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New *Employment Standards Act*
What does this mean for your business or workplace?

The purpose of PEI's *Employment Standards Act* is to establish the minimum rights and responsibilities of employees and employers, ensuring fair treatment, clear workplace expectations, and consistent employment standards across the province. A new version of the **Employment Standards Act** came into effect on **June 30, 2026**. Check this document: [Key Changes - ESA 2026.pdf](#) to see how the changes to the ESA affect your workplace.

Attention Rural Towns & Municipalities
Apply for Community Spirit \$1000 People’s Choice Award
Deadline July 31

The [PEI Rural Beautification Society](#) is offering towns and municipalities the opportunity to be rewarded for their community spirit. Towns and Municipalities are invited to apply [HERE](#) before **July 31, 2026**.
Two prizes of \$1000 each will be rewarded. The town and the municipality with the most votes from its residents will take home the cash prize to be put towards a community enhancement project. Voting will be open from August 15 to September 15, 2026. Find more details about the **Community Spirit People’s Choice Award** [HERE](#).

Keeping Our Shorelines Free of Debris

Healthy shores and coastal waters are vital for PEI’s wildlife, tourism, and local industries. Student crews are now working across PEI to remove debris and waste from our coastlines. Rural residents can play an important role in supporting this effort by reporting areas that need cleanup. If you notice debris along a shoreline, please [report it online](#) or call 1-833-734-1873. Reporting helps crews prioritize their work and respond quickly, keeping our Island’s coastlines safe, clean, and beautiful for everyone.

Upcoming Training

September 16 & 23	Master Canva 2-part course	Online
September 17	WCB – Recognizing & Controlling Hazards	Alberton
September 22 & 24	10 Essential Tools to Manage Your NFP <i>en français</i>	Wellington
September 24	WCB – Recognizing & Controlling Hazards	Montague
October 7 & 14	Unlocking AI: ChatGPT Skills Series	Online

Client Profile: Janet Ogilvie – Green Gables Alpacas

Janet Ogilvie operates her alpaca fibre production farm and agrotourism business, Green Gable Alpacas, in Birch Hill.

“Alberton’s Rural Action Centre has been an invaluable resource for us. Their staff are knowledgeable and resourceful, and they have been persistent in helping us find the resources we need to address whatever business challenge we are facing.”

Read **Janet Ogilvie’s** full Client Profile [HERE](#).



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