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18 per cent...

The Official Opposition had a victory of sorts this week when transportation minister **Ric McIvor** agreed the UCP government would re-examine training requirements for truck and bus drivers after pressure from families impacted by the Humboldt Broncos tragedy and the NDP.

McIvor would not commit to reimposing the mandatory rules imposed by the previous NDP government in the wake of the fatal accident, but said the government “will look at it”.

The NDP also obtained an emergency debate in the Legislature on the following motion, with the consent of the governing UCP.

“Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to maintain safety requirements for newly licensed commercial vehicle drivers, including school bus and agricultural drivers, to ensure rigorous training and testing standards implemented by the previous government continue to protect the safety of all drivers throughout the province and prevent incidents such as the Humboldt Broncos tragedy from occurring again.”

The Legislature passed the motion.

Other issues raised by the NDP this week included:

► the party released a September 19 internal memo from Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) CEO **Gordon Lambert** warning staff that in advance of the October 24 provincial budget, AER is looking at a planning scenario of an 18 per cent cut.

“We will be making organizational changes across the AER to focus on mission-critical work in a resource-constrained reality,” **Lambert** wrote. “While these changes will lead to new opportunities for some employees, we will need to make reductions and changes in all areas of our business, including staffing levels.”

► the NDP charged that “UCP won’t consult with Albertans, but will consult with donors.” As proof, the party’s critic for democracy and ethics pointed to a UCP constituency fund raiser with finance minister **Travis Toews** being held the morning after the budget is presented. Tickets are \$125 per person.

“It’s incredibly insulting to the people of Alberta to have a finance minister who won’t go out and talk to Albertans about the budget, unless they fork over cash to the UCP’s coffers,” said NDP critic **Heather Sweet**. **Toews** is speaking to organizations other than UCP constituency associations after the budget.

► the Official Opposition pointed out that the corporate tax cut given by the UCP over the next four years has not yet had the desired effect of stimulating investment and jobs in the oil and gas sector.

“Since **Kenney** and the UCP took office, 15,000 jobs have been lost in the oil and gas sector,” said NDP critic for economic development, trade and tourism, **Deron Bilous**. “All we’ve seen is companies boost stock dividends for bankers out east without creating any jobs in the industry. And just last month, 12,000 people left the workforce after giving up hope for the UCP corporate tax gift to help them.” □

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](#).

► *the right to privacy*: People can trust that their personal information will be safeguarded and only relevant details will be disclosed.

Details are [here](#).

Energy

17 October 2019

Restoring Stability to the Electricity Market

Energy minister **Sonya Savage** introduced Bill 18, the *Electricity Statutes (Capacity Market Termination) Amendment Act*.

When passed, the bill will:

- amend the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, *Electric Utilities Act* and *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* to remove reference to the capacity market.
- amend various regulations that extended existing electricity policies to the capacity market.
- repeal the Capacity Market Regulation.

The previous government passed legislation to create what is called a capacity market for electricity. After consulting with industry stakeholders, **Savage** said she decided to return to Alberta’s previous “energy-only market”.

Details are [here](#). The bill is [here](#).

Environment and Parks

15 October 2019

Beefing Up Supports for Alberta’s Ranchers

Environment minister **Jason Nixon** introduced Bill 16, *Public Lands Modernization (Grazing Leases and Obsolete Provisions) Amendment Act, 2019*, which makes changes to the rent and fees ranchers and cattle owners pay government for the use of public lands.

It creates a system that is transparent and fair for ranchers, while ensuring that Albertans receive fair return for the use of the province’s resources, the government said.

A portion of revenues would be

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Community and Social Services

16 October 2019

Informing Those at Risk of Domestic Violence

Premier **Jason Kenney’s** government introduced Bill 17, *Disclosure to Protect Against Domestic Violence (Clare’s Law) Act*.

The bill helps those at risk by giving them new tools to find out if an intimate partner has a violent or abusive past.

Police would be able to disclose relevant information about past violent or criminal behaviours to people at risk.

The bill is modelled after “Clare’s Law” in the United Kingdom, named after a young woman killed by an ex-boyfriend with a history of domestic violence.

Alberta’s domestic violence rates are the third highest in Canada.

Bill 17 will allow:

- *the right to ask*: People at risk can find out if their partner has a history of domestic violence or other relevant acts, in defined circumstances.
- *the right to know*: Police can take a proactive approach to violence prevention by disclosing relevant information to people at risk, without an application.

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

17 October 2019

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

Effective December 13, 2019, Cabinet appointed **Bridget Hennigar** as a member of The Board of Governors of Grande Prairie Regional College for a term to expire on December 12, 2022 OC 200/2019.

17 October 2019

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

Cabinet appointed **Luke Day** and **Sarah MacKenzie** as members of The Board of Governors of Medicine Hat College, each for a term to expire on

October 16, 2022. OC 201/2019.

17 October 2019

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

Cabinet appointed **Chris Lavin**, **Lily Le** and **Philomena Okeke-Ihejirika** as members of The Board of Governors of NorQuest College, each for a term to expire on October 16, 2022.

Le ran unsuccessfully for the UCP in Edmonton-Centre, losing to NDP incumbent **David Shepherd**.

Cabinet rescinded the appointments of three NDP appointed members of The Board of Governors of NorQuest College, **Terry Anderson**, **Jim Gurnett** and **Dalyce McElhinney**. OC 202/2019. □

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reinvested in rangeland sustainability initiatives.

Details are [here](#).

15 October 2019

Companies, Directors Face Environmental Charges

Government has laid a total of 12 charges against three companies and one director from each company in Calgary.

The charges, laid under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, relate to excavated fill contaminated with a hazardous substance, hexavalent chromium, deposited on City of Calgary property on or about April 13, 2017.

Details are [here](#).

11 October 2019

Village of Cereal Faces Environmental Charges

The province laid 12 charges against the Village of Cereal related to the improper use of pesticides that occurred on or about June 6, 2017.

The Village of Cereal and **Kenneth Rude**, the village foreman, face four charges under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and two charges under the Pesticide Sales, Handling, Use and Application Regulation. **Darcy Olds**, caretaker of the village campground, faces the same charges for a similar offence.

Details are [here](#).

Health

15 October 2019

Alberta Supports Opioid Class Action Lawsuit

Health minister **Tyler Shandro**, associate minister of mental health and addictions **Jason Luan** and minister of justice and solicitor general **Doug Schweitzer** announce Alberta will support BC's proposed class action against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

The action is coming forward on behalf of all federal, provincial and territorial governments and agencies that have paid health-care, pharmaceutical and treatment costs related to opioids from 1996 to the present.

Details are [here](#).

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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 |
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| 17-Oct-19 | Alberta Museums Association | CSG Canadian Strategy Group Inc. (also operating as Crestview Strategy (Alberta)) | Hal Danchilla, Gail Kelly, Michael Lohner | Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Executive Council, Alberta Legislative Assembly |
| Financial Benefit or Grant: Operating costs / Alberta Museums Association grant program. Advocating to maintain existing funding relationship with the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation for operating costs and the Alberta Museums Association grant program. | | | | |
| 16-Oct-19 | Potential Place Society | AND Strategies Ltd | Karin Finley | Alberta Health, Alberta Seniors and Housing |
| Financial Benefit or Grant: Potential Place Clubhouse is seeking additional funds from AB Health and AB Seniors and Housing in support of the new facility it is building in Calgary. Making representation to different ministers about Potential Place, its programs and housing needs with a goal of achieving additional funding. | | | | |
| 11-Oct-19 | CanvasRx Inc. | Bennett Jones LLP | Hugh MacKinnon, Rose Carter | Alberta Health |
| Program or Policy: Current guidelines/standards for prescribing of cannabis. Discuss guidelines/standards. Financial Benefit or Grant: At the moment, certain health care providers are precluded from prescribing medicinal cannabis to their patients. As cannabis is legal in Canada, there should not be prohibition on health care providers in providing medicinal cannabis to their patients where appropriate. | | | | |
| 09-Oct-19 | MLC Group | Alberta North Projects Ltd. | Christopher Ghazouly | Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Transportation |
| Decision: Planning of Government Lands 1230-127 Street Edmonton, Alberta. To discuss the final planning of Government Lands 1230-127 Street. MLC (the developer) has built and paid for the infrastructure including water, sanitary and storm sewer to accommodate the future use of government lands. These costs are borne by the developer until the government lands are developed. Decision: Planning of Government Lands 1230-127 St. Edmonton, Alberta. To discuss the status and potential timing of construction of 28 Ave - Heritage Valley Trail to 122 Street. | | | | |
| 09-Oct-19 | Loblaw Companies Limited | Hill+Knowlton Strategies | Sheila Wisniewski, Natalie Sigalet | Executive Council, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office |
| Program or Policy: Liquor Policies. Loblaw is seeking to understand the direction of liquor policies, including club points on liquor purchases. | | | | |

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Infrastructure

16 October 2019

Minister Panda Heads to IT Conference in Chicago

Infrastructure minister **Prasad Panda** is travelling alone to Chicago Oct. 17-18 to attend the annual ITServe Alliance Synergy Conference

Panda will speak to more than 1,500 delegates at the conference “regarding opportunities in the technology

sector, and the steps Alberta is taking to cut red tape, welcome new Canadians and become the lowest-taxed jurisdiction in Canada.”

Details of the trip are [here](#).

Service Alberta

17 October 2019

Companies Act (section 90).

Exempts Alberta Sulphur Research Ltd. from the application of section 90(1) and (3) of the *Companies Act*. OC 198/2019. ☐

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](#).

Community and Social Services

17 October 2019

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act (section 12).

Cabinet passed the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped General Amendment Regulation. OC 203/2019.

The regulation makes technical amendments regarding the dates when a benefit can be paid to a client.

- ▶ administer intravenous nutrition.
- ▶ administer medication by an invasive procedure, such as a central venous line.

To ensure public safety, LPNs will adhere to standards of practice being developed by their regulatory college. The expanded scope of practice will come into effect Feb. 1, 2020.

Details are [here](#).

Service Alberta

17 October 2019

Business Corporations Act (section 266).

Cabinet passed the Business Corporations Amendment Regulation. OC 197/2019.

The amendment makes changes to the rules governing extra-provincial corporations.

17 October 2019

Partnership Act (sections 80.1 and 104.1).

Cabinet passed the Partnership Amendment Regulation. OC 199/2019.

The amendment makes a number of changes governing extra-provincial limited liability partnerships. ☐

Health

17 October 2019

Health Professions Act (section 131).

Cabinet approved the Licensed Practical Nurses Profession Amendment Regulation. OC 204/2019.

Government is amending the licensed practical nurses (LPN) profession regulation to expand the scope of practice for LPNs in five areas.

With the regulatory changes, LPNs will be able to:

- ▶ administer blood or blood products.
- ▶ dispense certain drugs based on a prescriber’s instructions.
- ▶ provide ultrasound for bedside nursing assessments.