

# *The CASS Newsletter*

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*August 2021*

## *Good News Story*

Brandon is an avid fisherman. He spends most his time at all the hotspots along the Bow River. In the last year he has caught over 200 fish along this river, which he gleefully takes a photo and releases the fish back into the water.



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# Punctuation Association

by Joni Righthand

As some of you know my name is Joni Righthand and I run my own comic book business through the CASS Day Program.

Due to COVID and me living in a group home, I was on lock down for most of the pandemic while still working on my comics, I was looking for a way to still distribute my work which is when I decided to do e-books just for my family and friends.

I am selling books 1 to 7 in paperback copy for \$10/book and books 8 to 10 in e-book for FREE!

If you have any questions, comments, or inquiries, please feel free to email me and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Please contact me at: [punctassoc@hotmail.com](mailto:punctassoc@hotmail.com)



We want to hear from you!



Would you like to be highlighted in our "good news story?" If so, send us a story along with a picture. [sarah.clark@c-a-s-s.org](mailto:sarah.clark@c-a-s-s.org)

Did you know that Calgary has the most extensive urban pathway and bikeway network in North America? The City maintains approximately 1000 km of regional pathways and 96 km of trails. The City is responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance and programming of Calgary's multi-use pathway system.



Would you like a map of the City Pathway system? The CASS office has free "Walk and Roll" maps for 2021. Stop by the office to pick up yours!



# Staff Training

## WELCOME TO ALL NEW CASS STAFF!

Check out the CASS Website – [www.c-a-s-s.org](http://www.c-a-s-s.org) for all your training requirements. Once logged in, go to Training in the Staff Quick Links section for a complete list of required (and, some optional) training. If you have questions email [training@c-a-s-s.org](mailto:training@c-a-s-s.org) Be sure and let your coordinator know your training days so schedules can be changed to accommodate your client.

Abuse Awareness Training – Expires every three years

Open Future Learning (OFL) – Two modules of OFL are mandatory for all CASS Staff – “Challenging Behaviours” and “Introduction to Your Role”. Email [training@c-a-s-s.org](mailto:training@c-a-s-s.org) to register for OFL. No expiration.

Challenging Behaviours – Part II – on the CASS Website - No expiration

CPI Training – Physicals/practical portion of training now available. Dates and times have been scheduled for the “physicals”/practical portion of CPI Training that was previously postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Please follow this link to sign up for the final portion of the training.

<https://calendly.com/sarah-mcmillen-cpi/cpi-physicals>

Weather permitting, this training will be held outside and should take about an hour.

Regular training has resumed at the following dates and times. . .

Thursday, August 19th or 26th

Thursday, September 9th or 23rd

Thursday, October 7th

To register follow these steps:

<https://calendly.com/sarah-mcmillen-cpi/cpi-training> to book online.



# *Staff training continued...*

Choose one date only.

Staff will receive an email confirmation with instructions. Staff will receive an email / link from CPI for the online portion – this MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE the day of the training. You will receive a zoom invite from the instructor the Monday before the date you chose. If there are any concerns with the online portion once logged in, staff should contact HELP at CPI.

Staff will be required to fill in the Payroll Deduction form found on the website in Forms and Documents and email it to [reception@c-a-s-s.org](mailto:reception@c-a-s-s.org) Please note, the payroll deduction is \$45 – be sure you use the correct form. The deduction will come off your pay during the month of your course date – the date you complete the online portion with CPI. CPI expires every three years.

Medication Administration – If you need Med Admin for your position with CASS, email [training@c-a-s-s.org](mailto:training@c-a-s-s.org) to register for this course. When you have completed the course, please email [thomas.brosh@c-a-s-s.org](mailto:thomas.brosh@c-a-s-s.org) - he will arrange to do the practicum remotely.

Health and Safety – This course is available on line – log in to the website then staff resources>training>Health and Safety.

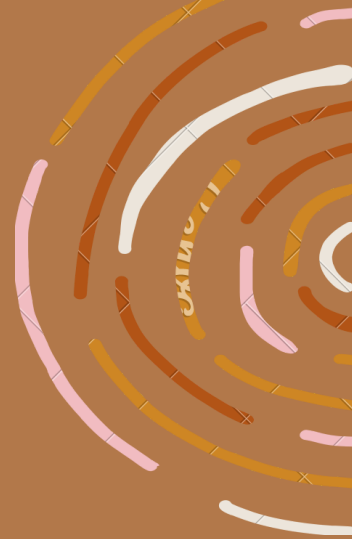
First Aid/CPR – First Aid/CPR – Staff needing to update their First Aid/CPR need to be sure the trainer is Government of Alberta OH&S Approved. The following link gives a list of the approved training providers: <http://humanservices.alberta.ca/working-in-alberta/1348.html>

Many safety training venues are offering two-part First Aid classes with an on-line portion to start and a review and CPR practice in the classroom. The maximum billable hours for First Aid is now 8 hours.

## **Mental Health First Aid**

A virtual option for Mental Health First Aid is now available-watch your emails for upcoming dates and times

# *Alberta's Occupational Health and Safety Act*



Alberta's Occupational Health & Safety Act was updated with the passing of Bill 47. Bill 47 brings balance to workplaces and helps ensure workers can rely on a sustainable compensation system if they get ill or injured on the job. It also simplifies the language used in the Act, to make the Act easier to understand. Bill 47 does not make substantial changes to workers' rights or protections, the language was simplified to make the Act easier to understand and use by employers and workers. Please see the table below for a summary of the changes coming into effect on September 1, 2021. You can also go to this link to read more about the changes, Alberta's OH&S Act, and Bill 47.

<https://www.alberta.ca/improving-workplace-health-and-safety.aspx>



## Office Closure

**Monday August 2, 2021**

*The office will be closed but all programs will remain in operation*