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Division One students celebrate year of learning with fun-filled activities



By Valerie Winger

Swan Hills School Division One students wrapped up the school year by celebrating their accomplishments with a series of activities and memorable experiences.

Throughout the year, students faced several interruptions but continued to show

perseverance, flexibility and dedication to their learning.

As part of their year-end celebrations, students travelled to Whitecourt on June 22, where they spent the day enjoying activities at the Allen and Jean Miller Centre. The students had the opportunity to swim in

the pool, enjoy the lazy river, ride the slide and relax in the hot tub.

The afternoon continued with a trip to the movie theatre, where students enjoyed popcorn while watching Toy Story.

On June 24, students continued the celebrations

closer to home with a walk to the Swan Hills Community Park, where they spent time laughing, playing and creating memories with their classmates.

The activities marked a fun and positive end to a year of learning and growth for the Division One students.

Community newspapers face new reality as flyer industry shifts

By Valerie Winger

Community newspapers across Canada are facing one of the biggest changes to their business model in decades as the traditional flyer distribution system moves away from local publications.

The recent announcement that the Free Press Community Review in Winnipeg will cease publication has raised concerns throughout the newspaper industry about the challenges facing weekly newspapers across the country.

The closure follows a major shift by TC Transcontinental, which has expanded its Raddar flyer distribution platform. Instead of many flyers being delivered through community newspapers, flyers are now being bundled and delivered directly to households through Canada Post.

For many community newspapers, flyer revenue was much more than an advertising opportunity. It helped support the cost of printing and delivering newspapers each week and played an important role in keeping many free publications operating.

FP Newspapers, publisher of the Winnipeg Free Press, said its flyer business declined rapidly following the change and announced that the Community Review would publish its final edition. The company also said the transition would affect delivery contractors and employees.

The impact is being felt

New LED lighting systems installation



Town of Fox Creek
press release

The Town of Fox Creek has completed energy efficiency upgrades at the Community Hall and Public Works Shop through the installation of new LED lighting systems.

The project replaced

existing lighting fixtures with modern LED technology, reducing electricity consumption while improving lighting quality in both facilities. These upgrades will help lower the Town's operating costs through reduced energy consumption while supporting its

commitment to responsible environmental stewardship.

"Investing in energy-efficient infrastructure helps us reduce operating costs while improving the facilities our residents and staff rely on every day," said Jaden Marshall, Director of Operations for the Town

of Fox Creek. "These LED lighting upgrades are a practical improvement that will provide long-term savings while reducing our environmental footprint. The improved visibility in the Public Works Shop creates

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Paramedics in dispatch centers showing positive results

EHS Alberta Press Release

Emergency Health Services Alberta recently launched its paramedic-led clinical triage model, under which Advanced Care Paramedics (ACPs) based in Alberta Emergency Communications Centres conduct clinical assessments to support the triage and management of emergency calls.

Following initial 911 call handling, ACPs are connected with lower-acuity callers to conduct a more in-depth assessment and identify appropriate alternative care pathways, reducing demand on emergency resources and emergency departments.

Since launching on May 26, 2026, the clinicians working in dispatch have reviewed close to 6000 emergency calls, representing 8.9% of all 911 demand. Through clinical assessment, 40% were safely referred to alternative care options such as self-care advice, sending alternative response vehicles,

primary care referrals, Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH), and taxi transportation, reducing reliance on ground ambulance resources while ensuring the remaining 60% still received an ambulance response when clinically appropriate.

Based on models used in other leading jurisdictions such as Saskatchewan, Niagara Region, Wales and New Zealand, Advanced Care Paramedics are embedded within Alberta's Central Communications Centre (CCC) and Southern Communications Centre (SCC). They use their clinical expertise and the Emergency Communication Nurse System (ECNS), a structured clinical assessment tool, to triage low-acuity patients.

"Our paramedics in dispatch provide self-care advice and reassurance to callers while confirming clinical acuity and priority, ensuring patients who do require EMS receive an appropriate response," says Les Fisher,

Managing Director and Chief, EHS Alberta. "Safely identifying cases that can be closed without ambulance dispatch helps keep ambulances available for when they are truly needed."

Emergency response vehicles will always be available for patients with high-acuity needs and patients with unknown or suspected high-acuity conditions will continue to be transported by ambulance.

The expansion of paramedic-led clinical triage is part of Alberta's ongoing efforts to improve response times, reduce unnecessary emergency department transport, improve patient flow and strengthen emergency health services across the province.

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NOTICE TO CITIZENS

Notice of Meeting

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August 21 & 22, 2026

Slave Lake, Alberta

In accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Otipemisiwak Metis Government, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Métis Nation within Alberta will gather for the 98th time at the annual Citizens' Gathering of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to be held on August 21 & 22, 2026 at Slave Lake, Alberta.

In accordance with the Constitution and Self-Government Act, Citizens of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government who attend the Citizens' Gathering shall have the opportunity to present and vote on Citizens' Proposals.

In accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and the Citizens' Gathering Rules of Procedure all copies of proposed Special Resolutions must be provided by email to the Chair of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government via Chair@metis.org no later than 3:00 PM on July 24, 2026.

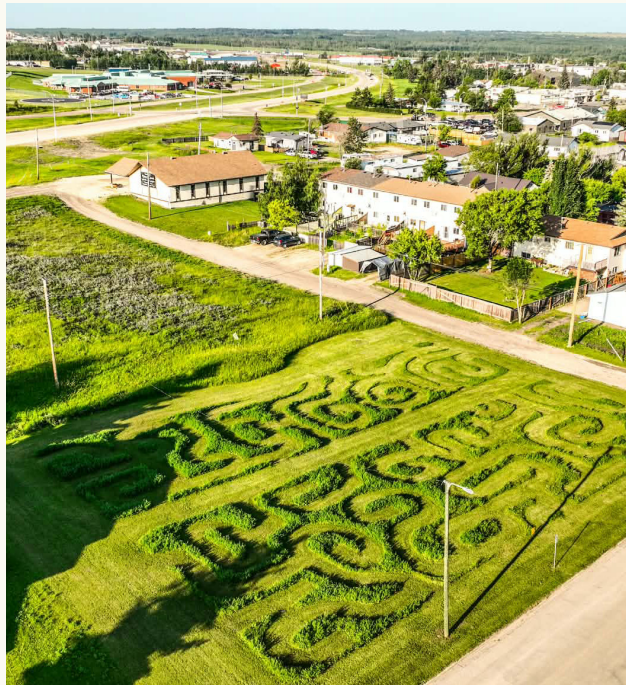
Learn more about the Citizens' Proposal & Special Resolution processes here:
AlbertaMetis.com/Citizens-Gathering-2026

Dated this 8th day of July, 2026 at Edmonton, Alberta.


Garrett Tomlinson, Chair, Otipemisiwak Métis Government



There's a maze cut into the grass by St. Rita's — and it's tougher than it looks



By Valerie Winger

If you've driven past St. Rita's Catholic Church on 51 Avenue in Valleyview lately, you might've noticed something new growing next door — a full-size grass maze, cut right into the field.

It's the work of Toughy's Handyman Services, and it's open

for anyone who wants to give it a try. Kids, parents, grandparents, the maze doesn't care how old you are, just whether you can find your way through.

Bring a lawn chair if you're not the one running the maze. There's not a lot of shade out there, so a sunshade or umbrella isn't a bad idea either. Plenty of people

are just coming out to sit, watch, and cheer on whoever's brave enough to tackle it.

If you make it through — or get hopelessly lost trying — snap a photo. People are sharing their runs online with the hashtag #Toughys HandymanServices.

The aerial shot making the rounds, showing the whole maze layout from

above, was taken by Ken from Northstar.

The maze was built by Lawrence Tough, who put it together and is letting the whole community come use it. It's a fun bit of extra effort on his part — cut right into the field, free for anyone who wants an afternoon out with the family.

So — have you got what it takes to beat the maze?

AND TO: GILLES BASTIEN

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff, JOSEPH BRADETTE, has commenced an action against you in the Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Calgary, court action number 2501-10854 naming you, GILLES BASTIEN, a Defendant and claiming damages which resulted from a motor vehicle accident that occurred on or about the 28th day of August 2023, when a 2003 CHEVROLET motor vehicle, operated by you, at or near Highway 40 and Highway 532, north of Crowsnest Pass, in the Province of Alberta, suddenly and without warning struck the front of the Plaintiff's motor vehicle, that being a 2014 FORD motor vehicle that was owned and operated by JOSEPH BRADETTE, thereby causing injury and loss to the Plaintiff.

AND TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to an Order of the Court, you are given ⁴⁰20 days from the date of publication of this Notice within which to file in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Court House, 601-N, 601 – 5 Street SW, Calgary, AB, T2P 5P7, a Statement of Defence or Demand Notice, otherwise judgment may be entered against you without further notice. A copy of the Statement of Claim and Notice to Defendant may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly & Kelly.

DATED at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, this 9th day of July, A.D 2026.

APPROVED: July 14, 2026 Applications Judge S.C. Latimer

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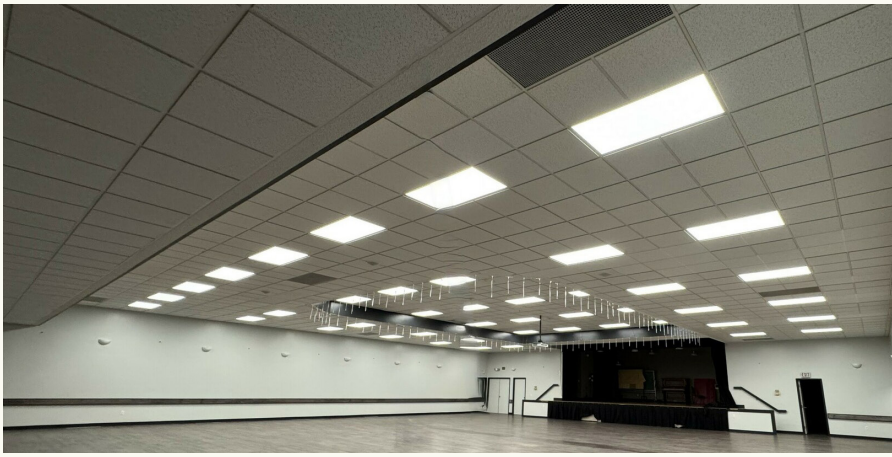
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a safer workplace for our employees, and the Community Hall has never looked better."

The project was completed with support through the Community Energy Conservation Program. The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre is a partnership between

Alberta Municipalities, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Government of Alberta.

Grant funding for the LED lighting upgrades at the Community Hall and Public Works Shop was provided by the Government of Alberta and is expected to generate ongoing savings through reduced electricity costs. The

Town of Fox Creek extends huge thanks to the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre and its partners for supporting projects that improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and help municipalities manage operating costs while investing in sustainable community infrastructure.

Hands-on craft night draws residents to Fox Creek Library



Fox Creek Library photos



By Haylee Dianne

Residents gathered at the Fox Creek Library for a creative evening during the library's Mini Beaded Plant Night, where participants crafted their own unique beaded plants.

The program

brought together community members for an evening filled with creativity, conversation and laughter as attendees designed colourful keepsakes to take home. The event offered participants an opportunity to enjoy a hands-on activity while connecting with others in a welcoming setting.

Library staff said it was rewarding to see

so many people taking part in the program and enjoying the evening together. The event was another example of the library's ongoing efforts to provide engaging activities for the community.

The Fox Creek Library continues to host a variety of programs and events throughout the year for residents of all ages.

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across the country.

Postmedia has also announced it is leaving the flyer distribution business in Canada, a decision that will affect hundreds of distribution jobs. The company said the change reflects shifting consumer habits and changes in the media landscape.

For decades, many free community newspapers relied on a familiar model. Newspapers were printed, delivered to local households and supported by advertising revenue, including flyers from major retailers.

That model allowed many publishers to provide free newspapers while covering the costs of production and

distribution.

The loss of flyer revenue, combined with rising printing costs and changes in advertising, has forced publishers to look at new ways of operating. News Media Canada has warned that the loss of flyer revenue could create additional financial pressure for community newspapers and could lead to further job losses in the industry.

Across Canada, many newspapers are now looking at a combination of print and digital options, including online news, email newsletters and digital editions.

The transition will not be easy for many publishers, but community newspapers continue to

adapt to changes in how readers and advertisers connect.

The future of local newspapers may look different than it has in the past, but the goal remains the same, continuing to provide local information to the communities they serve.

The challenges facing community newspapers are not new. Across Canada, hundreds of local news outlets have closed over the past several years as publishers have faced rising costs, changing advertising patterns and shifts in how readers access news. According to the Local News Research Project, 440 community newspapers had closed between 2008 and October 2025.



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Alberta Health Services Public Service Announcement

AHS Press Release

How to stay out of the emergency department this summer

Note: Alberta Health Services has an emergency department physician available in Calgary and Edmonton to speak to media on this topic. Please reach out to the media relations team to schedule an interview.

ALBERTA – While many people look forward to a slower pace during the summer months, emergency departments often see the opposite.

Warmer weather brings more outdoor activities, sports, travel and time on the water, all of which can contribute to an increase in injuries and illnesses that send thousands of people to Alberta

emergency departments each summer.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) reviewed the most common injuries that our healthcare teams see at some emergency departments (ED) in Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray. Between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2025, more than 33,000 ED visits were recorded at 13 AHS EDs for the six most common injury categories. On average, that

represents more than 350 visits per day. These categories often include common summer-related injuries such as:

- Arm, wrist and hand injuries, often related to sports, cycling, playground activities and falls – 8,781
- Leg, ankle and foot injuries, including sprains, fractures and other injuries from outdoor recreation and physical activity – 8,562
- Cuts, lacerations and puncture wounds that occur during yard work, home

improvement projects, camping and recreational activities – 6,130

- Head injuries resulting from falls, collisions and recreational incidents – 4,717
- Major trauma injuries associated with higher-impact incidents such as vehicle collisions, cycling crashes and other serious accidents – 3,463
- Allergic reactions particularly from insect stings, bites and outdoor environmental exposures – 1,511

A few simple precautions can make a big difference:

- Wear a helmet when cycling or riding an e-scooter
- Use appropriate protective equipment for sports and

recreational activities

- Keep tools in good condition when completing home projects
- Supervise children closely outdoors and keep young children within arm's reach when near water
- Protect yourself from excessive sun exposure. Stay hydrated, wear sunscreen and seek shade when possible
- Stay aware of your surroundings when hiking, swimming or participating in summer activities
- Take extra precautions and make safe choices when alcohol is part of summer activities

Summer safety isn't limited to injury prevention. It is also important to know when emergency care is needed. Seek immediate

medical attention for serious injuries, major bleeding, chest pain, difficulty breathing, signs of stroke, loss of consciousness or any other life-threatening condition.

People with known allergies should carry prescribed medications, including epinephrine auto-injectors, if recommended by their healthcare provider, and seek immediate medical attention if they have trouble breathing, swelling of the face or throat, or signs of a severe allergic reaction.

Alberta Health Services provides acute care services for more than five million Albertans at hospitals, urgent care centres and health centres across the province. Our mission is to provide excellent and accessible patient-focused healthcare for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait times, increasing access to surgeries and improving patient flow.



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Scam text messages circulating about your Alberta Health number

Press Release

The Better Business Bureau issued an alert today after reports about fake texts being sent out about Alberta Health identification.

"This is another phishing scam that every Albertan should be aware of," says Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen, President and CEO of BBB Serving Alberta and East Kootenay. "The scammers are sending out texts claiming Albertans have to update their personal information because health cards issued before January 2023 are invalid."

She adds, "There are often clear indications of phony texts. In this case it says it's official communication from the government of Canada. Health is a provincial jurisdiction. Another indication is an email attached to the text which is from a large private email provider. Delete this text - do not engage."

Protecting yourself from fake text message scams:

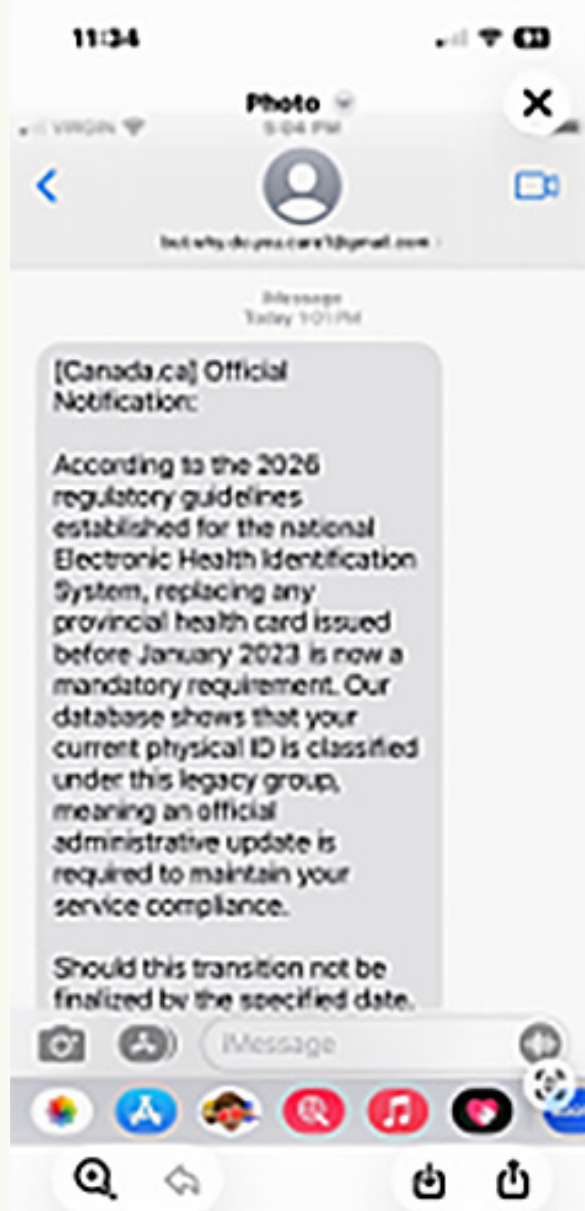
- Don't trust unsolicited messages. Scammers will try to get you to click a link or call a number in a text message claiming you've won a great prize, your subscription account is about to be deactivated, or there was a problem delivering a package

to your home. They may even claim fraudulent activity has been detected on your account and tell you to "Act now!". Before you get too worked up and respond, ask yourself, "Did I give this company permission to text me? Did I enter a contest recently? Am I expecting a package? Is it normal for this business to send me messages?" If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is. If you receive an unsettling text message from a company you do business with, but they never texted you in the past, look up their contact information on their official website and get in touch to find out what the message is really about.

- Watch out for suspicious links. Most scam text messages contain a link for you to click on. Scammers hope their message will cause you to feel so scared or excited you'll click the link without thinking. Some of these links could download malware onto your device. Others may lead you to lookalike websites where scammers hope to harvest your personal information, login ID, and passwords.
- Know that a

personalized message doesn't make the sender trustworthy. Thanks to data breaches and online directories at least some of your personal information is probably online. Scammers may have access to your name, address, where you bank, your phone provider and other details about your life. They may include some of this information in their text to appear more legitimate. When in doubt, contact the businesses directly to find out if they really tried to contact you.

- Look for spelling and grammar errors. A large number of fake texts originate with offshore companies where they may be crafted by someone who isn't completely fluent in the English language. Some scammers are highly skilled in English and it may even be their first language, so not every fake text you receive will follow this rule. Still, legitimate companies usually hire professional writers and editors to craft their business communications, so if you notice strange phrasing along with spelling and grammar errors, you're probably dealing with a scammer.
- If a website looks



real, check again. If you do click on a link in a suspicious text message and it appears to take you to an official business website, don't feel safe straightaway. Scammers can create a carbon copy of a legitimate website and if you login on the fake site they can steal your username

and password. Check the URL carefully to make sure you are on the official website before you navigate within it.

- Look up phone numbers before you call. Scammers may prompt you to call a number, claiming you need to resolve some kind of issue or register to receive

a prize. They may do so under the guise of a real business, so always double check any numbers they send you before you call. If the scammer gets you on the line, they'll likely ask you to "confirm your identity" by telling them your PIN, password, social security or social insurance number, or other personal details. No legitimate company will ever ask you to reveal your security information over the phone. If you realize you're talking to a scammer, hang up and block the number.

- If you spot a scam text, don't reply. Some scammers ask you to text "STOP" or "NO" so you won't receive future texts. In reality, your reply tells them they have a real, active phone number and could open you up to future attacks. If a text message seems suspicious, don't reply. Block the number and erase the message.
- Keep your antivirus software up to date. Antivirus software can alert you to fake and unsafe websites if you happen to click on a link in an unsolicited text message. Keep the software installed and up to date to protect yourself against scammers.

Council kicks in \$1,000 for Vipers Swim Meet

By Valerie Winger

M.D. of Greenview council has approved \$1,000 to help offset facility rental costs

for a regional swim meet co-hosted by the Valleyview Vipers Swim Club and the Fairview Swim Club.

The meet runs July 25 and 26 at the Fairview Regional Aquatic Centre. Organizers expect about 200 swimmers, along

with officials, families and spectators. Council says the event gives local youth a chance to develop their skills,

compete and stay active. The money is coming from the 2026 Community Services Sponsorships budget,

in recognition of the event's value to youth recreation and regional community connections.

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Simms family wins Swan Hills Pool Treasure Hunt



By Haylee Dianne

The Simms family was recognized after winning the Swan Hills Swimming Pool Treasure Hunt, a community activity that began June 30.

Participants received a new clue each Tuesday from the Town of Swan Hills office and searched for hidden black boxes marked with pool treasure hunt labels. Clues collected throughout the event helped participants locate the final box, which was returned to the town office to claim the prize.

Jill, Foster and Spencer Simms successfully completed the hunt and were awarded a new paddle board. The Town of Swan Hills congratulated the family on their win, praising their detective skills and participation in the community event.



Town of Swan Hills photo

Walking a fine line: Bank of Canada stays on pause

By Rob Roach, ATB ECONOMICS

As was widely expected, the Bank of Canada announced this morning that it is leaving its trend-setting policy interest rate unchanged at 2.25%—its sixth consecutive pause. The last time the Bank changed the policy rate was on October 29, 2025, when it reduced it by 25 basis points to its current level.

With the Canadian economy showing some signs of life in the second quarter and the inflationary heat of the Iran war not yet passing through to core inflation, the Bank didn't feel compelled to raise the rate (to cool inflation) or

lower the rate (to stimulate the economy).

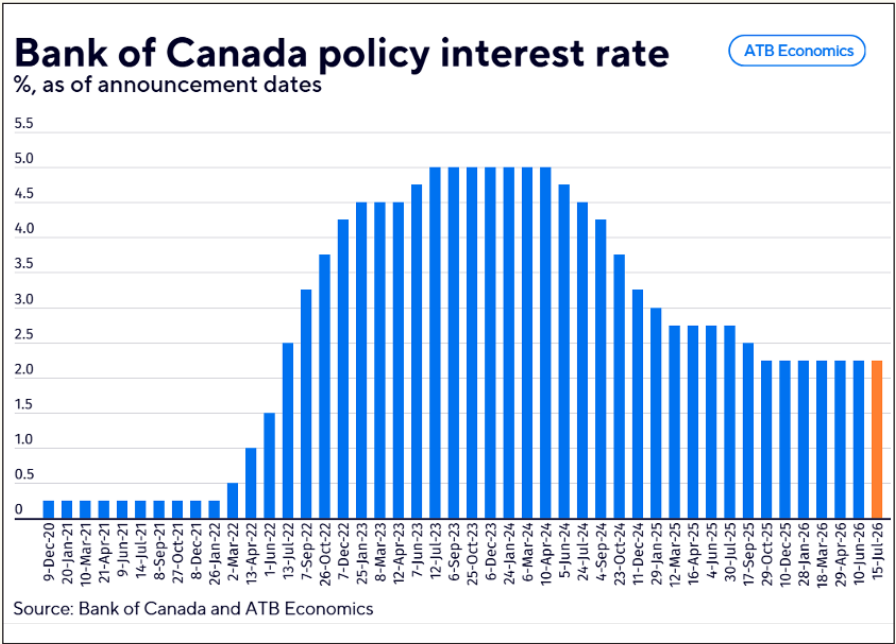
Both of these trends, however, are far from stable. The Canadian economy looks to be growing again, but not by a lot, and it wouldn't take much to throw it off course. Inflation staying in check requires things to normalize in the Strait of Hormuz, but when this will happen remains uncertain with missiles flying again earlier this week. As the Bank said in its announcement this morning: "The path for global inflation is highly dependent on how the conflict unfolds."

So what is the Bank of Canada saying might be next? It sounds like it is content to continue

to leave rates alone: "Governing Council judges the current policy rate remains appropriate to sustain the economic recovery and bring inflation back to the 2% target." At the same time, if the Canadian economy falters or inflation doesn't cooperate, the Bank "is prepared to adjust monetary policy as needed."

Bottom line: We continue to see the Bank holding this year and then raising the policy rate next year to 2.75%—the midpoint of the neutral range (2.25-3.25%).

The next scheduled date for announcing the overnight rate target is September 2, 2026.



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Valleyview waterworks system receives approval amendment

By Valerie Winger

The Town of Valleyview has received an amendment to its existing Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA) approval for the Valleyview Waterworks System.

The amendment allows the Town to use chloramination as a secondary disinfectant in the drinking water treatment and distribution system. According to the Town,

chloramination combines chlorine and ammonia to help maintain disinfection as treated water moves through the distribution system to homes, businesses and public facilities.

Town officials say the change is intended to help maintain safe and reliable drinking water, meet provincial regulatory requirements, improve long-term control of disinfection by-products, and enhance disinfection throughout

the distribution system. The Town says residents will continue to receive drinking water that meets provincial standards. As the program is introduced, some residents may notice slight changes in the taste or odour of their drinking water. The Town says these changes are expected and do not affect water safety, and that water quality will continue to be monitored in accordance with provincial approval requirements.



Town of Fox Creek Council highlights

Press Release

DELEGATIONS

Integrated Municipal Support (IMS)- Bylaw Enforcement Services

Council was introduced to Sgt Bransen Balfour and Bylaw Officer Matthew MacDonald. Over the next month, Sgt. Balfour will be working alongside Officer MacDonald, providing training and mentorship as he transitions into the Fox Creek Bylaw Officer role. The pair have already been out in the community introducing themselves and are looking forward to serving residents in the community.

STAFF REPORTS

Community Services

Community Services reported continued increase in transient individuals and families arriving in Fox Creek without employment, housing or financial resources, often relating to the expectation of finding work without securing accommodations or employment in advance. The Community Resource Centre continues to provide referrals to appropriate services as job and housing placement are outside the organizations scope.

Food Bank continues to support a steady number of clients and building rapport with clients remains key to identifying and connecting individuals with appropriate resources.

It's been noted that form completion and digital literacy remain the most frequent requested service.

Community Gardens is nearing completion, and all boxes have been rented for the season.

Recreation

The Recreation Department reported mixed trends for June 2026, with overall multiplex attendance increasing by 10% compared to the previous year, driven by increases in fieldhouse, arena, track and library usage.

Memberships and drop-in participation

also declined overall, despite a slight growth in senior and family categories. Outdoor recreation areas showed significant decreases in nightly and monthly booking at Smoke but noted increased usage at the RV park for serviced lots. Iosegun Lake Campground remained relatively stable over the month with a slight decline in camping nights. Overall, the report highlights shifting usage patterns, with stronger interest in indoor amenities, likely due to the wet weather.

Canada Day was a success with 35 parade entries this year.

Operations

The Operations Department reported ongoing progress across multiple service areas for June to July 2026, with key Public Works activities including culvert installations, road maintenance, and community infrastructure improvements, alongside continued utility operations and responses to equipment failures and service issues. The department dealt with overwhelming amounts of water in mid-June resulting in the closure of Kaybob Drive due to an emergency sink hole/culvert collapse. The department is doing ongoing gravel road maintenance, pothole filling, catch basin repairs and repairs of the pin pad at the septage station. A new hydrovac arrived in late June and the Oasis Pond fountain will be installed this coming week. Road paving is currently wrapping up and the new garbage carts are set to be delivered to residents this week, with the recycling carts to follow.

Finance

The Finance Department reported a busy period from June to July 2026, with several process improvements underway to enhance service delivery and efficiency within the department. Refinements have been made to the telephone system to

improve overall resident experience and internal efficiency. A new direct option has been implemented to align with our new "Let Us Know" campaign. A comprehensive audit of utility accounts has commenced to verify billing accuracy, and a preliminary review of new accounting systems has begun in anticipation of the sunset of the current system in 2029.

Administration

The Chief Administrative Officer reported a productive month of June 2026, with a strong focus on customer service, strategic projects, operational priorities, and legislative requirements. Much of the month was dedicated to the provinces' new Access to Info Act (ATIA) and Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) requirements that Administration continue to develop for the Town's Privacy Management Program.

Work has continued on advancing the "Fox Creek: From Forest to Future" video project with next steps associated with the educational and public awareness initiative designed to promote Fox Creek's forestry sector and community opportunities.

Administration remains active in securing grant opportunities, managing procurement processes, and supporting major projects such as advancing Kaybob Drive repair through tender and procurement, monitoring and advancing capital projects approved by Council, pursuing grant and funding opportunities, supporting economic development initiatives and business partnerships and continuing to improve customer service and resident engagement.

BUSINESS

Installation of New Highway Signage- Fox Creek Airport

Council reviewed the proposal of Town Administration taking over the Chamber

of Commerce managed and operated advertising signage along Highway 43 at Fox Creek Airport. Due to a decline in volunteer capacity, the Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce has disbanded and is no longer able to continue administering this program. The Town of Fox Creek will assume responsibility for the operation, management and oversight of this program going forward. Following the completion of signage replacements, Administration's objective is to reinvest the revenue generated back into the local business community including supports, façade improvements, enhancement to Commercial Court and community events. Council approved fabrication and installation of new signs to the maximum of \$70,000 and the approved annual fee of \$2500/ sign space.

Kaybob Culvert Replacement Funding Request

Council reviewed the proposed replacement of culverts beneath Kaybob Drive. Due to the urgent nature of the culvert failure and need to address immediate public safety concerns, Administration proceeded with emergency response measures and preliminary project planning prior to completing a full funding review. Current estimate for the total repair is between \$400,00 and \$500,000, inclusive of engineering, design and construction costs.

Council approved a change in scope to the Street Improvement Project to include the replacement of the culverts crossing beneath Kaybob Drive and further any additional funding required to complete the project beyond the available Street Improvement Project budget to be funded from the general reserve.

Resolution Delegating Authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to Appoint Bylaw Enforcement

Officer

Administration proposed to Council to expedite the appointment process and provide Administration the greater flexibility when staffing changes occur or contract services are required. This delegation allows appointments to be made in a timely manner with enabling Council to focus on governance and policy matters.

Council delegated authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to appoint Bylaw Officers employed by or contracted to the Town of Fox Creek pursuant to Bylaw No.851-2020-A-01 and any amendments thereto, with such delegation remaining in effect until rescinded by Council.

2026 Alberta Municipalities Fall Convention & Trade Show

Alberta Municipalities work with elected and administrative leaders of Alberta municipalities to advocate for solutions to economic, environmental, governance, infrastructural or social issues in our municipalities. This supports Councils alignment with Harboring and Fostering Relationships. Council approves the attendance of five councilors at the 2026 Alberta Municipalities Fall Convention in Edmonton on September 23-25th.

2026 Alberta CARE Annual Fall Conference

The goals of Alberta CARE are:

- Coordinate recycling and waste management activities at community level
- Establish partnerships that will bring together diverse interested groups towards a common focus and implementation strategy for recycling and waste management
- Promote recycling and waste management as part of day-to-day lifestyle and culture of Alberta and to promote

awareness of new recycling initiative to the general public.

This supports Councils alignment with Harboring and Fostering Relationships.

Council approved the attendance of one councilor at the 2026 Alberta CARE (Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises) in Fort McMurray on September 2-4th.

RCMP Real Time Operation Centre and Operational Communications Centre Tours.

Sgt. Mason of the Fox Creek RCMP Detachment has invited members of Council and Senior Administration to participate in a guided tour of the Alberta RCMP Real Time Operations Centre and Operational Communications Centre located at K Division Headquarters in Edmonton. The tours provide an opportunity to gain firsthand understanding of the extensive support services available to local RCMP detachments and municipalities. Participation in this tour would enhance Council's and Administration's understanding of provincial RCMP resources available during emergencies, critical incidents, large scale investigations and community safety initiatives.

Council approved council members attending the Alberta RCMP Real Time Operations Centre and Operational Communications Centre tour in Edmonton and directs Administration to work with the RCMP and council on a date.

Council Business Reports

Members of Council reported on a range of recently attended community engagements such as Lemonade Day, the Filipino Association Basketball Tournament, Fox Creek School Graduation and the Canada Day 2026 Festivities.



Be Prepared:

Tornado safety tips for Alberta residents



A tornado moves across the Tuliby Lake area on July 11, 2026. The storm was later confirmed as an EF3 tornado by the Northern Tornadoes Project with significant damage reported in the area but no injuries. *Alberta Storm Watch Photo*



By Haylee Dianne

With Alberta experiencing an active severe weather season, including multiple tornado watches and warnings in recent weeks, emergency officials are reminding residents to be prepared before severe weather strikes. Environment and Climate Change Canada has issued tornado watches and warnings for parts of central and northern Alberta as powerful thunderstorm systems have moved across the province.

According to the Government of Canada, tornadoes have been recorded in every province and territory, although they occur most frequently in southern Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and western New Brunswick. While tornadoes can form quickly, they are often associated with severe thunderstorms capable of producing damaging winds, large hail and heavy rainfall.

Emergency officials recommend preparing an emergency kit with essentials such as drinking water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, batteries and a battery-powered radio. Families are also encouraged to develop a household emergency plan that considers the needs of children, older

adults, pets and anyone requiring additional medical or mobility support.

Staying informed is another important step in tornado preparedness. Residents are encouraged to monitor Environment and Climate Change Canada weather alerts, use the WeatherCAN app and ensure their mobile devices are compatible with Canada's Alert Ready emergency notification system.

Recognizing the warning signs of a tornado can also provide valuable time to seek shelter. According to the Government of Canada, severe thunderstorms with frequent lightning, unusually dark or greenish skies, a loud roaring or whistling sound, and the appearance of a funnel cloud may all indicate that a tornado is developing.

If a tornado warning is issued or a tornado is spotted, the safest place to be is in a basement or the lowest level of a sturdy building, preferably in an interior room away from windows. Those without access to a basement should move to the most central room on the lowest floor and protect their head and neck from flying debris. Officials advise against opening windows or using elevators during severe weather.

Anyone caught outdoors should move inside as quickly as

possible. If no building is available, the Government of Canada recommends seeking shelter in a low-lying area, such as a ditch, while protecting the head and remaining alert for rising water. Taking shelter beneath bridges or highway overpasses is not recommended, as winds can become stronger and debris can accumulate in those locations.

Drivers are also urged not to try to outrun a tornado. If possible, motorists should seek shelter in a sturdy building. If no safe structure is nearby, they should pull well off the roadway, activate their hazard lights and, if it is safe to do so, move to a low-lying area away from the vehicle while protecting themselves from flying debris.

Even after a tornado has passed, hazards may remain. Residents should continue monitoring weather alerts, avoid damaged buildings until they have been deemed safe, stay at least 10 metres away from downed power lines and follow directions from local emergency officials.

As Alberta moves through the peak of its severe weather season, emergency officials encourage residents to remain weather aware, have an emergency plan in place and be prepared to act quickly if tornado watches or warnings are issued.

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