



# WEEKLY ROLLOUT

ROLLING OUT KEY INFORMATION & UPDATES FOR OUR MEMBERS

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**World Elder Abuse  
Awareness Day**

## In the News

[City to consider lifting non-market housing moratorium in core](#)  
(Edmonton Journal)

[Separating couples in long-term care: Some nations call it inhumane, in most of Canada it's routine](#) (CBC News)

[Sherwood Park provides safe haven to evacuated seniors](#)  
(Sherwood Park News)

[How Seniors Can Avoid Being Scammed](#)  
(Okotoks Online)

[Court orders illegal Toronto retirement home closed as operator faces jail](#)  
(Regina Leader Post)

[Workplace violence at 'crisis' level for care workers, says Burnaby non-profit](#)  
(Burnaby Now)

['Gentle densification': Unique West End development puts 6 units on single family lot](#)  
(CBC News)

## Executive Director Tidbits

It was great to see some of the activities that took place during Seniors' Week being shared on Facebook and Twitter. It is apparent that our members put a lot of effort into appreciating seniors in many different creative ways. Again, if any of you have news or photos to share, please drop us a line. This week, we are off to Pigeon Lake for strategic planning with your ASCHA Board of Directors. I am excited to have this dedicated time to think strategically with the board to support members and advance seniors housing across Alberta.



## PRIORITY DRIVEN PROGRESS

### Advocacy & Public Relations

#### In the Legislature - Relevant Highlights from May 22 – Jun. 6

Our new government has been busy in its first few sessional weeks. The main topics of debate, which are no secret if you have been following the media, are the repeal of the carbon tax, changes to labour and minimum wage legislation, corporate tax relief, reducing red tape in the way of job creation and of course... pipelines. It is also the period in the Legislature where each MLA introduces themselves and delivers speeches about their interests and constituencies. During many of these speeches, MLAs addressed issues related to seniors and housing and they have been captured in our highlights. Affordable and seniors housing are on the radar on both sides of the House, and we will continue to advocate on your behalf so that legislative conversations continue to occur. [Read more.](#)

### Strategic Leadership

#### Health Coalition of Alberta

As a member, we attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Health Coalition of Alberta last week. This organization is a coalition of voluntary sector organizations, groups and individuals advocating with a united voice for better access to optimal healthcare for all Albertans. Once the AGM was over, we enjoyed a lively and informative presentation from Paul McLoughlin from Word of Mouth Communications. We took away a great deal of insight and identified many opportunities for alignment with other associations.

### Membership Engagement

#### Grand Opening: The Hamlets at Red Deer



We had a great ASCHA contingency at this Grand Opening on Jun. 7 in Red Deer including Darren Young, Central Region Director, Irene Martin-Lindsay, Executive Director, and Christopher Wood, Photographer/Videographer. This beautiful community boasts a full range of living options including a number of 18-unit sections called hamlets for

[Advancing dementia and its effect on care home relationships](#)

(Eureka Alert – USA)

['It's a miracle': Helsinki's radical solution to homelessness](#)

(theguardian.com - EU)

## Resources

[Tête-à-tête with Tassi](#) - Monthly column by the Honourable Filomena Tassi

[CCSA Newsletter](#)

[Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council Link Letter](#)

[Active Living E – News](#) (Centre for Active Living)

[Dementia Network Calgary](#)

## Upcoming Events

**June 26**

[Regular Member Orientation Webinar](#)

**June 26**

[The Bed Bug Challenge Workshop](#)

## Employment Opportunities

various target populations. Congratulations to H&H Total Care for helping Albertans age well in Red Deer - we were pleased to celebrate with you.

### Regular Member Orientation Webinars

ASCHA conducts regular webinars for new and not-so-new CAOs and Leadership Teams to ensure that you are aware of all the member services and benefits available. Make the most out of your membership! If you are interested in an orientation for any of your Leadership Team [register here](#).

### Congratulations to ASCHA/RDC Certificate Program Graduates

Hats off to all our graduates! You now have enhanced tools and the expertise essential to maintaining vibrant seniors housing for Albertans. ASCHA wishes you all the best in your professional endeavors!



### First Aid/CPR Training – Discount Program for Members

ASCHA in partnership with St. John Ambulance, offers discount programs for First Aid/CPR training. Whether you want to learn the skills you need to save a life, or are required to maintain your certification, you'll find a course that fits your needs and schedule. As an ASCHA member you will receive 15% off specific First Aid/CPR courses. Contact us at [education@ascha.com](mailto:education@ascha.com) for more details.

## Other Information

### Reminder: 2019 Alberta Compensation and Benefits Survey

Last week, 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](#).

### Make a Difference - Canada's Volunteer Awards

There's still time! Submit a nomination for Canada's Volunteer Awards **until Jun. 21**. Help highlight Canada's volunteer culture by [nominating a volunteer, not-for-profit organization, social enterprises or business in your community today!](#)

### Office of the Seniors Advocate Alberta - Highlight from the 2017-2018 Annual Report

We continued to hear that senior Albertans experience ageism in interactions with government and in daily life. The Advocate made a recommendation to the Minister of Seniors and Housing to adopt [guidelines](#) for the Ministry to avoid ageism in communication with, to, and about older adults. We are waiting for a formal response to this recommendation. Read the full [2017-2018 Annual report](#).

### Finding Balance Practitioners' Day

Do you work with older adults and want to learn more about Falls Prevention? Save the date now for Finding Balance Practitioners' Day Oct. 17, 2019. [For more information](#)

## Did You Know

We are currently seeking additional members for our Health Collaboration Working Group. If you have an interest, and are a regular member, please contact us at [ascha@ascha.com](mailto:ascha@ascha.com).