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# Alberta Scan

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## Registration practices...

A flurry of issues swept through the Alberta Legislature this week, from the federal approval of the TransMountain pipeline expansion, to Alberta's UCP government introducing legislation to hold the province's regulators more accountable for recognizing newcomers' credentials.

*June 18. TMX decision: Statement from premier Jason Kenney.* The premier and energy minister **Sonya Savage** declared the federal government's decision to approve the TransMountain pipeline expansion is "a step forward for economic growth and prosperity."

"But approval is not construction and, regrettably, for far too long this project has been mired in uncertainty," **Kenney** said. "Success will be measured by one thing alone: completion of this pipeline."

The premier's full statement is [here](#).

*June 19. Ensuring fairness for newcomers.* Premier **Jason Kenney** and labour minister **Jason Copping** highlighted the new *Fair Registration Practices Act*. **Kenney** said the new law will cut red tape, remove barriers, speed up the process where possible, hold professional bodies accountable, and increase fairness and transparency.

Bill 11 would require regulatory bodies to:

- ▶ assess applications and communicate assessment decisions within specific time frames for interim registration decisions and within reasonable time frames for final registration decisions.
- ▶ submit reports regarding fair registration practices to the minister responsible for the act. Full details of the act are [here](#).

*June 20. Edmonton lab hub cancelled to focus on patients.* Health minister **Tyler Shandro** announced the UCP government is following through on an election promise by officially cancelling the Edmonton "superlab" project.

He said the government will work with Alberta Health Services, lab services providers and other stakeholders to ensure future reliable and sustainable lab services. Details of the announcement are [here](#).

*20 June. Alberta challenges federal tax grab.* Justice minister **Doug Schweitzer** announced the provincial government will challenge the federal government's announcement to introduce a federal carbon tax in Alberta.

Alberta asserts that the federal government's carbon tax disrupts the balance of Canada's federation by undermining Alberta's exclusive constitutional power to manage its own local undertakings, natural resources, economy and greenhouse gases emissions plan.

Details of the lawsuit are [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

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](#).

in position by the government because protections in several other provinces are stronger.

Her statement is [here](#).

### Economic Development, Trade and Tourism

19 June 2019

#### Longer Public Land Tenure to Boost Tourism Growth

Economic development minister **Tanya Fir** announced an extension of tourism and commercial recreation operators' leases on public land up to 60 years.

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### Education

14 June 2019

#### Protecting LGBTQ2S+ Students

Education minister **Adriana LaGrange** issued a statement in the midst of an ongoing debate about the adequacy of protections for LGBTQ2S+ students

under proposed government amendments to the *Education Act*.

“Alberta will have among the most comprehensive statutory protections for gay-straight alliances (GSAs) in Canada,” **LaGrange** said.

The statement was decried by the NDP Official Opposition as a change

## 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
18-Jun-19	Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd	StrategyCorp Inc.	<b>John Matheson, Garry Keller</b>	Executive Council, Alberta Legislative Assembly
<b>Decision: Infrastructure/Transportation projects.</b> Discussions with Government of Alberta and public support sought from local MLAs regarding infrastructure/transportation projects in southern Alberta.				
18-Jun-19	Canadian Safe Pipe Coalition	Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP	<b>Peter Feldberg, Lindsay Aagaard, Daniel Brock, Andrew House, Taleesha Thorogood</b>	Alberta Municipal Affairs, Executive Council, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General
<b>Guideline or Directive: Standard CAN/ULC S102.2-10.</b> Communicating with government officials about smoke and flame-spread standards for combustible materials, specifically Standard CAN/ULC S102.2-10. The purpose of this communication is to raise concerns about how the standard is being applied.				
18-Jun-19	Bayshore Healthcare LTD	Wellington Advocacy Inc.	<b>Nick Koolsbergen</b>	Executive Council, Alberta Community and Social Services, Alberta Health, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Premier's Office, Alberta Seniors and Housing
<b>Program or Policy: Health Care Policy.</b> Discussing with the Alberta Government how innovation could improve the Alberta Health System and outcomes for patients.				
18-Jun-19	Alberta Enterprise Group	This is an Organization Lobbyist	<b>John Liston</b>	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Energy, Executive Council
<b>Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution: Bill 3 — Job Creation Tax Cut (Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment) Act.</b> The Alberta Enterprise Group believes the act will help get Alberta back to work by reducing the tax burden on job creators. Our goal is to help businesses survive this 4 year down turn, and return to a level of sustainability, and hopefully profit to keep businesses alive.				
<b>Financial Benefit or Grant: lower corporate tax rates for Alberta business.</b> We have been vocal through member meetings and publicly about the need to reduce the burden being placed on business owners. We met with candidates at public events in all of the parties during the election to express our position on taxes, and how to use them to attract more revenue collectively to the province.				
<b>Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution: Bill 2 — An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business.</b> The Alberta Enterprise Group wants to support independent Business to attract investment, people and opportunity to Alberta. We believe that if passed, Bill 2 would help restore fairness and balance to the workplace and encourage job-creators to invest in Alberta.				
17-Jun-19	Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists	KTG Public Affairs	<b>Ken Boessenkool</b>	Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office
<b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Film Tax Credit.</b> Work with the government to create the film tax credit as promised in the UCP platform.				

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## Recent Lobbyist Registrations, continued

Registered	Organization	Lobby Firm	Lobbyists	Government Targets
17-Jun-19	Nutrien Ltd.	This is an Organization Lobbyist	<b>Charles Magro,</b> <b>Emily Pearce Rayner,</b> <b>Cam Baker</b>	Alberta Environment and Parks
<b>Program or Policy: Carbon Competitiveness Incentive Regulation.</b> Monitoring for changes to the regulation to implement the proposed Technology, Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) program.				
17-Jun-19	BP Canada Energy Group ULC	Organization Lobbyist	<b>Adrienne Bosch</b>	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Energy
<b>Program or Policy: climate change.</b> Providing feedback on the development and implementation of climate programs and participating in consultation requests with ACCO, AEP, AE. BP is interested in working with governments to provide clear, stable and effective policy frameworks to allow companies to provide and use energy competitively, and limit GHGs. <b>Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution: TIER.</b> Providing input to industry organizations for their feedback and submissions in TIER. BP's interest in this legislation relates to impacts on BP assets in Alberta. <b>Program or Policy: Alberta energy competitiveness.</b> Providing feedback on proposals regarding royalties, crude oil curtailment, crude by rail, and egress for Alberta oil and gas to markets. As a global energy company we want to ensure the continued competitiveness of Alberta's energy industry.				
14-Jun-19	Bird Canada Inc.	Foresight Strategic Advisors Inc.	<b>Geoff Owen,</b> <b>Martin Green</b>	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Executive Council, Alberta Transportation, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Premier's Office
<b>Existing Legislation: Traffic Safety Act.</b> To permit the use of dockless electric scooters on public roads in Alberta.				
14-Jun-19	Beaver Municipal Solutions	New West Public Affairs	<b>Monte Solberg,</b> <b>Sonia Kont,</b> <b>Michael Solberg,</b> <b>Matt Solberg</b>	Executive Council, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Premier's Office
<b>Program or Policy: Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission.</b> Transition from Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission to a municipally-controlled corporation.				
13-Jun-19	Pacific Western Transportation	Course Consulting Ltd.	<b>Jeff Johnson</b>	Alberta Transportation
<b>Program or Policy: general policy regarding contracted transportation entities.</b> Ensure private sector has clear, fair and competitive rules to work within.				
13-Jun-19	OrganiGram Inc.	21 39107 Alberta Ltd. (operating as Crestview Strategy (West))	<b>Hal Danchilla,</b> <b>Melissa Caouette,</b> <b>Michael Lohner,</b> <b>Zoe Addington</b>	Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Alberta Health, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office, Alberta Health Services, Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission
<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. <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.				
12-Jun-19	Canada Plasma Resources	Public Square Strategies Inc.	<b>Ruth Thorkelson,</b> <b>James Pimblett</b>	Alberta Health
<b>Existing Legislation: Voluntary Blood Donations Act (2017).</b> Seeking amendments to the act to permit the establishment of remunerated source plasma collection centres in Alberta.				
12-Jun-19	Grizzly Oil Sands ULC	Alan Hallman & Associates Inc.	<b>Alan Hallman</b>	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Energy, Premier's Office
<b>Guideline or Directive: Oil sands policy.</b> To obtain a permit from the Alberta Energy Regulator to allow development of the oil sands project.				
12-Jun-19	Canadian Cancer Care Ltd.	21 39107 Alberta Ltd. (operating as Crestview Strategy (West))	<b>Michael Lohner,</b> <b>Hal Danchilla,</b> <b>Melissa Caouette</b>	Alberta Health, Alberta Seniors and Housing, Alberta Health Services
<b>Existing Legislation: Alberta Health Act.</b> Informing government of Canadian Cancer Care services as a clinic within the public health system.				

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## ...government

Between now and November 1, when the new policy comes into effect, government will review existing lease tenure policy to ensure appropriate checks and balances are in place to support tourism and commercial recreation operators while protecting the environment.

Details are [here](#).

## Energy

20 June 2019

### Royalty Certainty for Oil and Gas Investors

Energy minister **Sonya Savage** introduced Bill 12, the *Royalty Guarantee Act*.

The bill provides certainty that the royalty structure in place when a well is drilled will remain in place for at least ten years.

Details are [here](#).

14 June 2019

### Electricity Market Review

Energy minister **Sonya Savage** announced a 90-day review of Alberta's electricity market system to attract new investment while maintaining affordable electricity prices.

Details are [here](#).

## Information and Privacy Commissioner

18 June 2019

### Statement from the Information and Privacy Commissioner about Alberta's Privacy Laws and GSAs

Information and Privacy Commissioner **Jill Clayton** entered the debate between the UCP and the NDP over the adequacy of privacy protection for students participating in a gay-straight alliance (GSA).

"A public or private school must determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether the FOIP Act or PIPA permits a particular disclosure of personal information," **Clayton** said."

The FOIP Act is the Alberta's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. PIPA is Alberta's *Personal Information Protection Act*.

**Clayton** issued *Advisory on Disclosing a Student's Participation in a School Club*, to clarify privacy rules.

The Advisory is [here](#).

## Transportation

14 June 2019

### Responding to Springbank Reservoir Regulators

Transportation minister **Rick McIver** announced the province is moving towards regulatory approval of the Springbank Reservoir project.

An 8,000-page document provides responses to information requests from provincial and federal agencies received in 2018.

Details are [here](#). ☐

## 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](#).

## Environment and Parks

19 June 2019

### Public Lands Act (sections 8, 9, 9.1, 71.1, 108 and 119)

Cabinet passed the Public Lands Administration Amendment Regulation. OC 110/2019.

## Justice and Solicitor General

19 June 2019

### Regulations Act (section 10)

Cabinet passed the Miscellaneous Corrections and Repeal Regulation. OC 111/2019. ☐