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Government Team-Up

The Liberals and NDPs have formed an alliance in parliament.

Effective March 22nd, 2022 the Liberal and NDP governments have engaged in a supply and confidence agreement which ends at the start of the next federal election.

The agreement dictates the NDP will vote in favour of the Liberal government on future confidence votes and budgets. Stability in the Canadian government was a topic for Trudeau in the recent election and this agreement is expected to allow for growth in the country. In exchange for the NDP's support, the Liberal government will be launching a new dental care program for low-income Canadians along with a focus on housing and pharmacare. A dental program was a key point of the NDP 2021 campaign platform which provided support to families with an annual income of less than \$90,000. The agreement will also see a Canada Pharmacare Act to be passed by the end of 2023. The act will task the National Drug Agency to develop a national plan to retrieve essential medicines and bulk purchases. The NDP government has also asked for the Trudeau government to introduce an Early Learning and Child Care Act by the end of the year. The point being to institute the agreements into law and ensure there is long-term protected funding that prioritizes non-profit and public spaces.

While the agreement sees both the Liberal and NDP Parties working closely together, this does not involve bringing the NDP into the cabinet. Trudeau also assured voters the NDP will not have veto power over government priorities and the agreement will focus over areas where both parties policies overlap. Though, in order for the agreement to remain in place, the Liberal party will need to act on the items promised to the NDP. Otherwise, the NDP will back out of the agreement and most likely vote against the Liberal party.

Laura Tamblyn Watts, founder and CEO of the senior advocacy group CanAge, <u>indicated</u> that the impact could be substantial in the lives of adults and senoirs who cannot afford coverage now.

"Older adults desperately need the access to dental care that right now we don't have consistently across this country," she said. "We know that ERs are overwhelmingly the country's dentists of seniors and that should not be the case."

As indicated by her statement, the only option for those without dental coverage is to wait for a dental emergency to become so impactful it warrants a trip to the ER. In the case of the elderly, that is a substantial life-gamble.

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> Lauren Tambln Watts CEO, CanAge Group

Working Together

The agreement was formed late on March 21, 2022 and the Liberal cabinet also held a meeting virtually where Trudeau faces questions from MPs. The concerns centered around why the deal was needed without an election threat on the horizon. This agreement secures the Liberal governments place as leader of the country until the next election in 2025. The NDP will support the Trudeau government on confidence, budgetary matters, and would

not move a vote of non-confidence during the term of the agreement.

Both party leaders will meet once per quarter with House leaders meeting regularly to hold monthly "stock-take" meetings by an oversight group derived of staff and politicians. The national dental care program will begin rolling out this year for children under the age of 12 and then expand to those under the age of 18. It's expected a national rollout will occur by the end of 2023.

Price Tag

While the official numbers will not be revealed until April with the federal budget the NDP proposals have already reviewed projected costs.

An analysis by the Parliamentary Budget Officer done in 2020 ran estimates for a similar program consideration. They concluded an estimate of \$1.3 billion over the first year and roughly \$4.3 billion during the first full year. It was then projected that the annual cost each year after, for 4 years, would be \$1.5 billion.

The reason for the initial projection being cost heavy is that the program expects an

influx from individuals with unmet dental needs that would seek immediate treatment. However the newer proposal calls for the program to be implemented gradually over several years, which may change overall projections.

"While it will cost a little more on the front end, it will save money on the back end and make life more affordable," <u>said Armine</u> <u>Yalnizyan</u>, an economist serving as the Atkinson Fellow on the Future of Workers. "I know that people are going to say, 'Why are we spending money?' But that's being penny-wise and pound-foolish."

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Conservative Response

The conservative party sees this agreement differently than both parties involved. A statement reported by CBC, from Conservative Leader Candice Bergen states Canadians have been tricked and this is a power grab from the liberal government.

"Canadians woke up this morning to the fact that they've been hoodwinked and they've been deceived by their prime minister. Now, let me be clear, this is nothing more than a Justin Trudeau power grab." Bergen also discusses her thoughts on how this plan can impact Canadians across the country. The Conservative Party leader believes this will mean tax hikes to pay for billions of dollars towards social programs and could be a detriment to Canadian jobs in the natural resources sector. It was also noted that the party has no interest in voting for a national dental care program as they claim the majority of Canadians have access to dental care through private workplace insurance plans.







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Traveling Restrictions Ease Up

Pre-entry COVID-19 tests no longer required for those fully vaccinated.

Effective April 1st travelers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to provide a pre=entry COVID-19 test to enter Canada by land, air, or sea. The pre-entry testing requirements remained unchanged for travelers who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Unless exempt due to other regulations, travelers who are five years of age or older who are not fully vaccinated must provide proof of an accepted preentry COVID-19 test result. These are the qualifications of a pre-entry COVID-19 test.

A valid, negative antigen test, administered or observed by an accredited lab or testing provider, taken outside of Canada no more than one day before their initially scheduled flight departure time or their arrival at the land border or marine port of entry; or

A valid negative molecular test taken no more than 72 hours before their initially scheduled flight departure time or their arrival at the land border or marine port of entry; Or

A previous positive molecular test taken at least 10 calendar days and no more than 180 calendar days before their initially scheduled flight departure time or their arrival at the land border or marine port of entry. It is important to note that positive antigen test results will not be accepted.

Those who are traveling into Canada are still required to submit their information in ArriveCAN prior to arriving in the country. Failure to do so may result in a test on arrival and 14-day quarantine regardless of vaccination status.





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Funding for Seniors

CBT provides funding for 25 seniors projects.

Columbia Basin Trust will be providing more than \$1 million to be split over 25 projects focusing on seniors and Indigenous Elders. These projects are expected to create more opportunities for connecting with each other and will allow for the buildings being used to be made more sustainable and accessible.

In a statement reported online by <u>myeastkootenaynow.com</u>, Nicole MacLellan, Manager, Deliver of Benefits for CBT, had the following comments on the funding.

"Seniors and elders will have better access to sustainable community spaces, activities and resources that are tailored to their needs and interests. These community-led projects are making the Basin more livable for seniors and elders through a range of activities and improved spaces that enhance their sense of belonging and independence, create community connections and support seniors to obtain assistance."

Within the Columbia Valley, Cranbrook and Invermere organizations will be receiving funding from CBT for their projects. This includes \$5,000 to Key City Gymnastics Club, \$4,000 to Rocky Mountain Metis Association, \$9.592 to United Way British Columbia – East Kootenay, and \$8,000 to Active Aging in Invermere.



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BREAKING

AQUACOURT CONSTRUCTION

Radium Hot Springs will remain open through the repair work on the Aquacourt building's foundation. Between March and April. Access to Radium Hot Springs through the Redstreak Campground Trail will be open with a staging area to be closed off for worker safety.

MUSIC IN INVERMERE

NEWS

District of Invermere is looking for local bands and musicians to play at Pothole Park this summer. The concerts will take place on Thursday nights in July and August between 6:30pm-8:00pm. Registration can be made <u>HERE</u>.





RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

British Columbians over 30 can now receive rapid antigen test kits from local pharmacies. One kit can be retrieved every 28 days for free and five tests are included in each kit.

WATER MAIN INSTALL

A water line is being installed between Laurier and Cartwright St in Invermere and is expected to cause disruption in both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The work will commence on March 28th and is expected to wrap up by April 8th.





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Homeless Report

The province releases Stage 1 findings of their homelessness report.

A report by the B.C. Government has found there is 9,300 people on average experiencing homelessness each month across the province. The largest areas of homeless populations on a per-capita basis are rural and remote areas like Fraser-Fort George, Caribou, and Alberni-Clayoquot.

The Preventing and Reducing Homelessness Integrated Data Project is dedicated towards helping provincial programs and services improve on their support for British Columbians and prevent homelessness. This report is the first of its kind in Canada and used provincial data from 2019 where previously the province only had homeless data from community homeless counts.

In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing David Eby had the following comments on their plan and information gathered.

"If our plan to prevent and address homelessness across the province is to be successful, we'll need information about where the work needs to be done to get people inside and prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place," said Eby.

"The information we've gathered since doing a physical provincial homeless count for the first time in 2018 has been very useful in identifying trends and unique demographic information; however, this new anonymized data collected from government systems helps us better figure out the profiles of those who are chronically homeless and what services and supports these folks need to come inside."

This new homelessness report will open the analysis on homeless areas across the province where the numbers were difficult to count and confirm authenticity. The data also helps narrow down into specific demographics being impacted such as gender, age, and race. The next phase of the program will analyze how people utilize homeless services across the province.



Free Personal Tax Filing at the Radium Library-Beginning February 22, 2022!

Free tax clinics are available for eligible individuals through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

This free personal tax preparation service is available for individuals who do not exceed the BC Low-Income Value. Please go to our website to review full eligibility criteria, or call the library at 250-347-2434 to inquire!

If you qualify for this service, you can drop off your income tax documents in-person at the library. Please bring government issued ID with you. (It is required to submit your forms)

- Drop off available: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. Bring your documents to our front desk anytime during open hours (11:00am-4:00pm)
- We will ask you to fill out a quick intake form before you submit your documents
- Tax returns will be completed by our volunteer tax assistant off-site, and we will notify you when it is ready for pickup
- Phone and in-person appointments with volunteer tax assistant available upon request

The Clinic will end on April 21, 2022.



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New Bylaw System

Cranbrook is implementing a new system for minor bylaw infractions.

The City of Cranbrook is implementing a new bylaw notice enforcement and dispute adjudication system which allows the municipality to manage their own bylaw disputes. This new system is expected to relieve the pressure put on the already overburdened Provincial Court system where private adjudicators are appointed by the Ministry of the Attorney General's Office to hear the bylaw disputes.

Effective April 1st, anyone who receives a bylaw ticket has the option to pay it or dispute it within 14 days of receiving the infraction. Any disputes received for bylaw infractions will be screened through the bylaw notice dispute form which can be found either online or through the City of Cranbrook. Once a dispute is made the screening officer will either cancel the bylaw infraction against you, enter a compliance agreement to reduce the penalty upon compliance with the bylaw, or uphold the bylaw infraction. In a statement reported by <u>myeastkootenaynow.com</u>, Cranbrook Mayor Lee Pratt had the following comments on the new system.

"The creation of this new bylaw notice and adjudication system was a key goal of this Council found in our current strategic plan. I am very pleased to see this system coming online, and I want to thank City staff for all their hard work bringing this forward."

In the event a bylaw infraction is disputed and upheld by the screening officer, the option of requesting an adjudication hearing over the infraction is available. To pay any bylaw tickets received, you can do so online, Cranbrook City Hall or Engineering and Development Services. THE DISTRICT OF INVERMERE

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Slay Away

Take a trip back to the 1980's.

Have you ever watched a 1980's slasher movie like Friday the 13th or Sleepaway Camp and want to live out your wildest fantasy of slaying camp counselors? Thankfully, you can live out those dreams in the 8-bit puzzle game Slayaway Camp. A game that centers around 1980's horror movies as you play a serial killer who must find the right way to reach the camp counselors through a series of puzzles.



The game itself features over 100 different puzzles emulating a variety of horror movies from the 1980s. Some of the levels include references to Friday the 13th, Jaws, Sleepaway Camp, My Bloody Valentine, and many more. The goal of the game is to find the right route in the room you've landed in to reach the camp counsellors.

Once you've reached them, your killer will slay them in a variety of different brutal ways. The trick though isn't just killing the camp counsellors, you also need to find your way out of the puzzle once all counsellors have been murdered.

I'm a huge fan of this game for many reasons. It encapsulates the 80's horror genre with the same camp feel that brought the slasher genre to life. There's also a variety of unique kills you can purchase with coins from winning puzzles and different serial killer variations to take out the counsellors with. If you're a fan of 1980's horror movies, this game will be right up your alley.

Plus, it's a Canadian game and the killer is voiced by none other than Mark Meer from Mass Effect!



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Across

1- Type of ray; 6- Butler's love; 11- Distress signal; 14- Masterful; 15- Breakfast fruit; 16-Whadja say?; 17- Bingol; 18- Extirpate; 20-Bleat of a sheep; 21- Othello villain; 23- A Simpson: 24- Argentine plain: 26- Forsake: 28- More sore: 30- Fine fur: 31- Weaving machines; 32- Viscounts' superiors; 33- Short mo.; 36- Makes brown; 37- Company emblems; 38- Must've been something 39- Cheer for Manolete; 40- Up; 41- Strike hard; 42- Seine spot; 43- Hockey player, e.g.; 44- Fast time; 47- Parasite; 48- Stradivari's teacher; 49- Agreement; 50- French article; 53- Purgative; 56- Salad green; 58-Hydrocarbon ending; 59- One who cries "uncle"?; 60- Emcees; 61- Airline to Stockholm; 62- Verbal flourishes; 63- Goaheads;

Down

 Dress; 2- 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit; 3-Funnel-shaped device for magnifying sound;
Dashboard abbr.; 5- Occasionally; 6- Last letter of the Greek alphabet; 7- Submarine; 8-Pie-mode link; 9- Curtain holder; 10-



Creatures; 11- Fragment; 12- Money spent; 13- Luster; 19- Sugar source; 22- Spring mo.; 25- Intentions; 26-Biblical brother; 27- OPEC units; 28- Violist's clef; 29- Lumpy fuel; 30- Wise ones; 32- Red fluorescent dye; 33-Unreliable; 34- Novel ending; 35- Ale, e.g.; 37- Old Italian money; 38- Apple product; 40- Shining; 41-Incomplete; 42- Course; 43- Dry, as wine; 44- Speed contests; 45- Maytag brand; 46- Ships' officers; 47- Shoe ties; 49- Size of type; 51- Ferrara family; 52- Flat sound; 54- Inlet; 55- English poet Hughes; 57- Fish eggs;

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