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# Alberta Scan

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## Worrisome...

**A**lberta's economy has been worrisome for the United Conservatives since they were elected four months ago on a platform of getting Albertans back to work. This week Alberta Treasury Branches released an Alberta Economic Outlook that did not have good news for the new government.

It is only a few months into the UCP administration. There is lots of time for Alberta's economy to turn around to fulfill the UCP promise. But the ATB look ahead was not that positive:

- ▶ capital spending in the oil and gas sector remains soft as investors wait until there is more assurance that pipeline projects will be completed.
- ▶ the differential between the Alberta natural gas price benchmark and the North American benchmark has widened.
- ▶ the number of unemployed Albertans is growing and the average unemployment rate over the first seven months of 2019 was 6.9 per cent.
- ▶ consumer spending is down.
- ▶ building permits are down this year.
- ▶ global economic headwinds have been increasing.

"With a sluggish oil and gas sector dampening job creation, consumer spending and construction activity, ATB is forecasting 0.8 per cent real GDP growth for Alberta in 2019 and 2.0 per cent in 2020," the report concluded.

The UCP in its April 2019 campaign promised 55,000 new jobs over the term of its mandate, based on increased investment in the province.

That requires the confidence of business which is not yet there.

This week the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) found Alberta small business confidence is beginning to wane.

The CFIB's "Business Barometer" found a drop in small business confidence, down from the second month in a row.

"It appears some of that hopeful optimism we saw building earlier this year has begun to wear off and it now looks as if sentiment is sliding backwards," said CFIB Alberta policy analyst **Keyli Kosiorek**. "Alberta's entrepreneurs are feeling the effects of a soft economy and continued economic instability. The provincial government must continue to focus on policies that support economic growth, job creation, and small business if it wants to see further increases in confidence levels."

The Alberta index (54.3) is also well below the 65 to 75 point range (on the 100 point scale) that indicates the economy is healthy and growing at its potential.

Entrepreneurs' intentions to hire over the next three months have also slightly worsened, the CFIB concluded.

These reports make the economy seem fragile. Compounding the uncertainty will be the impact of the late October provincial budget for 2019/2020. There is an expectation of job cuts both this year and next given the recommendations for less spending in last week's Blue Ribbon panel report. □

## 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](#).

### Agriculture and Forestry

6 September 2019

#### **Farm Safety Consultation Reached Thousands**

Agriculture minister **Devin Dreeshen** said his department is compiling the results of a summer survey on potential changes to farm safety rules.

The minister said legislation likely will be introduced in the fall sitting.

Details are [here](#).

### Auditor General

29 August 2019

#### **Auditor General Calls for More Consistent Application of Public Agency Board Member Appointment Process**

An audit by Auditor General **Doug Wylie** concluded public agency board member appointment processes are not consistently followed across government.

**Wylie** said consistent and effective processes to recruit and select sufficiently experienced and skilled individuals to govern Alberta’s public agencies is crucial to ensure the delivery of the programs and services these organizations provide.

The UCP government responded by tightening control over the processes (see below).

The report, *Public Agency Board Member Recruitment and Selection*, is [here](#).

29 August 2019

#### **Followup Audit Finds Government Has More Work to Do on How it Reports Results to Albertans**

Auditor General **Doug Wylie** said the government still needs to improve

how it reports to Albertans on what government is achieving and at what cost.

While some departments have improved their reporting through annual reports, twelve of ministries examined did not effectively explain the results achieved by each key strategy identified in their business plan, nor any of the lessons learned from analyzing performance.

The report, *Reporting Performance Results to Albertans Followup*, is available [here](#).

### Economic Development, Trade and Tourism

7 September 2019

#### **U.K. and Alberta Partner on Advanced Tech**

Economic development minister **Tanya Fir** announced an agreement with the United Kingdom to explore opportunities that stimulate innovation and commercialization in new and emerging technologies.

The agreement focuses on science, technology and innovation in artificial intelligence, health and life sciences, agri-tech and agri-food technologies, clean growth and smart cities.

The agreement also includes participation on a joint innovation forum that will meet biannually to share updates and priorities with a view to converting advanced research into commercial applications leading to economic growth and job creation.

Details are [here](#).

### Energy

11 September 2019

#### **Oil Sands Conservation Act (section**

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Cabinet authorized the Alberta Energy Regulator to grant Approval No. 12824 to MEG Energy Corp. to establish a new in situ commercial oil sands scheme for the recovery of crude bitumen from the Wabiskaw-McMurray Deposit in the Athabasca Oil Sands Area. OC 159/2019.

Energy minister **Sonya Savage** touted the cabinet approval as an important step in the approval process, as it allows MEG Energy to proceed to the next stages of development, including making a final investment decision and applying for other environmental licences and local area development permits.

The project is in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, approximately 80 kilometres south of Fort McMurray.

Details are [here](#).

9 September 2019

#### **Fight Back on Foreign Funding**

The independent public inquiry into foreign funding of anti-energy campaigns launched a website with a submissions page that outlines how visitors can contribute relevant information to the inquiry.

The site has information about the inquiry, its mandate and the commissioner.

Details are [here](#).

### Finance

6 September 2019

#### **Board Member Recruitment**

Finance minister **Travis Toews** announced the centralization of board member recruitment and selection for agencies, boards and commissions (ABCs) in his department.

**Toews** noted findings of the Auditor General in a recent report which identified an inefficient process where some boards operated with significant vacancies for long periods of time and had difficulty managing potential conflicts of interest.

He said the Public Agency Secre-

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# August 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
30-Aug-19	Edmonton Endoscopy Centre	Bennett Jones LLP	Hugh MacKinnon, Rose Carter	Alberta Health
<p><b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Alberta Health to pay for Gastroenterology at a non-hospital surgical facility.</b> Ministerial approval for non-hospital surgical facilities where GI procedures will be performed. Relevant Legislation: <i>Health Care Protection Act</i>.</p>				
30-Aug-19	Teck Resources Limited	Global Public Affairs	Randy Pettipas, Mike Peters, Pierre Alvarez, Elan Macdonald, Jason Ennis	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Energy, Executive Council, Alberta Indigenous Relations, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office
<p><b>Existing Legislation: Oil Sands Emissions Limit Act.</b> Discussions with government to ensure that climate change policies, including greenhouse gas emissions limits, continue to enable ongoing oil sands development while reducing the risk of impacts to the environment, local ecosystems and communities.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER).</b> Discussions with government to ascertain how the TIER system will be designed and ensure that competitiveness factors are considered within this system for emissions-intensive, trade-exposed industries, including i) sectoral emissions intensities, ii) degree of trade exposure and risk of carbon leakage, iii) additional cost impacts associated with cost pass through.</p> <p><b>Existing Legislation: Climate Change and Emissions Management Act.</b> Discussions with government regarding concerns with climate change policy and regulatory development and implementation as they relate to greenhouse gas emissions and the ongoing competitiveness of emissions-intensive, trade exposed industries.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Conservation Offsets.</b> Discussions with government on mechanisms to apply the 2015 Framework for Alberta Conservation Offset to public lands. The current Framework considers biodiversity offsets and conservation allowances on private lands only.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Regional Land Conservation.</b> Discussions with government regarding the development of a regional conservation area proposed by Indigenous communities known as the Ronald Lake Biodiversity Stewardship Area.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Wetlands Policy.</b> Discussions with government on application of wetlands policy to green areas and conservation offsetting requirements, monitoring and reporting practices.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Mine Financial Security Program (MFSP).</b> Discussions with government on development of the revisions to the MFSP to ensure oil sands and coal liabilities do not compromise the competitiveness of these industries.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: First Nations Consultation Policy and Guidelines Renewal.</b> Discussions with government to ensure that consultation requirements enable the development of positive working relationships with Indigenous Peoples in Alberta. This includes a clear understanding of the scope of consultation requirements for both proponents and Indigenous Peoples.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation.</b> Discussions with government to inform the creation of the proposed Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation and how to enable the development of positive working relationships with Indigenous Peoples in Alberta.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Transportation of Energy Products.</b> Discussions with government on advancing the development of infrastructure projects for transporting energy products from Alberta to markets abroad.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Project Activities.</b> Provide updates to government officials on Teck's activities in Alberta, including the Frontier Project and associated project time lines and milestones.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Red Tape Reduction.</b> Provide input into government on red tape reduction initiative and opportunities to enhance competitiveness through project approval and permitting processes.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) Review.</b> Discussions with government to ensure that any changes to the AER maintain continuity of existing project approvals.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Oil Production Curtailment.</b> Discussions with government on effectively managing the oil production curtailment while developing a long term solution to the oil price differentials.</p> <p><b>Existing Legislation: Alberta Corporate Tax Act.</b> Discussions with government about Alberta's corporate tax structure as it relates to competitiveness, job creation and economic growth in the province.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Bison Management.</b> Discussions with government on development of a bison management plan.</p>				
29-Aug-19	Mortgage Professionals Canada	Impact Public Affairs	Huw Williams, Christian von Donat	Alberta Seniors and Housing
<p><b>Program or Policy: Affordable housing and support for first-time home buyers.</b> Enhance the landscape to support home ownership and first-time home buyers.</p>				
28-Aug-19	Melcor Developments Ltd.	Alberta North Projects Ltd.	Christopher Ghazouly	Alberta Transportation
<p><b>Decision: Approval of 104 st/ Highway 22x intersection, South Shepard ASP, City of Calgary.</b> To discuss the design and timing of approval for the intersection at 104 Street/Highway 22x, South Shepard ASP, City of Calgary.</p> <p><b>Decision: Approval of Highway 1A/22 Interchange, Town of Cochrane.</b> To discuss the status of the proposed interchange at Highway 1A/Highway 22 located in the Town of Cochrane that is currently under detailed design, and importance to include the twinning of Hwy 22 north of the interchange to Sunset Boulevard in order to ensure the relief of the bottleneck on Hwy 22 north.</p>				

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## August Lobbyist Registrations, continued

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23-Aug-19	Bluedrop Learning Networks Inc.	Klees & Associates Ltd.	Frank Klees	Service Alberta
<p><b>Program or Policy: Seniors Health Care.</b> Explore how Bluedrop's technology can support the government's objectives for improving Seniors Health.</p> <p><b>Guideline or Directive: Use of Technology in delivering care.</b> Achieve understanding of the government's objectives.</p>				
22-Aug-19	Alberta Blockchain Consortium	New West Public Affairs	Monte Solberg, Michael Solberg, Tristan Bray	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Alberta Energy, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Executive Council, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office, Alberta Innovates
<p><b>Program or Policy: Alberta Blockchain Week &amp; Summit.</b> Raise awareness of blockchain technology among MLAs, ministers, and the premier's office. Engage ministers on blockchain technology's contribution to the economy and invite participation in the Blockchain Summit.</p>				
21-Aug-19	My Viva Inc.	Global Public Affairs	Randy Pettipas, Candice Laws, Rachel Wenger, Conor Mahoney	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Health
<p><b>Program or Policy: MyHealth Alberta.</b> To understand the government's process and policies around the new online MyHealth Alberta portal and the potential role of including wellness tools within it.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: E-health.</b> Discussion of e-health policy initiatives to support wellness and initiatives to support development of ehealth platforms.</p>				
21-Aug-19	NBCUniversal Media LLC	Maple Leaf Strategies	Dimitri Pantazopoulos	Alberta Labour and Immigration, Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office
<p><b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Tax treatment of film and television production.</b> To promote changes to the tax treatment of film and television production that is competitive with other jurisdictions. Promoting unique fiscal and taxation approaches to expand the viability of film and television sector in the province, and create sustainable jobs and activity in the industry.</p>				
20-Aug-19	eBay Canada Ltd.	Proof Inc.	Bruce MacLellan, Chris McCluskey	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Executive Council, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office
<p><b>Program or Policy: Interprovincial trade.</b> Advocate the economic benefits of reducing barriers to interprovincial trade and direct-to-consumer sales.</p>				
20-Aug-19	Enriched Academy	Exhort 3.13 Inc.	Kevin McCarthy	Executive Council, Alberta Education, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office, Alberta Advanced Education
<p><b>Program or Policy: Alberta government to require our financial education courses for some students.</b> Attempting to partner with the government for them to use our financial education courses for students going to post-secondary education, students applying for Alberta Student Aid and potentially for students in high school and elementary school.</p>				
20-Aug-19	AZERA Quality Surgical Solutions Inc.	Bennett Jones LLP	Hugh MacKinnon, Rose Carter	Alberta Health
<p><b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Alberta Health to pay for orthopedic procedures at a non-hospital surgical facility.</b> Ministerial approval for non-hospital surgical facilities where orthopedic procedures will be performed. Relative Legislation: <i>Health Care Protection Act</i>.</p>				
19-Aug-19	Prince Rupert Port Authority	Global Public Affairs	Randy Pettipas, Brian Senio, Elan Macdonald, Jason Ennis, Jordan Pinkster	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Energy, Executive Council, Alberta Transportation, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance
<p><b>Program or Policy: Economic development/market access.</b> Build Prince Rupert Port Authority's (PRPA) profile with government to ensure decision makers are aware of the value PRPA can offer to Alberta's economy and that PRPA objectives are well-understood and supported. Position PRPA as a partner and resource for government as it looks to make progress on national discussions regarding economic corridors and increasing trade.</p>				

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tariat, within the Public Service Commission, will now coordinate the board member recruitment process for public agencies, boards and commissions.

Toews said by centralizing recruit-

ment, duplicate processes will be eliminated, the right skills and competencies will be represented at each table, and there will be a reduced time to fill board vacancies, all while strengthening board governance.

Details are [here](#).

**Justice and Solicitor General**

11 September 2019

**Judicature Act (section 26).**

Cabinet referred certain questions to

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17-Aug-19	Canadian Urban Transit Research & Innovation Consortium	Crestview Strategy	<b>Chad Rogers, Patricia Sibal</b>	Executive Council
<b>Program or Policy: 1st Canadian Low-Carbon Smart Mobility Technology Conference.</b> To invite elected officials from Alberta to attend this conference.				
16-Aug-19	Adapt Pharma Canada Ltd.	Counsel Public Affairs Inc.	<b>Philip Dewan, Amber Ruddy, Bradley Lavigne</b>	Executive Council, Alberta Health, Premier's Office
<b>Program or Policy: Increased access to NARCAN Nasal Spray</b> Engaging in discussions with government to make NARCAN (Naxlozone HCL) Nasal Spray more widely available in Alberta for immediate treatment to individuals suffering from opioid overdose.				
15-Aug-19	Athabasca Oil Corporation	Longview Communications Inc.	<b>Hugh McFadyen, Evan Legate</b>	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Energy, Executive Council, Alberta Indigenous Relations, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Premier's Office
<b>Program or Policy: Curtailment, Crude by Rail and AER regulatory reform policies.</b> Highlight the impacts of energy policies, such as curtailment, crude-by-rail, and changes to the AER, on Athabasca Oil Corporation. Explore government support for a potential biodiversity stewardship area. <b>Existing Legislation: Oil and Gas Conservation Act, Oil Sands Conservation Act, Responsible Energy Development Act and Curtailment Rules(Regulation 214/2018).</b> Highlight the impact of curtailment rules and policy on Athabasca Oil Corporation and economics of upstream oil production in Alberta. <b>Program or Policy: Biodiversity and land management.</b> Explore government of Alberta support for the establishment of a potential biodiversity stewardship area on lands in which Athabasca Oil Corporation currently holds an interest.				
14-Aug-19	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc.	CSG Canadian Strategy Group Inc. (also operating as Crestview Strategy (Alberta))	<b>Hal Danchilla, Michael Lohner</b>	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Executive Council, Alberta Health, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Alberta Seniors and Housing, Premier's Office, Alberta Health Services, The University of Alberta, The University of Calgary
<b>Program or Policy: Pharmaceuticals and Supplementary Health Benefits.</b> Improved access (listing, time to listing and prescribing criteria on the Alberta Drug Benefit List and Alberta Health Services Drug Formulary), to pharmaceuticals, particularly in the areas of respiratory, oncology, cardiology, neurosciences, ophthalmology, dermatology and rheumatology. Increased awareness of the impact of health policy on life science research investment, economic development in the life sciences sector, and economic diversification. Increased awareness of the value of pharmaceuticals in improved patient outcomes and overall savings to the healthcare system. To explore partnership opportunities with the government of Alberta, Alberta Health Services, University of Alberta and University of Calgary in clinical research on new and existing treatments and therapies, and real world evidence development in the therapeutic areas outlined above, to help support health system improvements and healthcare outcomes.				
13-Aug-19	StubHub Inc.	Proof Inc.	<b>Bruce MacLellan, Chris McCluskey</b>	Executive Council, Service Alberta, Premier's Office
<b>Existing Legislation: Consumer Protection Act.</b> Inform government's approach on matters pertaining to the <i>Consumer Protection Act</i> related to event tickets. Offer feedback and recommendations with a view of enhancing consumer protection and choice benefiting fans.				
12-Aug-19	Seven Generations Energy Ltd	StrategyCorp Inc.	<b>John Matheson, Lisa Samson, Garry Keller, Conal Slobodin, Troy Sherman</b>	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Energy, Executive Council, Alberta Indigenous Relations, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Transportation, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance
<b>Program or Policy: Natural gas pipelines and transportation.</b> Seven Generations Energy is seeking to introduce itself to the provincial government and wishes to discuss issues around natural gas pipelines and transportation.				

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the Court of Appeal of Alberta for hearing or consideration relating to the constitutionality of Part 1 of *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*, S.C. 2019, c. 28, and the

constitutionality of the Physical Activities Regulations, SOR/2019-285. OC 160/2019.

Announcing the legal challenge of federal Bill C-69, premier **Jason Kenney** said it is “a flagrant violation of the exclusive constitutional jurisdiction of provinces and territories to control the development of their natural resources.”

He said the federal bill will make it nearly impossible for any future pipelines and similar critical infrastructure projects to be approved in Canada.

“Our government will continue to stand up to the federal government and will use every tool to prevent this from happening,” said the premier.

Details are [here](#). □

## August Lobbyist Registrations, continued

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12-Aug-19	Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.	2139107 Alberta Ltd. (operating as Crestview Strategy (West))	<b>Michael Lohner, Hal Danchilla, Melissa Caouette</b>	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Executive Council, Premier's Office
<p><b>Existing Legislation:</b> <i>Alberta Forests Act</i>. Lobbying in favour of Forest Management Agreement (FMA) consultation and planning process.  <b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Caribou Range Planning</b>. Work with the province on effective strategies for Caribou Range Planning task force.  <b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Fibre Supply and Security</b>. Work with the province to ensure sustainability of long-term aspen and conifer fibre supply.  <b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Mountain Pine Beetle Action Strategy</b>. Work with the province on effective strategies for addressing the mountain pine beetle issue.  <b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Caribou Range Planning</b>. Work with the province on effective strategies for Caribou Range Planning task force.</p>				
12-Aug-19	Music Canada	Crestview Strategy	<b>Chad Rogers, Blake Oliver</b>	Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women
<p><b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Alberta's music sector</b>. To open discussions with cabinet ministers and staff to discuss how to grow and support Alberta's music sector.</p>				
12-Aug-19	Campbell Oilfield Rentals Ltd.	New West Public Affairs	<b>Monte Solberg, Michael Solberg, Matt Solberg, Sonia Kont, Tristan Bray, Sarah Painchaud</b>	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Energy, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Executive Council, Alberta Legislative Assembly
<p><b>Guideline or Directive:</b> <b>Directive 055, Storage Requirements for the Upstream Petroleum Industry</b>. Lobby for an addendum to Directive 55 that permits the operation of the 'Minion Tank', a large-volume fluid storage tank that features sealed and reusable bladders.</p>				
12-Aug-19	Parkland County	Enterprise Canada Inc.	<b>Barbara Fox, Peter Csillag</b>	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Service Alberta, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Transportation, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Alberta Seniors and Housing
<p><b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Coal affected communities</b>. Discuss and explore ways that the province can further support communities affected by decisions on coal in recent years.  <b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Centralized assessment</b>. Seeking to discuss municipalities having a greater role and responsibility in the centralized assessment process.  <b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Municipal funding policies</b>. Explore ways to align federal and provincial funding to avoid disqualification of eligible costs due to time lags outside of municipality controls and streamline decision making process.  <b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Public land approval applications</b>. Standardize applications and approvals for public land to allow municipalities to be more agile and not caught in processes.  <b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Seniors Facilities and Housing Capital Maintenance and Renewal Program</b>. Explore how to maximize investment and ensure clarity of responsibility for capital investment in seniors and capital housing.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>Trade corridor transportation funding</b>. Secure funding for the completion of Highway 60 and Highway 628.  <b>Financial Benefit or Grant:</b> <b>Taxation relief</b>. Discuss ways that provincial and federal governments can offer support for lost tax revenue.  <b>Program or Policy:</b> <b>Emergency service policies</b>. Discuss ways to offset the costs associated with providing 911 service.</p>				
09-Aug-19	The Educational Partnership Foundation	RK STRATEGY	<b>Randy Kerr</b>	Alberta Labour and Immigration, Alberta Indigenous Relations, Alberta Education
<p><b>Financial Benefit or Grant:</b> <b>Grants assists TEPF with building relevant partnerships between the business community and educators to create and deliver strong educational initiatives that encourage training and apprenticeships</b>. Continuing current grant. Looking for future opportunities to help create more opportunities for youth to enter the workforce.</p>				

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09-Aug-19	Sureway Construction Group Ltd.	Enterprise Canada Inc.	Barbara Fox, Peter Csillag	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Energy, Executive Council, Premier's Office, Alberta Energy Regulator, Natural Resources Conservation Board
<p><b>Guideline or Directive: Alberta Wetland Mitigation Directive.</b> Request for mandatory review time lines for applications dealing with wetland disturbances, together with standardized approaches across regions for application of the wetland reclamation policy contained within the directive. Particular recognition within the reclamation policies should exist for developers with the unique ability to expand Alberta's wetland inventory, such as sand and gravel or other resource developers.</p> <p><b>Existing Legislation: Water Act.</b> Request for standardized processes between different regulatory agencies such as AEP and AER related to <i>Water Act</i> approval process and approval time lines. Request for mandatory review time lines for <i>Water Act</i> approvals for excavation within the water table, together with clear guidelines for scope for hydro geology or environmental impact assessments. Review of process instruction for assigning or transferring portions of water licenses.</p> <p><b>Guideline or Directive: Aggregate (Sand and Gravel) Allocation Directive for Commercial Use on Public Land.</b> Clarifying instructions that the Directive and Aggregate Land Review do not apply to surface resources other than sand and gravel on public lands.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Conservation and Reclamation Business Plan (CRBP) Approvals.</b> Request for mandatory review time lines for CRBP submittals and renewal.</p> <p><b>Existing Legislation: Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.</b> Request for mandatory review time lines for code of practice applications, activities plan updates, updated security estimates and five-year reporting. Request for improved regulatory processes for utilities and pipelines for natural gas and power supply to industrial users.</p> <p><b>Guideline or Directive: Approval Time Lines.</b> Request for standardized processes between different regulatory agencies such as AEP and AER related to water act approval process and approval time lines.</p>				
09-Aug-19	EVRAZ North America Inc.	Enterprise Canada Inc.	Barbara Fox, Peter Csillag	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Energy, Executive Council, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Premier's Office
<p><b>Program or Policy: Economic development policies.</b> Arranging meetings for the client to discuss EVRAZ'S existing business operations in Alberta and engage the government to discuss future partnership opportunities.</p>				
09-Aug-19	Kepler Academy	Enterprise Canada Inc.	Barbara Fox, Peter Csillag	Alberta Children's Services, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance
<p><b>Decision: Children's Services licensing.</b> Arranging meetings for the client to follow-up on existing licensing applications for child care centres to meet growing demand in the Edmonton area, and discuss ways to improve the licensing and review process while maintaining high safety standards.</p>				
07-Aug-19	Information Services Corporation	Wellington Advocacy Inc.	Nick Koolsbergen, Trisha Rinneard, Lauren Klammer	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Energy, Executive Council, Service Alberta, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Transportation, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office
<p><b>Program or Policy: Alberta Registry System.</b> Advocating for alternative service delivery and business models for Land Registry, Corporate Registry and Personal Property Registry.</p>				
07-Aug-19	Canadian National Railway Company (CN)	Prairie Sky Enterprises Ltd. (Prairie Sky Consulting)	Jeff Sterzuk	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Energy, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Transportation
<p><b>Program or Policy: Market Access.</b> Work with the department to identify priorities and coordinating work to promote export growth and the efficient movement of exports and imports including issues related to capacity.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Agriculture and Forestry.</b> Work with the department to identify the key metrics for measuring the efficiency of the supply chain for the movement of grains, oil seeds and forest products to market. Providing regular updates to the department on the movement of Alberta agricultural products for export by CN including demand, car supply, CN car allocation products and any supply chain issues that may arise.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Safety and Emergency Response.</b> Work with the department on coordination of emergency response procedures related to possible railway incidents. Keep department current on railway interaction with served communities including training for first responders. Matters related to proximity of communities to rail lines and trespassing on railway lands.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Shipments of Natural Resources.</b> Briefing department on emerging technology and technological advances for the transportation of crude and related products by rail.</p> <p><b>Program or Policy: Rail Transportation Policy.</b> Briefing department on matters related to the impact on Alberta shippers of proposed or potential changes in federal transportation and railway safety legislation and regulation. Matters related to proximity of communities to rail lines and trespassing on railway lands.</p>				

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## August Lobbyist Registrations, continued

Registered	Organization	Lobby Firm	Lobbyists	Government Targets
02-Aug-19	APPLE Schools	CSG Canadian Strategy Group Inc. (also operating as Crestview Strategy (Alberta))	Hal Danchilla, Gail Kelly	Alberta Education, Alberta Health
<b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Funding in the 2019-2020 Budget.</b> APPLE Schools Foundation is seeking long-term funding from the Government of Alberta to expand its program of providing nutritional and health related programming to elementary students throughout the province, particularly low-income and First Nations children.				
02-Aug-19	Improbable Canada Inc.	1689986 ALBERTA LIMITED carrying on business as Navigator	Jason Hatcher, Brent Kossey, Rosa Ellithorpe, Zoe Keirstead	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Executive Council, Service Alberta, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office
<b>Financial Benefit or Grant: Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit.</b> To maintain the tax credit in its current form.				
02-Aug-19	Alcanna Inc.	1689986 ALBERTA LIMITED carrying on business as Navigator	Jason Hatcher, Brent Kossey, Zoe Keirstead, Rosa Ellithorpe	Executive Council, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office, Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission
<b>Program or Policy: Cannabis and Liquor Retail and Distribution.</b> To provide information to government on the merits of a cannabis retail and distribution system (including online) that would be similar to current liquor model in Alberta and how the current liquor retail model and how the distribution and warehousing model can be improved.				
02-Aug-19	Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association (ACTLA)	New West Public Affairs	Monte Solberg, Matt Solberg, Sonia Kont, Monte Solberg, Michael Solberg	Executive Council, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office
<b>Existing Legislation: Minor Injury Regulation (Insurance Act).</b> Urge government to protect the rights of injured Albertans by making no further changes to the existing minor injury regulation. ACTLA will be engaging the minister of Finance, Treasury Board and Finance, Premier's Office, Executive Council, and MLAs to inform of the need to protect the rights of Albertans suffering from minor injuries and ensure they receive the support they need to heal.				
02-Aug-19	Genstar Development Company	CSG Canadian Strategy Group Inc. (also operating as Crestview Strategy (Alberta))	Hal Danchilla	Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Municipal Affairs
<b>Existing Legislation: Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.</b> Monitoring and advocacy around environmental concerns regarding the Walden landfill variance.				
01-Aug-19	Alberta Blockchain Consortium Corp.	Alberta Counsel	Jonathon Wescott, Shayne Saskiw, Jenelle Saskiw, Michelle Collins, Zack Ziolkowski, Pascal Ryffel, Bronte Valk, Cam MacKay	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Alberta Energy, Alberta Transportation, Premier's Office, Alberta Advanced Education, Alberta Innovates
<b>Program or Policy: Support for Technology Sector.</b> To increase awareness of, and support for, Alberta's growing technology sector. Promoting opportunities for political decision-makers and participants in the technology sector to meet and interact.				
01-Aug-19	Innovative Medicines Canada	CSG Canadian Strategy Group Inc. (also operating as Crestview Strategy (Alberta))	Hal Danchilla, Michael Lohner	Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Executive Council, Alberta Health, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Alberta Advanced Education, Alberta Health Services
<b>Program or Policy: Alberta Jobs Plan and Alberta Pharmaceutical and Supplementary Benefits.</b> We wish government to recognise the value of innovative medicines to the health system (patient outcomes, system savings) and to the economy through greater job productivity and knowledge-based job creation in research manufacturing.				
<b>Program or Policy: Alberta Pharmaceutical and Supplementary Benefits.</b> We wish government to recognise the value of innovative medicines to the health system (patient outcomes, system improvement) and to collaborate on opportunities with the health and research ecosystem to create better patient health outcomes and to offset health system costs.				
<b>Program or Policy: Alberta Pharmaceutical and Supplementary Benefits.</b> Security of Alberta's drug supply re: US importation.				



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## 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

11 September 2019

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

Cabinet appointed **Margaret Ziolecki** as a member of The Board of Governors of Keyano College for a term to expire on September 8, 2022.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Peter Fortna** as a member of The Board of Governors of the College. OC 157/2019.

11 September 2019

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

Cabinet appointed **Guy Pelletier** as a member and cabinet designated him as chair of The Board of Governors of Red Deer College for a term to expire on September 8, 2022.

Cabinet appointed **Kristen Korhonen** and **Julie Oliver** as members of The Board of Governors of Red Deer College, each for a term to expire on September 8, 2022.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Francis Flewwelling** as a member and rescinded his designation as chair of The Board of Governors of Red Deer College.

Cabinet also rescinded the appointments of **Dianne Macaulay** and **Karin Melnyk** as members of The Board of Governors of the College. OC 158/2019.

### Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)

10 September 2019

**Responsible Energy Development Act (section 5).**

Energy minister **Sonya Savage** announced a review of the AER.

The review will include:

- ▶ in-person stakeholder workshops with industry, municipal and professional associations, government departments and Indigenous groups.
- ▶ working with governance and regulatory experts.
- ▶ a dedicated website for interested parties to provide feedback.

Albertans can provide feedback by visiting [here](#) between Sept. 6, 2019 and Oct. 14, 2019.

**Savage** said the provincial government will release a report once the review is complete.

The province is also replacing the current board with an interim board of directors made up of public servants and individuals with oil and gas expertise.

The new board members will carry out the general management of the business and affairs and will serve for approximately nine months.

Cabinet appointed environment and parks deputy minister **Beverly Yee** as chair of the board of directors of the Alberta Energy Regulator for a term to expire on June 5, 2020.

Cabinet appointed long-time Encana executive **Sherri Brillon**, oil industry executive **David Goldie**, former National Energy Board board member **Georgette Habib** and deputy minister of energy **Grant Sprague** as members of the board of directors of AER, each for a term to expire on June 5, 2020.

Cabinet rescinded the appointment of **Sheila O'Brien** as chair of the board of directors of AER and rescinded the appointments of **Brian Fleck**, **Monica Norminton**, and **Jack Royal** as members of the board of directors of the Alberta Energy Regulator.

Details are [here](#). ☐