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# Alberta Scan

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## Big hullabaloo...

**T**his week's public political attention was all on the government's Bighorn Country proposal. After making changes to the public consultation process for the proposal because of "significant misinformation", environment and parks minister **Shannon Phillips** announced a re-evaluation of the government's consultation plans.

The minister was forced to acknowledge she "misspoke" after she claimed RCMP involvement investigating the situation, then faced calls for her resignation from the United Conservative Party (UCP).

"The minister has shattered any trust that remained between herself and those most affected by her Bighorn plan," UCP caucus justice critic **Mike Ellis** said.

"The minister should resign. And if she refuses to, the premier should remove her. Lastly, it's clear that due to the minister's conduct, the current environment makes true, constructive consultations on the Bighorn impossible. We call on the premier to immediately announce that the arbitrary consultation deadline is extended indefinitely until after the coming election."

The week ended with plans for a series of telephone town halls in the affected region, and a public declaration of unequivocal support by the premier of her minister.

The Bighorn proposal would expand, amend or create four parks, four recreation areas and two public land use zones. Background details are [here](#). Plans for the telephone town halls are [here](#). The UCP criticism is [here](#) and [here](#).

*Pushing good news.* At the beginning of an election year, the government issued a number of media releases promoting a summary of government good news including:

- ▶ **efforts** in the energy sector. "This year, the province fought to get top dollar for our energy resources by launching a made-in-Alberta strategy to build new pipelines and add value by upgrading more of our oil and gas here at home."
- ▶ **programs** promoting families. "The province continued to make life better for families this year by adding thousands of affordable child care spaces, expanding the school nutrition program and investing in new infrastructure."
- ▶ **emphasizing** an economic recovery. "Alberta continues to have the highest employment rate in the country and the highest weekly earnings, while paying the lowest taxes in Canada. On average, Albertans pay \$11 billion less in taxes a year compared to the next lowest-taxed jurisdiction."
- ▶ **touting** advanced education. "This year, the government improved the post-secondary system by ensuring more Albertans get an affordable education, closer to home."
- ▶ **combating** poverty. "Alberta's economic recovery will reach more kitchen tables as new legislation makes life easier and more affordable for the province's most vulnerable." □

## Government Scan...

The following announcements were made this week by the provincial government. The title of the announcement, as written by the government, is in bold. Cabinet

decisions, called Orders in Council, are marked with the abbreviation “OC” and the number of the decision. Copies of the full text of the OCs mentioned below are available online [here](#).

### Health

14 December 2018  
**Proclamation: Health Professions Act**  
 Cabinet proclaimed section 156(aa) and Schedule 13 of the act in force on April 1, 2019. OC 409/2018.

### Economic Development and Trade

14 December 2018  
**Proclamation: Growth and Diversification Act**  
 Cabinet proclaimed sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Schedule 2 of the act in force on February 1, 2019. OC 399/2018.

### Energy

14 December 2018  
**Proclamation: An Act to Secure Alberta's Electricity Future**  
 Cabinet proclaimed section 2(24), (25) and (37)(a)(ii) of the act in force on the date of issue of the Proclamation. OC 418/2018.

### Infrastructure

14 December 2018  
**Post-secondary Learning Act (section 67).**  
 Cabinet approved the disposition by The Governors of The University of Alberta of certain lands located in the City of Edmonton. OC 414/2018.

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## Recent Consultant Lobbyist Registrations

The following lobbyists recently registered to represent the clients below with Alberta's lobby registry.

### Consultant Lobbyists (in order of registration)

Registered	Client	Lobby Firm	Lobbyists	Target Departments/Organizations
10-Jan-2019	Christian Labour Association of Canada (CLAC)	New West Public Affairs	Monte Solberg, Sonia Kont, Michael Solberg	Alberta Labour, Alberta Legislative Assembly
<b>Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution: Community Benefit Agreements.</b> Goal would be to make sure CLAC has access to the community benefit agreements if they are put in place. Discuss and understand the community benefits policies, best practices and successes with the government. <b>Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution: Labour Relations Code.</b> Discuss labour relations code around the topic of infrastructure (bridges, models and roads).				
10-Jan-2019	Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Canada) Incorporated	Pathway Advisory Services Ltd.	Dennis Chan	Executive Council, Alberta Health, Premier's Office
<b>Decision: Decisions relating to public drug plan coverage of Vertex medicines.</b> Seek public drug plan coverage of Vertex medicines				
08-Jan-2019	Cleanfarms Inc.	New West Public Affairs	Monte Solberg, Sonia Kont, Michael Solberg	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Legislative Assembly
<b>Program or Policy: Alberta agricultural plastics.</b> Cleanfarms operates agricultural recycling programs across Western Canada, including Alberta. The organization is interested in ensuring its programs can operate efficiently and effectively. <b>Financial Benefit or Grant: A pilot program regarding that would encourage the recycling of agricultural plastics.</b> To have industry lead a pilot program that drives more agricultural plastics into the recycling stream.				
08-Jan-2019	Science Alberta Foundation Mindfuel	New West Public Affairs	Monte Solberg, Michael Solberg	Alberta Economic Development and Trade, Alberta Education, Alberta Status of Women, Alberta Advanced Education
<b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Science Awareness Program.</b> Continued access to funding.				
02-Jan-2019	Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation	Counsel Public Affairs Inc.	Philip Dewan, Brad Lavigne	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Energy, Alberta Indigenous Relations, Executive Council, Alberta Climate Change Office, Alberta Economic Development and Trade, Alberta Health, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office
<b>Program or Policy: Various Acts.</b> Ensure enforcement of provincial government laws and regulations regarding the protection of treaty lands, at risk wildlife and rivers in proximity to the proposed Frontier Project near Wood Buffalo National Park.				

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**...government**

Cabinet approved the lease by The Governors of The University of

Alberta to various tenants for terms not to exceed 15 years, for food and retail purposes, of land within the Saville Community Sports Centre. OC

415/2018.

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## Recent Consultant Lobbyist Registrations, continued

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21-Dec-2018	Alberta Teachers Association	Alberta Counsel	Jonathon Wescott	Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Education, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office
<p>The association is lobbying on a number of issues including Budget 2018 and 2019, recognition of 100th Anniversary of the Alberta Teachers' Association, various programs/policies relating to curriculum and instruction, student evaluation, teaching quality standards, conditions of professional practice, student safety and human rights,, the <i>Public Education Collective Bargaining Act and Labour Relations Act</i>, the Online Professional Growth Grant #2012-0048 (\$1,050,000 paid March 2012, project ongoing), the International Educational Exchange Program #2015-0219 (currently billed at \$38,889 per month, project ongoing), Ever Active Schools Grants, Respectful Schools #2016-0007 (\$175,000 paid in March 2013, project is ongoing), <i>School Act/Education Act, Teaching Profession Act</i> and various legislation amending them, Financial Benefit or Grant: Walking Together Project #2016-0307 (\$2,500,000 paid November 2016 for three years), Grant to Develop Inservice Programing Leading to Leadership and Superintendent Certification, Certification of School and district administrators, and the <i>Teachers' Pension Plan Act</i> and Regulation.</p>				
21-Dec-2018	Pengrowth Energy Corporation	Sequent Group Ltd.	Patrick Spotowski	Alberta Energy, Executive Council, Premier's Office, Alberta Energy Regulator
<p><b>Decision: Rules surrounding oil production curtailment.</b> Change the rules surrounding oil production curtailment.  <b>Program or Policy: Oil Production Curtailment Program and Policy.</b> Change in methodology.</p>				
21-Dec-2018	Municipal District of Opportunity	Alberta Counsel	Jonathon Wescott, Jenelle Saskiw, Zack Ziolkowski, Cam MacKay, Shayne Saskiw, Pascal Ryffel, Bronte Valk, Keith Pridgen	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Energy, Alberta Culture and Tourism, Alberta Indigenous Relations, Alberta Health, Alberta Economic Development and Trade, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Premier's Office
<p><b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Any applicable grants.</b> Accessing and securing support for any available grants that will help spur and diversify local economic development initiatives.  <b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Funding for long-term care facility.</b> To secure funding for a long-term care facility, both in terms of capital and go-forward operating costs, that is currently being funded by the district itself instead of AHS.</p>				
19-Dec-18	Canadian Hockey League	Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP	Rob Bayne	Alberta Labour
<p><b>Existing Legislation: Employment Standards Code.</b> To discuss the decisions made by the governments of Ontario, Quebec and the applicable Maritime provinces to create exemptions/regulations under their respective employment standards legislation to confirm the status of athletes as exempt from employment standards legislation.</p>				
19-Dec-18	Pfizer Canada Inc.	Sparks & Associates Inc.	Robin Sparks, John Sparks	Executive Council, Alberta Health
18-Dec-18	Osum Oil Sands Corp.	Global Public Affairs	Randy Pettipas, Pierre Alvarez	Alberta Energy, Premier's Office, Alberta Energy Regulator
<p><b>Existing Legislation: Responsible Energy Development Act, the Oil Sands Conservation Act and the Oil and Gas Conservation Act (Curtailment rules).</b> Discussions with the government on the unintended consequences of the mandated curtailment announcements on Osum Oil Sands Corp.'s operations.</p>				
18-Dec-18	Alberta Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association	Torque Communications	Lee Funke	Alberta Legislative Assembly
<p><b>Program or Policy: 2019 Construction Program.</b> Improved criteria to appropriately direct capital spending on major transportation projects. Decision making processes to ensure sustainable capital maintenance and renewal spending. Enhanced transportation system which supports safety on Alberta Highways connecting communities and improving economic trade.</p>				

## ...government

## Municipal Affairs

14 December 2018

**Proclamation: An Act to Enable Clean Energy Improvements**

Cabinet proclaimed the act in force on January 1, 2019. OC 394/2018.

14 December 2018

**Municipal Government Act (sections 96 and 98).**

Cabinet changed the status of the Town of Beaumont from a town to a city, and changed the name of the Town of Beaumont to the “City of Beaumont”, effective January 1, 2019. OC 395/2018.

14 December 2018

**Municipal Government Act (section 98).**

Cabinet changed the name of the Municipal District of Foothills No. 31 to “Foothills County”, effective January 1, 2019. OC 396/2018.

## Service Alberta

14 December 2018

**Proclamation: Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014**

Cabinet proclaimed the following provisions of the act in force on the following dates:

► on July 1, 2019, sections 2(a)(ix) and (xiii), 17, 22(b), 23 to 26, 27(b) and (c), 28(c), 29, section 30 to the extent that it enacts sections 38.1, 39(1) and (2) (a), 39.1 and 39.2 of the *Condominium Property Act*.

► on July 1, 2019, sections 31, 32, 35, 39, 40, 42 to 44, 52, section 55(d) to the extent that it enacts section 81(f.2) to (f.96) of the *Condominium Property Act*.

► on July 1, 2019, sections 55(e) to (g) and (j), 56, 59 and 61.

► on January 1, 2020, section 37. OC 435/2018. □

## Appointments Scan...

**T**he provincial government made the following appointments this week. Cabinet appointments are

followed by the Order in Council (OC) number of the decision. The full OCs are available online [here](#).

## Advanced Education

14 December 2018

**Post-secondary Learning Act (sections 44 and 56).**

Cabinet appointed **Janet Annesley** as a member of the Board of Governors of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology for a term to expire on December 10, 2021.

Cabinet designated **Melinda Park** as chair of the Board of Governors of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. OC 432/2018.

## Economic Development and Trade

14 December 2018

**Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act (section 14); Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act (section 9).**

Cabinet appointed **Paul Haggis** as a member and cabinet designated him as chair of the board of directors of the Alberta Enterprise Corporation for a further term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Cabinet appointed **Alice Reimer** as a member and cabinet designated her as vice-chair of the board of directors of the Corporation.

Cabinet appointed **Sharilee Fossom, Jim Gibson, Patricia Johnston, Neil Sadaranganey and Tracey Scarlett** as members of the board of directors of the Corporation, each for a term to expire on December 31, 2021. OC 400/2018.

## Energy

14 December 2018

**Responsible Energy Development Act (section 5).**

Cabinet rescinded the appointment

of **Gordon Lambert** as a member of the board of directors of the Alberta Energy Regulator. OC 425/2018.

## Finance

14 December 2018

**Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (section 4); Alberta Investment Management Corporation Regulation (section 2).**

Cabinet reappointed **James Prieur** as a member of the board of directors of the Alberta Investment Management Corporation for a term to expire on June 30, 2022. OC 402/2018.

14 December 2018

**Credit Union Act (section 8).**

Cabinet reappointed **Paulina Hiebert** and **James McKillop** as directors of the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, each for a term to expire on April 30, 2022. OC 403/2018.

## Health

14 December 2018

**Health Professions Act (section 22).**

Cabinet appointed several regulated members of a profession under the *Health Professions Act* and members of the public as members of the Health Professions Advisory Board, each for a term to expire on December 10, 2020 or December 10, 2021. OC 410/2018.

## Premier

14 December 2018

**Alberta Order of Excellence Act (section 4).**

Effective January 1, 2019, Cabinet appointed **Dr. Stanford Blade** as a member of the Council of the Alberta Order of Excellence for a term to

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**...appointments**

expire on December 31, 2021. OC 428/2018.

14 December 2018

**Government Organization Act (section 4); Public Service Act (sections 11 and 18).**

Effective January 1, 2019, cabinet appointed **Andre Tremblay** as deputy minister of transportation. OC 429/2018.

**Speaker**

6 January 2019

**Statement on the Passing of Former Speaker Gene Zwozdesky**

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of

Alberta **Robert Wanner** issued a statement of condolence to the family of **Gene Zwozdesky**, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, on his passing.

“Anyone who ever met him knows that **Gene Zwozdesky** was a force of energy who lived every moment to its fullest,” **Wanner** said. “He cared deeply about his family, his community and his province. With a distinguished public service career spanning more than 20 years, his never-ending zest for life makes his passing seem almost surreal.”

On April 23, 2012, **Zwozdesky** was elected to his sixth term as the MLA for Edmonton-Mill Creek. He was elected as the 12th Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on May 23, 2012.

**Wanner’s** statement is [here](#). □

Cabinet passed the Methane Emission Reduction Regulation. OC 421/2018.

14 December 2018

**Mines and Minerals Act (section 5).**

Cabinet passed the Crown Minerals Registration Amendment Regulation. OC 422/2018.

Cabinet passed the Oil Sands Royalty Regulation, 1997 (Expiry Date Extension) Amendment Regulation. OC 423/2018.

14 December 2018

**Petroleum Marketing Act (section 19); Mines and Minerals Act (section 36).**

Cabinet passed the Petroleum Marketing Amendment Regulation. OC 424/2018.

14 December 2018

**Responsible Energy Development Act (section 78).**

Cabinet passed the Responsible Energy Development Act General Amendment Regulation. OC 426/2018.

14 December 2018

**Responsible Energy Development Act (section 80).**

Cabinet passed the Security Management for Critical Upstream Petroleum and Coal Infrastructure (Expiry Date Extension) Amendment Regulation. OC 427/2018.

14 December 2018

**Oil and Gas Conservation Act (section 10); Oil Sands Conservation Act (section 20); Responsible Energy Development Act (section 68).**

Cabinet passed the Curtailment Rules Amendment Regulation. OC 434/2018.

**Environment and Parks**

14 December 2018

**Water Act (section 169).**

Cabinet passed the Water (Offences and Penalties) (2018) Amendment Regulation. OC 430/2018.

**Regulations Scan...**

**T**he provincial cabinet passed the following regulations this week. Copies of the cabinet decisions

(called Orders in Council or “OCs”) are available online [here](#).

**Advanced Education**

14 December 2018

**Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act (section 7).**

Cabinet passed the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Amendment Regulation. OC 431/2018.

14 December 2018

**Post-secondary Learning Act (section 47.1).**

Cabinet passed the Alternative Academic Council Amendment Regulation. OC 433/2018.

**Economic Development and Trade**

14 December 2018

**Investing in a Diversified Alberta Economy Act (section 55).**

Cabinet passed the Alberta Investor Tax Credits Amendment Regulation. OC 401/2018.

**Energy**

2 January 2019

**Oil and Gas Conservation Act (section 10); Oil Sands Conservation Act (section 20); Responsible Energy Development Act (section 68).** Cabinet passed the Curtailment Rules Amendment Regulation. OC 438/2018.

14 December 2018

**Electric Utilities Act (section 142).**

Cabinet passed the Transmission Amendment Regulation. OC 419/2018.

14 December 2018

**Electric Utilities Act (section 147).**

Cabinet passed the Payment in Lieu of Tax Regulations Amendment Regulation. OC 420/2018.

14 December 2018

**Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (section 122).**

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## ...regulations

14 December 2018

**Health Professions Act (section 131).**  
Cabinet approved the Midwives Profession Regulation. OC 411/2018.

14 December 2018

**Regulations Act (section 10).**  
Cabinet passed the Midwifery Repeal Regulation. OC 412/2018.

14 December 2018

**Various Acts.**  
Cabinet passed the Health Regulations Amendment Regulation. OC 413/2018.

## Justice and Solicitor General

14 December 2018

**Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act (section 16).**  
Cabinet passed the Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Amendment Regulation. OC 404/2018.

14 December 2018

**Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act (section 117); Public Trustee Act (section 47).**  
Cabinet passed the Transitional (Applications Made in Conformity with the Dependent Adults Act; Certificates of Incapacity) Amendment Regulation. OC 405/2018.

14 December 2018

**Family Law Act (section 107).**  
Cabinet passed the Alberta Child Support Guidelines Amendment Regulation. OC 406/2018.

14 December 2018

**Maintenance Enforcement Act (section 45).**  
Cabinet passed the Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Regulation. OC 407/2018.

14 December 2018

**Victims Restitution and Compensation**

## Payment Act (section 55).

Cabinet passed the Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Forms Amendment Regulation. OC 408/2018.

## Municipal Affairs

21 December 2018

**Municipal Government Act (section 381.5).**  
Cabinet passed the City of Calgary Rivers District Community Revitalization Levy Amendment Regulation. OC 437/2018.

14 December 2018

**Safety Codes Act (section 65).**  
Cabinet passed the Certification and Permit (Expiry Date Extension) Amendment Regulation. OC 397/2018.

14 December 2018

**Special Areas Act (section 5).**  
Cabinet passed the Special Areas Disposition (Expiry Date Repeal) Amendment Regulation. OC 398/2018.

## Service Alberta

14 December 2018

**Various Acts.**  
Cabinet passed the Service Alberta Regulations (Expiry Date Extension) Amendment Regulation. OC 416/2018.

14 December 2018

**Condominium Property Act (section 81).**  
Cabinet passed the Condominium Property Amendment Regulation. OC 436/2018.

## Transportation

14 December 2018

**Traffic Safety Act (sections 112, 113 and 114).**  
Cabinet passed the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Amendment Regulation. OC 417/2018. □