Cold Lake Regional Chamber of COMMERCE

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Business News

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- Chambers Plan's exclusive advisor support
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Chamber Crime Report

- 170 liaison visits.
- 33 Foot patrols.
- 15 Interactions with Intoxicated persons which includes 7 persons evicted from bank vestibules.
- 6 insecurities including an open door (RCMP attended, Owner contacted) cut fences at 3 vehicle places (reported to owners). by a neighbour), a business main gate left open at night (reported to Owner) and a malfunctioning garage door (RCMP attended, Owner contacted).
- 3 items of found property. 2 reported to Municipal Enforcement, one returned to the owner.
- 11 incidents of suspicious activity including persons loitering in a suspicious manner around businesses at night, 3 suspected “taggers” being stopped.

5 significant activities:

- Patrol collected intelligence regarding two persons who could be involved with the recent outbreak in graffiti.
- While patrol was interacting with 2 individuals (previous entry), adjacent to the men's shelter, they handed over a radar detector stating that they had found. The radar detector was subsequently handed over to the RCMP as well as dashcam images of the persons involved. Status unknown.
- Patrol located what appears to have been an intentionally set fire to “donations” behind orbiting trends. Emergency services was contacted and attended; the fire was subsequently extinguished. RCMP notified.
- While on a foot patrol, guard observed four persons in attendance behind orbiting trends, apparently attempting to break in to one of their storage sheds. When challenged, all four unidentified persons fled the scene on bicycles.
- Patrol observed a back alley rear parking lot flooding due to excessive rain. As the level of water was cresting the bottom of the door sill and entering the building, the owner was contacted and advised. Minor interior damage reported by owner.

Member Directory

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Do you know how Alberta’s employment and labour laws apply to your business? Or your obligations as an employer? Every business must follow these standards, from the smallest start-ups to the biggest national companies. Partnering with Peninsula Employment Services gives you access to *24/7 free advice, employer events and more.*

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Upcoming Employment Insurance Consultations

Coming up later in August, the federal government will be launching consultations with regards to the Employment Insurance program. According the government media release, the Employment Insurance program has not had a comprehensive reform in over two decades.

These upcoming consultations will allow workers, employers and other stakeholders to provide input on future improvements. Information gathered will help gain the insight into creating an EI program that is able to support the income of self-employed, how to support Canadians through different life events and how to provide more consistent and reliable benefits to workers in seasonal industries.

Latest Economic News

- **The pandemic worsened an age-old Canadian problem — youth unemployment. Will a labour shortage help? Read more**
- **Calgary researcher looks at what Alberta's economic diversification could look like Read more**
- **Alberta economist suggests province focuses on future not past in post-pandemic recovery Read more**

Utility Payment Deferral Program

In a recent statement from Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, Dale Nally, he explained that in the fall, Alberta utility rate payers will see a rate rider on their utility statements. With the deferrals that previously took place, some outstanding debts were not settled. The Alberta Utilities Commission is gathering the total of the

remaining debt will determine the amount and length of the rider.

The full statement from the Associate Minister can be found here.

Expanding Broadband Internet in Rural Alberta

Announced on July 22, the Alberta Government is investing up to $150 million for the expansion and improvement of broadband internet in rural Alberta. This funding will be used for construction projects with further details to be announced in the coming weeks. Approximately 201,000 households in Alberta do not have access to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission target internet speeds of 50 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 10 Mbps upload.

Further information about this announcement can be found here.

Are you looking for a place to list your products for online shopping?

The Chamber Market might be the right place for you. Contact the Chamber office to find out more about the business onboarding process, so that you can get listed on the platform.
Visit the link to see what the vendor marketplace looks like.

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Western Canada Tourism Relief

For tourism related businesses, the Tourism Relief Fund is now open for applications. Over 2 years, $500 million will be provided to to businesses in the tourism sector with the focus being upon product development such as projects that enhance the tourism experience or destination experience.

This financial support for this program consists of either non-repayable contributions up to $100,000 for up to 50% eligible costs or fully repayable contributions up to $500,000 for up to 75% of eligible costs.

Further information can be found here.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce News

THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- **Canadian Chamber: Continued border closure by U.S. defies science and logic**
- **Bill C-208: Why has the government blocked Parliament's new law?**
- **Today's job numbers: Jobs begin rebound "honeymoon" phase, but opportunities from labour market churn not yet felt**

Chamber Exclusive Member-to-Member Deals

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on renovations, contract/ customer mediation - Chamber members

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