

Environment and Parks
Minister Shannon Phillips

Winter 2017

Alberta Environment Update



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From the Minister

Alberta is a place we all love. Our mountains, prairies and wild places are some of the most beautiful in Canada. That's why we are investing now to ensure that we, and future generations, continue to benefit from health and economic benefits like clean air and water, pristine parks and a stable climate.

Intact ecosystems and landscapes will be crucial tools to protect us from floods, droughts and extreme weather as we tackle the growing threat of climate change.

There will also be opportunities to save energy, develop new technologies and industries and create new jobs. Energy Efficiency Alberta is a great example. As Albertans learn more about saving energy and reducing emissions, our provincial economy will become more diversified and better able to compete in a low-carbon economy.

We are already on our way to a better future! Find out more about Alberta's environment and climate policies by visiting www.aep.alberta.ca

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Milestones

September
2017

Energy Efficiency Residential Retail Program
Fall Campaign

June
2017

\$36 million support for residential and
commercial solar

April
2017

\$13.4 million in support for Calgary flood protection

March 2017

Energy Efficiency Residential Retail Program Spring
Campaign \$12 million to protect watersheds

February
2017

Energy Efficiency Residential No-Charge Program

January
2017

Approximately 105,500 ha designated for
Castle Parks

December
2016

Telephone town hall with Minister Phillips

September
2016

Committed to 30% renewables by 2030

March
2016

Invested \$239M, over five years, in Alberta
Parks

Alberta loves parks

Visit albertaparks.ca for a complete list of winter activities in your area.

The Castle region is a special place for Alberta families. This year for the first time ever our government has protected this natural wonder by creating two new parks so that Albertans can enjoy this biologically diverse area for years to come. The new parks have attracted record numbers of visitors this year. We hope more will come to enjoy this amazing wild space!

This year for the first time, visitors to the Castle will be able to enjoy winter with programs and facilities, including:

warming huts

groomed trails
(cross-country skiing, snow shoeing and fat biking)

skating trail

**beginner cross-country
ski and wilderness
survival lessons**

Other opportunities to enjoy the Castle this winter include:

tobogganing

ice fishing

wildlife viewing

snowmobiling

winter camping

Already \$20 million is being invested to make the Castle experience even better!

- » improved and expanded campsites, new comfort cabins, additional rustic camping sites
- » expanded parking, facility upgrades, trail improvements
- » installation of vault toilets, signage and information kiosks

Save energy. Save money. Energy Efficiency Alberta.



Albertans are already saving enough energy through the no-charge residential program to power 5,300 homes for a year.

Albertans understand energy and they understand value. That's why we tasked Energy Efficiency Alberta with helping Albertans save money with a range of energy efficiency programs:

- » business, non-profit and institutions
- » residential and commercial solar
- » instant savings and online rebates
- » home improvement rebates



We have only
JUST STARTED!

Energy Efficiency Alberta will continue to help Albertans discover ways to save more money and lower their energy bills. For more information visit www.energycanada.ca

Proud Albertans



I've met with many Albertans who make our province the great place it is. Groups like Friends of Fish Creek, the Calgary Zoo, the Miistakis Institute, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, small businesses including Heritage Brewing Co. and Dogma Training as well as many others I spoke to at events like the Pembina Climate Summit and elsewhere demonstrate each day their tireless commitment to protecting and enhancing all the things we love about our province.



Alberta is a great place because of Albertans. We love our natural spaces, our parks and landscapes from prairie to mountains and forests that are some of the most stunning in the country. We cherish our communities, hard work and innovative approach to solving problems. We understand that we can do more by working together.

Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to sign up for this newsletter to learn more about our environment and how we're protecting it for Albertans now and in the future.



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