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Threat...

Immediately after new premier **Jason Kenney** announced the first cabinet of his administration, he took Alberta's fight over access to markets for its petroleum products to the rest of Canada.

On April 30 in Edmonton, the same day his new cabinet was sworn in, **Kenney** and his new energy minister **Sonya Savage** presented to the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications which was in Alberta examining the impact of Bill C-48, the *Oil Tanker Moratorium Act*.

Kenney argued C-48 is aimed only at Alberta because Canada cannot stop foreign oil tankers passing through the same waters in which Alberta oil would be banned. He noted that on Canada's east coast, oil tankers are welcomed through environmentally sensitive areas of the St. Lawrence.

"Why is Alberta oil being singled out for attack? It is illogical and discriminatory, and its only justification is that it serves the current federal government's desire to suffocate Alberta's energy industry," the premier said. "If the defects I and many others have outlined are not addressed and Bill C-48 is forced through against the wishes of the Alberta government and many First Nations, the federal government will be responsible for an entirely avoidable threat to Canada's economic union and to our national unity." More information is [here](#).

The next day, **Kenney** was in Ottawa, again with **Savage**, to appear before another Senate committee, this time examining the impact of Bill C-69, *An Act to enact the Impact Assessment Act and the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, to amend the Navigation Protection Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*.

On the national stage **Kenney** warned of an imminent constitutional crisis if the bill becomes law.

He said C-69 will further erode confidence in Canada's regulatory framework and deter investment in a country already seen as too risky a place to invest. **Kenney** said in 2017 and 2018, the planned investment value of major resource sector projects dropped by \$100 billion.

"Despite a promise to stop federal ministers from interfering in the environmental assessment process, this bill delivers the exact opposite. It provides repeated opportunities for the federal environment minister to stop and start the clock on assessment, and to make highly politicized decisions behind closed doors," the premier said before the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources.

"The threat posed by Bill C-69 cannot be dismissed as a uniquely Alberta issue. When Alberta's energy sector suffers, it cascades through the whole provincial economy, and then ripples out across our national economy. This bill doesn't need a nip and tuck; it needs massive reconstructive surgery, or it needs to be put out of its misery. Otherwise, the province of Alberta will have no alternative but to challenge this legislation which directly assaults our exclusive provincial jurisdiction."

More information is [here](#). □

Government Scan...

Premier

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](#).

1 May 2019
Government Organization Act (section 2).
 Cabinet provided for the establishment of Government departments. OC 88/2019.

Agriculture and Forestry

2 May 2016
Pork Export Suspension
 Agriculture minister **Devin Dreeshen** said Alberta is deeply concerned after a Red Deer plant was subjected to a pork export suspension by China. His full statement is [here](#).

OC 95/2019. 1 May 2019

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Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)

1 May 2019
AER Confirmed Trident Exploration Corp walked away from its business.
 The move left more than 4400 licensed sites, many of them active, without an operator.

On April 29, AER ordered the company to properly manage its approximately 4400 energy licenses by addressing end-of-life obligations through decommissioning its sites, posting financial security, or transferring the sites to responsible energy companies.

On April 30, the AER was informed that, without addressing their regulatory obligations, the directors ceased operations, terminated employees and contractors, and then resigned. The AER will ensure that the public and the environment are protected.

The AER announcement is [here](#).

The announcement by Trident that it is ceasing operations is [here](#).

Energy

1 May 2019
Proclamation: Preserving Canada’s Economic Prosperity Act
 Cabinet proclaimed the act in force on the date of issue of the Proclamation.

Acting Ministers

Minister	First Acting Minister	Second Acting Minister
President of Executive Council	President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance	Minister of Energy
Minister of Health	Minister of Education	Minister of Children’s Services
Minister of Transportation	Minister of Infrastructure	Minister of Community and Social Services
Minister of Education	Minister of Health	Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism	President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance	Minister of Infrastructure
President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance	Minister of Transportation	Minister of Health
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General	Minister of Advanced Education	Minister of Community and Social Services
Minister of Environment and Parks	Minister of Energy	Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry	Minister of Children’s Services	Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism
Minister of Energy	Minister of Environment and Parks	Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism
Minister of Community and Social Services	Minister of Children’s Services	Minister of Seniors and Housing
Minister of Seniors and Housing	Minister of Community and Social Services	Minister of Children’s Services
Minister of Children’s Services	Minister of Community and Social Services	Minister of Education
Minister of Indigenous Relations	Minister of Justice and Solicitor General	Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism
Minister of Advanced Education	Minister of Seniors and Housing	Minister of Community and Social Services
Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women	Minister of Education	Minister of Children’s Services
Minister of Labour and Immigration	Minister of Seniors and Housing	Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
Minister of Municipal Affairs	Minister of Children’s Services	Minister of Transportation
Minister of Infrastructure	Minister of Transportation	Minister of Energy
Minister of Service Alberta	Minister of Children’s Services	Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism

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Government Organization Act (section 15).

Cabinet designated Acting Ministers of the Crown who are responsible for departments in the absence of the minister or premier (see page two). OC

90/2019.

1 May 2019 Proclamation.

Cabinet convened the First Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of Alberta on May 21, 2019, at 1:30 in the afternoon. OC 94/2019. ☐

- ▶ Jason Copping.
- ▶ Tyler Shandro.
- ▶ Rajan Sawhney.
- ▶ Kaycee Madu.
- ▶ Dan Williams.

1 May 2019

Government Organization Act (section 4); Public Service Act (section 18).

Cabinet appointed deputy ministers to government departments. OC 92/2019.

1 May 2019

Public Service Act (sections 11, 14, 18 and 25.2).

Cabinet appointed **Christopher McPherson** as deputy clerk of executive council and deputy secretary to cabinet.

Cabinet appointed **David James** as associate deputy minister, natural gas. OC 93/2019. ☐

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](#).

Finance

1 May 2019

Public Service Act (section 5).

Cabinet appointed **Tim Grant** as Public Service Commissioner. OC 96/2019.

- ▶ Sonya Savage.
- ▶ Tanya Fir.
- ▶ Jason Stephan.

Cabinet also appointed the Legislative Review Committee. Members include:

- ▶ Doug Schweitzer.
- ▶ Jason Nixon.

Premier

1 May 2019

Financial Administration Act (section 4).

Cabinet appointed members to the Treasury Board. OC 91/2019.

The members of Treasury Board are:

- ▶ Travis Toews, chair.
- ▶ Ric McIver, vice-chair.
- ▶ Grant Hunter.
- ▶ Dale Nally.

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](#).

Premier

1 May 2019

Government Organization Act (sec-

tions 16, 17 and 18).

Cabinet passed the Designation and Transfer of Responsibility Regulation. OC 89/2019. ☐

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
01-May-2019	MAXIMUS Canada Services Inc.	Western Policy Consultants Inc.	Mike Bailey, Karin MacMillan	Alberta Health
This is an initial registration from consultant lobbyist Western Policy Consultants Inc. Program or Policy: Seeking out opportunities to provide outsourced services. Arranging meetings with various government officials to discuss the possibility of MAXIMUS providing outsourced services to the government of Alberta.				
23-Apr-2019	AXON	Gordon Olsen Associates Inc. (GOA Inc.)	Gordon Olsen	Alberta Justice and Solicitor General
This is an initial registration from consultant lobbyist GOA Inc. Guideline or Directive: security and rural crime. Promote the use of in-car and on-officer video including body-worn cameras, digital evidence management technology and other tools for Alberta sheriffs, other security personnel and prosecutors.				

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Alberta Cabinet

Ministries	Ministers	Deputy Minister
Premier, Intergovernmental Relations	Jason Kenney	Ray Gilmour
Advanced Education	Demetrios Nicolaides	Rod Skura
Agriculture and Forestry	Devin Dreesen	Andre Corbould
Children's Services	Rebecca Schulz	Darlene Bouwsema
Community and Social Services	Rajan Sawhney	Shannon Marchand
Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women	Leela Aheer	Lora Pillipow
Economic Development, Trade and Tourism	Tanya Fir	Jason Krips
Education	Adriana LaGrange	Curtis Clarke
Energy	Sonya Savage	Grant Sprague
Natural Gas	Dale Nally (Associate Minister)	David James (Associate Deputy Minister)
Environment and Parks	Jason Nixon	Bev Yee
Health	Tyler Shandro	Lorna Rosen
Mental Health and Addictions	Jason Luan (Associate Minister)	
Indigenous Relations	Rick Wilson	Donavon Young
Infrastructure	Prasad Panda	Shannon Flint
Justice and Solicitor General	Doug Schweitzer	Phil Bryden
		Dennis Cooley (Associate Deputy Minister)
Labour and Immigration	Jason Copping	Shawn McLeod
Immigration	Muhammad Yaseen (Parliamentary Secretary)	
Municipal Affairs	Kaycee Madu	Meryl Whittaker
Seniors and Housing	Josephine Pon	Susan Taylor
Service Alberta	Nate Glubish	Cynthia Farmer
Transportation	Ric Mclver	Andre Tremblay
Treasury Board and Finance	Travis Toews	Athana Mentzelopoulos
		Tim Grant (Public Service Commission)
		Corey Hogan (Managing Director, Communications and Public Engagement Office)
Red Tape Reduction	Grant Hunter (Associate Minister)	

Major non-cabinet assignments

House Leader	Jason Nixon	
Deputy House Leader	Doug Schweitzer	
Deputy House Leader	Ric Mclver	
Deputy House Leader	Sonya Savage	
Whip	Mike Ellis	
Deputy Whip	Joseph Schow	