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## Bills...

**E**ducation minister **Adrianna LaGrange** introduced Bill 8 to update the *Education Act*, which was passed in 2012 but was not brought into force. The amendments in the bill would:

- ▶ enhance parental rights by establishing a policy respecting the resolution of disputes at the school level between parents and school staff.
- ▶ increase education choice by removing the cap on charter schools in the province.
- ▶ allow school jurisdictions to provide alternative programs outside of their geographic boundary.
- ▶ allow students to create inclusion groups, including Gay Straight Alliances, and ensure students' privacy is protected under privacy legislation (*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and *Personal Information Protection Act*).
- ▶ give school electors the choice of which school board to vote for or run in.
- ▶ increase the accountability and oversight of private and charter school authorities to ensure they are delivering high-quality education to students.
- ▶ give the minister the ability to cancel or suspend the registration or accreditation of a private school if the financial administration of the school places the learning environment of students at risk.
- ▶ give school boards more autonomy to decide their own electoral ward and subdivision structure.

Details are [here](#).

Municipal affairs minister **Kaycee Madu** introduced Bill 7, the *Municipal Government (Property Tax Incentives) Amendment Act*, which allows municipalities to provide property tax incentives for up to 15 years.

Details are [here](#).

The Official Opposition New Democrats worked to bring attention to a variety of issues during the past week in the Legislature. Those issues include:

- ▶ calling on Albertans to support small businesses in Edmonton that are not implementing the UCP introduction of a youth minimum wage.
- ▶ warning Alberta post-secondary students to be worried about advanced education minister **Demetrios Nicolaides** who they say, judging by his social media posts, is against Alberta's post-secondary tuition freeze.
- ▶ pointing out the UCP government's amendments to the *Education Act* (see above) will mean that "LGBTQ kids will be outed, gay-straight alliances will no longer be the life-saving safe spaces they need to be, and vulnerable students will be put at risk".
- ▶ arguing the changes to the *Municipal Government Act* are meaningless because local tax exemptions are already available to municipalities under existing provisions of the law. □

## 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](#).

provinces, and representatives from various Canadian agriculture industry associations.

Details of the \$32,000 trip are [here](#).

### Labour

4 June 2019

#### **Proclamation: Regulated Forestry Profession Amendment Act, 2017**

Cabinet proclaimed the act, except sections 88 and 89, in force on July 1, 2019. OC 102/2019.

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### Economic Development, Trade and Tourism

4 June 2019

#### **Promoting Alberta's Agricultural Strength Abroad**

Economic development minister **Tanya Fir** will travel to Tokyo and Seoul on June 5-11.

The travel is part of a federal tour with international trade diversification minister **Jim Carr**, officials of other

## Recent Lobbyist Registrations

The following lobbyists recently registered to represent the clients below with Alberta's lobby [registry](#).

### Lobbyists

| Registered  | Client                   | Lobby Firm  | Lobbyists   | Target Departments/Organizations   |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| 05-Jun-19   | Loblaw Companies Limited | Hill+Knowlton Strategies                              | <b>Sheila Wisniewski, Natalie Sigalet, Matt Wolf</b>                | Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Energy, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office  |
| <p><b>Existing Legislation: <i>Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act</i>.</b> Loblaw is seeking to share its experience in other jurisdictions and to share ideas as to how Alberta may adopt changes to how cannabis is sold in stores.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Local produce procurement.</b> Loblaw is seeking to highlight its procurement program from local Alberta growers.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Liquor policies.</b> Loblaw is seeking to meet with government to understand the direction of liquor policies, including club points on liquor purchases.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Recycling.</b> Loblaw would like to understand the direction the province is taking regarding municipal recycling.</p> <p><b>Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution: TIER.</b> With the repeal of the carbon tax, and as a large emitter in the province, Loblaw is seeking to understand the government's plan for large emitters in future legislation, including the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) program.</p> |                          |   |   |  |
| 05-Jun-19   | HLS Therapeutics Inc.    | Sparks & Associates Inc.                              | <b>Robin Sparks</b>   | Alberta Health   |
| <p><b>Program or Policy: Drug Formula and switching on admission.</b> Avoid unnecessary switching for in-patient supply.</p>  |                          |   |   |  |
| 05-Jun-19   | New West Public Affairs  | Uber Canada   | <b>Monte Solberg, Sonia Kont</b>                                    | Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Executive Council, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Transportation, Premier's Office  |
| <p><b>Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution: <i>Transportation Safety Act Regulations</i>.</b> To ensure the new government is aware of opportunities to remove duplication and streamline regulations to make it easier for workers to start making money for their families.</p>   |                          |   |   |  |
| 04-Jun-19   | Abbey Resources Corp.    | Prairie Sky Enterprises Ltd. (Prairie Sky Consulting) | <b>Jeff Sterzuk</b>   | Alberta Energy, Alberta Energy Regulator   |
| <p><b>Guideline or Directive: Natural Gas Advisory Panel Report to the Minister.</b> To have discussions with public office holders to understand the government's plans with respect to the recommendations of the Natural Gas Advisory Panel and to provide input into the costs and benefits of each recommendation.</p>   |                          |   |   |  |
| 04-Jun-19   | Brazeau County           | Global Public Affairs                                 | <b>Randy Pettipas, Elan MacDonald, Yonathan Sumamo, Brian Senio</b> | Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Alberta Economic Development and Trade, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Transportation, Premier's Office |
| <p><b>Program or Policy: Alberta municipal relations.</b> Increase awareness of issues facing Brazeau County with a special focus on matters pertaining to infrastructure projects including bridges, rural crime, municipality funding formulas, and job creation.</p>   |                          |   |   |  |

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| Lobbyists (continued)   |                                      |   |  |   |
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| 03-Jun-19   | Wapiti Gravel Suppliers              | DMC Consulting  | Diana McQueen                              | Alberta Environment and Parks   |
| <p><b>Program or Policy: Aggregates Allocation Strategy.</b> To ensure government understands the needs (issuance of surface leases for aggregate deposits) of Wapiti Gravel Suppliers and does not create policy that might challenge or unfairly target Wapiti or undermine Wapiti's business model in the ministry of environment and parks gravel strategy.</p>   |                                      |   |  |   |
| 03-Jun-19   | All Seniors Care Living Centres Ltd. | Loyalist Public Affairs   | Chris Froggatt, Nicholas Pozhke, Dan Mader | Executive Council, Alberta Health, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Premier's Office   |
| <p><b>Program or Policy: Transitional Care.</b> Discuss innovative solutions for improving health care and ending hallway medicine, including how retirement homes can play a role in freeing up hospital beds.</p>   |                                      |   |  |   |
| 31-May-19   | Christenson Group of Companies       | CSG Canadian Strategy Group Inc. (also operating as Crestview Strategy (Alberta)) | Hal Danchilla                              | Alberta Seniors and Housing, Alberta Health Services  |
| <p><b>Program or Policy: Keeping You Well and Independent - Alberta Health Services Home Care.</b> Improve home care and choice through site-based home care in retirement communities.</p> <p><b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Affordable Supportive Living Initiative Grant Program for Affordable Housing.</b> To maintain the grant program under the new Alberta Government so that Christenson Developments can continue to develop and include affordable units within communities.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Seniors Wellness Clinics in Retirement Communities.</b> Add seniors wellness clinics to serve retirement communities to reduce hospital wait times and time spent in acute care hospitals through services such as physiotherapy, care giver support, and triage beds for short-term emergencies. Delivered through a community-based approach.</p> |                                      |   |  |   |
| 31-May-19   | Fire & Flood Emergency Services Ltd. | 352654 Alberta Ltd.   | Luke Ouellette                             | Alberta Agriculture and Forestry  |
| <p><b>Program or Policy: Forest Fire Protection Services.</b> Set up a meeting and also try to get someone to look at their new technology</p>  |                                      |   |  |   |
| 31-May-19   | Greengate Power Corporation          | Global Public Affairs   | Randy Pettipas                             | Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Energy, Alberta Economic Development and Trade, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Premier's Office |
| <p><b>Program or Policy: Climate change policy - large emitters regulation.</b> To engage in discussions concerning the design of the large emitters regulatory system, specifically with regards to impacts or opportunities for the renewable power sector.</p> <p><b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.</b> To secure funding support from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Electricity market.</b> To engage in discussions regarding the electricity market design and how to enable renewable power investment.</p>  |                                      |   |  |   |
| 30-May-19   | OrganiGram Inc.                      | This is an organizational lobbyist.   | Greg Engel                                 | Executive Council, Alberta Health, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office  |
| <p><b>Existing Legislation: Bill 26: An Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis.</b> OrganiGram is supportive of a strong, well-regulated Alberta cannabis system. Subtopics include taxation policy for both medical and recreational cannabis, branding and promotion, retail and distribution, and consumption locations.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Provincial Cannabis Policy.</b> OrganiGram is supportive of a strong, well-regulated Alberta cannabis system. Subtopics include taxation policy for both medical and recreational cannabis, branding and promotion, retail and distribution, and consumption locations.</p>  |                                      |   |  |   |
| 30-May-19   | HLS Therapeutics Inc.                | S. C. Long Consulting Ltd.  | Stephen Long                               | Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services   |
| <p><b>Decision: Single source award in pharmaceutical request for proposal.</b> Allowance for multiple vendors products to be stocked by and used in hospitals.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Alberta Health Services Formulary.</b> Alteration of Alberta Health Services formulary inclusion criteria.</p>   |                                      |   |  |   |
| 30-May-19   | Summerhill                           | 1689986 ALBERTA LIMITED carrying on business as Navigator                         | Jason Hatcher, Brent Kossey, Zoe Keirstead | Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Energy, Executive Council, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office, Energy Efficiency Alberta             |
| <p><b>Program or Policy: Energy Efficiency Alberta (EEA).</b> To work with the government to develop efficiency programming in Alberta through market-based solutions for energy conservation. To work with the government to examine options through the tax system to achieve efficiency programming in Alberta to encourage market-based solutions for energy conservation.</p>  |                                      |   |  |   |

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## ...government

4 June 2019

### Proclamation: *Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 2015*

Cabinet proclaimed the act in force on July 1, 2019. OC 105/2019.

## Premier

3 June 2019

### Stronger Links to the Military

Premier **Jason Kenney** appointed UCP MLA **Brad Rutherford** as the government of Alberta's liaison to the

Canadian Armed Forces.

Details are [here](#).

## Service Alberta

4 June 2019

### Foreign Ownership of Land Regulations (section 14).

Cabinet ordered that the transaction under which G3 Canada Limited acquires certain land for constructing a grain elevator and related infrastructure is excluded from the operation of the regulations, except for sections 22 and 25. OC 107/2019. □

## 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](#).

## Agriculture and Forestry

4 June 2019

### *Agricultural Societies Act* (section 44).

Cabinet passed the Agricultural Societies Regulation. OC 106/2019.

## Energy

4 June 2019

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

Cabinet passed the Independent Power and Small Power Repeal Regulation. OC 108/2019.

This OC repeals the Independent Power and Small Power Regulation (AR 111/2003).

4 June 2019

### *Mines and Minerals Act* (sections 5 and 36).

Cabinet passed the Innovative Energy Technologies Repeal Regulation. OC 109/2019.

This OC repeals or amends elements of the following regulations:

- ▶ the Innovative Energy Technologies Regulation (AR 250/2004) was repealed.
- ▶ the Natural Gas Royalty Regulation,

2009 (AR 221/2008) was amended.

▶ the Natural Gas Royalty Regulation, 2017 (AR 211/2016) was amended.

▶ the Oil Sands Royalty Regulation, 1997 (AR 185/97) was amended.

▶ the Oil Sands Royalty Regulation, 2009 (AR 223/2008) was amended.

▶ the Oil Sands Tenure Regulation, 2010 (AR 196/2010) was amended.

▶ the Petroleum Royalty Regulation, 2009 (AR 222/2008) was amended.

▶ the Petroleum Royalty Regulation, 2017 (AR 212/2016) was amended.

The changes come into force on September 30, 2019.

## Labour and Immigration

4 June 2019

### *Regulated Forest Management Profession Act* (section 103).

Cabinet passed the Expenses and Review Fees Regulation. OC 103/2019.

4 June 2019

### *Regulated Forestry Profession Amendment Act, 2017* (section 88).

Cabinet approved the Regulated Forest Management Profession Regulation. OC 104/2019. □