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Fox Creek Library unspools a new way to connect

By Valerie Winger

An embroidery class was recently held at the Fox Creek Library, with several participants taking part in the session. The library shared photos from the class and thanked those who attended and participated. Keep an eye out for more embroidery classes coming in the future. The Fox Creek Library also hosts Make and Mingle on the first Monday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m., where residents are welcome to bring their own craft projects and connect with fellow crafters. Activities include crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, colouring, rock painting and more. Questions and new faces are always welcome.



Fox Creek Library photos



Annual Highland Dance Competition returns to Fox Creek

By Valerie Winger

Dancers from across Alberta made their way to Fox Creek on May 24 for the annual Fox Creek Highland Dance Competition. The event brought competitors, families and supporters together for a full day of Highland dancing. Participants travelled from communities around the province to take part in the competition. Following the event, organizers thanked the many volunteers and sponsors who helped make the day possible. "A huge thank you to our sponsors and day-of volunteers," organizers said.



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The competition has become a regular event on the community calendar and continues to attract dancers from outside the region.

Throughout the day, competitors took part in a variety of events while family members and spectators watched from the sidelines.

Organizers also thanked everyone who made the trip to Fox Creek to compete and

said they were pleased with how the day went.

The Fox Creek Highland Dance Competition committee is already looking ahead to next year and hopes to welcome many of the same dancers back for next year's annual event.



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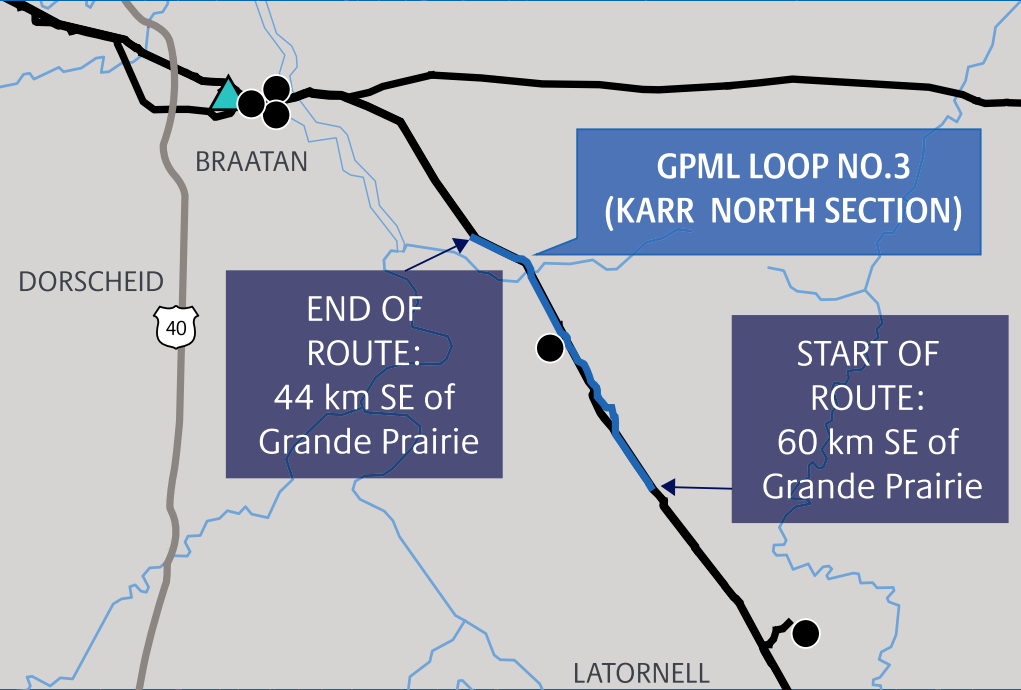
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Valleyview RCMP lay charges in Highway 43 fatal hit and run

By Valerie Winger

Valleyview RCMP have laid charges following a 17-month investigation into a fatal hit and run on Highway 43 between Valleyview and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation.

On Dec. 21, 2024, at about 6:30 a.m., RCMP received a report of a deceased person on the edge of the roadway along Highway 43 between Valleyview and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation.

When officers and emergency responders attended, they located a 34-year-old woman

from Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation. She was pronounced deceased at the scene. The investigation was led by the Western Alberta District General Investigation Section (WADGIS), with assistance from 10 RCMP detachments and units, involving more than 35 members and support staff. Police say the investigation included numerous witness statements.

On May 27, 2026, investigators arrested a suspect in connection with the incident.

A 38-year-old Valleyview man has

been charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death and failure to stop.

The accused was brought before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody. He is scheduled to appear in the Alberta Court of Justice in Valleyview on June 1, 2026.

RCMP thanked members of the Sturgeon Lake community for their assistance in the investigation, saying their support was valuable in helping resolve the file.




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Hillside Cougars win district championship banner



By Haylee
Dianne

The Hillside Cougars junior high track and field team won the district championship banner at the recent district meet following a strong season of competition.

The team showed determination, sportsmanship, and cougar spirit across a range of track and field events throughout the season.

Coaches Cooney and Maxwell supported the athletes throughout the year, organizing after-school practices and preparing the team for competition. Staff volunteers Ms. Danner and Ms. Bainton assisted during the district meet.

Following their district win, the Cougars advanced to zones, which were held in Grande Prairie.



Hillside Jr/Sr High School photos

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The long game: Unpacking the rise in long-term borrowing rates

By Carol Kamel, ATB
ECONOMICS

Long-term government borrowing costs have been moving higher across advanced economies—in some cases sharply. The U.S. 30-year Treasury yield briefly touched 5.2% in May, its highest level since 2007, while Canada's 10-year yield rose to 3.7% in May, a two-year high. Though both have since pulled back, they remain elevated compared to the year prior. The instinct is to attribute this to the war in Iran and its effect on oil prices with investors demanding an “inflation premium”—and that's part of the story. But the data suggests the picture is more layered, and that even a meaningful de-escalation of the war may provide only partial relief on this front.

Understanding what drives long-term yields

To make sense of the current environment, it helps to unpack what actually moves long-term borrowing costs. Economists decompose long-term government bond yields into a few broad components: First, the expected path of short-term real interest rates, which reflects where investors believe the central bank will steer policy based on future economic growth. Second, the term premium—the additional compensation investors require for the risk and uncertainty of locking up their capital over a multi-year horizon rather than rolling over safer, short-term bonds.

The term premium itself reflects several concerns: uncertainty about future inflation that shorter-dated bonds may be underestimating, uncertainty about real economic growth, the credibility of central banks' inflation-fighting abilities, and the ability of markets to absorb the volume of government debt being issued.

The trend predates the conflict

Before the war in Iran began in late

February 2026, long-term yields were already drifting higher. Canada's yield curve had been steepening through 2025, primarily through short-term yields falling as the Bank of Canada cut rates, while long-term yields moved in the opposite direction, consistent with the experience of other advanced economies.

The Bank of Canada's own researchers documented this divergence in a March 2026 article, finding that the Canadian term premium had risen to levels not seen in over a decade, and that this increase has been a global phenomenon.

What's driving it? A key factor identified by Bank of Canada researchers was a growing unease about the market's ability to absorb the large volume of government debt being issued globally. Pandemic-era borrowing raised public debt levels substantially, and new spending pressures—most notably higher defence commitments—have kept issuance elevated. At the same time, central banks have taken a step back from purchasing government bonds and, in some cases, are actively reducing their balance sheets, leaving private investors to absorb a much larger share of government debt. As we've touched on in a previous Twenty-Four, in 2025, gold displaced U.S. Treasuries as the primary reserve asset, signalling yet another shift in how central banks view global risk.

The Iran shock: real, but concentrated

The war has added a layer of complexity, primarily through energy markets. The Bank of Canada's Governing Council explicitly warned that energy price volatility and the potential closure of the Strait of Hormuz represent ongoing upside inflation risks. Canadian headline inflation rose to 2.8% in April, with gasoline prices jumping 29%. However, a

key distinction is worth noting. The Bank of Canada's preferred core inflation gauges—which strip out volatile categories like gasoline—showed that prices excluding gasoline rose 2%, slower than the 2.2% recorded in March, suggesting that knock-on effects from the war have not yet spread broadly.

That has implications for how durable any de-escalation relief might be. A ceasefire or reopening of the Strait of Hormuz would likely ease the inflation expectations component of long-term yields—the part of the term premium reflecting concerns that energy costs bleed into broader prices. Oil markets are sensitive to geopolitical risk, and they tend to respond quickly when those risks recede.

But that would leave the fiscal and debt-absorption concerns intact. Those pre-date the conflict, are shared across advanced economies, and are unlikely to be resolved by a change in Middle East conditions.

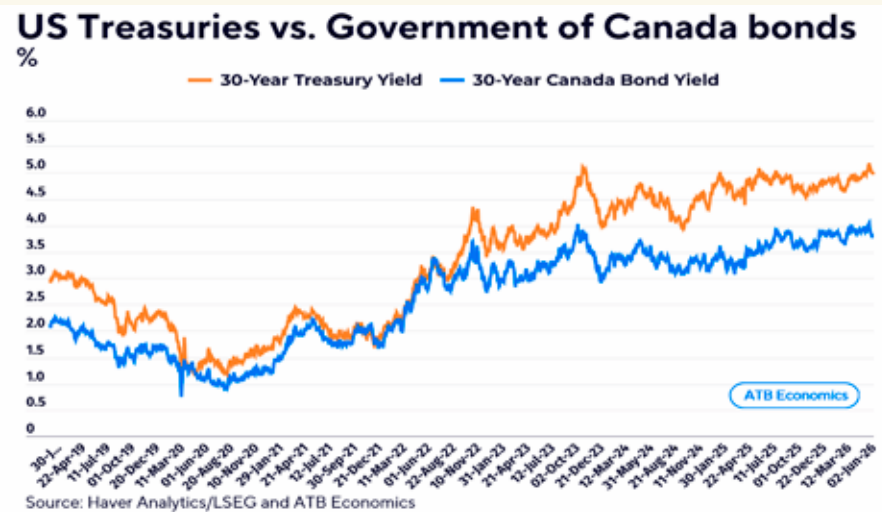
Canada in a global context

The Bank of Canada's research confirms that Canadian term premiums track those of other advanced economies closely—a reflection of Canada's status as a small open economy where global forces heavily influence domestic financial conditions.

Domestically, Canada is projected to have the lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio compared to the other G7 countries. However, Canada's 2026-27 fiscal estimates project \$502.8 billion in spending, including over \$50 billion for national defence—adding supply-side pressure to long-term yields in line with what other G7 governments are experiencing.

The Bank of Canada finds itself navigating a difficult environment: ongoing geopolitical tensions continue to

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Swan Hills athletes qualify for provincials after strong zone meet performance



Swan Hills School photos



By Haylee Dianne

Swan Hills School's senior high track and field team competed at the SSA North Central Zone meet held May 20 at Foote Field in Edmonton.

The team travelled under the direction of

Mr. Linger and took part in a range of events, including javelin, long jump, triple jump, discus, shot put, and the 100-, 200-, 400-, and 800-metre events.

Athletes Barrett Rolof, Jordyn Bruce, Ales Romeo, Iris MacDonald, Jhonny Ayangdo, and Mikey Steele represented Swan Hills in competition.

Jordyn Bruce

qualified for provincials in Calgary, in early June after placing second in the 800-metre event and third in shot put. Mikey Steele also qualified for provincials in javelin, finishing third overall. The team's athletes were noted for their strong performances and for representing both their school and community at the event.



MD of Greenview fires up the grill for Annual Ratepayers' BBQ



By Haylee Dianne

The Municipal District of Greenview is inviting Valleyview area ratepayers to come out and connect with their council and municipal

staff at this year's annual Ratepayers' BBQ. The free event gives local residents a chance to share a meal with their elected officials and catch up with neighbours over a summer evening. The BBQ takes place Tuesday, June 23 at the Greenview Regional

Multiplex in Valleyview, running from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Council members and municipal staff are expected to be on hand to visit with ratepayers throughout the evening. For more information, residents can visit www.mdgreenview.ab.ca.

Town of Valleyview launches online brainstorm board ahead of 2027 budget planning

By Valerie Winger

The Town of Valleyview has launched an online Brainstorm Board, giving residents a chance to share their ideas, suggestions and priorities as the town begins

planning for the 2027 budget. Residents can visit valleyview.ca/brainstorm-board to pick a topic and drop their idea on the board. The town is encouraging public participation, noting that input from

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generate uncertainty, core inflation is well-behaved but headline inflation is elevated, a technical recession, and long-term borrowing costs rising independently of its policy rate decisions. Overall, the transmission of monetary policy to the broader economy has become more complicated. The Bank of Canada will have to balance managing

inflation, and its recent shocks, amidst a stagnating economy.

Observations going forward

What the current episode illustrates is that long-term borrowing costs respond to more than just the near-term inflation or growth outlook—they reflect investor assessments of fiscal trajectories, debt sustainability, and the capacity of markets to

absorb government borrowing over long horizons. The Iran conflict has intensified an existing trend, but the underlying dynamic was already in place. Should tensions ease, the durability of the relief to come will depend more on how governments across advanced economies—Canada included—address the fiscal pressures that were accumulating well before this conflict began.



Non-surgical weight loss option now available in Alberta

AHS Release

Albertans now have access to non-surgical treatment for obesity — a minimally invasive weight-loss procedure performed by bariatric surgery and gastroenterology teams at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty (ESG) reduces the stomach size by suturing it internally. The surgical team inserts a thin flexible tube with a camera down the mouth to reach the stomach. They then use tools through the endoscope to stitch the stomach from the inside to reduce the size of the organ. The procedure typically takes about 90 minutes.

“This procedure is a significant advancement in the field of weight-loss surgery, especially for patients who don’t qualify for traditional bariatric surgery or prefer a less invasive option,” says

Dr. Noah Switzer, upper gastrointestinal and bariatric surgeon. “Rather than having a complex surgery requiring extensive recovery, patients have

access to technology that requires no cuts or incisions that allows them to go home the same or next day.”

For years, Mary-Ann Thurber felt hesitant about the risks associated with bariatric surgery as a long-term weight management treatment. The 65-year-old patient in the Edmonton Adult Bariatric Specialty Surgery Clinic at the hospital found short-term success with appetite suppression medication. She was offered the new procedure as an alternative treatment option.

“Since having the procedure in February, I am sleeping better, I have more energy and ultimately feel better equipped and motivated to manage my weight without the help of appetite suppression medication,” says Thurber. “I’m so grateful this option was available for me in Edmonton.”

Like bariatric surgery, the new procedure makes patients feel full with less food, leading to weight loss and improvement in

weight-related conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and sleep apnea.

“Unlike a laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, where upwards of 80 per cent of the stomach is removed, ESG uses an endoscopic suturing device to fold and stitch the stomach tissue into a smaller shape, keeping the entire organ in place,” says Dr. Kirles Bishay, gastroenterologist at the hospital. “Thanks to new technology, we can reduce the size of the stomach without removing any part of the stomach, meaning ESG patients have a lower risk of surgery and quicker recovery.”

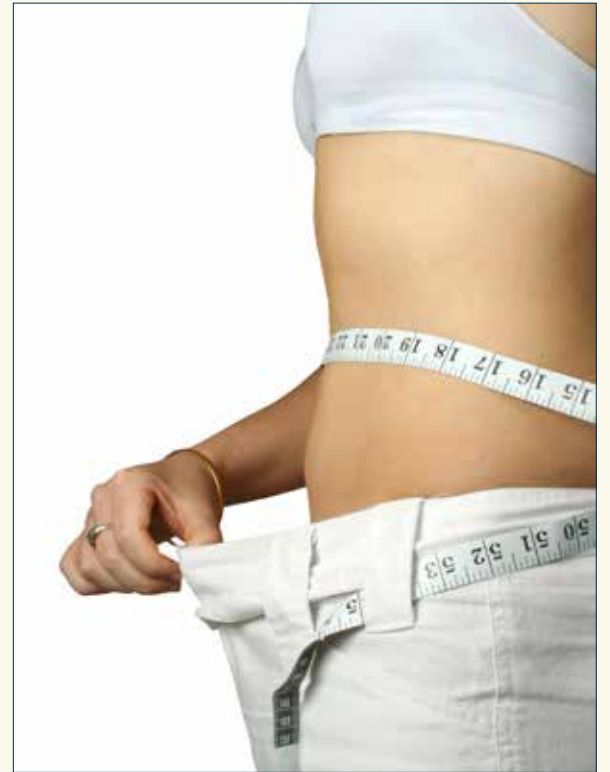
Thurber stopped taking her appetite suppression medication shortly before the ESG procedure and is expected to continue to see some weight loss post-procedure, without the ongoing support of medication.

In the past five years, more patients are finding success with weight management with the increase of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) prescribed

medications on the market; however, stopping the medication can often lead to weight regain.

“There are benefits and risks associated with any medication,” says Dr. Switzer. “ESG should help get patients off lifetime weight management medication and give them a sustainable tool to achieve better health and weight outcomes.”

The endoscopic device, which allows surgeons to suture the stomach from the inside, was approved by Health Canada in February 2024. The endoscopic procedure is jointly performed by a surgeon and gastroenterologist through the Edmonton Adult Bariatric Specialty Surgery Clinic at the Royal Alex, which is the only facility in Alberta where the procedure is performed. Since first performing the procedure in December, the team has completed eight procedures, making the Royal Alex now home to the largest ESG program in Western Canada.



A referral to the Edmonton Adult Bariatric Specialty Surgery Clinic at the Royal Alex by a physician, nurse practitioner, or specialist is required for adults who struggle with obesity and meet clinic criteria. This clinic is a bariatric surgical clinic only. In preparing for bariatric surgery, medical and psychological interventions are provided to patients to ensure they are successful pre- and

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Alberta RCMP strengthening response to organized crime with \$2-million provincial investment

RCMP Release

The Alberta RCMP is enhancing its ability to combat organized crime and gang activity across the province, supported by a \$2 million investment from the Government of Alberta. This targeted funding will equip the Alberta RCMP with modern investigative tools and specialized resources, including advanced surveillance technology, intelligence capabilities, and digital

forensic equipment to tackle increasingly complex criminal networks.

“This funding represents a significant investment in strengthening Alberta’s response to organized crime and gang activity,” said Deputy Commissioner Trevor Daroux, Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP. “It allows us, across agencies and jurisdictions, to respond in a more coordinated, modern, and effective way.”

The Alberta RCMP has allocated part of the funding to establish its new Rural Organized Crime Team (ROCT), a mobile unit made of a core group of officers focused on gang activity and violence linked to drug and firearm offences. The team deploys to communities experiencing highest levels of crime, using data-driven intelligence to identify and target priority offenders causing the greatest harm.

While this new unit has a specific mandate, it will not operate alone. This team will be reinforced by the RCMP’s unique network of specialized units and resources to investigate, disrupt, and dismantle organized criminal activity. The Alberta RCMP will also continue working closely with municipal police partners, provincial agencies, and community stakeholders to strengthen enforcement efforts across

jurisdictions.

“There is no place for organized crime in our communities, our province, or our country,” said Deputy Commissioner Daroux. “The Alberta RCMP is committed to working collaboratively with our policing partners and provincial leaders to disrupt and dismantle crime networks wherever they operate. Together, we are making Alberta stronger and safer for everyone.”

The Government of

Alberta’s investment is part of a broader, \$8 million public safety initiative to equip law enforcement agencies across the province with the tools and coordination needed to address organized crime effectively.

In 2025, there were 490 shootings across Alberta with one third resulting in serious injury or death. The most prolific firearm-related offenders are organized crime groups



Greenview crews to tackle invasive plants in Valleyview



By Haylee Dianne

Greenview crews will be working in Valleyview beginning the week of June 8 as part of an effort to control invasive plant species along road rights-of-way. The work will target plants such as Scentless Chamomile, which municipalities say can spread quickly and take over areas occupied by

other vegetation. The project is being carried out through a partnership between the Municipal District of Greenview and the Town of Valleyview. Officials say cooperation between neighbouring municipalities can help reduce the spread of invasive species and support healthier landscapes throughout the region. Residents may notice crews working in various locations as the project moves ahead.

North Country Fair Supporting Sucker Creek Women's Emergency Shelter

Press Release

The Lesser Slave Lake North Country Community Association (LSLNCCA) is pleased to share that this year's Sunday gate sales at the North Country Fair will support the Sucker Creek Women's Emergency Shelter. Continuing a long-standing tradition of giving back to the community, all proceeds from Sunday admissions will be donated directly to the shelter to help support women and children in need. Known for its multi-genre music, rustic camping, delicious food booths, craft vendors, workshops, children's activities, and welcoming atmosphere, the North Country Fair will take place June 19-21 this year, with gates opening on Thursday, June 18. For those wishing to support the Sucker Creek Women's Emergency Shelter, Sunday admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth ages 13-17. Children 12 & under

and seniors 80 & over are free. In addition to gate proceeds, festival organizers will also be collecting donations from patrons to support individuals accessing emergency shelter services. Requested donation items include: clothing for women and children; boots and shoes; winter gear including ski pants, mitts, toques, and scarves; new socks; new underwear; new bras of all sizes; feminine hygiene products; kitchenware; and small household appliances that are clean and in good working order. "Community support has always been at the heart of the North Country Fair," says LSLNCCA President Toniese Gamblin-Fontaine. "We're grateful for the opportunity to give back and support the vital service that the Sucker Creek Women's Emergency Shelter provides for women and families in our region." For more information about the North Country Fair, please visit the festival's website.

Tri-Steel Salvage opens doors in Fox Creek



By Haylee Dianne

New scrap metal recycling business a welcome addition to the community

The community of Fox Creek has a new business to celebrate, as Cory and Terriann

Masse officially opened the doors of Tri-Steel Salvage. The grand opening marks an exciting milestone for the couple, whose new scrap metal recycling operation is already being seen as a positive addition to the local business community.

Tri-Steel Salvage

offers residents and businesses a convenient and responsible way to recycle scrap metal, supporting both environmental sustainability and the local economy. For those looking to drop off materials, a scrap metal bin is conveniently located outside the gates on Iosegun Lake Road,

making recycling accessible for the wider community. The opening of Tri-Steel Salvage reflects the continued growth and entrepreneurial spirit that Fox Creek and the surrounding area are known for and represents a valuable investment in the community's future.

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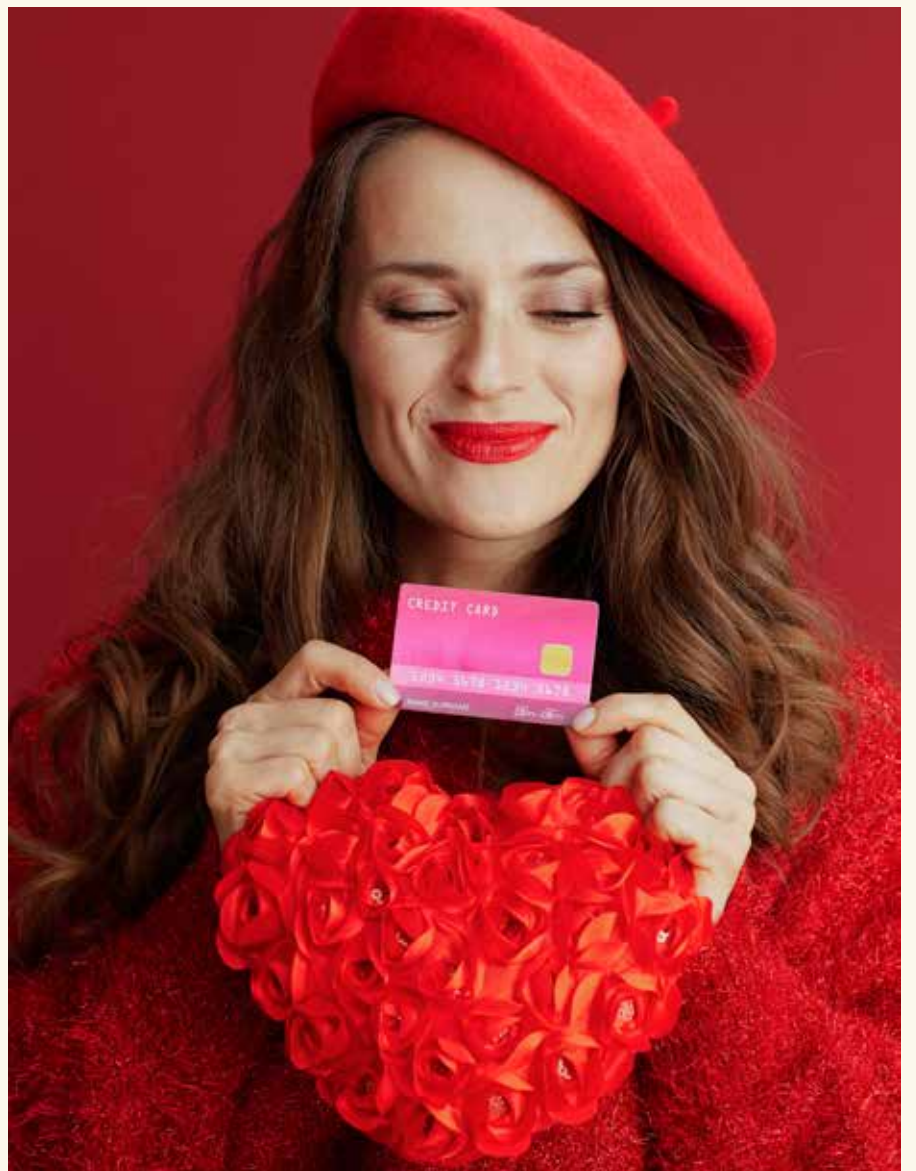
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Practical steps to support your financial well-being



News Canada

Worrying about money is a top concern for many Canadians—42 per cent of us, according to the latest FP Canada Financial Stress Index. When you're feeling constant financial pressure, it can be difficult to know where to start or how to move forward. Taking practical steps and focusing on what you can control can make a meaningful difference. Here are some things to consider:

Set clear financial goals

Clear goals provide direction. They help you define what you want to achieve, when you want to achieve it and what resources you can commit. For example, saving for a home may require a shorter timeline and disciplined contributions towards a down payment, while saving for education or retirement may involve a longer-term investment approach. As you go through different life stages, your financial priorities will likely shift—review your

goals regularly to verify that your plan reflects your current needs and circumstances.

Save with intention, no matter the amount

Saving doesn't have to start with a large amount to make a difference. Building the habit of saving regularly can be more important than the dollar figure itself. Small, consistent contributions can help create momentum and support longer-term financial stability, especially when directed into savings and investment accounts such as a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP), tax-free savings account (TFSA) or first home savings account (FHSA). Over time, those contributions will grow by earning returns on both your original savings and past growth.

Build an emergency fund

An emergency fund can help you prepare for unexpected expenses or events. As a general rule, it's a good

idea to have three to six months' worth of expenses saved and easily accessible. This can provide a buffer during uncertain times and reduce the need to make rushed financial decisions, such as selling investments or taking on additional debt.

Seek professional financial advice

You don't have to navigate financial decisions on your own. Working with a financial advisor can help clarify your goals, understand your options and build a plan that reflects your personal situation and priorities. In addition to professional advice, Canadians can also access educational information through trusted public resources, such as those provided by the Government of Canada, to better understand key financial concepts and planning considerations.

Financial well-being is a journey, and small steps can make a meaningful difference. Find tools and resources to support your next steps at cooperators.ca.



Fox Creek Welcomes Bitdeer with official groundbreaking ceremony



Town of Fox Creek photos



By Haylee Dianne

A major new energy and technology development officially broke ground near Fox Creek on June 1, marking the start of construction on Bitdeer Technologies

Group's first facility in Canada. The ceremony brought together Alberta Ministers Todd Loewen and Dale Nally, Fox Creek Mayor Sheila Gilmour, Greenview Reeve Ryan Ratzlaff, Fox Creek Councillor Kim Norman, members of Bitdeer's global

leadership team, and local industry and municipal representatives. The project, known as Bitdeer Fox Creek, will include a natural gas power plant and a 100-megawatt data centre designed to support Bitcoin mining operations as well as future high-performance

computing and artificial intelligence applications. Once completed, the facility is expected to operate with on-site power generation and will be built to support large-scale digital computing demand.

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Four reasons to work in industries contributing to sustainability

News Canada

Canada is committed to working towards net-zero emissions, and there's action underway across the country. Many industries are shifting to become more sustainable and offering new opportunities for building a rewarding career while making a positive impact on the environment. Here are some reasons to dedicate your skills to Canada's low-carbon transition:

1. Your skills are in demand. It's an exciting time to be looking for jobs in Canada's natural resource and low-carbon industries, which are some of the country's emerging and fastest-growing sectors. That's creating



a demand for skilled workers in a wide variety of fields. There are jobs available in nuclear and renewable energy, forestry, mining and critical minerals, electric vehicle design and energy storage, green buildings and carbon

management, to list just a few. **2. There are high-quality jobs available.** One thing you may not know about working in the energy and natural resource sector is that it often pays well. Many of those

jobs also offer protection and support that help employees stay secure and succeed at work – such as transportation support, mental health services, health benefits, pension plans and more. **3. Many of the jobs**

are within reach. Many of the job and career opportunities in Canada's low-carbon energy, natural resource, construction, manufacturing and transportation sectors require only light upskilling or retraining from your current credentials. Many roles don't demand extensive technical expertise, and let you leverage many transferable skills, such as project and logistics management, digital literacy and problem-solving. There are also numerous opportunities for those with a trades background. For example, HVAC technicians can shift to working with heat pumps through short, targeted training that builds on the

skills they already use daily. **4. You can make a difference. Building a career is also about being proud of your work.** Being part of advancing Canada's environmental objectives means putting your labour toward building a better future for yourself and your community. The advances being made and infrastructure being created today are laying a foundation for everything that will come next. You could be supporting climate adaptation, helping to make our communities more resilient and preserving our natural beauty for future generations. You can learn more about rewarding career opportunities at canada.ca/sustainablejobs.

Got your tax notice yet? Valleyview's deadline is coming fast

By Valerie Winger

The Town of Valleyview mailed its 2026 combined assessment and tax notices on May 28. Under the rules governing such notices, all assessed property owners are considered to have received their notice from that date forward — meaning the clock is already running. Property taxes support local services,

infrastructure maintenance, and community facilities. It falls on each ratepayer to ensure their taxes are paid on time. Anyone who has not received a notice in the mail should get in touch with the Town Office to request a copy. The deadline to pay property taxes in full is July 31, 2026. Residents who disagree with their assessment have until August 4 to file an

appeal. Appeals must be submitted to the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board using the prescribed Assessment Review Board Complaint Form, which is available at the Town Office. There is a fee to file, set by Council, though the fee is returned to the ratepayer if their appeal is successful. A word of caution for recent buyers and sellers

Property owners who have purchased or sold real estate in recent months should take note of a complication that has nothing to do with the Town itself. Alberta Land Titles is currently running behind on processing land title transfers. As a result, some people who have purchased property in 2026 may not receive a tax notice for that property, while

others may still receive a notice for a property they have already sold. The Town has made clear it is not responsible for provincial processing delays and that the July 31 due date stands regardless. Anyone who recently purchased a property and has not received a 2026 tax notice is asked to contact the Town Office as soon as possible. Late payments will be

penalized. Taxes not paid by July 31 will have a ten percent penalty applied starting August 1. Any amount still outstanding after that will see another five percent penalty added on September 1. For taxes already in arrears, a one percent penalty is applied on the first day of every month, with an additional five percent penalty added on January 1.

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Construction is expected to begin immediately, with the project planned to come online in 2027. The development represents an estimated \$214 million investment and will be located approximately 1.5

kilometres from the Town of Fox Creek. According to project details, the construction phase is expected to create around 300 jobs, with approximately 30 long-term positions once the facility becomes operational. Bitdeer has also indicated that local contractors

and services will be prioritized where possible. The project operates under Alberta's "bring-your-own-generation" framework, meaning the facility will generate its own electricity on-site rather than drawing primary power from the provincial grid, while

maintaining the ability to interact with the grid when required. Municipal and provincial officials in attendance highlighted the project as an example of new investment in the region, combining traditional energy development with emerging digital infrastructure

industries. Bitdeer officials have also outlined environmental measures for the site, including plans for efficient cooling systems, ongoing monitoring, and potential future carbon capture integration. The Fox Creek facility is part of Bitdeer's broader expansion into

energy-supported computing infrastructure and will be its first development of this kind in Canada. Once operational, the site will add to the growing number of projects in Alberta that integrate energy production with large-scale data processing infrastructure.

Subdivision Planning supports future growth in Valleyview

By Valerie Winger

Subdivision planning is one of the municipal services being highlighted by the Town of

Valleyview as it provides residents with information ahead of the 2027 budget process. The service involves reviewing proposed

subdivisions to help ensure infrastructure and land use are planned appropriately. The goal is to support sustainable growth while helping

the community prepare for future development. The Town says proper subdivision planning helps guide how land is developed and ensures

important considerations such as infrastructure requirements are addressed as growth occurs. Residents are invited

to share their feedback and ideas as the Town continues providing information about municipal services and operations.

Hydrant flushing program underway in Valleyview



By Haylee Dianne

The Town of Valleyview's hydrant flushing program began June 2 and is expected to continue until the end of July.

The routine maintenance program is designed to improve water quality, remove sediment from watermains, and ensure fire hydrants are functioning properly for emergency use.

Crews started work in

Zone H (Industrial) and will continue moving through the community, eventually reaching residential areas as the program progresses.

Hydrant flushing involves opening fire hydrants to allow water to flow through the system at high velocity. This process helps remove sediment buildup within watermains and supports the overall performance and reliability of the water system.

Residents may notice temporary discolouration or cloudiness in their water while flushing is taking place in

their area. If this occurs, officials advise running cold water taps until the water runs clear. The water remains safe to use.

The program will continue through the end of July, with work progressing through designated zones depending on scheduling and conditions.

A detailed zone map and additional information are available on the Town of Valleyview website. Residents with questions or concerns can contact Utility Services at 780-524-5156.

Fox Creek playground gets \$10,000 boost for inclusive upgrades



Town of Fox Creek photo.



By Haylee Dianne

A \$10,000 cheque from Canadian Natural

Resources to the Town of Fox Creek, with support from Alberta Safety Control and D&D Well Services, will go toward upgrades for the Inclusive Playground

Project.

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MP Viersen welcomes local Olympian to Parliament



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Press Release

On May 27, the House of Commons welcomed Canada's Olympic and Paralympic athletes who competed in the Milano Cortina

2026 Olympic Winter Games.

More than 140 Olympians and Paralympians were on Parliament Hill after bringing home 21 and

15 medals respectively for Team Canada at these Games.

"I was delighted to once again welcome our very own three-time Canadian

Olympian Melissa Lotholz to Ottawa and Parliament Hill," said Peace River - Westlock MP Arnold Viersen. "I had the chance to introduce my daughter and

her friend to Melissa and it is inspiring to see the next generation connect with athletes like Melissa who make Canada proud."

"From a family farm

outside Barrhead to her third Olympics, Peace River - Westlock was cheering for Melissa Lotholz at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympics.

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