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The money...

This week, UCP leader **Jason Kenney** announced a pre-election campaign tour of the Peace River country region even as premier **Rachel Notley** used the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce as a platform to attack his party's policies.

Kenney is travelling as far north as La Crete holding “meet and greet” events in local gathering spots and fund raisers to help UCP candidates in the region. The two day tour includes visits to Sexsmith, Spirit River, Fairview, Peace River, High Level, and La Crete.

Details are [here](#).

Chamber. Premier **Rachel Notley** signalled her election themes and inoculated herself against expected UCP criticisms in a highly partisan speech to the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce on January 24.

She reminded the crowd of the excesses of the former PC government like the so-called Sky Palace that was proposed for the Federal Building and the “inflated salaries” of the senior officials of Alberta agencies, boards and commissions.

Notley promised if her government is re-elected, she will not bring in a sales tax, a payroll tax, or health care premiums.

And she pledged to grow Alberta's economy “not by cutting and firing, but by building and hiring,” a not so subtle reference to how the NDP will characterize the plans of the UCP.

“I submit that what my opponent is proposing will turn back the clock on Edmonton and the province...put this city on its heels...and undo the tremendous work so many have done to help people weather the downturn,” **Notley** said. Her speech can be heard online [here](#).

Party financing. The table below shows party fund raising by quarter in 2018. The United Conservative Party dominated the fund raising. Nonetheless, the NDP raised sufficient dollars to run a competitive province-wide campaign.

Full party financial details by quarter are available online [here](#). □

2018 Party Fund Raising

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
United Conservative Party	\$390,380	\$1,158,855	\$1,190,377	\$3,922,950	\$6,662,563
New Democratic Party	\$328,971	\$856,960	\$676,447	\$1,527,836	\$3,390,214
Alberta Party	\$80,812	\$124,994	\$28,815	\$359,555	\$594,177
Alberta Liberal Party	\$24,796	\$31,989	\$26,899	\$112,781	\$196,464
Freedom Conservative Party	\$0	\$0	\$2,951	\$36,825	\$39,776
Green Party	\$559	\$4,840	\$2,216	\$12,709	\$20,325

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](#).

Advanced Education

24 January 2019

An Act to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-Secondary Education (section 61); Regulations Act (section 10).

Cabinet passed the Post-secondary Learning Act Consequential Amendments Regulation. OC 29/2019.

Finance

24 January 2019

Proclamation: Joint Governance of Public Sector Pension Plans Act

Cabinet proclaimed the following provisions of the act in force on the following dates: on the date of issue of the Proclamation, Schedule 4, section 5(1) and (3); on March 1, 2019, Schedule 1, sections 2, 9, 10, 17, 18 and 26 to 41; Schedule 2, sections 2, 9, 10, 17, 18 and 26 to 41; Schedule 3, sections 2, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 24 to 40; Schedule 4, except section 5(1) and (3). OC 2/2019.

24 January 2019

Financial Administration Act (section 80).

Cabinet approved the dissolution of the Alberta Local Authorities Pension Plan Corp., a provincial corporation. OC 4/2019.

Premier

24 January 2019

Government Organization Act (sections 16, 17 and 18).

Cabinet passed the Designation and Transfer of Responsibility Amendment Regulation. OC 28/2019.

The amendments include:

► the minister of energy is designated as the minister responsible for the *Canyon Creek Hydro Development Act*.

► the minister of health is designated as the minister responsible for the *Mental Health Services Protection Act*.

► the minister of municipal affairs is designated as the minister responsible for the *City Charters Fiscal Framework Act*, except sections 2, 6(2) and (3), 7, 8, 9 and 10 and sections 6(4), 7(2), 8 and 9 of the Schedule.

► the minister of municipal affairs and the minister of transportation are designated as the ministers with common responsibility for sections 2, 7, 8 and

9 of the *City Charters Fiscal Framework Act*.

► the minister of transportation is designated as the minister responsible for section 6(2) and (3) of the *City Charters Fiscal Framework Act* and sections 8 and 9 of the Schedule to the *City Charters Fiscal Framework Act*.

► The President of Treasury Board, minister of finance is designated as the minister responsible for the *Joint Governance of Public Sector Pension Plans Act*.

► The President of Treasury Board, minister of finance is designated as the minister responsible for section 10 of the *City Charters Fiscal Framework Act* and sections 6(4) and 7(2) of the Schedule to the *City Charters Fiscal Framework Act*.

► the responsibility for that part of the public service associated with the parts of the appropriation transferred under subsection (5.2) is transferred to the President of Treasury Board, minister of finance. □

Appointments Scan...

The 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

24 January 2019

Post-secondary Learning Act (sections 16 and 56).

Cabinet reappointed **Michael Phair** as chair of the board of The Governors of The University of Alberta for a term to expire on February 23, 2022. OC 30/2019.

Cabinet appointed **Nancy Foster** and **Fauzia Lalani** as members of the board of The Governors of The University of Calgary, each for a term to expire on January 21, 2022. OC 31/2019.

Cabinet reappointed **Kurt Schlachter** as chair of the board of The Governors of The University of Lethbridge for a term to expire on June

28, 2022.

Cabinet reappointed **Harvey Labuhn** and **Shilpa Stocker** as members of the board of The Governors of The University of Lethbridge, each for a term to expire on June 28, 2022. OC 32/2019.

24 January 2019

Post-secondary Learning Act (sections 52 and 56).

Cabinet reappointed **David Weyant** as chair of the Board of Governors of The Banff Centre for a term to expire on April 6, 2022.

Cabinet reappointed **John Snow Jr.** and **Letha MacLachlan** as members of the Board of Governors of The Banff Centre, each for a term to expire on

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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
23-Jan-2019	Canadian Online Gaming Association	PAA Public Affairs Advisors Inc.	Eric Lamoureux, Noah Niznick	Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office
Program or Policy: Online Gambling Service Provider Request for Proposals. To gather information pertaining to Alberta Gaming Liquor and Cannabis Commission's RFP, entitled "Online Gambling Service Provider", issued on January 17, 2019.				
22-Jan-2019	Big Marble Farms Inc.	De Paoli & Associates Inc.	Anna De Paoli	Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Climate Change Office
Existing Legislation: Energy Efficiency Alberta Act. Apply for funding for cogeneration project from Custom Energy Solutions program administered through Energy Efficiency Alberta.				
22-Jan-2019	Amazon.com, Inc.	Global Public Affairs	Randy Pettipas, Mike Peters, Jordan Pinkster, Brookes Merritt	Service Alberta, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Economic Development and Trade, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Transportation, Alberta Advanced Education, Premier's Office
Program or Policy: Digital economy. Work with government to promote and support Alberta's digital economy, including ensuring the availability of a high-skilled tech workforce. Raise awareness of Amazon cloud-based solutions and related support services in supporting economic growth opportunities.				
Program or Policy: fulfillment centre operations. Brief officials on the status of Amazon's fulfillment centre investments in Alberta, as well as general discussions relating to potential future investments and operations.				
Program or Policy: regional transit. Discussion with officials regarding regional transit issues impacting Amazon's fulfillment centres.				
Program or Policy: digital procurement policy. Engage in discussions regarding development of a digital procurement strategy and promote cloud-based solutions and related support services in procurement.				
22-Jan-2019	Canada Ukraine Development Association (CUDA)	Alberta Counsel	Jonathon Wescott, Shayne Saskiw, Jonathon Wescott, Pascal Ryffel, Jenelle Saskiw, Keith Pridgen, Zack Ziolkowski, Bronte Valk, Cam MacKay	Alberta Culture and Tourism, Alberta Economic Development and Trade, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Premier's Office
Program or Policy: Diplomatic relations between Ukraine and Alberta. Building new and enhancing existing relationships between the province of Alberta and Ukraine, specifically relating to trade, culture and tourism.				
18-Jan-2019	DMC Consulting	MacKenzie County	Diana McQueen	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
Program or Policy: Species at Risk. Discuss land use issues pertaining to species at risk and caribou in particular, and effects on municipalities economic development growth in energy, forestry, and agriculture.				
Guideline or Directive: Species at Risk Policies. To discuss effects on municipal economic growth in the energy, forestry and agriculture with this policy and to provide input into solutions and decision making going forward.				
17-Jan-2019	Greengate Power Corporation	Whit & Ham	Ed Whittingham	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Energy, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Premier's Office
Decision: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. To secure funding support from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for the Hanna Solar Center project.				
17-Jan-2019	Calgary River Communities Action Group	New West Public Affairs	Monte Solberg, Sarah Painchaud, Sonia Kont, Michael Solberg	Alberta Legislative Assembly
Program or Policy: Bow and Elbow River Flood Mitigation. To ensure support for continued work on SR1 (Springbank Dry Reservoir) and Bow River flood mitigation by all MLAs				

...appointments

June 28, 2022. OC 33/2019.

Health

24 January 2019

Health Professions Act (section 13).

Cabinet appointed **Carmen Wyton** as a public member to the council of the Alberta College of Pharmacy for a term to expire on January 21, 2022. OC 25/2019.

24 January 2019

Health Professions Act (section 22).

Cabinet designated **Linda Tymchuk** as chair of the Health Professions Advisory Board. OC 26/2019.

24 January 2019

Mental Health Act (section 45).

Cabinet reappointed **Kathleen Ness** as the Mental Health Patient Advocate for a term to expire on December 31, 2019. OC 27/2019.

Justice and Solicitor General

24 January 2019

Alberta Human Rights Act (section 15).

Cabinet appointed **Darryl Aarbo, Rita Aggarwala, Roxanne Davis, Laura Mensch, Sharon Sproule and Nazrina Umarji** as members of the Alberta Human Rights Commission, each for a term to expire on January 21, 2022. OC 13/2019.

24 January 2019

Conflicts of Interest Act (sections 33 and 34).

Effective May 26, 2019, cabinet reappointed the Honourable **Marguerite Trussler** as Ethics Commissioner for a term to expire on May 25, 2024. OC 14/2019.

24 January 2019

Criminal Code (Canada) (section 672.38).

Cabinet reappointed **Dr. Cynthia Baxter** as a member of the Alberta

Review Board for a term to expire on May 26, 2022. Cabinet reappointed **Dr. Jane McCrudden** as a member of the Alberta Review Board for a term to expire on May 31, 2022. OC 15/2019.

24 January 2019

Police Act (section 9).

Cabinet reappointed **Christine Enns** and **Rosetta Khalideen** as members of the Law Enforcement Review Board, each for a term to expire on February 14, 2022. OC 16/2019.

24 January 2019

Victims of Crime Act (section 7).

Cabinet reappointed **Indra Maharaj** as a member and designated her as chair of the Criminal Injuries Review Board for a term to expire on June 4, 2021. OC 17/2019.

Labour

24 January 2019

Agrology Profession Act (sections 12 and 13).

Cabinet appointed **Cassandra Haraba** as a public member to the council of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists for a term to expire on January 21, 2022. OC 18/2019.

24 January 2019

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Act (Canada) (section 4).

Cabinet nominated **Jody Young** as a governor of the Council of the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, representing the Province of Alberta. OC 19/2019.

24 January 2019

Regulated Forestry Profession Act (sections 12 and 13).

Cabinet appointed **Nancy Hack, Patricia Hull, John Lindsay and Debi Piecowye** to the list of public members for the purpose of establishing complaint review committees and hearing tribunals of the College of Alberta Professional Foresters and the College of Alberta Professional

Forest Technologists, each for a term to expire on January 21, 2022. OC 20/2019.

24 January 2019

Veterinary Profession Act (section 8).

Cabinet appointed **Ross Plecash** as a public member to the Council of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association for a term to expire on January 21, 2022. OC 21/2019.

24 January 2019

Veterinary Profession Act (section 9.3).

Cabinet appointed **Elizabeth Hak** and **Brian Marcotte** to the membership list to be used for appointing members of the public to hearing tribunals and complaint review committees for the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, each for a term to expire on January 21, 2022. OC 22/2019.

24 January 2019

Workers' Compensation Act (section 5).

Cabinet appointed **Keith Serre, Ross Hansen, Jane Sustrik and Dave Rebbitt** as members of the board of directors of The Workers' Compensation Board, each for a term to expire on January 21, 2022. OC 23/2019.

24 January 2019

Workers' Compensation Act (section 46.2).

Cabinet reappointed **Dr. Christopher de Gara** as the Medical Panels Commissioner for a term to expire on March 31, 2022. OC 24/2019.

Municipal Affairs

24 January 2019

Municipal Government Act (section 486).

Effective May 1, 2019, cabinet reappointed the following persons as members of the Municipal Government Board, each for a term to expire on November 30, 2021: **Hilary Argento, Jacqueline Biollo, Murray Dennis, Lynda Downey, Linda Mc-**

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...appointments

Culloch, Lorelle Pesowski, Sheldon Steinke.

Effective November 1, 2019, cabinet reappointed **Heesung Kim** as a member of the Board for a term to expire on August 1, 2021.

Effective November 1, 2019, cabinet reappointed the following persons as members of the Board, each for a term to expire on November 30, 2021: **Shannon Boyer, Petra Hagemann, Walter Krynski, Kathryn Thompson, Harold Williams, Lana Yakimchuk, George Zaharia.** OC 1/2019. □

Regulations Scan...

The provincial cabinet passed the following regulations this week. Copies of the cabinet decisions

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

Finance

24 January 2019
Employment Pension Plans Act (section 159).

Cabinet passed the Exemption (Public Sector Pension) Regulation. OC 3/2019.

24 January 2019
Public Sector Pension Plans Act (Schedule 1, section 4).

Cabinet passed the Local Authorities Pension Plan Amendment and Repeal Regulation. OC 5/2019.

24 January 2019
Public Sector Pension Plans Act (Schedule 1, section 12); Public Sector Pension Plans (Legislative Provisions) Regulation (section 5 and Schedule 1, section 3).

Effective March 1, 2019, cabinet rescinded the current appointments to the Local Authorities Pension Plan Board of Trustees. OC 6/2019.

24 January 2019
Public Sector Pension Plans Act (Schedule 2, section 4).

Cabinet passed the Public Service Pension Plan Amendment and Repeal Regulation. OC 7/2019.

24 January 2019
Public Sector Pension Plans Act (Schedule 2, section 12); Public Sector Pension Plans (Legislative

Provisions) Regulation (section 5 and Schedule 2, section 3).

Effective March 1, 2019, cabinet rescinded the current appointments to the Public Service Pension Board. OC 8/2019.

24 January 2019
Public Sector Pension Plans Act (Schedule 4, section 4).

Cabinet passed the Special Forces Pension Plan Amendment and Repeal Regulation. OC 9/2019.

24 January 2019
Public Sector Pension Plans Act (Schedule 4, section 12); Public Sector Pension Plans (Legislative Provisions) Regulation (section 5 and Schedule 4, section 3).

Effective March 1, 2019, rescinds the current appointments to the Special Forces Pension Board. OC 10/2019.

24 January 2019
Public Sector Pension Plans Act (Schedule 5, section 4).

Cabinet passed the Management Employees Pension Plan Amendment Regulation. OC 11/2019.

24 January 2019
Various Acts.
Cabinet passed the Joint Governance of Public Sector Pension Plans Consequential Amendments Regulation. OC 12/2019. □