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HAPPY EASTER APRIL 20th



MEETING LOCATION

Victoria Golf Club Edmonton
12130 River Valley Rd NW

Special thanks to Sheila Garner for photos, notes & sourcing the speaker!

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EVENT & TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

March 23 – Tour of Government House

Alberta's Government House is located in Edmonton and was the official residence of the province's first six Lieutenant Governors. The house is now used for conferences, award ceremonies, receptions, and special events hosted by the Lieutenant Governor, the Alberta government, and various public sector organizations.

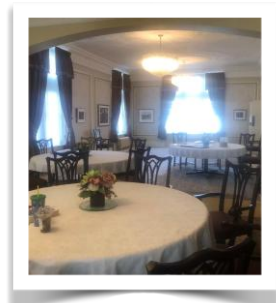
Construction on the building began in 1912 and it was officially opened October 7, 1913. The house was designed in the Jacobean Revival style which is characterized by bay windows, high gabled roofs with raised ends, and groups of rectangular windows. The architect was R.P. Blakey.

The provincial government closed the house in 1938. It remained vacant until in 1942, when it was leased to North West Airlines which had contracts for the delivery of aircraft to the United States government to support the construction of the Alaska Highway. From 1944 to 1950, it was used as a convalescent home for wounded veterans. In 1951, the house was purchased by the federal government to serve as a home for disabled veterans. In 1964, Government House was returned to the Province of Alberta and, in the late 1960s, restoration work began. The restored building reopened on August 1, 1976 as a government conference centre.

The house now consists of a large combination reception and dining area on the main floor, as well as a music room and a library. The main floor was restored to resemble that of the original building as closely as possible. The second floor consists of a central reception area surrounded by six small conference rooms, each named after one of the six Lieutenant Governors who lived in Government House, and a small study. The third floor consists of a large conference facility named the Alberta Room.

On June 12, 1985, Alberta's Government House was designated a Provincial Historic Resource. Tours of Government House are offered throughout the year. (<https://lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca/history/government-house/>)





GUEST SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

Guest Speaker, March 18

Leigh Bond, President, Boundless Renewable Consulting

Topic: Renewable Energy for the Future

Leigh Bond led the members through a series of slides that covered the following discussion points:

- Global Warming and Climate Facts - Atmospheric carbon dioxide has never been as high as they are with the 2024 United Nations Conference of the Parties scientists agreed that we are approaching a tipping point that when crossed events will occur that are irreversible.
- Edmonton's climate is warming
- Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington DC and New York City have banned or plan to ban the use of combustible fuels for heating systems in all new builds
- Types of Heating Systems include: Baseboard Electric Resistant, Air Source Heat Pumps and Geothermal.
- There are at least 3 Types of Geothermal: Core (steam generated/electric power), Eavorloop (temperature differential/electric power and. Geoexchange (GHP-Ground Source Heat Pump/earth energy system/geothermal/geo/heating and cooling).
- An explanation and overview of the construction of Geoexchange was provided.



Conclusion: The commitment of the business owner depends on 'more profit' rather than 'saving the planet' in regards to: Lower operating costs, grants, loans, accelerated capital cost allowance, investment tax credit, carbon credits, design grants, appreciating value of the system.

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UPDATE YOUR GEN Z KNOWLEDGE

An intro on how to understand Gen Z slang. Here's 10 'words' to update your vocabulary!

Ate: Used when someone delivers on something in a good way and can be used in a variety of contexts, like referring to someone's performance or fashion style. Eg: She ate that performance - her vocals were awesome.

Amped: Amped is a way to express excitement for something. Eg: There's a new clothing store in the mall - I'm so amped.

Bae: Bae is a shortened word for baby or babe and often is used to refer to a boyfriend or girlfriend. It is common slang and traces back to as early as 2005. Eg: I'm going out with bae tomorrow afternoon.

Basic: Basic is used to describe someone who has mainstream, standard, unoriginal taste. Eg: He's so basic. He likes elevator music.

Bet: Bet means 'yes', 'it's on', 'Ok' or 'absolutely'. It can be used as an affirmative statement, when you agree with something, or when there is good news. Eg: Your boyfriend asks if you want to go out for dinner with him. You reply 'Bet'.

Boujee / Bougie: Boujee is a word for when something is very fancy or luxurious. Eg: The restaurant was so boujee. They had a dress code.

Big Yikes: When something is very embarrassing or cringey, and warrants more than just a 'yike'. Eg: Big Yikes, that team was losing the game by so many points they called the game early.

Bruh: Bruh is used when you're shocked or disappointed in something that someone said, did or an event that happened. It can also be used to express someone's excitement of surprise or to address a brother or mate. Eg: Bruh, what you did to win that tournament was amped.

Bussin': Bussin' means really good. It can be used to describe food, an event, or anything you think is great. Eg: That concert was bussin'.

Cap / No Cap: Cap means lie or false. When someone is lying, they are 'capping'. No cap is the opposite, it means the absolute truth. Eg: She definitely stole that sweater from the store - no cap.