

Alberta SouthWest Bulletin April 2026

Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update



AlbertaSW communities are invited to this important **Tourism Partnership Forum** at **Pincher Creek Community Hall 287 Canyon Drive** on **Monday, April 20, 2026**

9:00am to 12:00 noon; free lunch and networking! Facilitated by Natalie Gibson, InnoVisions and Associates, the event will feature presentations and panel discussion from Tourism Industry Association of Alberta, Travel Alberta and local representatives.



Will be very valuable to have strong representation from across AlbertaSW... residents, tourism operators, municipal staff, and councils, chambers, and partner organizations.

Working together we can identify priorities to shape the future of our visitor economy!

Please consider making time to attend... here is the link to register:

www.eventbrite.ca/e/south-canadian-rockies-resident-tourism-partnership-forum-tickets-1985602641953?aff=oddtcreator

❖ New projects in AlbertaSW

- ★ Alberta budget 2026 commits \$74 million over the next three years to build a new hospital to replace the Cardston Health Centre, one of the province's oldest hospitals, built in 1959.
- ★ Nanton New and Modernized Schools project is on schedule for completion in summer 2027. In addition to a new elementary school, A.B. Daley building will be modernized to be a new junior/senior high school.



❖ Unique in Canada!

On April 2 a first-of-its-kind educational partnership was formalized in Southern Alberta. Representatives of Lethbridge Polytechnic, University of Lethbridge, Medicine Hat College, and Red Crow Community College signed an agreement that will create a shared vision to solidify southern Alberta as a destination for post-secondary learners.

AlbertaSW has appreciated the work of our post-secondary institutions, the partnerships with our School Divisions and region... another example of strong and innovative collaboration in southern Alberta.

❖ Investment Development Highlights

Sean Miles continues to meet with provincial and federal partners, councils, administration, local businesses, and organizations to identify and support plans and ideas.

This is resulting in some exciting new ways to "connect the dots" and build on regional opportunities. It is important to know about emerging opportunities in each community that will serve as highlights for investment profiles.

If you have ideas or questions, please phone, text, or e-mail Sean or Bev!

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