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## Several fronts...

The UCP government moved quickly on several fronts this week, giving royal assent to half a dozen bills and introducing two more comprehensive bills to implement measures of last week's Budget 2019. The bills given Royal Assent include:

- Bill 14, *Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation Act*, which creates a billion-dollar loan fund that will enable Indigenous groups in Alberta to invest and become full partners in the development of our shared energy resource wealth.
- Bill 15, *Real Estate Amendment Act, 2019*, which responds to the failure of the Real Estate Council of Alberta to provide effective oversight of the real estate industry.
- Bill 16, *Public Lands Modernization (Grazing Leases and Obsolete Provisions) Amendment Act, 2019*, which modernizes the grazing fee framework so that it's transparent and fair for ranchers.
- Bill 17, *Disclosure to Protect Against Domestic Violence (Clare's Law) Act*, intended to ensure that Albertans at risk of domestic violence will have both a right to ask and a right to know about an intimate partner's history of domestic violence.
- Bill 18, *Electricity Statutes (Capacity Market Termination) Amendment Act, 2019*, which reverses the previous government's plan to move to a capacity market for electricity and restores the energy-only market.

Bill 202, a private member's bill known as Serenity's law, to honour an Alberta child who was murdered while in kinship care, strengthens legal incentives for witnesses of child abuse to alert police and child welfare authorities also received Royal Assent.

Bill 20, the *Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2019*, is currently being debated at Second Reading. The government identified four main purposes of the draft legislation: pausing indexation of the personal income tax system, removing a number of dedicated funds and tax credits, introducing the Alberta Child and Family Benefit to better support Alberta families most in need and establishing new, long-term funding arrangements for local governments.

Bill 21, the *Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability Act, 2019*, is also in debate at Second Reading. Elements of this bill include addressing fiscal sustainability through the introduction of a transferable supply vote and changing the *Fiscal, Planning and Transparency Act*, establishing authority regarding public-sector compensation, the largest expense in the Alberta budget, getting physicians where they are needed most in the province by giving the minister of health authority to place conditions on obtaining a practitioner identification number and include provisions for changes to the doctors' master agreement with the Alberta Medical Association, pausing indexation of various programs such as AISH and the Alberta Seniors Benefit, suspending the cap on post-secondary tuition increases for three academic years, and eliminating the regulated rate option cap.

Further information is available [here](#) and [here](#). □

## 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

### Advanced Education

28 October 2019

**Building Alberta's Skilled Workforce**  
Premier Jason Kenney announced his government will triple the amount of annual funding to CAREERS: The Next Generation to more than \$6 million a year by 2022-23, providing 6,000 students with paid internships and skilled trades and technologies learning opportunities in elementary, junior high and high schools.

The funding top-up will double the number of schools involved with CAREERS to 1,000 from 494, and quadruple the number of learning opportunities for students.

Details are [here](#).

### Agriculture and Forestry

31 October 2019

**Mountain Pine Beetle Management Gets Funding Boost**  
Agriculture and forestry minister Devin Dreeshen announced a \$5 million increase in his department's pine beetle management program each year over the next four years.

The money will go towards additional ground survey and control work on more than 83,000 hectares.

Details are [here](#).

### Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

29 October 2019

**Investing in the Power of Play for Kids**

Culture minister Leela Aheer announced a \$75,000 grant to Edmonton's after-school soccer club Free Footie for new equipment through

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 Community Grants Program.

With this investment, more children will have the chance to play, become junior referees and coaches, and continue to give back to their community," said Free Footie founder and

## Regulations Scan...

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

executive director, Tim Adams.

Details are [here](#).

### Energy

31 October 2019

**Encana Relocation**

Energy minister Sonya Savage expressed disappointment that Encana decided to relocate its headquarters to the United States, saying it is in large part due to harmful energy industry policies in Canada.

"The government has been

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### Energy

30 October 2019

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

Cabinet passed the Transmission Amendment Regulation. OC 219/2019.

30 October 2019

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

Cabinet passed the City of Medicine Hat Payment in Lieu of Tax Amendment Regulation. OC 220/2019.

Cabinet passed the Payment in Lieu of Tax Amendment Regulation. OC 221/2019.

30 October 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 225/2019.

### Environment and Parks

29 October 2019

**Climate Change and Emissions Man-**

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

**agement Act (sections 5 and 60).**

Cabinet passed the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation. OC 213/2019.

### Finance

30 October 2019

**Public Sector Pension Plans Act (Schedule 5, section 5).**

Cabinet passed the Management Employees Pension Plan (2020 Contribution Rate) Amendment Regulation. OC 224/2019.

24 October 2019

**Alberta Capital Finance Authority Act (section 35).**

Cabinet passed the Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Regulation. OC 208/2019.

### Service Alberta

30 October 2019

**Land Titles Act (sections 164 and 214).**

Cabinet passed the Tariff of Fees Amendment Regulation. OC 214/2019. □

**...government**

informed that today's news does not involve elimination of jobs in Alberta, nor does it alter the company's Canadian capital allocation plans," **Savage** said. Details are [here](#).

31 October 2019  
**Curtailment Relief for Oil Shipped by Added Rail**

Energy minister **Sonya Savage** announced a special production allowance for oil production companies to use all available rail capacity in Alberta.

"This program will lead to more production and increased investment, benefitting industry, our province's bottom line, and, ultimately, Alberta taxpayers," **Savage** said.

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

31 October 2019  
**Mines and Minerals Act (sections 9 and 57).**

Cabinet authorized the minister of energy, on behalf of the Crown in right of Alberta, to enter into a geothermal testing subsurface reservoir lease with 1212843 B.C. Ltd. OC 222/2019.

31 October 2019  
**Oil Sands Conservation Act (sections 10 and 11).**

Cabinet authorized the Alberta Energy Regulator to grant Approval No. 12916 to Teck Resources Ltd. to construct, operate and reclaim an oil sands mine and processing plant within the Athabasca Oil Sands Area.

OC 223/2019.

**Health**

25 October 2019  
**Tobacco, Smoking, Vaping Review**

UCP MLA **Jeremy Nixon** invited Albertans to provide feedback through an online survey on tobacco, smoking and vaping as part of a review of legislation now underway.

Albertans can participate until Nov. 29. The review will be completed by the end of the year to allow any potential amendments to the act to be introduced in 2020.

Details are [here](#).

**Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC)**

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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
31-Oct-19	Western States and Tribal Nations Rural Natural Gas Initiative	Wellington Advocacy Inc.	<b>Nick Koolsbergen, Trisha Rinneard, Lauren Klammer, Rachel Curran</b>	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Energy, Alberta Indigenous Relations, Executive Council, Premier's Office
<b>Decision: Greater Cooperation in Support of Natural Gas Advocacy.</b> The Western States and Tribal Nations group is seeking to discuss ways they can work more closely with the Alberta Government in support of expanding market access for natural gas in western Canada and the western United States - including possibly forming a coalition to do so.				
30-Oct-19	Guardian Law Group LLP	Guardian Law & Public Affairs	<b>Jonathan Denis</b>	Alberta Health
<b>Decision: Opioid law suit.</b> For the client to be retained by the government of Alberta to commence an action for indemnification by opioid manufacturers for costs borne by the taxpayer as a result of the opioid epidemic.				
29-Oct-19	Kaleo, Inc.	Kealey & Associates Inc.	<b>Marc Kealey, Daniela Cavatassi</b>	Executive Council, Alberta Health, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Premier's Office, Alberta Health Services
<b>Program or Policy: Alberta Drug Benefit List.</b> To raise awareness of Kaleo's Allerject product as an alternative epinephrine product for consideration to address shortages of this life saving product.				
28-Oct-19	Centricity Transport Inc.	Peter Wallis Consulting Limited	<b>Peter Wallis</b>	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Transportation
<b>Program or Policy: Issuance of a licence to operate a high speed railway within the province of Alberta.</b> To discuss with appropriate ministers/staff and departmental officials the process by which a licence to operate the railway including any environmental review/approvals can be issued to the proponent Centricity Transport Inc.				
<b>Decision: Granting of the licence to build and operate the proposed high speed railway.</b> See above.				
<b>Existing Legislation: Alberta Railway Act.</b> To secure the issuance of a licence to build and operate a high speed railway and associated infrastructure between Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton.				
25-Oct-19	Syngenta Canada Inc.	Enterprise Canada Inc.	<b>Barbara Fox, Peter Csillag</b>	Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
<b>Program or Policy: Crop protection policy.</b> To discuss developments in the crop protection industry across Canada, including technology used by growers to make operations more efficient, competitive, and environmentally sustainable.				

**...government**

25 October 2019

**Commissioner Recommends Legislation for Police Information Checks**  
Information and Privacy Commissioner **Jill Clayton** released a letter she sent to minister of justice and Solicitor General **Doug Schweitzer** calling for legislation to resolve issues identified by OIPC and Alberta Court of Queen's Bench related to police information checks and vulnerable sector checks.

Details are [here](#).

**Premier**

31 October 2019

**Premier Heading to Mexico City to Boost Investment**

Premier **Jason Kenney** is travelling to Mexico City from November 2 to 4 to promote the province as a good investment.

**Kenney** will speak at the Trilateral Commission's North America Summit

and meet with Mexican government officials.

Details of the \$24,000 mission are available [here](#).

**Treasury Board and Finance**

29 October 2019

**Public Sector Wage Restraint**

On the expiry of legislation freezing the collective bargaining arbitration process with several public sector unions, finance minister **Travis Toews** announced the government changed its position on the process.

Instead of taking a zero per cent increase into the arbitrations, **Toews** said the government will be asked between two and five per cent wage cuts.

"We cannot ask Alberta taxpayers to fund public-sector pay raises during a time when far too many workers in the private sector have lost their jobs and many others have seen significant pay cuts in recent years," the minister said.

Details are [here](#). □

ministry of culture, multiculturalism and status of women, as a member and cabinet designated her as vice-chair of Alberta Sport Connection for a term to expire on March 31, 2020,

Cabinet appointed **David Link**, assistant deputy minister of culture, multiculturalism and status of women, as a member of Alberta Sport Connection for a term to expire on March 31, 2020.

Cabinet rescinded the appointments of **Taryn Barry**, **Ann MacTaggart**, **Jesse Bhondi**, **Kody Taylor**, **Antonio Flores**, **Helen Upperton**, **Wade Kolmel**, and **Erica Wiebe** as members of Alberta Sport Connection.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Dr. Stephen Norris** as a member and rescinded his designation as chair of Alberta Sport Connection.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Kelly Blackshaw** as a member and rescinded her designation as vice-chair of Alberta Sport Connection. OC 211/2019.

25 October 2019

**Historical Resources Act (section 38).**

Cabinet appointed **Lora Pillipow**, deputy minister of culture, multiculturalism and status of women, as a director and cabinet designated her as chair of The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation for a term to expire on March 31, 2020,

Cabinet appointed **David Link**, assistant deputy minister of culture, multiculturalism and status of women, as a director and designated him as vice-chair of the Foundation for a term to expire on March 31, 2020.

Cabinet appointed **Anne Davidson**, an executive director in the ministry of culture, multiculturalism and status of women, as a director of the Foundation for a term to expire on March 31, 2020.

Cabinet rescinded the appointments of **Dr. Lindsay Amundsen-Meyer**, **Jennifer Kirchner**, **Michael Dougherty**, **Ruby Littlechild**, **Joe Friedel**, **Deni Lorieu**, **Kari Heise**, **Dr. Jan Olson**, **Dr. Shabnam Inanloo**

**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**

31 October 2019

**Post-secondary Learning Act (sections 16, 32.2 and 56).**

Cabinet appointed **Meghan DeRoo McConnan** as a member of The Board of Governors of Grant MacEwan University for a further term to expire on October 29, 2022. OC 217/2019.

31 October 2019

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

Cabinet appointed **Richard Casson** and **Lawrence Gallimore** as members of the board of The Governors of The University of Lethbridge, each for a term to expire on October 29, 2022.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Georgina Knitel** as a member of the board of The Governors of The University of Lethbridge. OC 218/2019.

**Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women**

25 October 2019

**Alberta Sport Connection Act (section 2).**

Cabinet appointed **Lora Pillipow**, deputy minister of culture, multiculturalism and status of women, as a member and cabinet designated her as chair of Alberta Sport Connection for a term to expire on March 31, 2020,

Cabinet appointed **Anne Davidson**, an executive director in the

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## ...appointments

**Dailoo, Evert Poor,** and **Bill Kells** as directors of the Foundation.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Dr. Maki Motapanyane** as a director and rescinded her designation as chair of the Foundation.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Aimee Benoit** as a director and rescinded her designation as vice-chair of the Foundation. OC 212/2019.

## Economic Development, Trade and Tourism

24 October 2019

**Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act (section 9).**

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Alice Reimer** as a member and rescinded her designation as vice-chair of the board of directors of the Alberta Enterprise Corporation.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Jim Gibson** as a member of the board of directors of the Alberta Enterprise Corporation. OC 205/2019.

24 October 2019

**Travel Alberta Act (section 4).**

Cabinet appointed **Linda Southern-Heathcott** as a director and designated her as chair of the board of Travel Alberta for a term to expire on October 23, 2021.

Cabinet appointed **David McKenna** and **Suromitra Sanatani** as directors of the board of Travel Alberta, each for a term to expire on October 23, 2021.

Cabinet reappointed **Kiren Singh** as a director of the board of Travel Alberta for a term to expire on January 30, 2022.

Cabinet rescinded the appointments of **Anubhav Chaitanya, Geoff Powter, Nicole Robertson, Margot Ross-Graham, Karl Schwonik,** and **Charmaine Toms** as directors of the board of Travel Alberta.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Bernadette Kollman** as a director and chair of the board of Travel Alberta.

OC 206/2019.

## Finance

24 October 2019

**Auditor General Act (section 21).**

Cabinet appointed **Michael Goodwin** as a member of the Audit Committee for a term to expire on October 23, 2022, effective January 1, 2020.

Cabinet appointed **Dr. Akolisa Ufodike** as a member of the Audit Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2022. OC 209/2019.

24 October 2019

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

Cabinet appointed former NDP energy minister **Margaret McCuaig-Boyd** as a director of the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation for a term to expire on October 23, 2022.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Tongjie Zhang** as a director of the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation. OC 210/2019.

## Municipal Affairs

30 October 2019

**Expropriation Act (section 25).**

Cabinet reappointed **Jerry Krysa** and **John McCarthy** as members of the Land Compensation Board, each for a term to expire on October 30, 2022. OC 215/2019.

30 October 2019

**Surface Rights Act (section 3).**

Cabinet reappointed **Jerry Krysa** and **John McCarthy** as members of the Surface Rights Board, each for a term to expire on October 30, 2022. OC 216/2019.

24 October 2019

**Municipal Government Act (section 486).**

Cabinet appointed failed UCP candidate **Laurie Mozeson,** and **Peter Obiefuna** as members of the Municipal Government Board, each for a term to expire on October 31, 2022. OC 207/2019. □