



# WEEKLY ROLLOUT

ROLLING OUT KEY INFORMATION & UPDATES FOR OUR MEMBERS

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## In the News

[Governments of Canada and Manitoba sign 10-year housing agreement](#)  
(News Wire)

[National Housing Strategy](#) (CMHC)  
[Woman charged with 22 break-ins at Edmonton seniors' residences](#)  
(CBC News – AB)

[Motion to end veteran homelessness by 2025 dies without a vote](#)  
(Global – AB)

[Old favourites made anew when chef visits seniors' residence](#)  
(Medicine Hat News)

[Calgary man shares late wife's struggle to access medically assisted death](#)  
(Calgary Sun)

[Calgary landlords are turning empty offices into apartments as city's oil jobs dry up](#)  
(Financial Post)

[AHS makes available an online directory for seniors' residences, long-term care facilities](#)  
(Medicine Hat News)

[Look at all the lonely people: A lack of connection is a public-health problem](#)  
(Globe and Mail)

## Executive Director Tidbits

We are all inspired after a productive and focused Board Strategic Planning Session. Our work aligns well for preparing for our meeting with the Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing, on Thursday this week. As we have also received a call for a meeting from the Health Minister's office, and we anticipate that we will be meeting with the Honourable Tyler Shandro soon. We look forward to building strong relationships and sharing our progress with you each step of the way. I hope all the Dads had a wonderful Father's Day!

## PRIORITY DRIVEN PROGRESS

### Advocacy & Public Relations

#### Board Strategic Planning

The full ASCHA Board met in Pigeon Lake from Jun. 12 – 14 for Strategic Planning. This was an extremely productive and fun experience, with several notable outcomes for the sector, association and our members. The Board confirmed ASCHA's existing Strategic Priorities and set some short-term and long-term outcomes within the scope of this direction based on progress that has been made, and where the association is heading. There was much discussion on government relations, advocacy strategies and how best to work with our new government and ministers. The Board was led through a thorough and honest exploration of ASCHA's potential influences and current pressures on the sector, and they formulated solutions to be responsive to client and community demands. We are excited to roll-out our direction on behalf of our membership and confirm our commitment to supporting the housing needs of seniors and Albertans.

#### National Housing Strategy Act close to receiving Royal Assent

The House of Commons voted in favour of the new "[National Housing Strategy Act](#)", initially tabled in the House on Apr. 7 as part of Bill C-97: The 2019 Budget Implementation Act. The Bill is expected to be passed by the Senate and receive Royal Assent in the next several weeks. We are pleased that this Act will enshrine the progressive right to housing and will require that a National Housing Strategy be maintained. It also creates new accountability mechanisms, such as a Housing Advocate and a National Housing Council.

### Strategic Leadership

#### Alberta Association on Gerontology (AAG) – Edmonton Chapter

Irene Martin-Lindsay attended AAG's AGM, Fundraiser and Networking Event on Jun. 11 and found it to be insightful with excellent networking. The "Innovations in Dementia: Paving the Way to Enhancing Care Using Technology" presentations shared the results of the University of Alberta's research on enhancing cognitive function using custom gaming applications. The Calgary Co-ordinating Response to Missing Seniors Action Team shared their approach, which assists in the prevention and quick location of missing seniors, while offering support for the loved one's involved. This is a great

[New payroll tax is pioneering experiment to help Washington state seniors age at home](#)  
(The Seattle Times)

[This is how boomers are reinventing retirement living](#) (Market Watch)

## Resources

[Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council Link Letter](#)

[Points West Living News](#)

[Office of the Seniors Advocate Annual Report 2017 - 2018](#)

[Guidelines for Communicating With, To and About Older Adults February 2019](#)

## Upcoming Events

**Jun. 20**  
[Resource Webcast on Aging Without Violence](#)

**Jun. 26**  
[Regular Member Orientation Webinar](#)

**Jun. 26**  
[The Bed Bug Challenge Workshop](#)

## Employment Opportunities

collaboration between Carya Calgary, The City of Calgary, The Alzheimer's Society of Alberta, and the City Police.

### Continuing Care Facility Directory

On Jun. 11, Alberta Health Services released the [Continuing Care Facility Directory](#) for all publicly funded continuing care options in Alberta. This directory strives to inform the public by providing all information relevant to the public as they seek continuing care. The directory also provides additional descriptions for certain continuing care terms so that the information the public receives is clear and easy to understand. See the Directory [here](#).

### Membership Engagement

#### ASCHA Member Discussion Forums – Vacancies

With the exception of a few organizations, vacancies have become an issue for housing operators, and they do not appear to be diminishing. Many operators have tried several ways to fill vacant units with minimal success that doesn't appear to be sustainable. ASCHA would like to understand the complexity of the vacancy issue directly from our members through online Member Discussion Forums. If you are interested in this topic of discussion, we have added one session and will be hosting 2 sessions; please [register here](#).

#### Reminder: 2019 Alberta Compensation and Benefits Survey

At the beginning of June, ASCHA sent out the 2019 Alberta Compensation and Benefits Survey to Housing Providers across the province. Participation in this survey is important, as it will lead to an accurate and useful picture of compensation and benefit trends across Alberta's full spectrum of housing options. All housing providers are invited to fill it out by Jun. 30. See the survey [here](#).

## Other Information

### Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Seniors Housing Report for Alberta

The CMHC has conducted their annual research and released the Seniors Housing Report for Alberta. This report gives reliable data on rent costs and vacancies. View the report [here](#). To learn if the report features data applicable to your housing organization, please see the Methodology section of the report.

### Coordinated Community Response to Elder Abuse

The Government of Alberta has released an extensive toolkit to help communities increase their capacity to address elder abuse. Through a coordinated community response (CCR), community and government organizations work together to deliver supports and services and increase capacity to respond to elder abuse at the local level. [For more information and toolkit](#)

### Did You Know

Did you know that the Seniors Citizens Lodge Program did not target low income seniors through the Priority Rating System until 1999?