

June 2026

## Triage Desk

Hello there,

You'll notice that the common thread running through this month's stories is people.

The people who care for us, the cultures and traditions that enrich our communities, and the voices helping shape Alberta's future.

In this issue, we celebrate Indigenous History Month, Pride Month, Juneteenth, and several cultural heritage observances.

We also spotlight how UNA's consistent efforts led to the installation of a weapons detection system at the Royal Alexander Hospital, and share an update on the next phase of our Alberta Needs Care campaign.

Thanks for reading, and as always, thank you for being part of the conversation.

## Nursing Notes

### Royal Alexandra Hospital

## WEAPONS DETECTION SYSTEM FINALLY INSTALLED



### A Win for Workplace Safety

Years of determined advocacy by UNA Local 33 members in the Royal Alexandra Hospital Emergency Department have delivered results.

In response to persistent calls, from UNA, for stronger workplace safety measures, Alberta Health Services has installed a weapons detection system at the site.

This is one of three key improvements championed by frontline nurses amid rising incidents of violence and threats in emergency care settings.

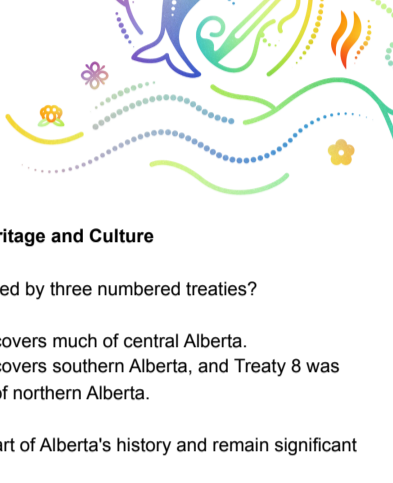
Read the full story on our [website](#) to learn how collective action helped drive this important victory for nurses, staff and patients alike.

## Brain Food



### UNA celebrates National Indigenous History Month

#NIHM2026



### A Celebration of Indigenous Heritage and Culture

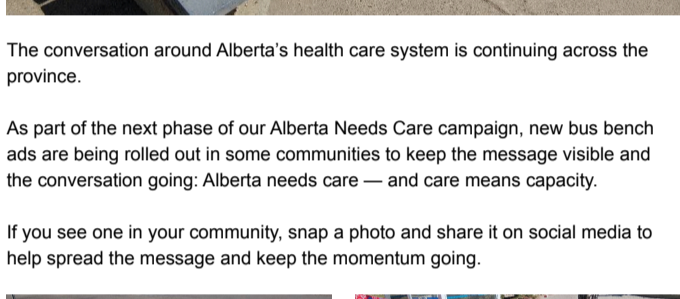
Did you know that Alberta is covered by three numbered treaties?

Treaty 6 was signed in 1876 and covers much of central Alberta. Treaty 7 was signed in 1877 and covers southern Alberta, and Treaty 8 was signed in 1899 and covers much of northern Alberta.

These treaties are an important part of Alberta's history and remain significant today.

National Indigenous History Month is a great opportunity to learn more about the treaty territory where you live, work, and gather, and about the Indigenous Peoples who have called these lands home for generations.

## Alberta Needs Care, and We're Keeping the Message Moving



The conversation around Alberta's health care system is continuing across the province.

As part of the next phase of our Alberta Needs Care campaign, new bus bench ads are being rolled out in some communities to keep the message visible and the conversation going: Alberta needs care — and care means capacity.

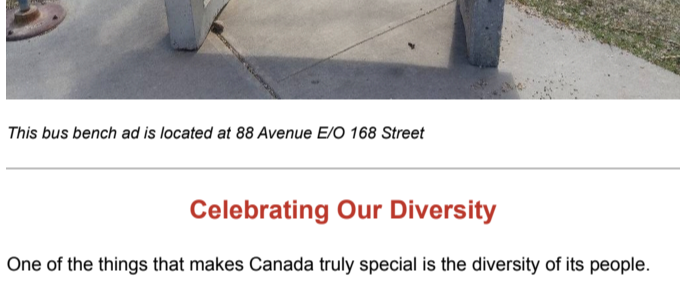
If you see one in your community, snap a photo and share it on social media to help spread the message and keep the momentum going.



You'll find this ad on 87 Avenue E/O 156 Street



You'll find this ad at 165 Street N/O 87 Avenue



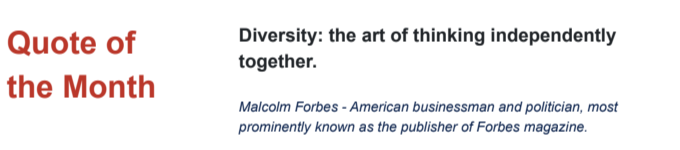
This bus bench ad is located at 88 Avenue E/O 168 Street

## Celebrating Our Diversity

One of the things that makes Canada truly special is the diversity of its people.

This month, we're proud to celebrate Filipino, Italian and Portuguese heritage.

Together, these communities have helped shape our province and country through their cultures, traditions, and countless contributions.

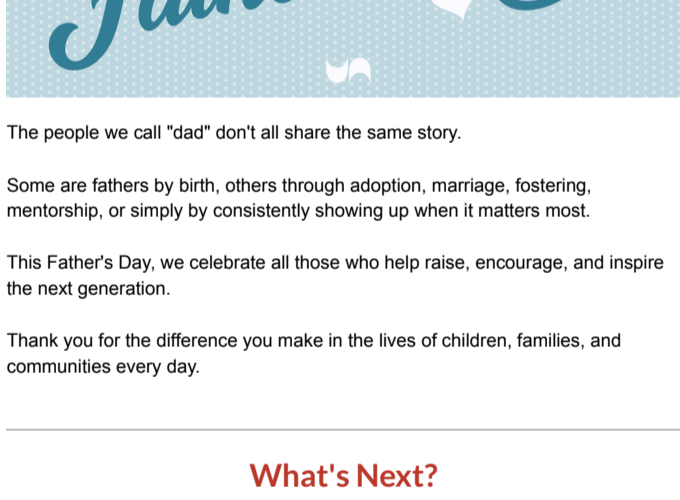


### Quote of the Month

**Diversity: the art of thinking independently together.**

*Malcolm Forbes - American businessman and politician, most prominently known as the publisher of Forbes magazine.*

## Celebrating Those We Call Dad



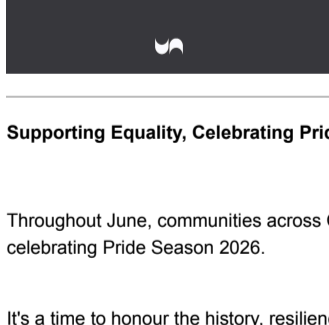
The people we call "dad" don't all share the same story.

Some are fathers by birth, others through adoption, marriage, fostering, mentorship, or simply by consistently showing up when it matters most.

This Father's Day, we celebrate all those who help raise, encourage, and inspire the next generation.

Thank you for the difference you make in the lives of children, families, and communities every day.

## What's Next?



### Juneteenth: A Day to Learn, Reflect, and Celebrate

Observed annually on June 19, Juneteenth is a day that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and celebrates Black history, culture, and resilience.

While not an official public holiday in Canada, communities across the country continue to recognize the day through educational events, cultural celebrations, and gatherings that honour Black history and heritage

The occasion also offers an opportunity to reflect on Canada's own history and the contributions of Black communities that continue to shape the country today.

### Supporting Equality, Celebrating Pride

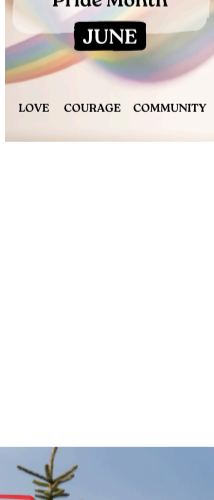
Throughout June, communities across Canada are celebrating Pride Season 2026.

It's a time to honour the history, resilience, and contributions of 2SLGBTQI+ people while continuing the work of building a more inclusive society for everyone.

Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Secretary of State Rechler Valdez, in her statement to mark the season, said Pride is both a celebration and a reminder of the importance of creating communities where everyone can live safely and authentically.

"Pride Season is more than just a celebration – it is a time to reaffirm Canada's commitment to equality, safety, and inclusion," she said.

This Pride Season, we join Canadians from coast to coast in celebrating the strength, diversity, and vibrancy of 2SLGBTQI+ communities.



### Together, We Are Canada!

July 1 is Canada Day - an opportunity to celebrate the communities that make this country home.

From coast to coast to coast, Canadians come together through shared values of respect, kindness, and service to one another.

As a proudly Canadian organization, UNA is grateful to be part of that story. We encourage everyone to take time on the day to celebrate the people, places, and traditions that help make Canada strong.

Happy Canada Day!

## Let's Connect

### LET'S GET SOCIAL!

We'd love to keep in touch. Follow us on our social media platforms and help us spread the word about how, together, we can support Alberta's nurses.



### STAY CONNECTED. STAY INFORMED.

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