

## Alberta Weekly Review

Thursday, February 1, 2018

### Session Schedule & Activities

- Legislative session is adjourned and scheduled to resume Thursday, March 8, 2018.
- Alberta Party Leadership vote will be held on February 27, 2018.

### Government News and Announcements

#### *Alberta and British Columbia At Odds Over the Trans Mountain Pipeline*

Earlier this week, BC Premier John Horgan announced his government is proposing to restrict bitumen shipment increases from Alberta until more spill response studies are conducted. The BC Government would like to create an independent advisory panel to make recommendation on if heavy oils can be safely transported and cleaned. Since his election last spring, Premier Horgan has consistently vowed that he is willing use all tools at his disposal to block the proposed Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion.

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley said these actions are unconstitutional and “threaten the foundations of confederation” and BC will face consequences. Notley held an emergency cabinet meeting the following day to discuss both legal and trade actions that could be taken. New Saskatchewan Premier-Designate Scott Moe has said he supports Alberta and any actions they may take.

The Trans Mountain Pipeline was approved by the federal cabinet in 2016 and has faced numerous regulatory roadblocks since that time. Two weeks ago, Kinder Morgan announced the \$7.4 billion project was behind schedule due to permitting delays.

#### *ATB and University of Calgary to Undergo Leadership Changes*

This week Dave Mowat, CEO of ATB and Elizabeth Cannon, President of the University of Calgary both announced they will be stepping down from their roles.

Mowat began as ATB CEO in 2007 and plans to retire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Since Mowat joined ATB Total assets have risen to \$49.6 billion from 20.3 billion when he started his tenure and total customers increased to 740,000 from 600,000.

Cannon has served as President and Vice-Chancellor since July 2010 and has said she will leave at the end of 2018. She had previously served as Dean of the University's Engineering faculty.

## Political News

### *UCP Recruiting Female Candidates*

Newly sworn in Leader of the Official Opposition, Jason Kenney said this week that the UCP is stepping up its recruitment of female candidates to seek nominations. Kenney also said there will be a rigorous screen process for all potential candidates that will include a questionnaire and interview.

In light of the recent sexual harassment cases in Ontario and federally, both hopeful and current UCP caucus members will be screened to any past activities that could be construed as sexual harassment. Currently two of the 27 UCP MLAs are women.

### *Scott Moe Wins Saskatchewan Party Leadership Race*

Scott Moe, MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook won the Saskatchewan Party leadership on Saturday night, taking the reins from Premier Brad Wall. Wall led the Saskatchewan party since 2004 and has been Premier since 2007 and announced intention to retire in August, triggering a leadership election.

17,151 members of the Saskatchewan Party voted for leader and Moe achieved 53.87% support after the 5<sup>th</sup> round of preferential balloting. Moe is now Premier-Designate and will be sworn in later this week. Moe was first elected in 2011 and prior to running for leadership he served as Minister of Advanced Education and Minister of Environment. He received endorsement from 23 members of his Saskatchewan Party caucus.

Moe has named Shannon Andrews his Chief of Staff. Andrews served as his Chief of Staff in his posts prior to the leadership race and was most recently Chief of Staff to the Minister of Social Services. A cabinet shakeup is also expected once Moe is sworn in.

Moe has signaled an intent for a more conciliatory approach with Alberta's NDP.

The Saskatchewan legislature resumes on March 12.

### *UCP bests NDP in 4th Quarter Fundraising*

Alberta released the fundraising totals for the final quarter of 2017 and the United Conservative Party raised \$339,991, which was \$4364 more than the Alberta NDP. The Alberta Party tripled its donations from the previous quarter and was in third place with \$91,017.

The year to date totals for the UCP, Wildrose and PC parties combined is \$2,071,123 versus \$1,701,000 for the Alberta NDP. Both the legacy Wildrose and legacy Progressive Conservative parties reported funds post-merger with the Wildrose reporting \$30,392 and the PC Party \$7849.

It is important to note that these numbers do not share the complete fundraising picture

as any funds raised after the Calgary-Lougheed by-election was called on November 16, 2017 are not yet reported. Per legislation fundraising during by-elections for political parties and third-party advertisers is reported separately.

Political Action Committees also reported significant funds raised in 2017 with the Alberta Advantage Fund raising \$1,097,480 and the Alberta Federation of Labour raising \$560,618 in 2017.

## Municipal News

### *Calgary City Councillor Considering Mayoral Run*

City of Calgary Ward 2 Councillor Joe Magliocca announced today he is considering a run for Mayor in 2021. Magliocca has served as Ward 2 Councillor since 2013 and says he considers himself a fiscal conservative.

The next municipal election will be held October 18, 2021 however Magliocca said it will take time to mount a successful campaign and if he is going to run fundraising will begin soon.