

## NEW MEMBERS

**Rodrigo Resende Academy**  
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**Kids & Company/Kidco Community  
Fort Saskatchewan**  
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**Dalinda Discovery Toys**  
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## EVENTS



**UNCORKED**  
*Networking & Wine Tasting*  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Chamber of Commerce Office  
9923 - 103 Street, Fort Saskatchewan

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**Register Now** and join us for an evening of networking with local women in business. Sponsored by [The Meals Maven](#) and [Master Cleaners](#).



### AB Labour Standard Changes Presentation

**When:** February 4, 2019  
9:00am - 11:00am

**Where:** Lakeview Inn and Suites  
10115 88 Ave. Fort Saskatchewan, AB

Please join us as Lindsay Jacobs of Tenfold HR Solutions takes us through the changes in the Alberta Employment Standards Act and discusses how these changes impact your business.

[Register Now](#)

## Edmonton Global Update

**When:** February 6, 2019  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Where:** Lion's Mane  
Dow Centennial Centre

[Register Now](#)

Edmonton Global is the new regional economic development organization for the Edmonton Metropolitan Region. Malcolm Bruce, Edmonton Global's CEO, will outline how Edmonton Global intends to work with its 15 shareholder municipalities and regional economic development partners to attract significant investment and jobs to the region through collaboration, focus and innovation.

## FORT SASK CHAMBER MEMBERS LUNCHEON.



[Register Here](#)

### Chamber on Tap: The Fort Distillery

Location:  
Unit 128 - 8818 111 Street

Date: February 8, 2019

Time: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Join us at the Fort Distillery for our premier networking event. Network with like-minded professionals in a relaxed informal atmosphere.



### Pre-Budget Consultations with Minister Bilous

**When:** February 22, 2019\*  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

\* PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE.

**Where:** Lion's Mane  
Dow Centennial Centre

## FORT SASK CHAMBER MEMBERS LUNCHEON.

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Economic Development and Trade Minister Deron Bilous wants to hear about your economic priorities as part of Alberta's Budget 2019 consultations. Join us as and provide some valuable feedback to the Minister as the government works on the upcoming budget.

The minister will also provide an update on his fight for pipelines, fair trade agreements, support for businesses and adding value to our energy resources.



## International Women's Day

### Call for Nominations:

International Women's Day is a worldwide event honouring and celebrating women in various communities that make a difference in the lives of other women.

In Fort Saskatchewan we are acknowledging women age 13+, that have made or are making significant contributions within our community, with an award ceremony.

The nomination form can be found [HERE](#). the deadline for nominations is February 1, 2019 and the awards ceremony will be held on March 6, 2019.

A yellow poster with the text "FEMALE IS not AN F-WORD" in large, bold letters. Below the text, it says "An Uncensored and Unapologetic award ceremony celebrating the empowered women of Fort Saskatchewan." and "To nominate a deserving female (ages 13+) for outstanding contributions to the local community, please visit the Fort Chamber office, Families First, library or Pioneer House; online at fortsaskchamber.com, or through FB Messenger @FortSaskatchewanInternationalWomensDay." A black box with white text says "Call for Nominations" and "CLOSES FEB 2, 2019". Below this, a list of categories includes: Women's Wellbeing, Professional Achievement, Arts &amp; Culture, Volunteerism, Exemplary Youth, Mentorship, and Humanitarianism. A woman with long brown hair, wearing a pink shirt, is covering her mouth with her hand. At the bottom, it says "Shell Presents The 2019 International Women's Day Awards Gala" and "Greater balance today for a better tomorrow." The International Women's Day logo is in the bottom right corner.

## NEWS WE ARE FOLLOWING

[Interest rates cast pall on Canadian home sales, with December losses capping worst year since 2012](#); Canada's home sales skidded to the lowest level since 2012 last year after dropping for four straight months through December, as higher interest rates and tighter lending rules cast a pall over the real estate market.

[Notley says she's heard nothing from Ottawa on moving oil by rail](#); Premier Rachel Notley urged the federal government "to step up" and help Alberta's energy industry get its product to market during a news conference in Calgary on Monday.

[Shell seeks sale of Ontario refinery, sour gas facilities in Alberta amid focus on \\$31-billion LNG project](#); Royal Dutch Shell Plc is seeking buyers for an Ontario refinery and some sour gas facilities in Alberta as the company focuses on its US\$31-billion liquefied natural gas project in British Columbia.

[In the mystery of Canada's missing wages, all clues lead to Alberta](#); Outside the oilpatch, salaries went up 2.6% in the third quarter, but crude prices explain Alberta's lack of wage growth.

[Fort Sask ranks in top ten of most affordable housing markets](#); Fort Saskatchewan is the ninth most affordable housing market out of 25 municipalities in Alberta, according to a recent report released on Zoocasa.com.

[Fort Sask launches transit subsidy program](#); The City of Fort Saskatchewan is now providing discounted transit fare rates to low-income earners. The new subsidy program, known as Everyone Rides, was launched on January 1. It offers qualifying residents 50 per cent off monthly passes for both local buses and commuter service to Edmonton.

[2018 Fort Saskatchewan Economic Update](#); Review the City of Fort Saskatchewan Economic Development's presentation from December 2018 Members' Meeting.

Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada is undertaking a Benchmarking and Compensation survey and report. Submissions must be sent to CCEC by February 8, 2019. A copy of the RFP can be accessed at this [link](#).

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## Advocacy

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*"Alberta businesses are the backbone of our economy and provide opportunities for all Albertans, and that's why chambers across the province will take the message of Vote Prosperity to every candidate in every community," said Ken Kobly, President and CEO, Alberta Chambers of Commerce. "The foundations of our prosperity are under duress, and every government decision needs to ensure it does not harm our economy. Alberta's business community is prepared to be bold, and with Vote Prosperity we are seeking to motivate our political leaders to follow."*

### VOTE PROSPERITY

#### Comprehensive, Pro-Growth Policies Needed in 2019 Election

November 5, 2018 - Today, the Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) released *Vote Prosperity*, a platform and campaign outlining the Alberta business community's priorities for the upcoming 2019 provincial election. *Vote Prosperity* provides a series of proactive recommendations that all of Alberta's political parties should adopt to ensure growth for the province's economy.

For More Information on Vote Prosperity: [ACC Vote Prosperity](#)



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### 2019 Policy Showdown

The Alberta Chamber's of Commerce is pleased to announce the **2019 Policy Showdown**. From January to May, The Showdown will deliver a structured process to develop informed research on an issue anticipated to be

important to Alberta's business community over next 15 years.

The goal of this process is to raise the level of understanding of the implications of this issue among Alberta's business community, chambers, and the public.

Watch our Introduction Video on Facebook by clicking below:

[Facebook Video](#)



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