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Prairie College Achieves Historic Milestone with Royal Assent of Bill Pr2

May 15, 2026 — Prairie College (Prairie Bible Institute) is pleased to announce a transformative chapter in its 103-year history. On May 14, 2026, **Bill Pr2: Prairie Bible Institute Amendment Act, 2026**, officially received Royal Assent, formally updating the institution's charter and expanding its academic horizons within the Province of Alberta.

Introduced by Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Tara Sawyer, the Bill progressed steadily through the Legislative Assembly this spring, passing its First Reading on March 26 and receiving a favourable report from the Standing Committee on Private Bills on April 14. Following a successful Third Reading on May 12, the Act came into force immediately upon receiving Royal Assent by the Lieutenant-Governor yesterday morning.

This Private Members Bill authorizes Prairie College, in addition to offering divinity degrees, to deliver programs of study approved under Alberta's *Post-secondary Learning Act* and its associated regulations, leading to the conferral of baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees.

Prairie College Provost Dr. Mark Jonah notes, "This is a historic day for Prairie College. The Royal Assent of Bill Pr2 marks a pivotal shift in our ability to serve students and the Province of Alberta. By expanding our degree-granting capabilities beyond divinity, we are opening doors to new academic opportunities while staying rooted in our 103-year legacy of Biblical Education."



*Photo: **(L-R)** Mark Maxwell, President of Prairie College; Tara Sawyer, MLA for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills; Jennifer Johnson, MLA for Lacombe-Ponoka; Dr. Mark Jonah, Prairie College Provost; and Dr. Kevin Foth, Prairie College Academic Dean at the Alberta Legislature on April 14, 2026, for the committee review of Bill Pr2.*

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