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## **Municipal Red Tape and Business Supports Survey**

The Alberta Chambers Network is conducting the fourth annual Municipal Red Tape and Business Supports survey. For Business operators, this is their chance to be heard

Please take the survey to share your insights on challenged and opportunities your

business experiences in the municipality

The survey will take **less than 5 minutes to complete** and is open until  
**October 21st at 5pm**

More local responses means a stronger voice for business

[Survey Link](#)



### **Cold Lake to raise Electrical franchise fee by 1.5%**

The City of Cold Lake will increase its electrical franchise fee from 4.25% to 5.75% in order to recoup the cost of switching to LED street lights

[Click Here for More Information](#)



### **Providing Albertans with Job-ready Skills**

Advanced Education will invest \$8 million over the next two years to fund new micro-credential programs. These short-term programs will create new opportunities for unemployed and underemployed Albertans to quickly re-skill or upskill in our changing economy. This will allow Albertans to better meet industry needs, re-enter the workforce and quickly pivot in their careers.

[Learn More](#)

### **New Immigration Path for Religious Workers**

Alberta will join other provinces in broadening its provincial immigration program to accept applications from religious workers who serve the spiritual and pastoral needs of their communities

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### **Grants Available to Honor Fallen Workers**

Grants are available to help honor the memories of workers who died due to workplace incidents, illnesses or injuries

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### **Staffing Shortages Impacting Sales and Production, ACC Survey**

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce market research program has shown that employers are struggling to find the people they need, and this is having a significant impact on the ability of businesses to grow



## Self-Employment Training Program

Next Class  
October  
17th, 2022

Are you ready to start your own business? Check out the online self-employment Training Program at Microbusiness Training Centre.

This program is designed to help you develop business skills, write a solid business plan and launch your small business

You could qualify for **FREE** Government funding or Foundational Learning Assistance while taking the self-employment Training.


To learn more, join an online information session offered every Wednesday at 2:00 pm  
To register: Call (780) 482-4462; email: [microbiz@microbusiness.ca](mailto:microbiz@microbusiness.ca) or use Facebook Messenger

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# BOYA

*Business of the Year*  
AWARDS

Presented by:  Gold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce  
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Oct 21 – Lakeland Inn – 6pm – 10:30pm

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**\$75**

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**The Arive Employee Assistance Program (EAP) helps you effectively protect and support your biggest asset—your people.**

Arive's high-quality, confidential counselling and supports gives employees and their families the opportunity to feel like their best selves again, sooner—helping them build resilience for other life challenges that may crop up in the future. From a business perspective, Arive's evidence-based approach helps employees stay at work or return to work more quickly if on a leave, remain focused, productive and engaged—all while improving their job performance. It's a benefit that works for everyone.



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## Simple

Looking for an employee benefits plan that's simple to manage? Spend less time administering your benefits program with:

- Chambers Plan's exclusive advisor support
- Quick set-up
- Easy-to-use forms
- 48-hour claim processing
- Simple administration

## Stable

Concerned about rising group insurance premiums? Then you need a pooled program from the Chambers Plan. Rates are based on the average of claims from thousands of similar firms, keeping premiums manageable and predictable and providing stability year after year.

## Smart

Don't add to someone else's profit. The Chambers Plan is a not-for-profit program—all surpluses stay in the Plan and help lower premiums.

Give your employees more for less. Health and Dental premiums are a deductible business expense and a TAX FREE benefit for your employees.



## FALL SAFETY SPOTLIGHT:

*Enhance your exterior lighting: Burglars love the dark, so make sure to place lights around your front and back yards, pathways, and your garage. This will act as a strong deterrent and even lower your injury risk. It would help if you considered adding motion-activated lights and putting your exterior lighting on a timer.*



## August 2022 Security Stats

Watchdog Security operated for approximately **300 hours in August 2022**. The following is a breakdown by incident:

- **Liaisons – 325**
- **Foot Patrols – 53**
- **35 interactions** with intoxicated persons, which include 30 persons being asked by Watchdog to depart and did so willingly, and 5 persons requiring the attendance of law enforcement.
- **3 alarms** were noted from local businesses.

While patrolling, an alarm was heard sounding from a local business which proved to be a false alarm.

Patrollers received a call from the owner of a local business alerting them to an alarm going off within their building which was closed. Watchdog assisted with clearing the building with an employee to ensure it was empty.

While on patrol, an alarm was heard at a local business, Watchdog attended and spoke to onsite personnel determined the alarm to be false.

- **1 vehicle related issue.**

Patrol came across a utility trailer blocking the alley behind a local business with a person in attendance who explained that the trailer had come unhooked from the vehicle as it was improperly secured. Peace Officers attended to investigate.

- **4 welfare checks** conducted on persons noted to be in apparent distress, no other emergency services required.
- **35 requests for assistance**, 5 BOLOS by Law Enforcement, 7 suspicious persons who departed on the arrival of patrol, offered first aid assistance to 1 individual, 2 lost and found items dropped off with Municipal Enforcement, and 6 requests for extra patrols. This does not include requests for assistance during non-operational hours.
- **A total of 31 calls were missed** during this reporting period, liaison was conducted, when possible, for those calls.

### Significant activities:

The RCMP requested Watchdog's assistance in contacting a local business owner in conjunction with a serious criminal event in proximity of their business after hours.

While on patrol, Watchdog was flagged down by a local business owner regarding a person who had

stolen merchandise from their store. The owner was directed to call RCMP immediately while Watchdog continued their patrol. Shortly thereafter, the patrol located a person matching the description in the theft at a different local business. While the patrol was contacting the RCMP to advise them of this development, the person in question approached the patrol requesting to use a cell phone. When permission was denied, the person began threatening the patroller and attempting to gain access to the patrol vehicle. When the patrol moved away, person disengaged, the RCMP were briefed

Watchdog was contacted regarding a person who was refusing to depart a local business when asked to do so. On arrival the person was found sleeping, when awakened, they stated that they required medical attention. Watchdog contacted both EMS and RCMP. On the arrival of EMS, the person departed the building with them. RCMP were briefed

A local business contacted Watchdog to report an unknown male loitering in the rear of their building. When patrol arrived, they observed a male, sleeping in the grass at the rear of the building. On approach the male was noted to be unresponsive with a partially empty alcohol bottle, and a knife in a sheath on his belt. Municipal enforcement and RCMP were contacted and subsequently attended. The male was awoken and permitted to depart the scene

While on patrol, Watchdog Security was contacted regarding an injured person at a local business. On arrival, Watchdog observed an intoxicated person in the vicinity of the business, bleeding from the head. After ensuring the person was responsive, RCMP and EMS were contacted. The injury was reported to have resulted from the man striking his head after tripping on the sidewalk. The injured person was transported to the hospital, RCMP briefed.

## Member Directory



**As an Alberta Chamber Member, we know you work hard for your business, your employees and your family. And we think you deserve a break. [ATB Brochure](#)**

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To activate this special offer, please contact your local chamber. \*Offer subject to change without notice.

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## **Best Doctors is now Teladoc Medical Experts SAME GREAT SERVICE, BUT WITH EASIER ACCESS.**

We wanted to let you know that as of January 1, 2022, members can access all of their Teladoc benefits from the same convenient location, including Best Doctors expert medical services. The service name is also changing. The suite of services provided under the Best Doctors expert medical services program will now be referred to as Teladoc Medical Experts. With Teladoc Medical Experts, members receive the same care and approach to service, with expanded access to world-renowned physicians and their opinions by web, phone, or mobile app.

Members with existing Teladoc telemedicine benefits, who have already registered for their services, will not need to re-register. Should members have both telemedicine and expert medical services, upon logging into the Teladoc mobile or desktop application (Teladoc.ca), they will see Teladoc Medical Experts services conveniently located along side telemedicine benefits. Members who do not currently have telemedicine benefits, or are logging in for the first time, will need to register by creating an account.

This represents an enhancement to the current suite of services by providing members more options for initiating a Teladoc Medical Experts case and increasing the convenience for members who subscribe to multiple services. As a reminder, all members who hold Chambers Plan Extended Health coverage have access to Teladoc's telemedicine service, and all members who hold Chambers Plan Life coverage have access to Teladoc Medical Experts services.

In order to access these services, members can visit Teladoc.ca, call 1-877-419-2378 or download the Teladoc app available for Apple and Android.

## **Out-of-Province/Country Travel Medical Emergency Coverage**

With the federal government once again advising against non-essential travel, we have been receiving increased questions about the potential impact to Chambers Plan's Out-of-Province/Country coverage. At this time, all coverage offered through Chambers Plan remains unaffected, regardless of the travel risk level.

For a medical emergency while travelling, please call the 24-hour emergency medical travel assistance at 1-800-465-6390 (within Canada/US) or 1-514-875-9170 for all other countries. This number is also located on the back of your benefits card and we ask that you take that with you when travelling.

For the most current travel advisories, please visit the Government of Canada website.

<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>

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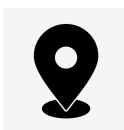
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