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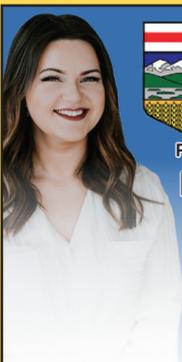
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## MONTHLY NEWS

### TUNE UP: BUSINESS BEAT:

ACC and Medicine Hat & District Chamber Publish Vote Prosperity Campaigns

Each election season, Chambers of Commerce across the country release Vote Prosperity content online via print and through external publications for public access. The purpose of Vote Prosperity is to ensure that prospective voters are as informed and ready as they can be for the upcoming electoral period. The Medicine Hat & District Chamber Vote Prosperity page is available on their website and the ACC Vote Prosperity is available at <http://www.abchamber.ca/vote-prosperity-2021>.

### Special Ballot requests now being accepted ahead of the 2021 Municipal Election

City residents who will be out of town between Saturday, October 9, and Monday, October 18, are able to participate in the 2021 Municipal Election by requesting a Special (mail-in) Ballot. Requests for special (mail-in) ballots must be received before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 4. To request your ballot, contact Jessica Robinson, Deputy Returning Officer for the City of Medicine Hat at [jesrob@medicinehat.ca](mailto:jesrob@medicinehat.ca).

### New Card-Sized COVID-19 Vaccination Record:

Albertans can now print a copy of their card-sized COVID-19 proof of vaccination or show it on their phone or tablet. More information can be found at Alberta Health Services Immunization Records.

### New Vaccine Requirements and COVID-19 Measures in Alberta

Alberta has declared a state of public health emergency. Measures in workplaces, indoor private gatherings, places of worship, schools and children's activities, as well as mandatory masking and physical distancing in all indoor public spaces started on September 16, 2021.

Restrictions on restaurants, indoor gatherings, weddings and funerals, retail, entertainment

venues, and indoor sport and fitness were placed in effect on September 20, 2021.

As of September 20th, discretionary businesses and events must follow one of these 2 options:

1. Implement the Restrictions Exemption Program requiring proof of vaccination or a negative test result to continue operating as usual, or
2. Follow business capacity and operating restrictions.

### Third Vaccine Doses Available now available:

Third doses of COVID-19 vaccine are now available for all seniors living in congregate care facilities and for immunocompromised Albertans starting. In addition, mRNA doses will be made available to Albertans who are travelling to a jurisdiction that does not accept visitors who have been vaccinated with Covishield/AstraZeneca or mixed doses.

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: September 30

This national day of recognition provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event. What can you do on this day to show support?

- Participate, volunteer, or attend a local Truth and Reconciliation activity or event
- Attend a cultural event
- Read a novel from an Indigenous Reading List

Employers elated with new labour attraction toolkit for Medicine Hat region

The Move to Medicine Hat labour attraction toolkit was officially this month. This web-based tool allows employers to have all the information needed for talent attraction in one spot. From housing costs, and school availability, to fun places to visit, and things to do in the community, this site includes key information new residents are likely to ask about the region.

Create by Tourism Medicine Hat, in partnership with Community Futures Entre-Corp and the APEX Regional Innovation

Network partners, and funded by Alberta Labour and Immigration, working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services, the website was created from insights provided from employers needing to attract skilled talent to the area.

### Calling all Alberta-based Women Entrepreneurs!

Our partners at AWE have put together a survey to capture your thoughts on the current landscape for women entrepreneurs. Your responses will help entrepreneurial services providers better understand the barriers and obstacles women entrepreneurs face across Alberta so that we can collectively trailer our services to meet your needs moving forward into the future. This survey will take you 7 minutes. Survey participants will be entered for an opportunity to win one of five \$100 VISA Gift cards. Fill out the survey today: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/awefeedbacksurvey>

### Canada Employment Insurance Commission sets the 2022 Employment Insurance Premium Rate

The rate is set at \$1.58 per \$100 of insurable earnings for employees and \$2.21 for employers who pay 1.4 times the employee rate, which is unchanged from the 2020 and 2021 premium rate. Find out more.

### Venture for Canada Intrapreneurship

Students across Canada are contributing to innovating small business by working on 7-week projects of up to 70 hours each (4-10 hours/week). Students work solar or in an interdisciplinary team of up to 5 students (up to 350 project hours per group). Employer commitment is 10-20 hours over 7 weeks. Venture for Canada foots the bill and provides each student with a stipend for their work with you. New projects accepted each month!

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