

## In the News

[Expanding Alberta's COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout](#) (GoA)

[Iveson calling for housing dollars in upcoming provincial budget to operate five planned developments](#) (Edmonton Journal)

[Improving access to health-care training](#) (GoA)

[9,000 health-care workers can now get COVID-19 vaccine](#) (GoA)

[Silvera welcomes \\$12M gift to boost affordable living for seniors](#) (Calgary Herald)

[Non-profits and other employers frustrated by Alberta critical worker benefit program](#) (CBC)

[CHRA Indigenous Caucus Shares New Statement on Reconciliation and Cultural Principles](#) (CHRA)

[Coronavirus: How Canada is working to ensure homeless people get vaccinated for COVID-19](#) (CTV News)

[Proposal for a Federal Government Residential Tenant Support Benefit to address the evictions and arrears crisis](#) (Center for Equality Rights in Accommodation)

["Seeking Shelter: Homelessness and COVID-19" Policy Briefing](#) (Royal Society of Canada)

## Executive Director Tidbits

It was absolutely fantastic to have conversations with members at Region Meetings last week! Thank to everyone who bravely turned on their cameras and joined in on the fun. We laughed, learned how you are doing, and connected in the only way we can right now. It was re-energizing for the team and I - YOU make our work make sense. We are hearing of vaccinations being scheduled in supportive living across the province, and while we don't have complete clarity on the timing, both residents and staff in congregate sites are a now listed as a priority! Together, we are making the lives of Albertans safer and better.



## PRIORITY DRIVEN PROGRESS

### Advocacy & Public Relations

#### Letter to the Premier – Vaccinations

On Feb. 16, ASCHA sent a [letter](#) to the Premier, with copies to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Alberta Seniors & Housing, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, and all MLAs. After the response received to our letter to Minister Shandro on the need for a vaccination plan and prioritization of seniors and staff in ALL supportive living settings across the province, it was actioned by our membership to clarify this priority issue and resubmit our asks directly to the Premier and his government. We are hoping this will stress the importance of protecting our sites from outbreaks and the vulnerable Albertans our members serve.

#### Alberta Health COVID-19 Provincial Coordination Discussion

ASCHA participated in the Provincial Coordination discussion with Alberta Health on Feb. 16. On Mar. 1, the Continuing Care Health Service Standards (CCHSS) and Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) audits and compliance will be published on the public website. A review of Order 32 is underway, along with COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VOC) guidelines which will be coming to owners and operators shortly. Updates were received on the Critical Worker Benefit, applications have already opened and will remain open for only 1 month, vaccine rollout to Phase 1b is expected to start at the end of Feb, and liability protection will be discussed in Cabinet in the beginning of Apr.

### Bold Leadership and Sector Reformation

#### City of Calgary's Modernized Housing Agreement with the Province

The City of Calgary announced a 4-year operating and capital funding agreement with the Government of Alberta to continue to offer affordable housing for over one thousand households. This is alignment with sector reformation strategies underway at both the provincial and municipal levels. [Full announcement](#)

#### Temporary Rental Assistance

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is pleased to offer a new funding stream dubbed Temporary Rental Assistance. To help meet an extremely tight deadline, the Centre has been asked to assist in the outreach and application process. [For More Information](#)

### Membership Engagement

#### The Art of Policy Writing

The Art of Policy Writing is a unique training opportunity for our members to learn how to create policies for effective business management. The first workshop starts Feb. 13. All ASCHA Members receive 15% off their tuition fee. Contact us to get your discount code prior to registering. [For more information](#)

[Cut police, build affordable housing instead, says B.C. human rights commissioner](#) (CBC)

[Manitoba MP calls on feds to invest more in Indigenous housing](#) (CTV)

[Office-building conversions offer ray of hope in downtown Calgary](#) (Globe & Mail)

[Elementary students create welcome packages for people in transitional housing during COVID-19](#) (Global News)

[New affordable housing development opens in downtown Calgary](#) (CTV)

[Council hears next steps for affordable housing project](#) (Jasper Fitzhugh)

[Home rental prices down nationally but continuing to rise in Lethbridge](#) (Lethbridge News Now)

[Calgary social services tech startup gets \\$2.5 million from Ottawa to scale up](#) (Calgary Herald)

[A Primer on supportive housing and Housing First](#) (Nick Falvo Consulting)

## Resources

[Is Rental Housing Affordable to Low-Income Households](#) (CMHC)

[ASCHA Connect](#)

## 2021 ASCHA Convention & Tradeshow



work towards their shared mission. This event brings us together as 'Agents of Opportunityies' to better serve residents/tenants and communities.

[Delegates Register Here](#)

[Exhibitors Register Here](#)

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ASCHA's 2021 Virtual Convention & Tradeshow registration is open. This new virtual opportunity allows for more of your team members from within your organization to participate and gain sector knowledge and tools. Exhibitors can hand off their knowledge and expertise to our operatives, as they

If you carried forward your registration from the cancelled 2020 event, you will have to re-register for this event using your credit as payment.

## Spring Region Meetings - "Boldly Leading Relaunch & Transformation"

CEOs/CAOs and Board Members of your organization are encouraged to register for upcoming Region Meetings. Due to the ongoing pandemic and to keep our members safe, we will be offering the meetings virtually once again via Zoom. There will be no cost to attend, however you must pre-register. We have successfully hosted the South and Central Region Meetings this past week and will be reporting on all meetings in our next Rollout.

North Region Meeting – February 26 - [Register here](#). View the [Agenda](#).

## ASCHA/CCSA Collaborative OHS Forum

On Feb 24 join us and our guest speaker Kim Bartch, WCB Alberta Industry Specialist to discuss the following topics:

- ~ Highlights of the Bill 47 changes
- ~ Mobile App for Employers
- ~ 2020 Premium Restart
- ~ 2020 Annual Return deadline reminder
- ~ Training-on-the-Job program
- ~ COVID-19 Claim Adjudication

If you are not registered yet, click [here](#) to register.

## The Lobby on ASCHA Connect – A Place for Regular and Associate Members to Meet!

If you are an Associate Member looking to join The Lobby, [click here](#).

Regular Members already on connect, [click here and log in to visit The Lobby](#).

## ASCHA Connect

Regular Members are encouraged to discuss all matters related to COVID-19 and other sector-related questions in ASCHA Connect. If you are seeking support and advice from other operators during this time, create an account and log in [here](#). If you would like to see all the posts related to COVID-19 in one place, please click [here](#). The main discussion topics on ASCHA Connect this week were:

[CORE Portal – Resource](#)

[CMHC Webinar on Alternative Funding for Indigenous Housing](#)

[Critical Worker Program – questions](#)

[Fundraising during COVID-19](#)

## Upcoming Events

**Feb. 23-25**

[Jump-Start Your  
Affordable Housing Project  
Workshop](#)

**Feb. 24**

[ASCHA/CCSA Collaborative  
Member Forum](#)

**Feb. 26**

North Region Meeting –  
[Register here](#)  
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**Mar. 2**

[Innovations in Palliative  
Care Virtual Conference](#)

**Mar. 4**

[CMHC Webinar:  
Alternative Financing for  
Indigenous Housing](#)

**Mar. 9**

[Member Orientation](#)

**March 9-10**

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Workplace Mental Health  
Conference](#)

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