights and best practices around building construction project risk cycles,

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Share Your Experience: Rural Albertan Access to Pharmacy Services

- A team at the University of Alberta is seeking survey responses from Rural Albertans in order to hear about experiences accessing pharmacy services. This will inform a research project related to developing mobile pharmacy units. The survey should take approximately 15-minutes, and participants can enter a draw to win one (1) of four (4) electronic gift cards. [Complete the survey today.](#)

Input Opportunity: Community Resilience - The Role of Distributed Leadership

- Researchers with the University of Alberta are also carrying out research to better understand the role of leadership in Alberta communities. Please complete this survey if you are interested in supporting this research. Participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. [Learn more and complete the survey.](#)

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- **Flood mapping momentum keeps rolling**
- **Conservatives push Ottawa to halt planned closure of agricultural research sites**
- **Alberta public libraries disappointed with passing of Bill 28**
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Ecosystem Services Grant Program - Open for Applications!

- Grant applications are now open. Alberta Environment and Protected Areas will provide funding to municipalities, non-profit organizations and non-governmental organizations to ensure ecosystem services are sustained across the landscape to provide benefits for Albertans. Applications are due by September 15, 2026. **Learn more and apply today!**

New Technical Guidelines on Water Well Monitoring Parameters

- A Water Well Monitoring Parameters Technical Guideline was developed recently by the Technical Advisory Group (TAG). It provides guidance on monitoring water wells used for domestic or livestock purposes located near confined feeding operations or manure facilities that require monitoring. The guideline outlines water well monitoring parameters, sampling methods, frequency and how to interpret the results. **See the**

[news article](#) or jump directly to the [new technical guideline](#).

Research Survey Participants Wanted: Identifying the Reality of Rural Alberta's Environmental Values

- Masters of Science Communication graduate students from Laurentian University are looking for research participants to complete a short survey regarding personal environmental values for their study on rural Alberta. [Access the survey here](#).

Call for Responses from Municipal Administrative Staff: FCM Study

- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is looking to quantify the economic return — in GDP, jobs, business growth, and housing enabled — generated by every dollar your municipality invests in core infrastructure. Findings will be reported in aggregate only, will inform FCM's federal and provincial advocacy in 2026–2027, and will be shared back with participating municipalities. This survey is intended for those in positions such as Directors of Finance, CAOs, and Asset Management Leads. [Learn more and complete the survey](#).

Engagement Opportunity: Agricultural Service Boards

- A survey is being conducted to support meaningful discussion about the role of ASBs, the role of ASBPC, local and provincial communication, and

opportunities to strengthen alignment and collaboration across Alberta's ASB system. The survey is intended to gather individual perspectives and identify themes. It is not intended to create formal positions for any municipality, ASB, or organization. This is the first time the ASBPC is leading strategic planning, and the first time the municipal councils and RMA have been identified as strategic partners. Survey will close June 30. **To access the survey, please contact your municipality's ASB representative.**

IN THE NEWS

- **Supporting conservation in Alberta: Government of Alberta**
- **Alta. farmers encouraged to take vet services survey**
- **Funding model for provincial police draws county attention**
- **Strychnine delays mean it's 'too late' for gopher control this spring, farmers say**
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