

Weekly Round-Up November 30 – December 6, 2019

POLITICAL ROUND-UP

Legislation

This was a busy session, with 16 government bills passed:

Bill 14 (Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation Act) received Royal Assent on October 30, 2019

Bill 15 (Real Estate Amendment Act) received Royal Assent on October 30, 2019

Bill 16 (Public Lands Modernization (Grazing Leases and Obsolete Provisions) Amendment Act) received Royal Assent on October 30, 2019

Bill 17 (Disclosure to Protect Against Domestic Violence (Clare's Law) received Royal Assent on October 30, 2019

Bill 18 (Electricity Statutes (Capacity Market Termination) Amendment Act) received Royal Assent on October 30, 2019

Bill 19 (Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Implementation Act) received Royal Assent on November 22, 2019

Bill 20 (Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act) received Royal Assent on December 5, 2019

Bill 21 (Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability Act) received Royal Assent on December 5, 2019

Bill 22 (Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act) received Royal Assent November 22, 2019

Bill 23 (Justice Statutes Amendment Act) received Royal Assent November 22, 2019

Bill 24 (Appropriation Act [\$]) received Royal Assent November 26, 2019

Bill 25 (Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act) received Royal Assent on December 5, 2019

Bill 26 (Farm Freedom and Safety Act) received Royal Assent on December 5, 2019

Bill 27 (Trespass Statutes) received Royal Assent on December 5, 2019

Bill 28 (Opioid Damages) received Royal Assent on December 5, 2019

Bill 29 (Municipal Government Tax Incentives) received Royal Assent on December 5, 2019

The session has now adjourned and MLAs will return to the Assembly in February, 2020.

Announcements

The [government](#) will increase patient access to supports like addiction counsellors and therapists at 10 opioid dependency clinics operated by providing AHS \$8 million over the next four years. These clinics are listed below. I believe that at least two* of these clinics may have our members working in them.

Virtual Opioid Dependency Program

Bonnyville Opioid Dependency Program

Calgary Opioid Dependency Program*

Cardston Opioid Dependency Program

Edmonton Opioid Dependency Program*

Opioid Dependency Program Northgate

Opioid Dependency Program Edmonton West Primary Care Network

Opioid Dependency Program Sherwood Park
Fort McMurray Opioid Dependency Program
Grande Prairie Opioid Dependency Program
High Prairie Opioid Dependency Program

JOB LOSSES

As of December 6, 2019, we have been notified of:

Alberta Innovates

This past week, approximately 54 members at Alberta Innovates/Innotech received layoff notices. AUPE agreed with the employer's request to extend the notice period so that the members wouldn't be getting lay off notices just prior to Christmas; their final day worked will be January 23rd.

University of Calgary

In early November, the Board announced they were cutting 250 positions (150 FTEs, of which 100 are expected to be AUPE members).

Government of Alberta

Employer informed AUPE that 2,500 bargaining unit positions will be eliminated between April, 2020 and April, 2023.

Alberta Health Services

Employer informed AUPE that they intend to cut 2,000 to 3,000 GSS FTEs between April, 2020 and April, 2023 and up to 400 Nursing Care FTEs beginning April 1, 2020.

WAGE ROLLBACKS

Bargaining tables where the employer is or will consider tabling wage rollbacks of -2%:

Government of Alberta
University of Lethbridge
Athabasca University
Alberta Health Services/Nursing Care
Alberta Health Services/General Support Staff
Alberta University of the Arts
Lethbridge College
Carewest Nursing Care
Carewest General Support Staff
Alberta Pension Services Corporation
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)
Medicine Hat College
Covenant Health – St. Therese Villa

EVENT ROUND-UP

(Events you don't want to miss December 7 – December 13, 2019)

Bargaining Rallies

Monday, December 9, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Carewest Colonel Belcher
1939 Veterans Way NW
Calgary

All AUPE members and our supporters are invited to join during their non-work time. AUPE Vice President Bobby-Joe Borodey will be speaking.

Issue: Carewest is making changes to the staff's rotation schedule that threaten to sideline residents and overwork employees and our members are not standing for it.

Social Events

Sunday, December 8, 2019
3:00 p.m.

Lloydminster Area Council Family Christmas Event
Rolling Greens Fairways Pavilion
Range Road 13, Lloydminster

CHECK OUT

Fill out AUPE's new working short [survey](#).

Cutting public sector wages won't save public sector [jobs](#).

Guy Smith attends AFL's [Resist Kenney's Cuts](#) Town Hall

Elk Point [Fights Back!](#)

Grande Prairie [Fights Back!](#)