

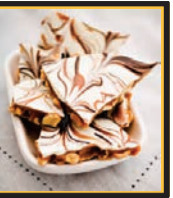
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Feds hit Edson with retroactive RCMP costs

by Dana McArthur

During the April 4 Edson Town Council meeting, council discussed a letter received from Public Safety Canada regarding

the Government of Canada's decision on retroactive RCMP salary cost increases. These increases have a financial impact of \$493,658.74 for the Town of Edson.

The letter shared the "Government of Canada's decision on the matter of payment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police prior years' retroactive costs for regular

members and reservists. In August 2021, the signing of the first ever collective agreement with the National Police Federation, the bargaining agent representing the RMCP, resulted

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It was a very successful night at the Annual ESTS Trivia Night held April 1 with 27 teams in attendance (see page 10). photo Niki Luymes

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Retroactive RCMP costs

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in a pay increase that brought RCMP salaries in line with those of other police services across Canada, a fair and competitive wage for RCMP officers." Police Service Agreements require contract jurisdictions to pay their share of retroactive salary costs. There is an option of extending payment for two years.

Mayor Kevin Zahara invited discussion from Council.

Town CAO Christine Beveridge stated, "Following the federal budget being dropped, the municipalities were on the hook for retroactive policing costs. It was almost immediate that we received this information and we want you [Council] to be able to review the financial impact that this will have."

Mayor Kevin Zahara said, "The federal government negotiated with our wallets without even talking to us about it, which is unfortunate —nor did they keep us informed along the way".

"The government is going into another round of negotiation and we don't want to see this happen again. I think giving us two years to pay is not indicative of the serious concerns municipalities are raising on this issue. For us that's a \$493,000 hit which is significant to us, and other municipalities are looking at millions and millions of dollars," Zahara added.

Councillor Greg Pasychny said, "I know our hands are tied, but are our associations [Alberta Municipalities and Federation of Canadian Municipalities] looking at a legal challenge? This is a huge increase to our taxpayers. Every municipality and taxpayer should be screaming that the federal government should eat this one, not us."

Councillor Peter Taylor said, "This is a big hit for our municipality. But certainly I do not want members of the public to misconstrue this as need for a provincial police, that's a different issue. We just want to be at the table federally."

Councillor Krystal Baier pointed out that approximately four years ago municipalities had some foreknowledge of something like this coming, but didn't know what. She stated that some municipalities started putting money away, but the amount of the retroactive settlement was totally unexpected.

Mayor Zahara added that municipalities did know that negotiations were going on, but had no solid information until the deal was signed. "It's hard to put money away when you don't know how much to put away. We've had a lot of other financial challenges along the way."

Council accepted the letter for information, but will continue to advocate on the issue.

Town of Edson responds to Gov't of Canada update on retroactive RCMP costs

(Town of Edson) April 5, 2023 – Council has responded to the federal government's disappointing decision to pass unbudgeted and unaccounted for costs on to municipalities. Despite months of municipal advocacy led by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), provincial-territorial associations and local leaders across Canada, the federal government has indicated in the most recent federal budget it will not be meeting the request to absorb the retroactive costs associated with the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement. Tuesday's budget further confirmed that communities across Canada that are dependent on RCMP services for local policing, including Edson, are expected to cover these costs—a decision falling well short of the call from municipalities to fully absorb the costs.

"Edson Council is deeply disappointed with the federal government's decision to offload more costs on Canadian municipalities, at a time when they are confronting historic financial challenges due to the infrastructure deficit and other issues," stated Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara.

"To be clear, Edson fully supports the RCMP; we receive incredible service and community

consultation from our local detachment and believe in fair compensation for members. The problem arises when another level of government independently negotiates agreements which have major impacts on municipalities, with no stakeholder consultation and a refusal to share costs. This fails to demonstrate a commitment to respectful relations with Canada's municipalities," Zahara added.

Local governments were not at the table for these negotiations. The cost to the Town of Edson associated with these retroactive payments is expected to be \$493,658.74.

This decision is an example of a federal commitment that deeply impacts municipalities, without municipalities being properly consulted or involved. Municipal governments are paying a growing share of policing costs, but they cannot run deficits and have limited revenue tools. FCM has clearly reiterated the need for municipalities to be actively involved in any future processes regarding contract policing, calling this recent decision unacceptable. This is a position supported in full by the Town of Edson.

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Edson Town Council moves to third reading of Bylaw 2286

by Niki Luymes

During the Edson Town Council meeting on April 4, Council discussed moving to final readings of Bylaw No. 2286 in order to redistrict SW-15-53-17-W5 from UR Urban Reserve to M-2 Heavy Industrial.

At the March 21 Town Council meeting, a public hearing was held in regard to this draft bylaw to redistrict a parcel of land for Pivotal Energy Partners proposed Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs) processing facility.

As presented during the public hearing, the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment is supported by existing policy direction in both the Town's Municipal Development Plan and the Intermunicipal Development Plan shared with Yellowhead County.

"However, specific concerns from adjacent landowners were heard during the public hearing and should be considered in Council's decision to support the amending Bylaw," stated

Shaival Gajjar, Planner with the Town of Edson, in his report. Some of the concerns submitted were health and safety concerns with the potential end use, traffic impact with a desire for a secondary ingress and egress point, and belief that residential property values would drop after the end use creation.

"Notwithstanding the importance of the concerns raised, it is recommended to distinguish those concerns relevant to the land use change from those related to subsequent decisions made by the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) and under the Town's development permit approval processes," stated Gajjar.

"As noted, the proposed amendment does designate the proposed end use as permitted, meaning the Development Authority has limitations to the conditions that can be placed on the decision; a permitted use application must be approved if it complies with

provisions of the Land Use Bylaw," Gajjar stated.

Administration recommended adoption of the proposed Bylaw as there is a high level of confidence that the concerns of adjacent landowners submitted to date can be addressed through the current AER application in concert with the Town's processing of the required development permit.

Starting the discussion, Councillor Greg Pasychny asked, "How do you in Administration assure to us that these concerns are going to be addressed, so that we can confidently tell people that their concerns are heard and that they're going to be understood?"

General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Clayton Kittlitz said, "We do believe that these are legitimate concerns that do need to be addressed. It's our job to make sure that in the regulatory process, we are considering those based on what was heard at the public hearing, and seeing those through. So certainly, it's our intent to do that within the rules that we have."

Councillor Peter Taylor said, "I was happy to see Administration point out people's concerns. What we're tasked to do is to figure out if this land is appropriate for heavy industrial use. That's the question we're looking at. And in my mind, I believe that it is. I look at that zone and I say that if it's not supposed to be heavy industrial I'm not sure what it should be. Not to say that people's comments aren't valid. They are valid, and they may be valid within a different process."

Councillor Gean Chouinard stated that he agreed with Councillor Taylor. "We are tasked with deciding 'is land suitable' —yes it is. But I've also heard the concerns of safety in case something happens. So I'm trusting Administration will do the right thing. But if it's a road or safety concerns, does anyone have that last chance to say 'wait a minute, they're not addressing the most important issues?'"


Kittlitz responded, "Public input

has been received and it's legitimate and it's heard. In discussion with the developer, they are aware that road upgrades are going to be part of their process and have certainly contemplated those as part of their project. I guess that there is no guarantee here, but obviously our intent is to make sure this development is not only successful for the applicant, but also protects the interest of the town, which is primarily what our role is. There is still plenty of public engagement as part of the AER process, but from the municipal-side, it pretty much ends."

Mayor Kevin Zahara added that he was happy to see all the engagement from the public, "This is a very major development for our community, one of the largest that we've seen in the last 30 to 40 years, and there's going to be impacts —we can't understate that. For us, we are looking at whether heavy industrial use is appropriate for those lands. We're not necessarily saying yes to this particular development, but obviously that is a part of the process. As a community we need to see economic growth, and this is a way to further grow our assessment base. The cost of delivering services in this community is not decreasing. So, we have to allow growth and development in our community, and this is going to be, if it is approved though the other processes, critical."

Zahara added, "It does provide additional opportunities for partnerships and enhancements in our community as well. Not to say that the concerns that were raised during the process are not valid, because they certainly are. I have to trust that our Administration and our Development Authority will put provisions in place to ensure those concerns are raised. I will support of this, as I do think it's a positive thing for our community."

The motion that Council give second reading the bylaw 2286 was carried followed by the motion for the third reading, which was also carried.



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Town of Edson seeks repaving of deteriorating highway in town

Province providing \$750,000 to begin preliminary work on improvements to Hwy 16 through Edson

by Dana McArthur

For a very long time, Edson's Town Council and Administration have been making considerable efforts to get the repaving of Hwy 16 through Edson on the Province's Capital Plan, but to no avail.

The highway's maintenance and repair is under provincial jurisdiction. But the continued patching along Highway 16 through Edson has done little to improve the deteriorating road surface. This is in spite of the fact that the province recognizes the primary purpose of the highway is as a major trade and economic corridor.

In an interview, Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara said, "We are encouraging the provincial government to include the paving of Hwy 16 through Edson in their capital plan. As of right now it is not in their three year plan and the condition of the highway continues to deteriorate with 18,000 vehicles a day passing through our community. Our biggest concern is the smoothness and safety of the travelling public."

"The highway has been in poor shape for quite some time and it's only getting worse. Ledcor crews are spending a lot of time doing pothole repair work, but at this point in time we feel that it needs complete repaving as the pothole repairs do not hold up with the amount of heavy traffic flowing through the community," Zahara said.

"We have reached out to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridor, Devin Dreeshen's office and also requested meetings with the previous Minister —those meetings have been declined," said Zahara. The mayor was directed to speak with the local Transportation officials. "MLA Long has also been involved on this file and is advocating on our behalf."

In an emailed letter to the Town, Devin Dreeshen, the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, stated, "Transportation and Economic Corridors reviews several factors when evaluating pavement condition, including traffic volumes, pavement quality, roughness, existing structure, local information, visual inspections, and surface distress. This data is used to determine when the road is expected to need rehabilitation. The data is also used to prioritize rehabilitation projects from across the province for inclusion in the Provincial Construction Program in order to ensure a fair process for all areas of Alberta."

However, Mayor Zahara stated that, "The province's own data shows that the highway through Edson is 1.9x more rough compared to the rest of the province and the rut depths are significantly higher compared to other sections of the highway."

Dreeshen's letter continued, "Based on these factors, there are no rehabilitation projects planned for Highway 16 in the Town of Edson on the department's three year Provincial Construction Program. However, as part of our annual capital planning process, future rehabilitation projects for Highway 16 through Edson will be evaluated and considered for prioritization and funding along with

all other projects across the province."

In 2016 under the NDP government, Hwy 16 through Hinton was repaved even though it was in much better shape than the highway through Edson. "When you look at the conditions that they repaved a large portion of the highway through Hinton compared to Edson's, it doesn't make any sense. Ours is far worse than some of the other communities that have the highway going through it," said Zahara.

The Mayor was able to meet with the Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Corridors, Shane Getson, and took him on a tour of Edson's problematic highway. Getson was raised on a mixed farming operation west of Chip Lake and went to Niton Central High School. He was, however, "very non-committal", said Zahara.

The Town of Edson has also been working with the Trans-Canada Highway Association on this issue, said Zahara.

In response to The Weekly Anchor's inquiry, local MLA Martin Long responded, "I have heard from a number of my constituents and know first-hand from driving through the area that there is a need for repaving Highway 16 through Edson. I have continuously advocated to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors and regional staff that Highway 16 is critical to the well-being of the region's economy and residents... More work needs to be done, and I am committed to advocating for the repaving of highway 16 through Edson as quickly as possible. The UCP government understands the importance of our provincial highway infrastructure in rural Alberta. This is why the Government of Alberta has invested over \$2.5 billion in rural Alberta's roads in Budget 2023, with \$1.3 billion allocated to Northern Alberta," concluded Long.

The Weekly Anchor also sent a list of questions on the state of the highway through Edson, to Transportation Minister Dreeshen's office. Below are the responses.

1. Is the condition of Hwy 16, as one of Alberta's main corridors, a priority for the Province?

Yes, highway condition is a priority for the Province. Alberta has an extensive highway network that requires significant investment to maintain and rehabilitate approximately 64,000 lane-kilometres of roads and nearly 4,600 bridges and interchanges. Department staff, along with the highway maintenance contractor, conduct road patrols along the provincial highway network on a regular basis to ensure safety-related concerns are addressed as soon as possible within available budgets.

2. What is the criteria/threshold for considering the repaving of Hwy 16 through a township?

For all provincial highways, Transportation and Economic Corridors reviews several factors when evaluating pavement condition, including traffic volumes, pavement quality, roughness, existing structure,

local information, visual inspections, and surface distress. This data is used to determine when the road is expected to need rehabilitation. The data is also used to prioritize rehabilitation projects from across the province for inclusion in the Provincial Construction Program in order to ensure a fair process for all areas of Alberta.

3. Crack and pothole repairs are a temporary solution that erodes with weather and traffic. Will the erosion of the roadbed lead to more costly and time-consuming repairs?

Roads deteriorate based on a number of factors, such as time, weather cycles, traffic loading, etc. The presence of cracks and potholes allow water to penetrate into the asphalt, pools below the surface and freezes. As vehicles drive over these defects, the asphalt is weakened and cracks/holes begin to expand. As more water pools and vehicles drive over it, the hole gets larger. With the freeze-thaw cycles in spring, freezing water expands which further accelerates pavement deterioration. This is minimized with timely maintenance.

4. Why was Hwy 16 through Hinton chosen for repaving in 2016 (under the NDP government) when it was in much better condition than Hwy 16 within Edson, even back then?

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What do you think of the condition of Hwy 16 through Edson?

Some of the feedback we received...

"It's rough. Some of the potholes are fairly deep and I think it probably needs to be re surfaced. It really hammers my vehicle." Carla Rand

"Oh man... ya it's rough! I drive a 1 ton truck and you can feel every crack on the highway. But I don't really think any highway is particularly smooth this time of year." Jayden Unger

"From an AMA driver instructor point of view it is very difficult to teach new drivers how to navigate the lanes without all the proper painted lines, arrows and yellow marked areas. It would be excellent if we also had signs to mark all the right and left turning lanes off of the one-way! The nasty pothole situation makes it difficult to stay centred in any lane which causes many vehicles to wander or weave around the potholes to avoid them which can create dangerous manoeuvres." Sherri Johnston, Driver Instructor for AMA (edited for brevity)

"I think one of the biggest concerns are the holes and ruts by the new set of lights. I'm just surprised at the amount of wear. It is bad, a relative of mine got pulled over, because he was swerving around to avoid the potholes. When people are getting pulled over for trying to miss the potholes, that is a problem. In town is particularly brutal." Sheena Strong, Edson.

"Something needs to be done, some of those potholes run deep, and they are hard to miss. Driving home yesterday some people may have

analyzed through technical systems, and validated and prioritized by department subject matter experts. All projects continue to be evaluated as provincial priorities and budgets allow.

5. What would the Province like to say to the many local residents who continue to complain about the state of Hwy 16 in Edson?

Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors is providing approximately \$750,000 to begin preliminary work, including engineering and design, on improvements to Hwy 16 through Edson. Construction would be expected to start next year. Thank you to MLA Martin Long for his advocacy for his community on this important project.

Furthermore, Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors has completed pothole repairs and hand patching work on Highway 16 through Edson. Additional pothole repairs and hand patching work is planned to be completed, beginning April 2 weather-permitting. Selective paver patching is also scheduled to be completed during the 2023 summer maintenance program to keep up with highway surface maintenance. Until a rehabilitation project takes place, the department will monitor Highway 16 through Edson and ongoing maintenance will continue to ensure issues are addressed in a timely manner.

thought I was impaired, zigzagging all over trying to miss them. I don't need damages to my car and I am sure no one else does either." Janice Charles, Edson

"Highways are pretty sad through Edson." Barry Kendall

"We should not complain about the highway east and west through Edson. We should not complain about the crater size potholes going in each direction. We should not complain about potholes that have water in them and splash pedestrians as they walk on the sidewalks in both directions. We should not complain that we who drive through Edson look like impaired drivers because we have to swerve all over the road to avoid them. We should not complain about the patchwork that goes on continuously. We should not complain that the roads east and west through town look like they have been carpet bombed in some war. We should not complain that the roads east and west through town are a disgrace. We should not complain about visitors that say the roads suck going east and west through town. (I have actually talked to many tourists). But we should be happy that at least we have a goat trail to drive on east and west through Edson." sincerely, Wayne Joy (edited for brevity)

"Highways are pretty sad through Edson." Barry Kendall

* Please continue sending The Weekly Anchor your comments.



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Guest Editorial/Comment

Carbon taxes driving food prices higher*Could become a much more significant driver of food inflation than climate change itself*

by Sylvain Charlebois

On April 1, the carbon tax will be set at \$65 per metric tonne. We are slowly marching towards a carbon tax of \$170 per metric tonne by 2030, more than double what it is today.

Yet, so far, not one study has looked at how the carbon tax will impact food affordability in Canada. Not one.

Ottawa is currently considering Bill C-234, which would offer farmers a desperately needed carbon-tax exemption for grain drying and barn heating. If no election is called, the bill remains on track to pass both the House and the Senate and become law by summer.

This would be welcome news for farmers who are subjected to price-taking economics. Taxing farmers more can only cost them more. Ottawa has now invested heavily in programs to help farmers adopt greener soil and energy management practices, but realizing any financial benefits from these changes will take time. And farmers need help now.

But for the rest of the food supply chain, the economic impact of the carbon tax remains a mystery. The federal carbon tax currently impacts Ontario, Manitoba, the Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Nunavut. Starting July 1, 2023, the list of provinces under the federal carbon pricing scheme will grow to include Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador. This will only leave British Columbia, Quebec, and the Northwest Territories, which have their own federally approved provincial carbon pricing.

According to a report from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), more than \$8 billion will be collected from small businesses through the carbon tax by the end of fiscal 2023, but as little as \$35 million will be given back as credit in the form of programs.

Many small businesses, especially family businesses, are in the food industry. In other words, much of the funding is disappearing into Ottawa's big black public funding box, and few understand what the funds collected through the carbon tax are being used for.

Again, according to a recent survey from the CFIB, 56 per cent of businesses will have no choice but to raise prices due to pressures created by the carbon tax. While some may argue that businesses need to get with the times and reduce their reliance on fossil fuels, the funds are just not coming quickly enough to support small businesses.

In essence, Ottawa needs to help businesses which are part of our agri-food ecosystem. Bill C-234 is just a start. Food processors, artisan shops, and restaurant owners need more and better support, or else, by 2030, the carbon tax will potentially become a much more significant driver of food inflation than climate change itself. That's right, the policy to penalize polluters could hurt citizens more than climate change, the very thing we are all trying to mitigate.

The 'stick' approach exemplified by the carbon tax could be complimented by a 'carrot' approach, such as tax credits, a reduction in other taxes or even new grant programs with minimal red tape, which could help businesses reduce their carbon footprint.

Ottawa should be applauded for doing something about climate change. Whether we agree with the carbon tax or not, at least the government is doing something about the climate change problem. But when looking at supply chain economics and as the carbon tax increase over time, our trust in food affordability hangs in the balance. We need to assess and forecast how the carbon tax will burden our food suppliers over time and evaluate how we can support food companies in their journey to a greener future while remaining profitable.

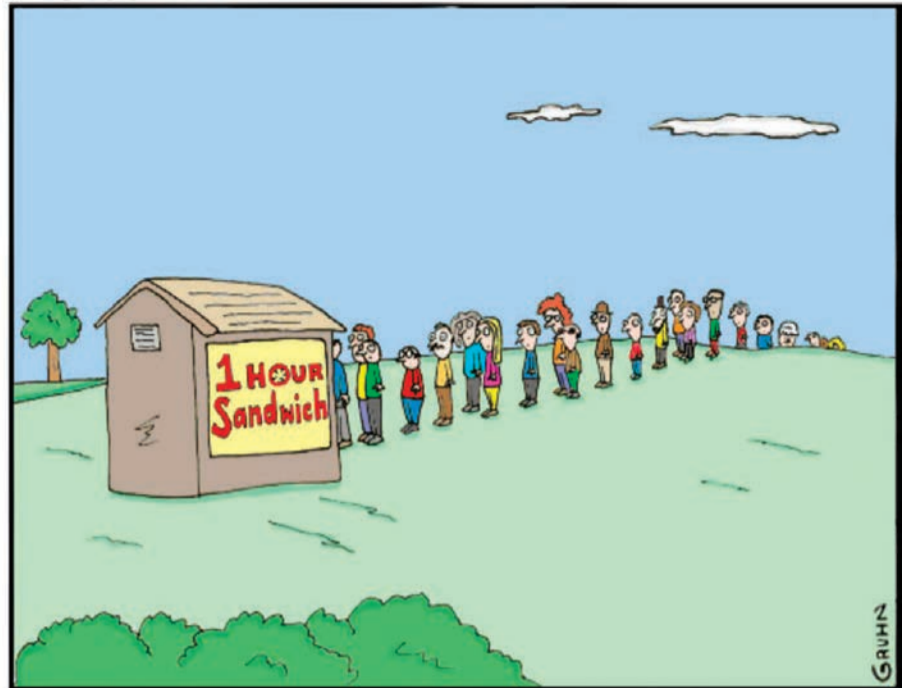
Many families severely impacted by food inflation are quick to criticize grocers for higher food prices. Many, however, don't realize how our current fiscal regime is making it more difficult for many companies to keep food affordable. Without careful consideration, many families already suffering will be impacted even more by some of these environmental policies.

At the very least, we need to know how significant the impact will be.

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is senior director of the agri-food analytics lab and a professor in food distribution and policy at Dalhousie University. © Troy Media

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Dec March 27 to April 2, 2023

Suspicious person complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 17. Other investigations included: Alarms/False Alarms 2; Animal Calls 4; Arson 1; Assault 3; Assistance 4; Cause Disturbance 8; Drugs 1; Fail to stop or remain at collision 1; False/Abandoned 911 Call 8; Firearms Act 1; Fraud 1; Harassment 2; Information File 2; Lost/Found Property 6; Mental Health Act 6; Mischief or Damage 7; Missing Person 1; Municipal Bylaws 3; Possess Stolen Property 1; Theft Complaints 8; Traffic Collisions 6; Traffic complaints 7; Trespassing 6; Unlawfully in Dwelling 1; Uttering Threats against Property 1; Wellbeing Check 5; and Traffic Violations 11.

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First-ever 'Paint the Ice' event in Edson

by Niki Luymes

The Edson and District Leisure Centre created the perfect opportunity for families to get out and have creative fun at the first-ever 'Paint the Ice Event' on Sunday, April.

From 3pm to 5pm people of all ages were welcome to come down to the Centennial Arena and add their art to the ice.

The event was planned and put together by the Leisure Centre and Edson FCSS (Family & Community Support Services). Throughout the two

hours, attendees could choose from a variety of colours to paint whatever they pleased on the ice surface. Kids of all ages, and some adults, helped create some beautiful works of art.

FCSS also provided a variety of painting tools. From dotters to brushers and rollers there were many options to choose from. Within the first hour of the event, the ice was ready covered with pictures. With paintings of Lego men, rainbows, and flowers to encouraging notes, the colourful rink was a sight to behold. There was even a special spot on the ice where kids could sign their work.

Over 10 families made their way to the event. "Our goal was just to have an event that not necessarily hockey and other stadium programs [participants] would only attend—but other members of our community could enjoy," said Shawna Ford, Administrative Assistant at the Leisure Centre.

"Other Municipalities run a similar program and have had really good turnouts, and their communities have really liked it," said Ford. "So, we thought we'd jump on board."

The Paint the Ice event also marked the end of the skating season. The event took place on Sunday, and on Monday the staff began removing the ice. Ford also gave a quick shout-out to the rink staff who came out to help with the event.



Edson Leisure Centres rink staff helped hand out all the colours and brushes that were needed at the Paint the Ice Event. photo Niki Luymes



Hunter Stunzi and Chole Connolly alongside Connolly's beautiful picture at the first ever Paint the Ice Event. photo Niki Luymes

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D23-029	Plan 0627780 Block 1, Lot 6 SE-30-53-07-W5 Evansburg	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Covered Deck) Variance for Rear Yard Setback	March 30, 2023

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SPACE: consider the elevation, slope, and space available, as well as limitations such as powerlines, buildings, roads, etc.

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ESTS hosts 23rd Annual Trivia Night fundraiser

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Seniors Transportation Society (ESTS) held their 23rd Annual Trivia Night fundraiser on April 1.

The event took place at the Edson Legion with doors opening at 5pm and trivia beginning at 5:30pm. To coincide with the date, this year's Trivia Night was called the 'ESTS April Fools Trivia Night'.

With 27 teams in attendance, the event more than doubled last year's number. "So exciting, and we're hoping to get even bigger next year," said Dawn Mitchell, Executive Director for ESTS.

Each team was composed of maximum six players who put their heads together to challenge 10 rounds of trivia questions. Each round had a specific category and was comprised of different questions. Some of the categories used were, movies and TV, oil and gas, sports, and politics. At the end of the night the winners were chosen based on their overall score.

This year's winning teams were the Orange Dragons in first place, the Wolfe Pack in second, and finally the Vintage People in third place. It was actually a close call for the winners this year. Third place claimed their spot with a tie-breaker question, to clinch it in the final moments. Each

winning team received donated medals. They also received a t-shirt for each member, and of course, bragging rights.

While not all teams could win, there were also many door prizes, a 50/50 draw, and special challenges going on throughout the night. There were also prizes for the Best Dressed team, and most honest team. ESTS received many donated prizes that were given out during the event. "So many people donated to this," said Mitchell. "There are games, prizes, and fun things that we are giving out." Before the trivia began, attendees were able to enjoy a delicious pulled pork supper put together by the Evergreens Foundation.

There were also many special guests at the event. Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara, Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams, and West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long each competed in the event. Yellowhead MP Gerald Soroka came out to read the questions for round two; the Canadian Politics category.

All proceeds from the evening went directly to ESTS. "We are so grateful for the incredible turnout we had for Trivia Night! I spoke with a number of players that said they have been attending every single year for 23 years, and plan to attend again next year. When so many members of a community band together, year after year to

support a specific cause, you know what you are doing matters," said Mitchell.

"In 1985 a society was created because a need for low cost transportation for Seniors and persons with mobility issues had been identified in Edson. My grandmother June Mitchell was actually one of those founding members and sat proudly on the board well into her 80's. 38 years since its inception, there is still the same community need. The ESTS Board of Directors is committed to the original Board's mission to provide safe, affordable transportation to our Seniors and I am so proud to be a part of it," Mitchell concluded.



The 'Orange Dragons' were the winners of ESTS 2023 Trivia night on April 1. photo submitted



'The Wolfe Pack' took second place at the Edson Seniors Transport Trivia night held at the Edson Legion. photo submitted



Third place at the ESTS Trivia night went to the 'Vintage People'. photo submitted



MP Gerald Soroka came out to read the question for round 2, the Canadian Politics category at the ESTS Annual Trivia Night. photo Niki Luymes

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Local schools take part in Youth Water, Energy, Climate Leadership Summit

Holy Redeemer Catholic High School and GYPSD's Harry Collinge High School in Hinton recently took part in award-winning Youth Water, Energy and Climate Leadership Summit.

These schools were two of the 20 high schools selected to participate in Inside Education's 12th in-person 2023 Generate/Navigate Youth Leadership Summit in Canmore, Alberta.

High schools from across Alberta and northeast BC were selected by the award-winning environmental and natural resource charity to come together in Canmore to better understand the science, issues, technology, and careers related to energy, climate, and water.

During the three-day Summit, six students and two teachers from each of the 20 schools were given a unique opportunity to meet and engage with over 70 expert guests from academic institutions, industry, government, Alberta's Indigenous community, and environmental groups. Experts included Jasveen Brar, ED of the Youth Climate Lab (and Generate 2013 student-participant), Jacob Irving, CEO Energy Council of Canada, and Autumn EagleSpeaker from Keepers of the Water.

"The work Inside Education does to encourage and facilitate critical thinking provides youth with a unique opportunity to connect with decision makers, and illuminates for them that they can influence decisions and don't have to wait to get involved," Harry Collinge High School teacher Andre Morson said in a recent letter to Inside Education.

160 students and teachers participated in a series of hands-on energy and water-focused workshops, such as wind turbine model-building and DNA extractions from local water with University of Alberta professor Dr. Patrick Hanington, along with various off-site



160 students and teachers gathered in Canmore for the Generate/Navigate Youth Environmental Leadership Summit. Photos by Jordon Hon

experiences, including guided tours of hydroelectric dams and snow sampling.

Upon completion of the Summit, each school is challenged to develop and implement an education and action project to engage their peers and their community about the energy, climate, and water topics they learned about throughout the Summit. These projects will occur from Spring Break to the end of the school year and beyond.

"We expect to see a multitude of positive outcomes as a result of each school's participation in the Summit. What has already become apparent is that students left Generate/Navigate informed, inspired, and

empowered to work toward a sustainable future for our environment, economy, and society," according to Kathryn Wagner, Inside Education Program Director.

Inside Education is Alberta's largest environmental and natural resource education charity. In addition to province-wide Youth Leadership Summits like Generate/Navigate, Inside Education is committed to inspiring students and providing support for K-12 school teachers through various avenues, including in-class learning resources, interactive presentations, experiential field trips, securing grant money where needed, and much more.

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Correction: March 27, 2023 issue, page 10. The top of the page photo and bottom photo descriptions were transposed. The top photo is: Wilson Hockey Winners A Level. The bottom photo is: Wilson Hockey Winners B Level. Our apologies for the confusion. See our online edition for the corrected descriptions.



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GYPSD schools encourage cultural diversity

GNS: GYPSD Good News Story

Holi celebrated at Edson and Jasper Schools...

Cultural diversity is a valued aspect of Canadian society and GYPSD schools are encouraged to provide learning experiences whereby all students have opportunities to develop pride in their cultural heritage, self-esteem and understanding of Canada's culture.

For example on March 8th, Holi, also known as the Festival of Colours, Festival of Spring, and Festival of Love, is one of Hinduism's most popular and significant festivals, and was celebrated in both Jasper and Edson schools.

Holi is the festive day to end and rid oneself of past errors, to end conflicts by meeting others, a day to forget and forgive. It also marks the start of spring, an occasion for people to enjoy the changing seasons and make new friends.

Students at École Westhaven School in Edson in Ms. MacPhail's class celebrated this colourful festival by tie dyeing t-shirts!

Junior kindergarten students from the Roots and Wings program at École Jasper Elementary School added bright colours to the snow outside the school in the morning and bright-coloured chalk paint to their faces in the afternoon. Principal Bouchard was delighted to have his face painted by the three and four-year-olds!



Edson RCMP investigate string of arsons in Edson area

Fires continue to trouble community

(RCMP) – Edson RCMP are investigating a string of arsons that have occurred in and around Edson and Yellowhead County. Since March 10, 2023, RCMP have investigated 6 such arsons which have included, wood logs, an old recreational bus, stored tires, a play set, 3 town of Edson vehicles and an abandoned church that sustained minor damage.

The Edson RCMP General Investigative Section has been deployed to assist with the investigations. RCMP are looking into the possibility that some or all of these fires

were set by the same person. “These fires are troubling for our community and we are ensuring that the proper resources are being deployed to investigate this matter,” says Edson Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant Christian Delisle.

If you have any information about these incidents or those responsible please call the Edson RCMP at 780-723-8800 . If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com

~ Obituary ~

Dennis Edward Hill

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Dennis Edward Hill of Spruce Grove, Alberta on Friday, March 31st at the age of 81 years.

Left to mourn his loss, his loving wife of 59 years, Deanna (Rukavina), and their three children; daughter Danette Loewen of Red Deer and her daughters, Katelyn Daoust (Peter) and Kallie (Brayden); daughter Darlene Laidlaw (Jim) of Calgary and their son, Liam (Danica), and daughter, Jane; son Derek Hill (Mellissa) of Whitecourt and their daughter, Isabella, and son, Soren.

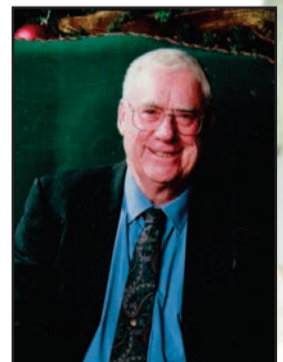
Dennis was predeceased by his father and mother, Charles Edward and Dorothy (Mitchell) Hill, brothers Jim and Ken and sister Marilyn.

Dennis was born, grew up and was educated in the town of Edson, Alberta. He felt that he was born in the right place at the right time. Edson was a great place for a young man to grow up. Hunting, trapping, fishing, swimming, hockey, baseball and basketball, with a great group of friends along the way.

Dennis worked on seismic, drilling and pipeline crews, then on to three years with the Department of Highways, surveyor and road construction. His lifelong career started with Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas in 1966. During the next twenty-eight years, Dennis went from Roustabout to Operations Superintendent of the Edson/Whitecourt district. He retired in 1994 with Amoco Canada at age 53. Dennis worked as a consultant for several oil companies and then started his own company, Hill Resource Services, which developed emergency response plans for oil and gas production companies.

Dennis and Deanna travelled to numerous locations on vacations. Some of the highlights were Australia, New Zealand, London, Paris, Venice, Rome and Athens, among others. For many years they spent the winter months in Arizona or Florida. They enjoyed golfing, bocce and shuffleboard in Sun City, Arizona and loved their morning walks on Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

A service took place on Thursday, April 6th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish 4803 - 6th Ave. Edson, AB. with interment at the Glenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, Capital Care Norwood Hospice Edmonton or the Alberta Cancer Foundation.



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Figure 1. Map from existing site (A) to new proposed site (B), distance 0.3km

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Edson Forest Area wildfire update

Since January 1, 2023, there have been four wildfires in the Edson Forest Area burning a total of 1.66 ha.

Wildfires occasionally happen during winter conditions, be aware of your surroundings and ensure you always have sufficient firefighting equipment in case your fire escapes.

Provincial wildfire update

Since January 1, 2023 in the Forest Protection Area, there have

been 16 wildfires burning a total 3.29 ha. Wildfire season is from March 1 - October 31. Fire permits are required for all burning, with the exception of a campfire in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta during wildfire season.

Alberta Wildfire urges everyone who conducted burning projects this winter to return and ensure the piles are fully extinguished. Scan the ashes by looking, smelling and carefully feeling with your bare hand for any signs of smoke or heat.



Firefighters are currently being tested and trained in preparation for the season. 300 firefighters and 400 support members will be joining our team in the coming months.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Elizabeth Rose Jensen

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our Mother and loving Wife Elizabeth (Liz) Rose Jensen.

Liz passed away on March 30, 2023 at the age of 84, in Edmonton, Alberta. Liz is survived by her husband Jim Jensen, her 3 children Stuart, Wayne, and Donna, as well as 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

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April 12,19,26: Gymnastics & Dance Combo. Ages 2-5 10:30-11:00am ages 6+ 11:00-11:45am Peers Community Centre. Visit www.yhcounty.ca for more info. Please register by March 31 by emailing ntarves@yhcounty.ca or call 780-723-4800

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6pm with a park memorial and time capsule unveiling. Be a part of history

July 20: Bear Chase Triathlon. At Bear Lake Campground Registration opens May 24. Ages 3-13 Heats begin at 5:30pm.

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New Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership supports Alberta's ag sector

In Alberta, the partnership represents \$508 million in funding over five years that will provide grants to programs that support the needs of Alberta's agriculture and agri-food sector.

Alberta's programs will aim to create new jobs and spur growth in the agriculture sector by supporting value-added processing competitiveness, attracting new investment and expanding irrigation capacity that will boost crop production.

"The new Sustainable CAP provides flexibility to deliver programs that will help producers grow their business and improve productivity while addressing the unique challenges of farming in Alberta. Alberta's producers are among the best in the world when it comes to sustainable practices, and we will continue to support their efforts to

feed the world while protecting the environment for generations to come." —*Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation*

"The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership is an ambitious way forward while we collaborate to ensure economic, environmental and social success for the sector. This historic investment will help producers and processors in Alberta to innovate, to grow, to prosper and to be competitive." —*Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada*

The programs will also continue protecting plant and animal health and animal welfare, managing risks to Alberta's natural resources and investing in producer-led agriculture research.

Producers also have access to an enhanced suite of business risk management programs to help them manage significant risks that threaten the viability of their farms and are beyond their capacity to manage.

In total, the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) is a five-year, \$3.5-billion investment by Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments that supports Canada's agri-food and agri-products sectors. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5-billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

Compared with the current partnership, which expires at the end of the month, there is a \$500-million increase in cost-shared funding. Half of this additional funding will help develop and implement the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program, which will support carbon sequestration, and protect grasslands and wetlands on agricultural lands.

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership comes into effect April 1 and replaces the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP).

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