

THE IMPACT REPORT

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THE CLOCK IS SET

The Spring Sitting of the Legislature is scheduled to begin March 18th, with a Speech from the Throne.

Whether the house will sit beyond that date – and if so, for how long – or even arrive at that date before an election is called remains a matter of much debate.

According to the newly released legislative calendar, a 12-week session would run until the first week of June and include three constituency breaks. This will of course be interrupted by an election, which must occur between May 1 and March 31.

Those making election projections have much to consider. If judging by precedent alone, this coming session marks a later start than normal for the NDP. With the exception of its inaugural Throne Speech in June 2015 following their historic election, government has delivered the speech in and around the onset of March, rather than the middle – and always on a Tuesday or Thursday, rather than the Monday on which has been scheduled this year.

If the government delivers this year's speech as scheduled, and drops the writ immediately thereafter, thus sidestepping the sparring of daily Question Period, the earliest an election would be held would be Monday, April 15.

For those making election plans, as in Alberta's two main political juggernauts in the NDP and UCP, a few other dates will hold their attention in the days and weeks ahead. At the end of this month, Premier Notley's cabinet will retreat to Calgary for a final strategic getaway before the election. This happens as the party wraps up campaign training seminars for volunteers. A similar training weekend for the UCP is

scheduled for the weekend of February 15 - 17 in Edmonton.

Expect both parties to approach the end of February with some strong economic messaging, ahead of the government's scheduled third-quarter fiscal update. It's expected to be less rosy than the last. It's possible the NDP could look to release that information sooner than later – ahead of the Family Day long weekend perhaps – in the hope that it gets lost by the torrent of economic and political news coming at month's end.

This includes the National Energy Board's February 22 TMX review deadline, key federal by-elections that will impact the federal election, and the provincial government's handling of expressions of interests for oil refinery projects – the deadline for which is February 8.

With emotions building and all sides eager to clash, Premier Rachel Notley will need to judge the merits of timing. A longer build-up to the actual election call might benefit her party by exposing contentious UCP nomination battles to further media spotlight. But waiting too long risks unintended consequences of events beyond her control, and the rising angst related to Alberta's deficit and lack of market access.

As Albertans begin to pay closer attention to Alberta's aspiring leaders, shifting polling in key battlegrounds could prove all the temptation needed for Notley to make the short walk to the Lieutenant Governor's office sooner rather than later.



NEWS BRIEFS

Advanced Education Minister Marlin Schmidt has announced that the Alberta College of Art and Design will officially become the Alberta University of the Arts (AUArts), the province’s first university dedicated to fine arts and design. The new name and status formally comes into effect on Feb. 1.

Transportation Minister Brian Mason has introduced new regulations requiring road maintenance contractors to cover speed reduction signs in construction zones when no one is actually working, aiming to end a long-standing irritant to drivers. Government is also limiting the distance of highway lane closures, making sure signs leading to construction zones are consistent and creating longer transition zones for slowing down.

Premier Rachel Notley announced the top baby names for 2018, in what is traditionally government’s most widely read news release of the year. Olivia was the most popular name choice for baby girls for the fifth year in a row, with Emma and Charlotte close behind. Liam has reclaimed the top boy’s name in Alberta, taking the No. 1 spot back from Noah. Noah dropped from first to third place in the boys’ names list, while Oliver jumped to the second most popular name spot.

Notley also joined **Infrastructure Minister Sandra Jansen** in Calgary this week for a photo op at the Calgary Cancer Centre construction site, updating Albertans with news that construction of the \$1.4-billion research and treatment centre remains on time and on budget.

WHO’S DOING BUSINESS WITH GOVERNMENT?

The province paid more than \$3 billion in supplies, services and procurement card payments in the six-month period ending September 30, 2018 per information released by the Department of Treasury Board & Finance. Most of the largest payments were made to infrastructure and transportation companies, and to provide various social services.

Among the largest payments were:

Recipient of Payment	Amount (\$)
PCL Construction Management Inc.	75,024,142.25
Ledcor Highways Ltd.	61,531,350.18
Flatiron-Aecon Joint Venture	45,684,747.41
Aecon Transportation West Ltd.	38,778,283.44
Graham Construction & Engineering	37,749,024.30
Volker Stevin Highways Ltd.	32,374,640.74
Bgis Global Integrated Solutions	31,255,541.42
Supports For Permanency	29,740,212.20
Wapiti Gravel Suppliers	27,664,775.49
Sandstar Construction Ltd.	27,625,462.04
Northwestconnect General Partnership	26,152,901.84
Border Paving Ltd.	25,234,834.05
Alberta Highway Services Ltd.	25,098,954.74
Laprairie Works Inc.	24,186,168.95
E Construction Ltd.	23,653,601.84
Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd.	22,603,802.78
Access Roads Edmonton Ltd.	21,925,571.14
Edon Properties Inc.	20,885,976.25
Capital City Link General Partnership	19,570,903.95
Suez Canada Waste Services Inc.	18,929,954.57
Alberta Blue Cross	18,290,492.75
Bcinc Realty Corporation	17,206,430.76
Enmax Energy Corporation	17,086,515.31
Bbpb Alberta Schools Limited	17,076,541.95
Stuart Olson Construction Ltd.	17,040,344.66
Ibm Canada Limited	16,913,828.90

2019 ELECTION

The next election will be called in the spring of 2019. Below is a list of nominated election candidates (coloured) and those vying for the nomination in each of Alberta's 87 ridings. Information current as of January 1.

Total candidate nominations to date:

Alberta Party: 56/87

Liberal Party: 7/87

New Democratic Party: 37/87

United Conservative Party: 79/87

Riding	Party	Nominee/ Candidate(s)
Airdrie-Cochrane	UCP	Peter Guthrie
	NDP	Steven Durrell
Airdrie-East	AP	Alex Luterbach
	UCP	Angela Pitt
Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock	UCP	Glenn van Dijken
	NDP	Colin Piquette
Banff-Kananaskis	AP	Brenda Standton
	NDP	Cameron Westhead
	UCP	Miranda Rosin
Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul	AP	Glenn Anderson
	UCP	David Hanson
Brooks-Medicine Hat	AP	Jim Black
	UCP	Michaela Glasgo
Calgary-Acadia	AP	Lana Bentley
	UCP	Tyler Shandro
Calgary-Beddington	AP	Karen McPherson
	NDP	Amanda Chapman
	UCP	Randy Kerr
Calgary-Bow	AP	Paul Godard
	NDP	Deborah Drever
	UCP	Demetrios Nicolaidis
Calgary-Buffalo	AP	Omar Masood
	NDP	Joe Ceci
	UCP	Tom Olsen
Calgary-Cross	UCP	Mickey Amery
	NDP	Ricardo Miranda

Calgary-Currie	AP	Lindsay Luhnau
	LIB	Joshua Codd
	NDP	Brian Malkinson
	UCP	Nicholas Milliken
Calgary-East	AP	Gar Gar
	UCP	Peter Singh
Calgary-Edgemont	AP	Joanne Gui
	NDP	Julia Hayter
	UCP	Prasad Panda
Calgary-Elbow	AP	Greg Clark
	NDP	Janet Eremenko
	UCP	Doug Schweitzer
Calgary-Falconridge	LIB	Deepak Sharma
	NDP	Pramjit Singh Man
	UCP	Devinder Toor
Calgary-Fish Creek	NDP	Gurmit Bhachu
	UCP	Richard Gotfried
Calgary-Foothills	AP	Jennifer Wyness
	UCP	Jason Luan
Calgary-Glenmore	AP	Scott Appleby
	UCP	Whitney Issik
Calgary-Hays	AP	Chris Nowell
	NDP	Tory Tomblin
	UCP	Ric McIver
Calgary-Klein	AP	Kara Levis
	NDP	Craig Coolahan
	UCP	Jeremy Nixon
Calgary-Lougheed	AP	Rachel Timmermans
	UCP	Jason Kenney
Calgary-McCall	NDP	Irfan Sabir
	UCP	Jasraj Singh Hallan
Calgary-Mountain View	AP	Angela Kokott
	LIB	David Khan
	NDP	Kathleen Ganley
	UCP	Caylan Ford
Calgary-North	AP	Gary Arora
	LIB	Saliha Haq
	NDP	Kelly Mandryk
	UCP	Devin Green Tanis Fiss Paul Frank Jun Lin Tommy Low Manpreet Sidhu Muhammad Yaseen



Calgary-North East	AP	Nate Pike
	LIB	Gul Khan
	NDP	Gurbachan Brar
	UCP	Rajan Sawhney
Calgary-North West	AP	Andrew Bradley
	NDP	Sandra Jansen
	UCP	Sonya Savage
Calgary-Peigan	NDP	Joseph Pimlott
	UCP	Tanya Fir
Calgary-Shaw	AP	Bronson Ha
	NDP	Graham Sucha
	UCP	Rebecca Schulz
Calgary-South East	AP	Rick Fraser
	UCP	Eva Kiryakos
Calgary-Varsity	AP	Beth Barberree
	NDP	Anne McGrath
	UCP	Jason Copping
Calgary-West	UCP	Mike Ellis
Camrose	AP	Kevin Smook
	NDP	Morgan Bamford
	UCP	Jackie Lovely
Cardston-Siksika	UCP	Joseph Schow
Central Peace-Notley	NDP	Marg McCuaig-Boyd
	UCP	Todd Loewen
Chestermere-Strathmore	FCP	Derek Fildebrandt
	UCP	Leela Aheer
Cypress-Medicine Hat	NDP	Peter Mueller
	UCP	Drew Barnes
Drayton Valley-Devon	LIB	Ronald Brochu
	NDP	Kieran Quirke
	UCP	Mark Smith
Drumheller-Stettler	AP	Mark Nikota
	UCP	Nathan Horner
Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	AP	Jeffery Walters
	NDP	Deron Bilous
	UCP	David Egan

Edmonton-Castle Downs	AP	Mohamad Rahall
	NDP	Nicole Goehring
	UCP	Ed Ammar
Edmonton-City Centre	AP	Robert Philp
	NDP	David Shepherd
	UCP	Lily Le
Edmonton-Decore	AP	Ali Haymour
	NDP	Chris Nielson
	UCP	Karen Principe
Edmonton-Ellerslie	AP	Richard Corbin Chuck McKenna Todd Ross
	NDP	Rod Loyola
	UCP	Sherry Adams Faton Bislmi Sanjay Patel
Edmonton-Glenora	AP	Glen Tickner
	NDP	Sarah Hoffman
	UCP	Marjorie Newman
Edmonton-Gold Bar	AP	Diana Ly
	NDP	Marlin Schmidt
	UCP	David Dorward
Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	AP	Tish Prouse
	NDP	Janice Irwin
	UCP	Michael Kalyn George Lam Atul Ranade Del Shupenia
Edmonton-Manning	AP	Manwar Kahn
	NDP	Heather Sweet
	UCP	Harjinder Grewal
Edmonton-Meadows	AP	Amrit Matharu
	UCP	Joel Mullan Arundeeep Sandhu Sant Sharma
Edmonton-McClung	AP	Stephen Mandel
	NDP	Lorne Dach
	UCP	Laurie Mozeson



Edmonton-Mill Woods	AP	Anju Sharma
	LIB	Abdi Bakal
	NDP	Christina Gray
	UCP	Muhammad Afzal David Fletcher Sophia Kahn Nazia Naqvi Baljit Singh Heather Sworin
Edmonton-Northwest	AP	Judy Kim-Meneen
	LIB	Brandon Teixeira
	NDP	David Eggen
	UCP	Ali Eltayeb
Edmonton-Riverview	AP	Katherine O'Neill
	NDP	Lori Sigurdson
	UCP	Karamarie Barker
Edmonton-Rutherford	AP	Aisha Rauf
	NDP	Richard Feehan
	UCP	Hannah Presakarchuk
Edmonton-South	AP	Pramod Kumar
	NDP	Thomas Dang
	UCP	Tunde Obasan
Edmonton-South West	AP	Mo Elsalhy
	NDP	John Archer
	UCP	Kaycee Madu
Edmonton-Strathcona	NDP	Rachel Notley
	UCP	Jovita Mendita
Edmonton-West Henday	AP	Winston Leung
	LIB	Leah McRorie
	NDP	Jon Carson
	UCP	Nicole Williams
Edmonton-Whitemud	AP	Jonathan Dai
	NDP	Rakhi Pancholi
	UCP	Elizabeth Hughes
Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche	UCP	Laila Goodridge

Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	UCP	Tany Yao
Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	AP	Marvin Olsen
	NDP	Jessica Littlewood
	UCP	Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk
Grande Prairie	AP	Grant Berg
	UCP	Tracy Allard
Grande Prairie-Wapiti	AP	Jason James
	UCP	Travis Toews
Highwood	NDP	Erik Overland
	UCP	Richard Sigurdson
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	UCP	Devin Dreshen
Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland	AP	Don McCargar
	NDP	Oneil Carlier
	UCP	Shane Getson
Lacombe-Panoka	AP	Myles Chykerda
	UCP	Ron Orr
Leduc-Beaumont	AP	Robb Connelly
	NDP	Shaye Anderson
	UCP	Brad Rutherford
Lethbridge-East	NDP	Maria Fitzpatrick
	UCP	Bryan Litchfield Kimberly Lyall Nathan Neudorf
Lethbridge-West	LIB	Patricia Chizek
	NDP	Shannon Phillips
	UCP	Karri Flatla
Lesser Slave Lake	NDP	Danielle Larivee
	UCP	Pat Rehn
Livingstone-Macleod	AP	Tim Meech
	LIB	Dylin Hauser
	UCP	Roger Reid
Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin	NDP	Bruce Hinkley
	UCP	Richard Wilson



Morinville-St. Albert	AP	Neil Korotash Wayne Rufiange
	NDP	Shawna Gawreluck
	UCP	Dale Nally
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	UCP	Nathan Cooper
Peace River	UCP	Dan Williams
Red Deer North	AP	Paul Hardy
	NDP	Kim Schreiner
	UCP	Adriana LaGrange
Red Deer South	AP	Ryan Mcdougall
	NDP	Barb Miller
	UCP	Bruce Buruma Adele Poratto Jason Stephan Norman Wiebe
Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre	FCP	Joe Anglin
	UCP	Jason Nixon
St. Albert	NDP	Marie Renaud
	UCP	Jeff Wedman
Sherwood Park	AP	Sue Timanson
	NDP	Annie McKitrick
	UCP	Jordan Walker
Spruce Grove-Stony Plain	AP	Ivan Boles
	NDP	Erin Babcock
	UCP	Searle Turton
Strathcona-Sherwood Park	AP	Dave Quest
	UCP	Nate Glubish
Taber-Warner	UCP	Grant Hunter
Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright	UCP	Garth Roswell
West Yellowhead	AP	Kirstie Gomuwka
	LIB	Zack Seizmagraff
	NDP	Eric Rosendahl
	UCP	Martin Long

ON THE AGENDA

January: Cabinet retreat (Calgary)

January 20: Deadline to offer feedback on the [Biodiversity Stewardship Area Consultation](#).

January 24: Edmonton Chamber of Commerce: A Conversation with Premier Rachel Notley.

February 2: Edmonton Chamber of Commerce Chamber Ball (Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton).

February 4-5: Alberta & Saskatchewan Renewable Energy Finance Summit (Westin Hotel, Calgary)

February 8: Deadline for submissions of expressions of interest to determine private sector interest in building or expanding a refinery in Alberta to use more Alberta heavy oil.

February 22: NEB TMX review deadline.

March 10-12: IPPSA Conference (Banff)

CONSULTATIONS

- [Budget 2019 consultations](#) are open online until Feb. 10, 2019
- [City Charters](#): Soliciting input on regulations to support Calgary and Edmonton. Open until January 28, 2019.
- [Bighorn Country Proposal](#): Engaging Albertans on the parks, protected areas and land use in Bighorn Country. Open until Jan. 31, 2019.
- [Fostering an inclusive Alberta](#): Soliciting input on the government's next steps to combat racism. Ongoing.
- [Caribou Range Planning](#): Albertans are invited to share feedback on the draft caribou range plan.
- [Glenora building](#): Soliciting comments on future uses for the former Royal Alberta Museum building.

LOBBYIST REGISTRY UPDATES

New West Public Affairs. Designated filer is *Monte Solberg*. New client is Calgary River Communities Action Group. Lobbying the Alberta Legislative Assembly to ensure support for continued work on Springbank Dry Reservoir and Bow River flood mitigation.

Longview Communications Inc. Designated filer is *Hugh McFadyen*. New client is Parkland Fuel Corporation. Lobbying various departments about securing an economic supply of oil feedstock to the company's refining asset.

Sandie Price. Designated filer is *Sandra Price*. New client is Christenson Group of Companies. Lobbying Alberta Health, Alberta Legislative Assembly, Alberta Seniors and Housing to secure site based home care funding for Christenson Communities.

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