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Pembina Pipeline donates ring rescue Kit to Fox Creek Hospital



The Friends of Fox Creek Hospital Society received a new ring rescue kit through a donation from Pembina Pipeline Corp. The kit provides nurses and doctors with an option to safely attempt ring removal before cutting it off. The society appreciates Pembina's continued support of the facility. *Friends of Fox Creek Hospital Society photo*

By Valerie Winger

The Friends of Fox Creek Hospital Society has received a new ring rescue kit through a donation from Pembina Pipeline Corp.

The kit gives nurses and doctors at the Fox Creek Hospital the ability to try to

safely remove a ring before having to cut it off.

The Friends of Fox Creek Hospital Society gives assistance to the Fox Creek Hospital in Fox Creek, by volunteering time and energy to raise funds to purchase equipment and other needed

items for the hospital.

Membership in the society is open to anyone willing to contribute their talent and services to the work of the society. Meetings are held in the hospital conference room on the last Tuesday of every month.

Alberta RCMP provides tips to curb mail theft

Press Release

The Alberta RCMP is providing tips to help prevent mail theft. Preventing mail theft is important as it can lead to further crimes such as identity theft.

To help curb mail theft, consider the following tips:

- Install a locking mailbox. A locked mailbox can help deter thieves from taking your mail.
- Collect mail promptly. Don't let mail accumulate in your mailbox. Pick it up as soon as possible after delivery.
- Consider a package delivery box. These boxes provide a secure place for packages, reducing the risk of theft from your doorstep.
- Require a signature for

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Back to school: A reminder to put safety first



By Haylee Dianne

As summer winds down and another school year approaches, families across Alberta are getting ready for the return to busy mornings, school buses, classrooms and after-school activities. While backpacks are being packed and school supplies are being checked off the list, safety is another important part of preparing for the first day.

The roads around schools can become especially busy during drop-off and pick-up times. Drivers should slow down, put away distractions and pay close attention to children who may be walking, biking or crossing the road. Children can sometimes move unexpectedly, so drivers should be prepared to stop and give pedestrians plenty of room.

School bus safety is also

an important reminder for students and motorists. Children should wait for their bus in a safe location away from traffic and should never run into the road to catch it. They should wait until the bus has stopped completely before getting on or off and should follow the driver's instructions while travelling.

Motorists need to be especially careful when approaching a stopped school bus. When a bus is displaying flashing red lights, drivers must stop and remain stopped until the lights have stopped flashing and the bus has resumed movement. Passing a school bus while its red lights are flashing can put children in serious danger.

For students walking or riding their bikes to school, parents can help by going over the route with them before classes begin. Walking the route together gives

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HFCRD Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting & Regular Meeting Highlights for August 19, 2026

Organizational Meeting: 2026-2027 School Year

HFCRD Board Chair & Vice Chair, Standing Committees, and Meeting Schedule

Kelly Whalen (Ward 6 - Peace River/Nampa) was nominated as Chair, while John Kuran (Ward 6 - Peace River/Nampa) was nominated as Vice Chair.

Committees and their designated trustees can be found [HERE](#)

The HFCRD Board of Trustees meeting schedule and previous minutes can be found [HERE](#)

Divisional Strategic Priorities

The Board of Trustees reviewed the newly implemented Division's strategic priorities.

Goals include: Strengthen and Sustain our Authentic Catholic Identity; Improve Student Learning with a Commitment to Indigenous Student Success; Promote a Culture of Wellness for Students and Staff; and Strengthen Advocacy for Catholic Education.

Board of Trustees Growth Goals for 2026-2027

The Board of Trustees reviewed their growth goals for the 2026-2027 school year. Trustees will focus on advocacy and community engagement; faith formation learning; implementing a policy review schedule; and will engage with the Archbishop and priests regarding the Bishop's Assurance Plan, the [HFCRD Faith Plan](#), and staff and student faith development.

Director of Educational Services Presentation

Nicole Adams, Director of Educational Services, did a presentation on Student Achievement. Areas of focus included academic results from the previous school year, attendance and other conditions that affected learning, student supports and interventions, and previewing what steps are being taken in the new school year to continue improvement goals.

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What you should consider when your parents need extra support

News Canada

As their grown child, having your parents reach a stage when they need your help can be a big change for the whole family. Like with any major change, discussing and preparing in advance can make all the difference. When planning for a conversation around your parents' independence here are two important things to consider:

Everyone needs help sometimes. As your parents age, some things may start to become more difficult or time-consuming. A task like going for groceries or to the bank may become an all-day project.

As you step in to help more, it's possible to step into the role of caregiver without you or your parent realizing.

It can be useful for you and your parents to regularly touch base on what they enjoy doing as well as what feels difficult. Retirement living is one option that can help by taking care of those tasks that are becoming harder. This can help your parent stay independent and focused on what they find meaningful to them.

What are your parents' goals? If a decision requires a senior to move to a more supportive environment, such as a retirement community, it's possible to lose sight

of what your parents value and want to accomplish. That's why it's important to check to make sure that what makes them happiest is at the centre of any plans your family makes.

"Whether it's independence, having a sense of community, enjoying privacy or keeping a beloved pet, understanding what matters most to the person should guide every decision," explains Charlene Dawes, director, clinical services at Aspira Retirement Living. "Moving to a retirement community isn't about giving up the life you enjoy, but rather gaining the support that helps you



continue living it." One way to continue the conversation productively is to help your parents experience the possibilities firsthand. You can tour

a retirement community together, stay for a meal, attend an event or consider a short stay. Seeing daily life in action can help relieve uncertainty and show

that having the right support can help them continue living life on their own terms. Learn more about retirement living options at aspiralife.ca.

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deliveries. If expecting a package, choose a shipping option that requires a signature.

- Secure your mailbox. Ensure your mailbox is securely attached to your property and not

easily accessible to thieves.

- Advise neighbours. Let your neighbours know when you are going away. Have a trusted neighbour collect your mail or have your mail delivery suspended for that period.
- Shred mail. Shred

any mail that contains personal or financial details.

- Do not send cash in the mail. Cash may not be recoverable when stolen in the mail.
- Forward mail when changing addresses. If you change your address, use Canada

Post's mail forwarding option to ensure you receive your mail and are aware of which businesses and organizations need your new address.

If you see something suspicious, report it to your local police service. If you see a crime in progress, call

911. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store. To contact the RCMP non-emergency line

within any Alberta RCMP jurisdiction call 310-RCMP (7267).

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children an opportunity to learn where they should cross the road and where they need to be particularly cautious. Students should use crosswalks when available, pay attention to traffic and avoid distractions such as looking at a phone while crossing.

Children riding bicycles or other wheeled equipment should wear a properly fitted helmet and make sure their equipment is in good condition. A quick check before school starts can help identify loose parts, worn tires or other problems before they become an issue.

Back-to-school preparation also involves looking after a child's overall health. Getting back into a regular sleep schedule, eating healthy meals and staying active can help children adjust to their school routine. Parents should also make sure the school has current emergency contact information and is aware of important health information, allergies or medications their child may need during the day.

A backpack is another simple thing families can check before school begins. It should fit comfortably and should not be filled with unnecessary

heavy items. Taking a few minutes to organize school supplies and remove things that are not needed can make carrying the backpack easier throughout the day.

Safety doesn't stop once students arrive at school. Children should be reminded to pay attention to their surroundings, follow school rules and speak up when they notice something that could be unsafe. Parents, teachers and students all have a role in creating a safer environment.

The first few weeks of school can be hectic as everyone adjusts to new schedules and routines. Giving yourself a little extra time in the morning, slowing down around school zones and paying attention to children and other pedestrians can help prevent accidents.

Back-to-school safety is a community effort. Drivers, parents, teachers and students all play a part in keeping children safe. A few simple precautions and reminders can go a long way toward making the return to school a safe and successful one for Alberta families.

Safety information for this article was based on public resources from the Alberta RCMP and Alberta Health Services.



Advancing obesity prevention and management in Alberta

Press Release

Primary Care Alberta (PCA) and Obesity Canada have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to jointly pursue obesity prevention and management initiatives within Alberta's primary healthcare system.

"Recognizing obesity as a chronic disease means ensuring Albertans have access to respectful, evidence-informed care closer to home. This partnership will help strengthen prevention and management in primary care, support healthcare teams with the tools they need, and improve health outcomes for Albertans and their families."

Justin Wright, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services

The collaboration will support implementation of PCA's Chronic Disease Prevention and Management priorities and strengthen the capacity of Alberta's primary and community care teams to deliver integrated, team-based obesity prevention and care. Helping Albertans manage obesity can create opportunities to reduce impacts on other areas of the health system.

"No single organization can address the growing impact of chronic disease alone. By bringing together provincial leadership and national expertise, this partnership reflects a shared commitment to improving obesity prevention and management and supporting better health for

Albertans."

Kim Simmonds, CEO for Primary Care Alberta

Nearly one in three Canadians is living with obesity, a chronic disease associated with more than 200 downstream conditions. The economic cost of inaction in treating obesity in Canada reached \$27.6 billion in 2023, including healthcare costs and impacts on employment, productivity and income.

"People living with obesity have faced healthcare systems that do not consistently recognize or treat obesity like other chronic diseases. This collaboration is an opportunity to change that in Alberta by helping primary care teams put evidence into practice, build more connected pathways to care, and create experiences where people are treated with dignity and without weight bias."

Lisa Schaffer, Executive Director for Obesity Canada

The MOU was signed in April 2026 and outlines six areas for potential collaboration:

- Provincial obesity prevention and management alignment
- Development and implementation of primary care pathways
- Workforce education and capacity building
- Clinical practice guidelines and knowledge translation resources and supports
- Healthy weight gain in pregnancy
- Stigma reduction and rights-based care approaches

Through the collaboration, Obesity Canada will bring expertise,

evidence-informed resources and education to support obesity prevention and management across Alberta's primary healthcare system, including support for integrating principles from the Canadian Adult Obesity Clinical Practice Guidelines into primary care.

The agreement marks an important step in strengthening collaboration on one of Alberta's most significant chronic health challenges, with a shared focus on improving health outcomes for Albertans through evidence-informed prevention and care. The agreement builds on the province's continued leadership in treating obesity. In March 2025, Alberta became the first Canadian province to recognize obesity as a chronic disease.

Over the coming months, PCA and Obesity Canada will work together to advance the priorities identified in the MOU through the Obesity Care Partnership Steering Committee, including development of provincial care pathways, workforce education initiatives, clinical guidance and approaches that support stigma-free, evidence-informed obesity prevention and management.

Work is already underway. PCA is developing a Chronic Disease Prevention and Management action plan, with obesity included as a focus area. The first meeting of the Obesity Care Partnership Steering Committee will take

place on August 26, 2026.

Care is a lifelong commitment for Primary Care Alberta. We plan, fund and support primary healthcare across the province, improving access to care providers and offering front-line services through Health Link 811 and public health teams. Throughout the health journey, we are by your side – managing,

preventing and reducing illness. Along with our partners, we nurture the connections our communities need to thrive and strengthen the health of all Albertans.

Obesity Canada is a national registered health charity and Canada's leading voice on obesity. We connect science, lived experience, and advocacy to change the way Canada sees, supports, and understands people

affected by obesity. As steward of the Canadian Adult Obesity Clinical Practice Guidelines, we help translate evidence into education, resources, and better care. Our work drives progress in healthcare, policy, and public understanding – and is made possible by the support of donors, partners, and funders who share our vision for a healthier, more equitable future.



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A Message to the Community of Swan Hills

By Rob Clark | President,
Swan Hills Citizens on
Patrol Society

Hello everyone,

My name is Rob Clark, and I'm proud to introduce myself as the new President of the Swan Hills Citizens on Patrol Society.

I wanted to let everyone know a little about my background, and, more importantly, share with you why I chose to become involved with Citizens on Patrol and what I hope we can accomplish together here in Swan Hills.

I moved to Swan Hills from Calgary because I was looking for something different. I wanted a better quality of life—a community that was quieter, more peaceful, and where people could feel safe and actually get to know their neighbours.

Since coming to Swan Hills, I've had the opportunity to meet many of the people who call this community home. What I've found is a town filled with good, hardworking people who care about their families, their neighbours, and their community.

And that is something worth protecting—and building upon.

My background has taken me in several different directions over

the years. I served for a year in the Canadian Army Reserve, attended police academy training in Ontario, and later trained in computer technology. My technology background continues to be a major part of what I do today, and I believe that experience can also help us find new and better ways to communicate, organize, and serve our community.

I decided to become involved with Swan Hills Citizens on Patrol for a very simple reason: I wanted to give something back to the community that I now call home.

Citizens on Patrol isn't about trying to be the police. That's not our role.

Our role is to be additional eyes and ears in the community—to observe, document, report, and work alongside the RCMP to help make Swan Hills a safer place for everyone.

I want residents to be able to go to bed at night without constantly worrying about whether someone is going through their vehicle, stealing from their property, damaging something they've worked hard for, or causing trouble in their neighbourhood.

We may never eliminate every crime, but through visibility, community involvement,



responsible patrols, education, and a strong working relationship with the RCMP, I believe we can make a difference.

But my vision goes beyond crime prevention.

I also want to see more community spirit brought back to Swan Hills.

I would like to work with residents, businesses, organizations, volunteers, and community leaders to help encourage more events and activities that bring people together.

Activities for kids, families, teens, young adults, and seniors.

Events where neighbours can meet each

other, families can have fun together, local businesses can participate, and people can once again experience that strong sense of community that small towns are capable of providing.

I believe community safety and community spirit go hand in hand.

When people know their neighbours, participate in their community, look out for one another, and take pride in where they live, the entire community becomes stronger.

I also believe Swan Hills has tremendous potential.

I want us to work toward making Swan

Hills not only a safe and peaceful place to live, but also a community that people are proud to visit, proud to raise a family in, and proud to call home.

As President of the Swan Hills Citizens on Patrol Society, I don't expect to accomplish that by myself—and I wouldn't want to.

This needs to be a community effort.

I want to hear from you.

I want to hear your ideas, your concerns, and what you believe would make Swan Hills better.

And if you've ever thought about volunteering, getting

involved with Citizens on Patrol, helping with community events, or simply contributing an idea, I encourage you to reach out.

You don't have to wear a uniform or patrol the streets to make a difference.

Sometimes making a difference starts with simply caring enough to get involved.

I'm looking forward to working with our volunteers, the RCMP, local organizations, businesses, community leaders, and, most importantly, the people of Swan Hills.

There is a lot we can accomplish when we work together.

Let's look out for one another.

Let's bring people together.

Let's make our community safer.

And let's continue building a Swan Hills that we can all be proud to call home.

My name is Rob Clark, President of the Swan Hills Citizens on Patrol Society.

Thank you for welcoming me into this community, and I look forward to what we can accomplish together.

Stay safe, look out for your neighbours, and let's keep moving Swan Hills forward.

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Alberta families say disability support delays are leaving children behind

By Valerie Winger

As students head back to school across Alberta, many families say another school year is beginning without the disability supports their children need.

A parent advocacy group, Kids Can't Wait AB, is drawing attention to lengthy wait times for Alberta's Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) program, saying delays are affecting children during critical stages of development.

The group says families who once expected services within months



are now reporting waits that can stretch into years, leaving parents to fill the gap while children miss opportunities for early intervention.

Keltie Marshall, a parent involved with the advocacy group, said children only have

a limited window to develop important communication, social and behavioural skills.

"When support comes years later, those early opportunities are gone," Marshall said.

The FSCD program provides supports and

services for eligible children with disabilities and their families, including therapies, respite care and other assistance intended to help children participate at home, in school and in their communities.

According to Kids Can't Wait AB, the impact extends beyond individual families. Parents say some have reduced work hours or left jobs altogether to care for their children while waiting for services, creating additional financial pressure at home.

The group says schools are increasingly supporting students who missed early services that were intended to be provided through the program.

Megan Hanson, another parent with the advocacy group, said delayed support shifts

pressure onto families, educators and other public services.

The organization is urging the Alberta government to shorten FSCD wait times, ensure resources keep pace with growing demand and provide clearer information so families know where they stand while waiting for services.

As another school year begins, the group argues that timely access remains as important as access itself, saying children have only one chance to benefit from early developmental support.



Fox Creek Façade Grant Offers Help for Downtown Property Improvements



By Haylee Dianne

Property owners in Fox Creek's downtown area can apply for municipal funding to help cover the cost of improvements to the exterior of eligible commercial buildings.

The Town of Fox

Creek's Façade Improvement Grant Program provides funding for approved projects in the Downtown Core along Highway 43. Successful applicants can receive up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$10,000 per building façade.

The program was established to encourage

investment in existing commercial and mixed-use buildings in the Downtown Revitalization Area and to support improvements to building façades.

Eligible work includes exterior painting, cleaning or re-fac-ing of façades, as well as repair or restoration of masonry, brickwork

and wood.

Other improvements that may qualify include windows, entrance modifications, storefront redesigns, new or improved signage, canopies and awnings, and exterior lighting.

Applications must be submitted by the building owner or their designate. The proposed project must involve an existing building used primarily for retail or commercial purposes and be located within the boundaries of the Downtown Revitalization Area.

The Town also requires projects to meet its other eligibility requirements, including requirements related to the building and the proposed improvements.

Funding is not provided upfront. Property owners are responsible for paying their contractors, with the Town's matching contribution provided after the pre-approved work has been satisfactorily completed.

Applications and reimbursement requests are handled on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are depleted or the project term has ended.

The program provides a maximum of 50 per cent of eligible costs, up to \$10,000 per building façade. Architectural fees are eligible up to 20 per cent of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$2,000 per façade.

Applicants or businesses in default of taxes owing, or of an obligation funded by

another municipal program, are not eligible for reimbursement.

The application deadline is Nov. 30, 2026.

The Town encourages prospective applicants to review the application requirements and consult with its Development Department before submitting an application.

Completed applications are submitted to the Chief Administrative Officer at the Town Administration Office, located at 102 Kaybob Drive in Fox Creek.

More information about the Façade Improvement Grant Program, including the application and program policy, is available through the Town of Fox Creek.

Mobile mammography service to visit Fox Creek



Alberta Health Services

The Screen Test program will be in Fox Creek in September to provide screening mammograms to eligible individuals aged 45 to 74.

A mobile mammography trailer will be at the Fox Creek Health Care Centre, located at 600 3rd Street, from September 10-11.

Screening is available at no cost for eligible individuals, but appointments are required. Call 1-800-667-0604 to book an appointment or learn more about the program.

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast. Screening mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early when treatment may work better. Getting screened for breast cancer saves lives.

More information

about breast cancer screening and who is eligible can be found by visiting https://screeningforlife.ca/breast/get-screened/#who_should_get_screened.

Visit <https://screeningforlife.ca/breast/screen-test-mobile-clinics/> for more information and a complete listing of communities that the Screen Test mobile visits.

Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for thousands of individuals in Alberta communities where mammograms are not readily available.

In addition to mobile mammography clinics, screening can also be performed at specific radiology clinics and some hospitals. Individuals aged 45 to 74 can discuss their breast cancer risk with their healthcare

providers to determine whether screening is appropriate for them and book with a radiology clinic or with Screen Test mobile mammography. For more information, visit screeningforlife.ca/where-to-get-screened.ca.

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Keyano Daze bringing a full day of fun to Swan Hills



By Haylee Dianne

A full day of food, entertainment and activities is on the way to Swan Hills as Keyano Daze returns Saturday, September 12.

The celebration will get underway with a pancake breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m., sponsored by the Swan Hills Chamber of Commerce.

From there, residents can fill their day with a variety of activities.

Advanced Entertainment will keep things moving with a live DJ and MC throughout the day, while bubbles and more will be available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Families can also make their way to the bounce houses, which

will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Young visitors can meet some furry friends at the petting zoo, also running from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Adding a little extra excitement to the festivities will be roaming circus performers, who will be entertaining crowds from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The community market will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., giving visitors a chance to browse the various vendors. A BBQ is scheduled for 4 p.m., sponsored by The Super A.

There will also be opportunities to try your luck throughout the afternoon. A raffle draw, sponsored by Mission Possible and the Grizzlies, is set for 3 p.m., while bingo will run from 1 to 3:30 p.m., sponsored by

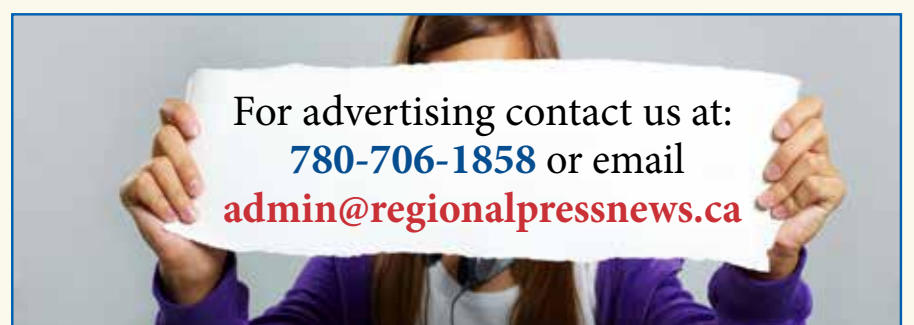
the Community Club. Bingo doors open at noon, and participants are asked to bring their own supplies.

Once the daytime activities wind down, the celebration will continue into the evening with an adults-only dance hosted by Mission Possible. The dance runs from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

With everything from breakfast and a market to circus performers, family activities and an evening dance, Keyano Daze is shaping up to be a busy day for Swan Hills residents to get out and enjoy the community.

Residents are encouraged to watch the town website for event locations and a map.



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Canada strikes back: Implications of the proposed counter-tariffs

By Siddhartha Bhattacharya and Mark Parsons, ATB Economics

Canada strikes back: Implications of the proposed counter-tariffs

Key points

- The federal government announced last week that it is implementing “dollar-for-dollar” Canadian counter-tariffs in response to U.S. Section 338 tariffs to take effect starting September 8.
- The counter-tariffs will put upward pressure on inflation, but this will be partially mitigated by efforts to switch to Canadian and overseas suppliers.
- The impact of U.S. tariffs and counter-tariffs will be felt unevenly across sectors and businesses. Trade uncertainty has a larger effect than tariffs themselves, and the main risk comes from an escalation in the trade war.

The federal government is imposing “dollar-for-dollar” counter-tariffs ranging from 15% to 50% on a list of over 700 specific U.S. goods starting on September 8. This is being done in response to the new set of U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods that went into effect on August 22.

It’s estimated that \$27.6 billion worth of Canadian goods are subject to the new U.S. tariffs, so Ottawa is imposing counter-tariffs on \$27.6 billion worth of U.S. goods.

Canada imported \$362 billion worth of products from the U.S. last year, so that \$27.6 billion works out to 7.6% of Canada’s total imports from the U.S.

In response to the U.S. tariffs, the federal government has announced a new \$7.5 billion support package for Canadian workers and businesses. The package includes liquidity support for businesses; greater access to the Business Development Bank of Canada’s tariff-related

programs; \$2 billion for the Canada Strong Diversification Fund; \$3.5 billion for Employment Insurance and training.

By raising import costs, the counter-tariffs will have a dampening effect on economic activity, partly mitigated by new business supports and a shift (where possible) to non-U.S. suppliers. Overall, we expect that the new U.S. Section 338 tariffs, when combined with Canadian counter-tariffs and support programs, will result in roughly a half a percentage point reduction in Canadian GDP growth, with the largest impact in 2027.

An important distinction needs to be made when describing the impacts. While the macroeconomic effects of the tariffs are estimated to be moderate, the microeconomic effects on impacted businesses and consumers will be significant.

For example, the new 50% U.S. tariff on Canadian honey could be catastrophic to Canadian honey producers who rely heavily on U.S. sales. Similarly, the 50% Canadian tariff on U.S. drill pipe could cost Canadian companies that import it a lot of extra money if they cannot find a non-U.S. supplier.

Inflationary impact

The Canadian counter-tariffs on things like U.S. food products, clothing, and household appliances will put upward pressure on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Part of the impact will be mitigated by the ability of Canadians to substitute similar products from non-U.S. sources, though these prices might also increase due to the rise in demand.

A Bank of Canada study of the counter-tariffs imposed in 2025 found that the prices of the affected products increased by 6%, or roughly one-quarter of the 25% counter-tariff rate. If a similar impact is observed, we estimate the impact on

Canadian inflation will be roughly 0.2-0.3 percentage points.

We anticipate the Bank of Canada will look past a short-term inflation bump from counter-tariffs and not raise its policy rate. As such, in the absence of further escalation, we retain our view that the Bank of Canada will stay on hold through 2026.

What U.S. products are being tariffed by Canada?

The federal government says that it selected the products to tariff based on what the U.S. had previously tariffed (known as Section 232 tariffs—steel, aluminum, copper, autos, etc.) and the new tariffs it imposed over the weekend (known as Section 338 tariffs). Minister of Industry Mélanie Joly told reporters that the products were also selected to generate political pressure within specific states.

The list of products with new and increased tariff rates is long at 893 and includes everything from frozen salmon and coils of steel to plywood and dishwashers.

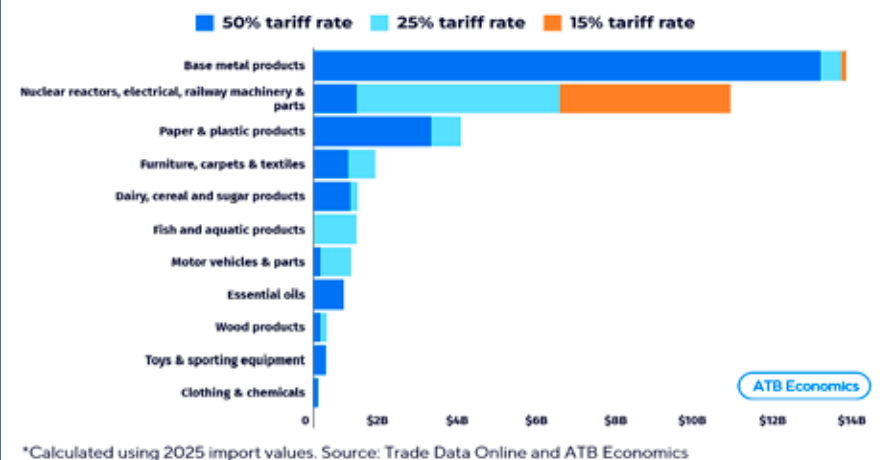
The counter-tariffs fall under three tiers:

1. 50% - Driven primarily by U.S. primary steel and aluminum, which were bumped from 25% to 50% to match U.S. rates. Also covers consumer electronics, furniture, and apparel.
2. 25% - Bulk commodity groups including dairy and cheese, agricultural machinery, major home appliances, wood/paper products, and steel/aluminum derivatives.
3. 15% - Secondary commercial items, including electric equipment, power tools, and commercial lighting.

Our estimates of the value of the new counter-tariffs, organized by major product category and tariff rate, are shown in the chart below.

Canadian counter-tariffs by product group

Estimated value of Canadian imports of U.S. goods subject to Canadian counter-tariffs* (new and escalated tariffs), customs basis



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Age 16

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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC REGIONAL DIVISION
Media Highlight Sheet

Back to School 2026-2027 | September 2026

As students return to classrooms across the division this fall, Holy Family Catholic Regional Division (HFCRD) is launching a new Three-Year Faith Plan and Three-Year Education Plan, alongside a major capital investment in Fairview.

FAITH: A NEW THREE-YEAR JOURNEY, “WE ARE CALLED”

- ◆ The division has launched a new Faith Plan (2026-2029) guiding every school through three years of growth: Year One is Faith (“We Are Called to Know God”), Year Two is Hope, and Year Three is Love.
- ◆ Year One centres on the Creeds, the Liturgy of the Word, and the example of St. Padre Pio, calling students and staff to “walk humbly” in faith.
- ◆ A division-wide Faith Day in September introduces the plan to all trustees, teachers, and administrators, alongside the Marks of Catholic School Identity.
- ◆ Our Faith and Wellness Coordinator supports faith formation and student/staff wellness across every school in the division.
- ◆ Trustees will engage directly with the Archbishop and local priests this year on the Bishop’s Assurance Plan and the division’s Faith Plan.

ACADEMICS: SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- ◆ A new division-wide Numeracy Framework and expanded literacy resources are being introduced this year to strengthen teaching and learning.
- ◆ HFCRD has new 2026-2027 targets to raise Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma results.
- ◆ Indigenous Student Support Workers are in place at every school site to support First Nations and Métis students academically.
- ◆ The Collaborative Response Model continues to expand the delivery of timely and targeted support for students across all grade levels.

CAPITAL PLAN: NEW & UPGRADED SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DIVISION

- ◆ Fairview, St. Thomas More School Replacement: The Government of Alberta has accelerated this project into the design stage, with funding now approved, bringing modern learning spaces to Fairview students and families.
- ◆ High Prairie, St. Andrew’s School Replacement: HFCRD continues to advocate for a new St. Andrew’s, a K-12 facility serving the community since 1957 and the division’s top capital priority. A provincial Value Scoping exercise confirmed replacement as the most cost-effective option, given the over \$8.7 million in current maintenance needs, foundation settlement, and water infiltration. A new St. Andrew’s would resolve the maze-like layout, add Career and Technology Studies (CTS) spaces, and save an estimated \$250,000 annually. The division is ready to proceed upon funding approval.
- ◆ Peace River, Good Shepherd School Modernization: This mechanical system upgrade remains the division’s next capital priority after St. Andrew’s.

GOVERNANCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ◆ Kelly Whalen (Ward 6, Peace River/Nampa) continues as Board Chair for 2026-2027, with John Kuran (Ward 6) as Vice Chair, following the Board’s August 19 organizational meeting.
- ◆ The Board has three strategic priorities: Authentic Catholic Identity, Success for All, and Governance Excellence.
- ◆ The Board is developing a new division-wide advocacy plan to champion Catholic education and respond proactively to emerging issues affecting local families.

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