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ALBERTA PETROCHEMICAL FUND DRAWS MORE INTEREST EXPECTED

\$500M fund has attracted 16 applications from local international companies — twice what was hoped. The Alberta government says a program intended to encourage more value-added processing in the petrochemical industry has drawn more interest than expected. Energy Minister Marg McCuaig-Boyd says the petrochemicals diversification program, which provides \$500 million in royalty credits to the sector, has attracted 16 applications from local and international companies. McCuaig-Boyd says that's twice as many as what the government had hoped for. She says the government will take 60 days to examine the proposals before picking two or three plants worth a total of \$3 billion to \$5 billion.Petrochemical companies don't pay royalties to the province, but the credits they would receive could be passed on to their oil and gas suppliers, which in turn could use the credits to help offset their royalty payments. When the program was announced in February, the government said it would focus on two components of natural gas: methane and propane, which can be used in the making of fertilizers, other plastics and products.

The program's goal is to create 3,000 construction jobs and 1,000 full-time permanent jobs in the value-added facilities.McCuaig-Boyd says there are about 8,000 petrochemical workers in the province.

BANK OF ENGLAND GOVERNOR MARK CARNEY VISITS PREMIER RACHEL NOTLEY

Governments need integrated climate and energy policies to deal with the impact of greenhouse gases, according to Bank of England governor Mark Carney.

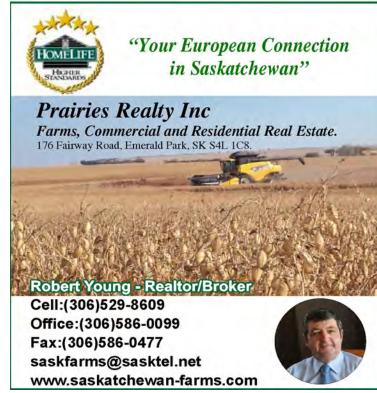
Carney, the former governor of the Bank of Canada, was at the Alberta legislature on Monday to meet with Premier Rachel Notley.He is in Edmonton to receive an honorary doctor of laws from the University of Alberta on Tuesday.Carney declined

to rate Alberta's climate change policy, when asked about it at a joint news conference with Notley."It's not part of my job description but I'll just note that the two work together in a reinforcing fashion, and in a way that uses the market to achieve results," he told reporters.Last fall, Carney spoke about climate change being the "tragedy of the horizon." He told a dinner sponsored by Lloyd's of London that having companies disclose the carbon footprints of their businesses could help in the fight against climate change, because it could be taken into account in decision-making.He said both disclosure and integrated policies are needed to make the economy adjust to the realities of climate change.

HAISLA CHIEF COUNCILLOR SAYS LNG DEVELOPMENT MEANS PROSPERITY IN HIS COMMUNITY

Shell has postponed a final decision on Kitimat plant because of low LNG price

Ellis Ross, chief councillor of the Haisla Nation near Kitimat, says he hopes LNG development in B.C. goes forward so the people of his community can stay connected to their home."First Nations always connect themselves to where their ancestors came from. And we're no different," he told Radio West host Audrey McKinnon.He says people in his community, especially young experienced prosperity for the first time thanks to LNG development."They got a taste, for the first time, of good paying jobs, the ability to go out and get a mortgage and buy a truck," he said.But he fears if the project stalls, they won't have a future in traditional Haisla territory."That's exactly what I've been trying to work against," said Ross. They've had to leave my territory. They've had to go to Prince George for mining, or they've had to go to Alberta or Vancouver or wherever there's a good-paying job." Ross is one of a select group of Northern B.C. leaders attending Nation2Nation Community Forum in Kitimat, "to showcase the Haisla Nation and District of Kitimat's support for economic development."Fort Nelson Mayor Bill Streeper also spoke in support of LNG development at the







forum and Ross says he liked what he heard, calling it "the truth" about LNG and fracking." All the stories you see about people lighting taps on fire and contaminated water tables, those issues don't exist in his community," Ross said. "[Streeper] said you want to talk about fracking issues in B.C.? Why don't you come talk to the people who do it for a living?"In 2012 Haisla Nation broke away from the Coastal First Nations alliance over Chevron's proposed Kitimat LNG plant. The other nine First Nations in the alliance expressed environmental concerns about the project. Shell still has not made a final decision on the Kitimat project, and has postponed a final decision until the end of 2016.Ross says the plummeting LNG prices have created a "sad situation" for First Nations and non-First Nations communities in Northern B.C.

PRICE OF OIL SETTLES ABOVE US\$50 FOR 1ST TIME IN ALMOST A YEAR

The price of oil has settled above US\$50 a barrel for the first time in nearly a year.

The July benchmark contract for West Texas Intermediate crude closed Tuesday at US\$50.36, an increase of 67 cents from the previous day. That's the first time oil has settled above the US\$50 mark since last July."\$50 is a big psychological hurdle for crude oil, and it's one that it's been bumping up against for a couple of weeks now," said Colin Cieszynski, chief market strategist at CMC Markets Canada."To see it break through is very encouraging and suggests that there is enough support to keep carrying crude oil

higher."In February, oil settled as low as US\$26.21 a barrel.Canada's economy has been hit hard by a rapid and deep decline in global oil prices that began in late 2014.

Crude prices have gradually risen in recent weeks due to several factors, including the wildfires in Fort McMurray, Alta., which at one point may have taken out as much as half of Canada's total oilsands production, according to some estimates. Those operations have gradually started to come back online. Militant attacks on pipeline infrastructure in Nigeria have also caused supply disruptions oil-producing country.

s for the controversial Site C dam last year. When complete, it is expected to flood 5,500 hectares of land along the Peace River and generate 1,100 megawatts of power.

SHELL RELINQUISHES EXPLORATION PERMITS **NEAR LANCASTER SOUND IN EASTERN** ARCTIC

Move paves the way to enlarge proposed marine conservation area Shell Canada is handing over its 30 offshore exploration permits in the Eastern Arctic to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, which in turn will give them to the federal government, in a move to help marine conservation efforts in the Arctic. Relinquishing the more than 860,000 hectares' worth of permits roughly 1½ times the size of Prince Edward Island — now clears the way to establish a national marine protected area in Lancaster Sound, most of which is already under consideration for conservation. The

move by Shell opens the door for more of the area to be protected, beyond the 4.45 million hectares already being considered, since the law prevents oil and gas exploration permits in national marine protected areas.It also makes it easier for the Liberal government to follow through on its election promise to protect five per cent of Canada's marine and coastal areas by 2017. The Liberals also committed to protecting 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas by 2020, under the International Convention on Biodiversity. The red squares on this map indicate where Shell Canada had oil and gas exploration permits. The company has agreed to hand those permits over to the Nature Conservancy of Canada in a move to help marine conservation efforts in the Arctic. (Nature Conservancy of Canada)"This really paves the way for an open dialogue for how big to make the national marine protected area, and the establishment of it," said John Lounds, president of the Nature Conservancy of Canada."What this does is allow for the expansion of the area without any kind of worry about whether the permits would continue to exist, and going through all of that."Shell's permits recently came under scrutiny when the World Wildlife Fund filed a lawsuit in Federal Court in April, demanding the permits be declared invalid. The organization argued the permits expired in 1979 and were never renewed. Shell Canada's president and country chair Michael Crothers said his company was in talks with the federal government about handing over the permits well before the lawsuit was filed, and reached out to WWF-Canada

after the lawsuit made headlines."In speaking with [WWF-Canada president | David Miller, we were able to align in a common goal here," Crothers said."He wasn't aware we were speaking with the government and with [the Nature Conservancy of Canada] about these permits and contributing them."He said the lawsuit didn't affect Shell's timeline for relinquishing the permits."I think our announcement [today] on Oceans Day, hosted by WWF, shows great alignment. It's about collaboration and working together different sectors."Greenpeace said in March that minutes from a 2014 Shell meeting in Calgary showed the company would "need to get something back in return" for the permits. Crothers said that Shell isn't receiving any compensation for donating its permits."This area has really special value in terms of its ecological nature, so we think it's terrific we can work with NCC and the government to make this happen," Crothers said."We're really hopeful that in a short few months, this will be part of an expanded Baffin Bay and Lancaster Sound marine conservancy."Located at the east entrance to the Northwest Passage, Lancaster Sound is one of the richest marine mammal areas in the world, according to Parks Canada.Last month, WWF-Canada created an interactive map of the area to highlight its need for protection.It's estimated that 75 per cent of the world's narwhals spend summer in Lancaster Sound, as well as large numbers of seals, beluga and bowhead whales.

A national marine conservation area proposal for Lancaster Sound



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was first prepared in 1987. In 2009, the federal government launched a \$5-million feasibility study for national marine conservation area. Today, there's no formal marine protection in the area.

Officials say the next steps will be to consult with Inuit groups, local communities in the area and the government of Nunavut to work out agreements on exactly how much of the area to protect.

MI'KMAQ CHIEFS SIGN 'HISTORIC' DEAL WITH KAMERON COAL OVER **DONKIN MINE**

from Money royalty will be shared with Mi'kmaq across the province, chief says

The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs has signed what's being called a "historic" deal with the owner of the Donkin mine for a royalty on coal production. The amount of the royalty from Kameron Coal has not been disclosed, but an assembly co-chair, Chief Terry Paul of Membertou First Nation, says the money will be shared by all Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia. The agreement will give Mi'kmaq communities access to private capital, which Paul said is sorely needed in many communities."It's the beginning of raising our own source of revenues," he told CBC News. "We wanted to make sure that there was recognition that we are also the land and the resource owners of this province."

Kameron Coal participated in discussions with the chiefs' group and agreed the Mi'kmaq should get a share of "what's being extracted out of our land," Paul said. The Supreme Court of Canada has upheld the treaty rights of the Mi'kmaq and

other Indigenous people over land and natural resources. That means companies interested in exploiting natural resources in Nova Scotia "automatically" must consult with the Mi'kmaq, the chief said.

"I'm quite pleased that [Kameron] is very open to that," he said. "When the companies do sit down and negotiate with us, they'll find that we're pretty open and we're not that difficult to have discussions with."The royalties will administered by the chiefs' assembly. The Donkin mine is not yet open and no date has been made public to indicate when it might begin production.

AFTER WILDFIRE SCARE, ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES RETURN **TO CENOVUS**

After 118 staff evacuated Cenovus site Tuesday essential workers begin to return

Essential workers are returning to Cenovus Energy's Pelican Lake heavy-oil facility, after an out-ofcontrol wildfire in northern Alberta forced the company to shutter its doors for a day."Because the fire is not considered an imminent threat to our facilities or staff, we have determined it is currently safe for essential personnel to return to Pelican Lake," the company said in a statement on Wednesday. "We expect to have 44 essential staff back at site by this evening."On Tuesday afternoon, the fire came within one kilometre of project's main complex, triggering an operational shutdown and a complete staff evacuation. Cenovus said air quality at the site is currently acceptable and continues to be monitored. The 118 staff members working on site when the



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evacuation began were transported to a temporary evacuation centre in Wabasca, Alta. Some were able to evacuate by emergency vehicle, others in the northern reaches of the project site had to be evacuated by helicopter. On Tuesday, Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. said the fire is a safe distance from its major facilities at Pelican Lake, but as a precaution it has temporarily stopped producing 800 barrels a day and moved non-essential personnel from the project's northern camp. The fire is estimated to be about 75 hectares, and fire breaks are being created. Cenovus's facility produced 23,000 barrels per day of heavy oil in the first quarter of 2016.

'IT'S NOT IN THE SHADOWS ANY LONGER': NEW SUPPORT FOR **MEN WITH EATING DISORDERS**

New Edmonton workshop aims to reduce stigma, increase awareness

Trevor Schmidt began starving himself in his late 20s. He would go days without touching food, ignoring hunger pangs until they became unbearable.In a matter of weeks, he lost more than 20 pounds."There is a sense of control that you have when you limit yourself from eating, or punish yourself from eating too much," he said. "At various points in my life, it was the only thing I felt I had control over." Schmidt is just one

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of the Edmonton men benefiting from a new support group by the Eating Disorder Support Network of Alberta (EDSNA). The session is intended to help men struggling with body-image issues, and reduce the stigma for men suffering from disorders such as anorexia and bulimia."There is a lot of stigma and shame associated with any mental illness, and I think there is a common misconception out there that eating disorders only affect women," said Sue Huff, executive director of EDSNA."So, when men are struggling with this, they experience double levels of shame and stigma, and it's difficult to admit that it's happening and reach out for help."Huff said eating disorders often manifest differently in men, making them harder to diagnose — leaving too many men to suffer in silence. The session is just a pilot, but Huff hopes to make it a permanent fixture at the clinic.

"Men may punish themselves in different ways, but at the end of the day it's a very dysfunctional relationship with food, and that's the same whether male or female," Huff said during an interview on CBC Radio's Edmonton AM."We're hoping to reach the men, we know they're out there."Though Schmidt's eating disorder didn't manifest itself until later, he thinks the seeds of his obsession began in early childhood.

"My parents were extremely healthy, before that was a 'thing,' and my father was involved in bodybuilding. And I think that caused a bit of a disturbance in psyche about body image," Schmidt said."I was also extremely small, and that became an identity for me. So as I got older, when my metabolism changed, and my body changed, it really struck a chord that I was losing my identity."When he started gaining weight in his mid 20s, it came as

a shock. Aloof comments from old friends, suggesting he'd put on a few pounds, felt like daggers."Of course, we've all put on weight over the last 25 years, but even now, it's like a knife in my big fat heart."But even as his obsession began to overtake his life, it would be months before Schmidt recognized the disease for what it was, and got professional help."I don't like throwing up, so I just stopped eating," he said. "My weight kept creeping up because I was starving and bingeing. One day, my mom asked me if I was 200 pounds, and I stood on a scale and realized I was 180 pounds. I was horrified." Years after his diagnosis, he now maintains healthy weight and eating habits, but his obsession with food persists. He hopes by sharing his story, other men will decide to face their illness. "It's not in the shadows any longer. I hope people will be getting help for it."

Australian firm asks B.C. First Nation to support LNG project

An Australian company is reaching out to the Lax Kw'alaams First Nation in hopes of winning support for plans to export liquefied natural gas from the aboriginal group's backyard in northern British Columbia.Land located across the bay from the Lax Kw'alaams reserve is an ideal spot to build an export terminal, Perth-based Woodside Petroleum Ltd. says. Woodside's Grassy Point LNG project is collecting comments from five aboriginal groups – the Lax Kw'alaams, Metlakatla, Gitxaala, Kitsumkalum.The Kitselas and proponent is seeking approval from the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office to build the terminal on provincial Crown land at Grassy Point, 30 kilometres north of Prince Rupert.The Lax Kw'alaams and Metlakatla say the land is part of their traditional aboriginal territory.

The company produced a 20-page document, titled Aboriginal Consultation Plan, that it filed this spring to the B.C. environmental regulător. Last year, Woodside received a 25-year LNG export licence from the National Energy Board. The Australian energy giant said it will set aside extra time to meet with the Lax Kw'alaams and Metlakatla. "This is due to the province having made an initial assessment that Lax Kw'alaams Band and Metlakatla First Nation have strong aboriginal rights and title claims to the project area and that there could be serious project-related impacts on their asserted claims," Woodside said in its filing to the B.C. regulator.

Industry observers are watching in particular for reaction from the Lax Kw'alaams because the band council fought last year against Pacific NorthWest LNG's plans to build a terminal at Lelu Island, 15 kilometres south of Prince Rupert.A group called the Allied Tsimshian Tribes of Lax Kw'alaams opposes Pacific NorthWest LNG. Critics say the Pacific NorthWest LNG project poses a risk to juvenile salmon habitat on Flora Bank, a sandy area located next to Lelu Island. But a group of hereditary chiefs, under the banner of Nine Tribes of Lax Kw'alaams, is in favour of the project. And John Helin, who was elected as the new Mayor of Lax Kw'alaams last November, has given his conditional support to Pacific NorthWest LNG, subject to the creation of an environmental performance committee. Mr. Helin did not return calls for comment about Grassy Point LNG. Tsimshian leaders of the Metlakatla, Gitxaala, Kitselas and Kitsumkalum say they are open to the idea of LNG exports from Lelu Island, but have not yet indicated their views on Grassy

Point LNG. Woodside is hoping the Lax Kw'alaams will be receptive to Grassy Point LNG, forecasting the creation of thousands of construction jobs during the project. The first phase could cost up to \$15-billion. It is one of 20 proposals to export LNG from the West Coast. Low prices for LNG in export markets in Asia, however, have rendered most of the B.C. plans uneconomic, industry experts say. No proponent of LNG exports in British Columbia has made the decision to start construction. On Wednesday, the International Energy Agency forecast a worldwide glut of LNG over the next five years, with demand weakening in Japan and South Korea while supply rises in Australia and the United States. Pacific NorthWest LNG's venture, which has been a front-runner in the quest to export LNG from B.C., "seems likely to be delayed," the energy watchdog said. Three B.C. plans already have received federal and provincial environmental certificates - Royal Dutch Shell-led LNG Canada's project in Kitimat; Woodfibre LNG's project near Squamish; and a joint venture by Woodside and Chevron Corp. called Kitimat LNG.

Six B.C. projects are undergoing regulatory reviews, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency said in a presentation at the Canada LNG Export conference last month in Vancouver.

Grassy Point LNG is one of four proposals being reviewed by the provincial regulator.

Since April, 2013, the federal

regulator has been examining Pacific NorthWest LNG's plans. The agency is overseeing the review of one other proposal near Prince Rupert – the Ridley Island project that Shell inherited after it acquired BG Group.



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