



This Bi-weekly Newsletter is available to members and non-members of the Vauxhall & District Chamber of Commerce and features information of importance to, and about local business and upcoming events!

Wednesday August 26th, 2020

Vauxhall Centennial Clock Tower Unveiling Event!!

August 28th 2020:

Vauxhall Centennial Clock Tower Unveiling Event!
Including: Farmers Market, Show 'n Shine & Live Music!

Come on out and join in on the Vauxhall Centennial Clock Tower Unveiling Event! This event will be held on Friday August 28th in downtown Vauxhall on 2nd Ave between 4th & 5th Street from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. There will be an unveiling ceremony with opening remarks as well as an outdoor Farmers Market, Show 'n Shine, Live Music presented by Sestra and a BBQ sponsored by South Country Co-op with all proceeds from the BBQ going towards the Vauxhall Hall Kitchen Renovation Project!

Deadline August 31st:

TABER & DISTRICT HEALTH FOUNDATION STEWART GENES SCHOLARSHIP!

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/539717d6e4b0177cf6e73f46/t/5b72fa46aa4a99affa92f0ef/1534261830867/Stewart+Genes+Scholarship+Application.pdf>

THE VAUXHALL AG SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP!

This is for first year students only. Please send a letter of application, stating your name, educational institution where you have been accepted, course of studies and reasons why you should be awarded this scholarship.
Vauxhall Ag Society
Box 690
Vauxhall, AB
T0K 2K0

Vauxhall Swimming Pool Is Open for you to enjoy until August 31st!!

OPEN SWIM, LANE SWIM & AQUA FIT!

The Vauxhall Swimming Pool is excited to be open until August 31st, 2020! Come on down and enjoy this final week of swimming!

Open swimming

Lane swim and

Aquafit classes.

Please be aware of the new guidelines in place which can be found at

www.town.vauxhall.ab.ca

Capacity is limited to 50 people-whether you are swimming or observing.

Become a member of the Vauxhall & District Chamber of Commerce and have access to the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan, no matter the number of employees from sole proprietors to multi employee firms. Get your quote at www.chamberplan.ca



The Vauxhall Friends of the Public Library Society are looking for new members, for more information call 403-654-2895.

Friends of the
Vauxhall
Public Library



TABER & DISTRICT HEALTH FOUNDATION

*Share in the Experience of Living**



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**VAUXHALL
CENTENNIAL CLOCK
TOWER UNVEILING
EVENT!**

**AUGUST 28TH, 2020
5:30PM ~ 7:30PM**

**LOCATED IN
DOWNTOWN
VAUXHALL ON 2ND
AVE BETWEEN 4TH &
5TH STREET**

**~Opening Remarks
~Farmers Market
~Show 'n Shine
~Live Music
~Co-op BBQ**

**Come on out
and join in on
the celebration
of the Vauxhall
Centennial
Clock Tower!**





You're at home here.



SOUTH COUNTRY CO-OP

VAUXHALL BBQ

AUGUST 28TH 2020

5:30PM~7:30PM

**LOCATED IN THE VAUXHALL
FOOD STORE PARKING LOT!
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
THE VAUXHALL
COMMUNITY HALL
KITCHEN RENOVATION
PROJECT!**

SERVICE CANADA

READY TO HELP — YOUTH



We are ready to help Canadians through the COVID-19 outbreak. Find financial help during COVID-19: [Covid-benefits.alpha.canada.ca/en/start](https://www.alpha.canada.ca/en/start)



Canada COVID-19 App and Daily Symptom Tracker

The app will support you to track your symptoms, receive the latest updates, and access trusted resources.

CANADA EMERGENCY STUDENT BENEFIT (CESB)

We are providing a taxable benefit of \$1,250 every 4 weeks to eligible students or \$2,000 to eligible students with dependents or with disability who are not eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or Employment Insurance or unable to work due to COVID-19. This benefit is available from May to August 2020.

<https://bit.ly/3cvvUi1>

Automated help line: 1-833-966-2099

CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)

We are providing a taxable benefit of \$2,000 every 4 weeks for up to 28 weeks to eligible workers who have stopped working or whose work hours have been reduced due to COVID-19. We are preparing to transition as many Canadians as possible from CERB back into the Employment Insurance system in the coming weeks. You can also look for employment opportunities through the Job Bank.

Canada.ca/coronavirus-cerb

Automated help line: 1-833-966-2099

Service Canada CERB call centre: 1-833-699-0299

CRA My Account and CERB call centre: 1-800-959-8281

CANADA STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM (CSLP)

We made changes to the Canada Student Loans Program (CSLP) to allow more students to qualify for support and be eligible for greater amounts.

Learn more about Canada Student Grants and Loans:

<https://bit.ly/2WrzEVB>

NATIONAL STUDENT LOANS SERVICE

All student loan borrowers will automatically have their loan repayments and interest suspended until September 30, 2020.

Learn more about the moratorium on the repayment:

Csnpe-nslsc.canada.ca/en/what-is-new

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

We are giving \$7.5 million in funding to Kids Help Phone to provide young people with the mental health support they need during this difficult time.

Kidshelpphone.ca

1-800-668-6868

JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES

We are expanding existing federal employment, skills development, and youth programming to help students find employment and develop valuable skills this summer and over the coming months. Learn more about youth programs:

<https://bit.ly/2YWXcd9>

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PUBLIC PENSIONS

We are providing a one-time tax-free payment of \$300 for seniors eligible for the Old Age Security pension, with an additional \$200 for seniors eligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement. You can apply online through your My Service Canada Account for the following:

- Canada Pension Plan Retirement Pension
- Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefit
- Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement



My Service Canada Account: <https://bit.ly/2WI93jr>

Questions:



1-800-277-9914

Outreach Support Centre: 1-877-631-2657



Canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions.html

REGISTERED RETIREMENT INCOME FUNDS

We reduced the required minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25 per cent for 2020.



<https://bit.ly/3bstRtv>

UNITED WAY CANADA

We are contributing \$9 million through United Way Canada for local organizations to support practical services to Canadian seniors. Contact your local organization:



2-1-1



Unitedway.ca/how-we-help/find-your-uwc/

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CANADA EMERGENCY WAGE SUBSIDY (CEWS)

We are covering a portion of an employee's wages for eligible employers. The CEWS will allow you to re-hire your employees and avoid layoffs as the economy continues to safely reopen.

<https://bit.ly/2T0cKJl>

Application Guide:

<https://bit.ly/3bra8uj>

FAQ – Technical Guide:

<https://bit.ly/2Arxbs8>

WORK-SHARING PROGRAM

We are extending the maximum duration of the Work-Sharing program from 38 weeks to 76 weeks for employers affected by COVID-19.

<https://bit.ly/2Czw9f5>

EDSC.DGOP.TP.REP-RES.WS.POB.ESDC@servicecanada.gc.ca

1-800-367-5693 (TTY: 1-855-881-9874)

CANADA EMERGENCY COMMERCIAL RENT ASSISTANCE (CECRA)

Over the course of the program, property owners will reduce rent by at least 75 per cent for the months of April and May (retroactive), and June, for their small business tenants. CECRA will cover 50 per cent of the rent, with the tenant paying up to 25 per cent and the property owner forgiving at least 25 per cent.

<https://bit.ly/3g3DTE0>

CANADA SUMMER JOBS

We are making temporary changes to the Canada Summer Jobs program to allow employers to:

- receive an increased wage subsidy, so that private and public sector employers can also receive up to 100 per cent of the provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage for each employee;
- extend the end date for employment to February 28, 2021;
- adapt their projects and job activities;
- hire staff on a part-time basis.

The call for applications for the 2020 season is now closed.

<https://bit.ly/35Sgulk>

1-800-935-5555 (TTY: 1-800-926-9105) or your funding representative

DID YOU KNOW?

There's an interactive tool to help you find the COVID-19 support you need for your business:

Innovation.canada.ca

For a complete list of programs, services and resources available through the Government of Canada visit: Canada.ca/coronavirus

Through Service Canada, you can access more than 70 services, including:

Employment Insurance Program

- Regular benefits
- Fishing benefits
- Sickness benefits
- Maternity benefits
- Parental benefits
- Compassionate care benefits
- Special benefits for self-employed people
- Family Caregiver benefits

Canada Pension Plan

- Retirement pension
- Post-Retirement benefits
- Disability benefits
- Survivor's pension
- Children's benefits

Old Age Security

- Old Age Security pension
- Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Allowance
- Allowance for the Survivor

Social Insurance Number Program

Passport Services

Veterans and their families

- General information on Veteran Affairs Canada's (VAC) benefits and services

Canada Summer Jobs

Apprenticeship Grants/Loans

Job Bank (for job seekers and employers)

Record of Employment on the Web (ROE Web)

Wage Earner Protection Program

Work-Sharing Program

For more information:

Visit us online anytime at Canada.ca

 [@ServiceCanada_E](https://twitter.com/ServiceCanada_E)

 [@ServiceCanada_F](https://twitter.com/ServiceCanada_F)

or call at:

1 800 O-Canada

(1-800-622-6232)

TTY: 1-800-926-9105

Community Outreach and Liaison Services



Service
Canada

What is Service Canada?

Service Canada was created in 2005 to improve the delivery of government programs and services to Canadians by making access to them faster, easier and more convenient.

What do we do?

Service Canada offers single-window access to a wide range of Government of Canada programs and services for citizens through more than 600 locations across the country, through call centres, and on the Internet.

How do you find us?

Through our Community Outreach and Liaison Services, you have access to the information you need, when you need it.

Visit us online anytime at Canada.ca

 [@ServiceCanada_E](https://twitter.com/ServiceCanada_E)

 [@ServiceCanada_F](https://twitter.com/ServiceCanada_F)

or call at:

1 800 O-Canada

(1-800-622-6232)

TTY: 1-800-926-9105

When you need us, Service Canada can come to you.

At Service Canada, we are committed to providing service in the communities where clients live, and to offering greater access to Government of Canada information and services.

Service Canada is strengthening its presence at the community level where Canadians live, work, and raise families.

What are Community Outreach and Liaison Services?

Service Canada Representatives travel to selected communities (rural, remote, and urban) to provide assistance and support clients on our programs and services.

Through our Community Outreach and Liaison Services, Service Canada staff increase awareness of Government of Canada programs and facilitate access to services and benefits available. Our partnerships include:

- Local Communities;
- Non-Profit and advocacy groups;
- Healthcare Professionals;
- Indigenous communities, bands and councils;
- Provincial/Territorial Governments;
- Volunteer Organizations;
- Employers;
- Industry and professional associations;
- Educational Institutions;
- Unions;
- Other partner organizations.

We work together with community partners to provide information on programs that benefit all our clients, including:

- Indigenous peoples;
- families and children;
- newcomers to Canada;
- persons with disabilities;
- seniors;
- veterans and their families;
- youth and students.

Our information service is free of charge and can include:

- on-site seminars for groups or organizations;
- brochures and printed material describing our programs;
- information sessions;
- information booths at special-interest shows.

Vauxhall Swimming Pool

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 PLEASE BE AWARE OF OUR NEW GUIDELINES AS WE WILL BE RUNNING AT A LIMITED CAPACITY  <p>Address: 417 4th street North Phone: (403)-654-2577</p>						1 Open Swim 1-3 / 4-8
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"An obstacle
is often a
stepping stone."

- by Prescott Bush

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PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS

You can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Alberta. Prevention starts with awareness.

- Practice physical distancing
- Self-isolate if you're feeling sick
- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Do not travel outside of Canada

PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

All Albertans have a responsibility to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Take steps to protect yourself and others:

- Limit the number of times you leave your home
- Stay at least 2 meters away from others when you go out for groceries, medical trips, and other essential needs
- Have groceries or other items delivered if possible
- If you go outside for fresh air maintain 2 meters distance from others
- Avoid overcrowding in elevators and other enclosed spaces
- Wash your hands after touching communal surfaces such as handrails, handles
- Postpone family visits, friend gatherings, and group outings, especially if household or family members are senior citizens or have high-risk medical conditions
- Do not gather with other people if you have a fever or a cough, even if symptoms appear to be mild.
- Obey all mandatory self-isolation requirements and mass gathering restrictions now in place in Alberta.

Legally enforceable public health measures are in place to limit the time Albertans spend in contact with each other. Anyone violating these restrictions is now subject to fines.

MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 symptoms are similar to influenza and other respiratory illnesses. Symptoms can include:

- cough
- fever
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- sore throat

If you have any of these symptoms stay home and self-isolate; do not go to an ER or medical clinic. **Call Health Link at 8-1-1 for more information.** Services are available in 240 languages.

SELF ISOLATE

You are legally required to self-isolate for:

- **14 days** if you returned from international travel or are a close contact of a person with COVID-19
- **10 days** if you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition

If you are self-isolating:

- Stay home — do not go to work, social events or any other public areas or community settings
- Avoid close contact with other people, including household members but especially seniors and people with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems
- Do not use public transportation or ride sharing
- Do not go for walks in public places. This includes children in mandatory self-isolation.
- If you go outside, you must remain on private property not accessible by others.
- If you live in an apartment building or high-rise, you must stay inside and cannot use the elevators or stairwells. If your balcony is private and at least 2 metres away from other balconies, you may use your balcony to get fresh air.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

PARENTS' GUIDE 2020–21 SCHOOL YEAR

Return to near normal daily in-school classes with health measures



Learning in the new school year

Students will return to school daily at the beginning of the new school year. There are health measures that everyone has to follow to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and help stay safe.

While your school will develop a plan to meet the government's health recommendations, everyone will have a role to play.

PARENTS' ROLE IN KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE

Screen for symptoms every morning

Check every morning to see if your child has any of these symptoms. If yes, they must stay home:

- Fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, sore throat, chills, painful swallowing
- Runny nose/nasal congestion, feeling unwell/fatigued, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, unexplained loss of appetite
- Loss of sense of taste or smell, muscle/joint aches, headache, Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

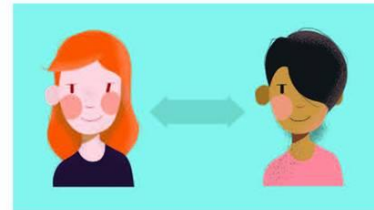


Stay home when sick or if in contact with someone who is sick

Students, parents or family members must not enter school if they:

- Feel sick or have symptoms of COVID-19
- Had close contact with someone who is ill with a cough and/or fever
- Have anyone in the household who has been in close contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to have COVID-19
- Have traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days
- Had close contact with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days and who is ill

Use the [Self-Assessment tool](#) to check if your child should be tested for COVID-19.



Keep a safe distance

Keep 2 metres between you and others when possible:

- During drop-off and pick-up
- During interactions with a teacher, school staff or other parents and students

Pick up students promptly if they show symptoms at school

You will be asked to pick up your child from school immediately if they show symptoms. Please ensure the school has your most up-to-date contact information so they may reach you if your child needs to be picked up.

For more details: alberta.ca/returntoschool

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Taking your child to school

If your child normally takes the bus, consider taking them directly to school if your personal situation allows for it. This would help with physical distancing on the bus for students who do not have other options besides taking the bus.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW

Cohort

A cohort—or bubble—is a group of students and staff who remain together. The size of the cohort will depend on the physical space of the classroom.

The risk of COVID-19 is reduced by limiting exposure to others. Staying in a cohort also makes contact tracing easier and faster if there is a suspected case of COVID-19.

Talk to your child about some of the new health measures to help them prepare for the first day of school:

- Sanitize hands before entering school and classrooms
- Keep a distance between others and follow marks in hallways
- Do not share food or personal items
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Tell staff if feeling sick at school
- Lunch and recess time may change to allow for more physical distancing
- Students may be asked to stay in their own cohort to decrease contact with others
- Students who take the bus will have to sit in the same seat every day.

Your child may feel nervous about what school will be like. While there will be changes, the key school experience will be the same as before—they will learn in class with their teacher and see friends.



HEALTH MEASURES AT SCHOOLS

Schools will follow detailed health guidelines to prepare for the return of students. For example:

- More cleaning and disinfection of high touch areas and shared equipment
- Allow for physical distancing when possible, which may include:
 - Stagger pick-up and drop-off times
 - One-way or marked hallways and designated entrance and exit doors
 - Leave space between desks and tables
 - Stagger start and end-times for classes and lunchtime to avoid crowded hallways and lunchrooms
 - Limiting bathroom occupancy
- When physical distancing is not possible, extra emphasis will be on hand hygiene, covering coughs and sneezes, and cleaning.
- Students, where possible, will be cohorted by class.

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Check out the lots for sale in Vauxhall

<http://town.vauxhall.ab.ca/>



Planning an Event

LET US KNOW

Contact us with details and we will enclose the details in the next newsletter

info@vauxhallchamber.ca

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.” Helen Keller

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