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Chamber Crime Report-August Statistics

- 240 liaison visits.
- 53 Foot patrols.
- 7 Interactions with Intoxicated persons which includes 6 persons being asked by Watchdog to exit businesses and willing doing so.
- 7 insecurities (after hours) including 2 Campers left insecure, 2 Compound gates left open/unlocked, a transport trailer containing goods left open and 2 bay doors left open.
- 3 requests for assistance including first aid rendered to a skateboarder with cuts due to a fall, a battery disconnect for the owner of a vehicle with the alarm sounding , awaiting roadside assistance (ownership confirmed), a BOLO by the RCMP, and several requests for extra patrols. This does not include calls for assistance during nonoperational hours. A liaison visit was conducted for these requests regardless.

4 significant activities:

- Patrol happened upon a B&E in progress in which the suspect was observed departing the scene which involved property damage and the attempted theft of merchandise. RCMP contacted and the suspect was subsequently apprehended.
- Patrol happened upon a B&E in progress which the suspect was observed inside a camper, which involved property damage and the attempted theft of merchandise. RCMP contacted, Dash Cam video captured and surrendered to RCMP.
- Patrol observed a hit and run accident in the parking lot of a local business. The owner of the struck vehicle was informed and the RCMP were contacted.
- Patrol heard what appeared to be gun shots while on patrol in the vicinity of 54th Ave and 54th St. RCMP contacted.

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TEST KITS NOW IN STOCK

The Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Chambers of Commerce to provide complimentary COVID-19 rapid antigen testing kits to small and medium-sized businesses. By frequently testing employees, businesses can stop outbreaks before they happen, keeping employees and customers safe.

**To participate, businesses must apply by completing
FORM HERE
& submitting to executivedirector@coldlakechamber.ca**

Next Steps:

After approval, you will receive further instruction to pick-up your kit at the Chamber office during business hours.

Your business/organization will be required to set up an official COVID-19 screening program and testing protocol for all employees partaking in rapid testing and training.

Training materials can be found [HERE](#) under the Panbio resources section including a **Step-by-step rapid antigen screen video**.

Weekly reporting will be required in a form that will be supplied.

Please Note:

- *Rapid testing kits are supplied complimentary to all accepted applicants.
- *Weekly reporting is required to be submitted to the Chamber, stating the number of tests performed and the associated results.
- *These tests are designed to reduce the risk of asymptomatic transmission and *should not* be administered to those with any COVID-19 symptoms!



Chamber of Commerce All Candidates Forum Takes New Format

The Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce has taken a new format for the All Candidates Forum for the 2021 Cold Lake Municipal Election cycle. Given that the Chamber of Commerce has traditionally hosted forums, moving to an alternative method still allows for voters to hear from candidates who chose to participate in this new video series.

The videos, with candidates running for 6 council seats have been recorded, each outlining their platform and answering a set of pre-determined questions. Please visit the Cold Lake Chamber of Commerce YouTube Channel to find the videos under the “2021 Cold Lake Municipal Election” playlist [here](#).

We encourage the sharing of these videos to allow all voters to be informed for the upcoming election on October 18th

- Don't stop federal COVID-19 benefits, businesses say as expiration nears [Read more](#)
- 'Profound effect' of COVID-19 is transforming Canada's labour market [Read more](#)
- Labour shortage hampering post-pandemic recovery for businesses in Canada, study finds [Read more](#)



Once a year, the Alberta Chambers of Commerce launches a comprehensive survey about municipal red tape and business supports that touches every region and sector of the province.

We want to learn how we can help you find the opportunities and funding you need for your business to thrive. This survey covers local red tape and cost barriers, business supports, and business opportunities, making it vital to our advocacy efforts. It will run through October 23, 2021.

Results from the survey will help us:

- Identify issues and roadblocks facing your business
- Inform our advocacy efforts
- Help your business grow

Take the annual Municipal Red Tape and Business Supports Survey [now](#).

If you're not on AlbertaPerspectives.ca, what are you waiting for? It's time to join the conversation.

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Minister's Statement on Job Numbers

Minister of Jobs Economy and Innovation, Doug Schweitzer issued a statement on recent job numbers. In the statement, it is noted that the unemployment rate is lowest it has been in the past 18 months. These numbers indicate that Alberta will lead Canada this year and next for economic growth.

The full statement is available [here](#).



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Jobs and Growth Fund in Western Canada

To provide additional funding for businesses and organizations that are job creators, the Jobs and Growth Fund provides eligible businesses in Western

Canada with the ability to future-proof their business and enhancing competitiveness. Funding can be used for activities such as the adoption of digital technological solutions or strengthening the capacity in sectors that are

critical to Canada's recovery and growth.

Click [here](#) to learn more.



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Canadian Chamber of Commerce News

- [Finishing the fight against COVID -19: Businesses in hardest-hit sectors will need our help through 2022 says Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [The election is over. Time to get serious about economic growth: Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#)

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