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Excellent opportunity to celebrate heritage

Heritage Day in Alberta is celebrated tomorrow, or at least it should be celebrated. Although this holiday is not a statutory holiday, many Albertans choose to take the day off, even without pay. Some people honour their heritage in some way, while others might do some gardening. We have been enjoying the vast cultural differences around the world while watching the Olympics the past 10 days or so, and we have the opportunity to recognize the cultural differences in our own province today and tomorrow.

Those in the Calgary area can enjoy Heritage Park, or Fort Calgary, in celebration of our culture and history. Banff National Park boasts an authentic culture grounded in nature, much worth visiting on a day off. When was the last time you saw a deer, elk, bear or moose on the side of the road? Just don't feed the animals! Also, Alberta museums are filled with information on our inclusive her-



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itage and employees of those facilities are trained to answer questions about our history.

Lots of employees will be working in cultural venues this weekend and tomorrow to ensure visitors have a great experience. I find when travelling to new lands for business or leisure I investigate the culture, heritage and history. I make sure I hit all the important landmarks, wander through architectural wonders and eat at small local bistros. But here at home, I just don't check out my very own cultural offerings. I will do that tomorrow. Instead of working or doing laundry, I will check out something

related to Heritage Day to celebrate.

We have so much freedom in this province, we have incredible wealth and unlimited resources, and yet, we choose to sleep in on a day off. The Glenmore reservoir is waiting for me to walk around it, or ride a bike. I can always catch up on my Olympic viewing addiction late at night, or Tuesday at lunch. My laundry piles can keep growing — it's more important to celebrate our heritage.

For those working tomorrow,

I hope you take some time off another day to get to know the Alberta offerings.

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