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Town finalizes 2022 Budgets

Edson Town Council has adjusted the 2022 Capital and Operating Budgets. The Final Budgets were passed at Tuesday's Council Meeting and use a 5.22% tax increase. This is up 0.32% from the Interim Budget in December.

The total Operating expenditures are \$24,817,662, and total taxation to be generated is \$11,996,736.

About 2.60% of that increase is to offset the COVID recovery plan, which included a taxation decrease in the 2020 emergency budget. This change will reduce the 5-6 year COVID recovery plan to 2 years. It also decreases the total amount of reserves required to offset taxes, improving the Town's financial position and ability to respond to future challenges and new priorities.

Council and Administration recognize the

immense pressures being felt by the public at this time and have worked hard to balance the need to keep costs to a minimum with the challenges faced by all departments with external pressures. Inflationary pressures make up a large portion of the taxation increase, with about 2% going to increased electricity costs alone.

With the taxation set, Council has also passed the 2022 Mill Rate Bylaw. The Town of Edson's overall taxable assessment has increased by 2.39%. This is used to generate the taxation revenue and is what drives the mill rate calculations for Municipal taxes, School, and Evergreens Requisitions. This has led to a slight increase in the municipal residential and non-residential mill rates.

2022 Residential Mill

rates:

Municipal mill rate – 6.3126 mills (2021 mill rate – 6.0950 mills) Evergreens Foundation mill rate – 0.5195 mills (2021 mill rate – 0.4531 mills) School mill rate - 2.6631 mills (2021 mill rate – 2.6854 mills) 2022 Total Combined mill rate – 9.4952 mills (2021 mill rate – 9.2335 mills)

2022 Non-residential Mill rates:

Municipal mill rate – 15.2443 mills (2021 mill rate – 14.9624 mills) Evergreens Foundation mill rate – 0.5195 mills (2021 mill rate – 0.4531 mills) School mill rate - 3.8880 mills (2021 mill rate – 4.0157 mills) 2022 Total Combined mill rate – 19.6518 mills (2021 mill rate – 19.4312 mills)

Council has also approved the 2022 Revised Capital Budget. The budget includes a few carry-over projects from 2021, as well as Vision Park diamond and

playground upgrades, Glenwood Park upgrades, and a number of other large projects highlighted below.

- \$20,000,000 in grant funding towards the Multi Use Facility
- \$2,200,000 towards the Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program
- \$2,038,000 for work around Wase Creek
- \$100,000 for highway crossing lights
- \$415,000 for Civic Centre Boiler/LED lighting (\$350,000 covered by grants)

The total Capital Budget amounts to \$32,166,192, funded 21.3% from reserves, 0.5% from cost-sharing, and 78.2% from grants.

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Edson Town Council puts Multi-Use Recreation Facility plans on hold to seek alternative proposals

by Adrienne Tait

Council pushed pause on the proposed joint use multiplex facility at the Tuesday Council meeting. The deadline for proposals was March 25th and both proposals received came in well over the \$70 million budget.

Clark Builders/TBD Architects' proposal came in at \$84,349,308 (\$496 per sq. ft) while the EllisDon/Stantec HMCA's proposal was \$90,819,951 (\$436 per sq. ft.). The original construction budget was \$58mil with a \$12mil contingency for additional owner costs. The received proposals were between 45% - 57% higher than the target price for the design-build portion of the project.

In addition to price point concerns, the proposals differed from each other in both size and amenities.

Mayor Zahara said it could be argued that the smaller of the two "would not work for our community."

County and Town Councils both voted in favour of rejecting the project proposals outright.

The recommendation was then made that "alternative proposals for an equivalent project" be pursued and was passed at the council meeting. When asked if "equivalent project" meant looking for alternative plans for a recreation centre or if the wording opened up the possibility of pursuing a new Civic centre, library, arts center (or other major project discussed in the last few council terms) Mayor Zahara said the intent is to pursue a "similar concept with recreation programming under one roof."

In a release from the Town the high bid was attributed mainly to supply chain issues, commodity prices, and labour shortages. "This

type of price escalation is not normal and is based on the current situation in the world. There is always a certain amount of inflation expected but nothing like this," said Zahara in a follow up interview.

Adding to the complexity of the situation is the \$20mil in federal grant funding that has been secured and designated for the original project. Mayor Zahara confirmed the grant was pledged based on the scope as outlined. However, the steering committee and administration for Town and Council are working with the grant administrators to ensure the grant can be used on an alternative project. Construction inflation has become a problem across the country and the grant administrators recognized the challenge.

"While they can't guarantee a change to our grant approval with a different project submission, they were open to working with us to facilitate the best submission possible for the grant, and for the Town and County. Ensuring that \$20 Million is available for the project is critically important," said Zahara.

If the project does not move forward in some form the funding is then lost - that potential loss is pushing the two municipalities to work together towards another proposal.

"We have said all along that the project needs to be within the budget outlined. We are committed to a financially viable project. This is a prudent decision and allows us to regroup and find an alternative. I'm proud of the work we are doing collaboratively with the County and confident we will find a solution with the incredible administrative teams we have in place," said Mayor Zahara.

costs for the municipalities.

Unfortunately, supply issues, commodity prices, labour shortages and other international factors hampered the proponents' efforts to remain within the firm \$58 million construction budget target.

Both municipal Councils, as well as the project Steering Committee, plan to meet in the coming weeks to determine alternative paths forward to ensure an equivalent facility is developed for the community.

County Council agrees to reject Multiplex over-budget design/build proposals

by Shaylyn Thornton

Following discussions at their meetings on April 19, both of the municipal Councils from Yellowhead County and the Town of Edson shared a news release regarding the Joint Recreation Multi-Use Facility.

Two Design Build proposals were received with pricing for the facility by the March 25 deadline, with Clark Builders/TBD Architects' proposal coming in at \$84,349,608 (\$496 per sq ft) and EllisDon/Stantec HMCA's proposal coming in at \$90,819,951 (\$436 per sq ft).

The Design Build of the project had a target price of \$58 million (an amount which allowed \$12 million for owner costs associated with the project). The proposals were 45% to 57% higher than the target.

County Director of Community Services Deborah Juch noted, "The proposals were for Design Build and so the buildings that were proposed by each of the submitters were slightly different. Different [amenity] inclusions, different sizes." A detailed comparative evaluation has not been completed.

Juch also said that the joint YCE Steering Committee met to review these proposal results on April 14, while the Project Management Committee (made up of two administrative representatives from each side) had previously met with grant advisors from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to discuss the options given the pricing challenges.

Following their April 14 meeting, the YCE Steering Committee made the following two resolutions:

1. That the YCE Steering Committee recommend to Town and County Councils that the Proposals received on March 25, 2022 to Design Build the YCE Multi-Use Facility be rejected as they exceed budget.
2. That the YCE Steering Committee recommend to Town and County Councils that the YCE

Steering Committee be directed to work on alternative proposals to ensure an equivalent project is built for our community.

County Administration recommended that those resolutions be passed by Yellowhead County Council.

"I'm having a little bit of difficulty working with the words 'equivalent project' because if we try and build the same thing, I don't expect any reason why the numbers are going to come down," said Councillor David Russell. "Equivalent projects,' plural, might maybe work but other than that I don't see how that's going to work."

CAO Luc Mercier addressed Russell's concerns. "Perhaps we could use the verbiage of 'equivalent utility,'" Mercier said. "I think that was the intent, is that there would be the equivalent utility in our community going forward, which would give more of an option to look at anything that would provide the same sort of rink usage, pool, and rec area."

Russell noted that he didn't want to get into "wordsmithing" before noting, "I feel confident that our Steering Committee will meet and over a significant period of time will come forward with various proposals and at that time Council can hash through what is presented."

While the County's meeting was a Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting, which are typically "non-decision days," Mayor Wade Williams said, "We do feel that this is time sensitive and that is why this came before Council today."

County Council voted unanimously to reject all proposals received on March 25, 2022 for the Design Build of the YCE Multi-Use Facility due to exceeding budget, and to direct the YCE Steering Committee to work on alternative proposals to ensure an equivalent project is built for our community.

Edson & County Recreation Multi-Use Facility Update

Release: April 19, 2022

The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County are discussing the next steps for the Joint Recreational Multi-Use Facility Project.

The project's Steering Committee met last week to review two submissions received through the Request for Proposal process which closed on March 25, 2022. The submissions were priced well over budget at \$84,350,000 and \$90,820,000, not including administrative

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Guest Editorial/Comment

Oil and gas leads Canadian spending on environmental protection

Statistics Canada reports that producers spent \$3.1B on environmental protection in 2019, the highest of all 20 industries in the survey

by Deborah Jaremko,
Canadian Energy Centre

The latest numbers show how much businesses in Canada spend on environmental protection, and it's another year with the oil and gas sector way ahead of the pack.

Statistics Canada reports that oil and gas producers spent \$3.1 billion on environmental protection in 2019, the highest of all 20 industries in the annual survey.

The investment by oil and gas producers represents more than one-third of total environmental protection spending in Canada.

It's more than triple the spending of the next-highest industry on the list, mining and quarrying, at \$882 million. Coming in third is primary metal manufacturing, at \$786 million in 2019.

Statistics Canada's report on environmental protection spending includes operating costs like salaries and services, as well as capital costs like machinery and equipment.

All must be used to prevent, reduce or eliminate environmental degradation, or restore the environment from a degraded state.

Oil and gas is the only

industry that spent more in 2019 on machinery and equipment (59 per cent) to do this than on salaries and services (41 per cent). By comparison, 35 per cent of mining and quarrying's spending went to capital costs and 65 per cent to operating expenses.

Across sectors, businesses spent the most on wastewater management (\$3.3 billion), followed by solid waste management (\$1.9 billion) and air pollution management (\$1.6 billion).

The highest expenditure by province occurred in Alberta, where companies in all sectors spent nearly \$3.4 billion on environmental protection in 2019.

This represents almost 40 per cent of spending across the country, which Statistics Canada says is because of the prominence of the oil and gas industry. Next highest was businesses in Ontario, which spent approximately \$2 billion on environmental protection in 2019.

Deborah Jaremko is director of content for the Canadian Energy Centre, an Alberta government corporation funded in part by taxes paid by industry on carbon emissions. -

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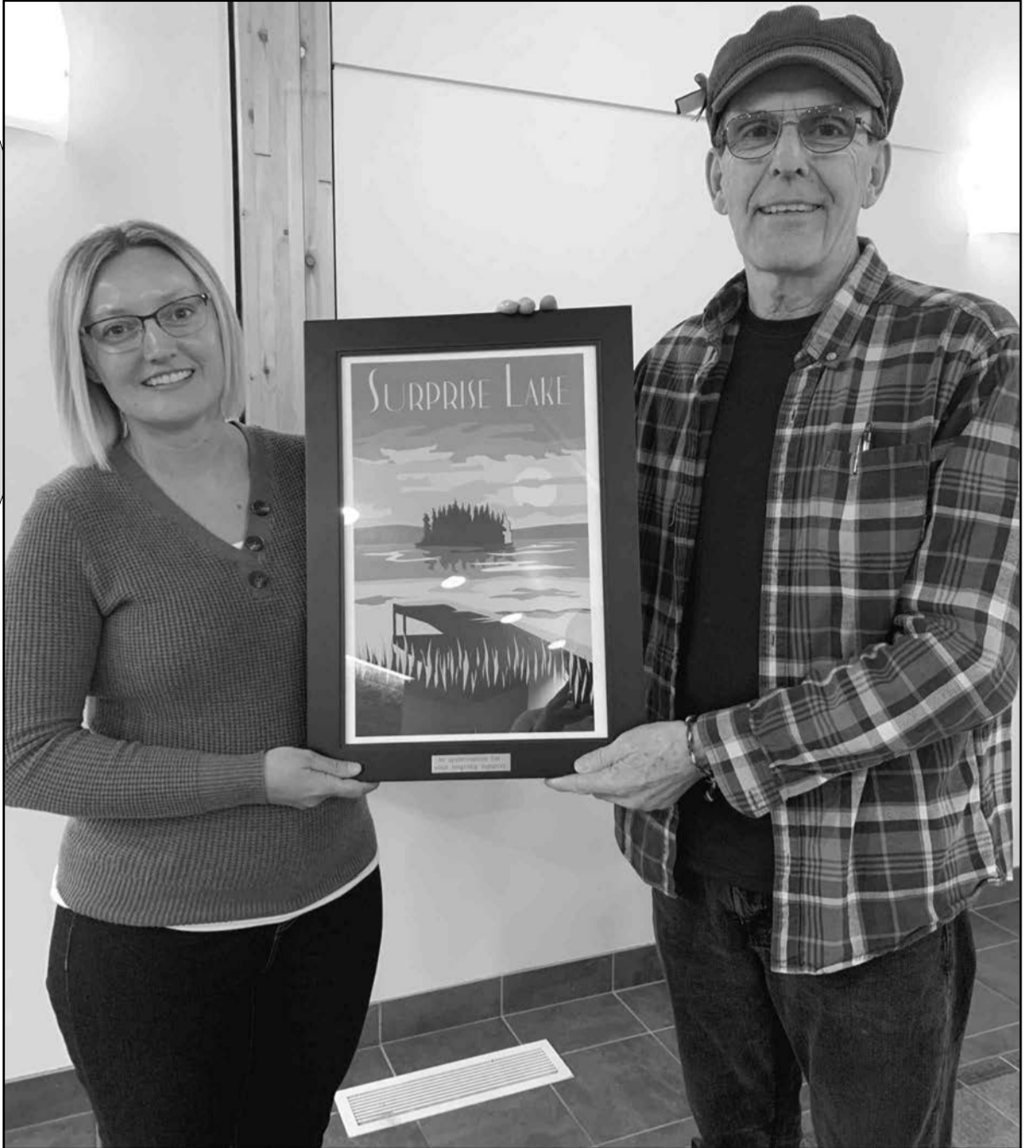


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Alberta Wildfire launches new information apps

by Caroline Charbonneau, Edson Forest Area Wildfire Information Officer

Alberta Wildfire has launched two new web applications that put important wildfire management and prevention information at your fingertips.

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Application Deadline May 15

To apply for Spring Dust Control (Calcium Chloride), **submit payment and application before the deadline.**

The application form is available online at www.yhcounty.ca or at the Wildwood or Edson office.

- 1. Applications for Dust Control can be made at our Wildwood and Edson offices.**
- 2. Each ratepayer is entitled to an application of Calcium Chloride, 200 metres in length, for a fee of \$215.00.**

*(This fee represents approximately 33% of the total cost for the dust control application. Full application costs will apply for any requests over 200 metres.)**

- 3. The fee must accompany the application.**
- 4. Spring Applications must be received by May 15, 2022.**

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.

*Dust Control Policy #3200.02



Mountain Pine Beetle Removal in Your Area

Mountain Pine Beetle Surveys will be conducted on pine trees in Yellowhead County. Survey crews will require access to private property to conduct surveys and will provide identification upon request.

Follow up control activities will be conducted until completed. Only trees that are heavily hit by beetles will be removed.

You can expect to see smoke and flame in the forest. However, if you suspect it's a wildfire, please report it by calling 310-FIRE.

How can I tell if my trees have been attacked?
 Look for creamy globs that look like crystalized honey, called pitch tubes, and sawdust at the base of the tree and in the bark's crevices.

If my tree is attacked, will it die?
 Unfortunately, yes. Trees successfully attacked by mountain pine beetles usually die within one year.

What do I do if my tree is infested?
 If you suspect a Mountain Pine Beetle infestation on your property, please contact the Yellowhead Agriculture Department in Wildwood for assistance at 1-800-814-3935.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Community Peace Officer
LOCATION: EDSON, AB
COMPETITION NO. 22-025**

Reporting to the Peace Officer Sergeant, the Community Peace Officer is part of the overall Protective Services Department team working to promote public safety and community standards through education and enforcement of Yellowhead County bylaws and appointed provincial acts.

The salary range is currently \$80,055 - \$101,350 per year.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply please submit resumes online at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until **Friday April 29, 2022**. This competition might be used to fill future vacancies.

We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

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COMPETITION NO. 22-024**

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The salary range is currently \$56,930 - \$72,065 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

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For poultry producers and owners with backyard flocks or pet birds, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) website contains resources on avian flu and biosecurity measures.

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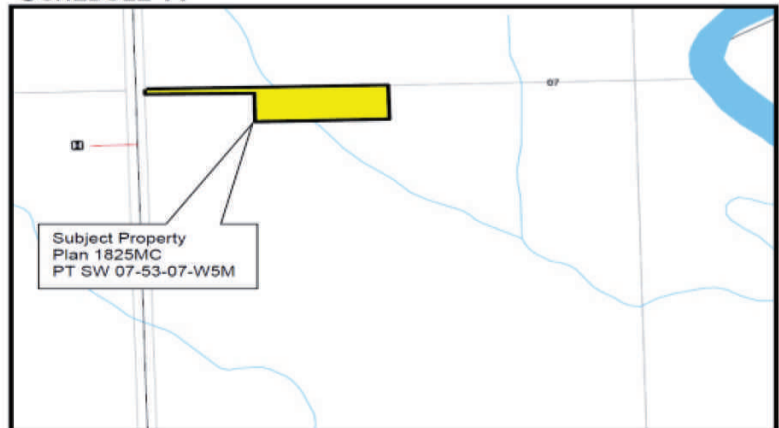
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GRAZING LEASE AVAILABLE FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSE

A lease on the subject property will be expiring at the end of May 2022. In anticipation, Yellowhead County Administration is seeking letters of interest for the 4.26 acres coming available. Lease pricing will be established by current Yellowhead County policy. Administration is requesting letters of interest for this opportunity which will be shared with Yellowhead County Council for evaluation and a decision. As such, prospective lessees should include statements as to why they feel they should be selected by Council for this opportunity.

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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D22-040	Plan 9621056, Blk 3, Lot 14 SE 25-50-26-W5 Seabolt Area	Home Business Small - Bicycle Rental, Repair, Refurbishment, Sales, Recycling & Motorcycle Tours and Repair	Apr 5/22
D22-044	Plan 7921035, Blk 10, Lot 3 NE 05-47-23-W5 Cadomin	Single Detached Dwelling & Existing Accessory Building (Shed) - Variance for Rear Yard Setback	Apr 5/22
D22-045	SW 07-54-10-W5 Chip Lake Area	Accessory Building (Greenhouse)	Apr 5/22
D22-052	Plan 9620294, Lot 1 SE 31-52-17-W5 Edson Area	Accessory Building (Shop) with Two Lean To's	Apr 5/22
D22-046	SE 21-54-17-W5 Edson Area	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Attached Garage) - Variance to Front Yard Setback	Apr 6/22
D22-055	Plan 9420471, Lot 1 SW 26-53-09-W5 Wildwood	Accessory Building (Fuel Storage Tanks)	Apr 13/22
D22-061	Plan 0021462, Blk 2, Lot 1 NW 19-53-17-W5 Edson Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage	Apr 19/22

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw.

The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board** or **Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal** dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$300.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision. Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

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Q: WHAT'S A MATH TEACHER'S FAVORITE WINTER SPORT?
A: FIGURE SKATING.



"YOU SAY YOU JUST THREW THIS DISH TOGETHER ...WHERE DID IT LAND?"

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SWAMP

by Gary Clark



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Medicine Lodge Rodeo

Fri May 13, 2022 (All Girls Events) 4:00 PM

Sat/Sun May 14 & May 15, 2022 (WRA/Local Events) 1:00 PM

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SENIOR GIRLS EVENTS

	<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>ADDED PURSE</u>
SR BARREL RACING	\$25.00	\$200.00
SR POLE BENDING	\$25.00	\$200.00
SR GUNNYSACK RACE	\$25.00	\$200.00
STEER UNDECORATING	\$25.00	\$200.00
COW RIDING	\$25.00	\$200.00

JUNIOR GIRLS EVENTS

	<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>ADDED PURSE</u>
JR BARREL RACING	\$15.00	\$100.00
JR POLE BENDING	\$15.00	\$100.00
JR GUNNYSACK RACE	\$15.00	\$100.00

OPEN GIRLS EVENTS

	<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>ADDED PURSE</u>
RESCUE RACE (2 PER TEAM)	\$25.00	\$200.00
BLOOMER RACE (3 PER TEAM)	\$30.00	\$100.00

ADDED EVENT

	<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>ADDED PURSE</u>
MUTTON BUSTIN' (6 yrs & under)	\$1.00	

WRA EVENTS

	<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>ADDED PURSE</u>
SADDLE BRONC	\$75.00	\$2,000.00
BAREBACK	\$75.00	\$4,000.00
BULL RIDING	\$75.00	\$2,000.00
TIE-DOWN ROPING	\$75.00	\$800.00
STEER WRESTLING	\$75.00	\$800.00
LADIES BARREL RACING	\$75.00	\$800.00
TEAM ROPING (single entry)	\$75.00	\$1,600.00
JR BARREL RACING	\$20.00	\$300.00
JR BULL RIDING	\$20.00	\$800.00
JR STEER RIDING	\$20.00	\$300.00
NOVICE HORSE RIDING	\$20.00	\$800.00
JR BREAKAWAY ROPING	\$20.00	\$300.00

ADDED LOCAL EVENTS

	<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>ADDED PURSE</u>
MUTTON BUSTIN' (6 yrs & under)	\$1.00	
COWGIRL COW RIDING (SAT)	\$20.00	\$300.00
RIDING LAWN MOWER RACES	\$50.00	\$250.00/ each

ALL GIRLS EVENT ENTRY: April 29 & 30, 2022
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County updates Regional Landfill Agreements

by Shaylyn Thornton

Yellowhead County Council heard from CAO Luc Mercier at their April 12 meeting regarding revisions to the Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority Agreement, as well as a new Management Agreement.

The revised Authority Agreement helps clearly outline the duties of each authority partner, how new partners are introduced into the authority, financial obligations and processes of the authority, the need for an administrative head for the authority, as well as the general operations of the authority.

The Authority Agreement states that the vision of the Authority is to be the leader in regional waste reduction through collaborative efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle, recover and the effective management of waste in the West Yellowhead Region.

The agreement is between Yellowhead County, the Town of Hinton, the Town of Edson, and the Municipality of Jasper. There are also plans to have the MD of Greenview (Grande Cache area) join the agreement, so long as they agree to all of the conditions in the revised agreement.

The Authority Board also determined there was a need for an administrative head for the operations and finances of the Authority. The Management Agreement outlines the duties, payment, termination, as well as dispute resolution processes involved with the position.

Yellowhead County was recommended as the new administrative head with a start date of May 1, 2022 to accommodate the current consultant who has given notice for the end of April.

The initial year will have a \$100,000 payment for the administration of the Authority, which is based on the current rate and will be reviewed after the first year to ensure it is an accurate reflection of the costs and ensure the Authority is paying its fair share.

CAO Mercier said, "I'm excited to be able to present this to Council today. I was very pleased to be able to work collectively with all four CAOs and the Authority Board to bring forward this new way of maybe doing business for the Authority."

"These agreements change and differentiate how we would do business going forward," continued Mercier. "It is my perception and recommendation that this will be a good way to

proceed going forward. I also have a very optimistic view on the operational efficiencies of this new set of agreements if all municipalities can adopt them."

Mercier recommended that Council for Yellowhead County approve becoming the administrative head of the Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority and further that Council approve the Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority and the Management Agreements as presented.

Councillor Shawn Berry moved that motion before adding a comment. "There's a lot of people to thank for their hard work that went into this," he said. "This is not a perfect agreement and it will need to be watched and monitored closely by the Board as stated, but this is the best thing that's happened in a decade for this Authority and I'm really glad this is taking place right now. I want to say thank you to everybody."

Councillor Dawn Mitchell agreed. "I just want to thank you because that's a really well written document and I know you worked really hard with the other CAOs to come up with this," she said to Mercier. "This Authority Board... has been a source of frustration and it is moving in the right direction. I really believe that."

"I too would like to add my thanks for the

development of this and working through the issues," said Councillor David Russell. "As a previous board member on the Waste Authority, we had a great deal of difficulty trying to make things work well and this looks like a really good positive step. So thank you to our CAO and to all the other CAOs for working this through. I very much appreciate it."

Mayor Wade Williams expressed concern that the \$100,000 the County would receive would be "very, very light." "There's going to be a lot of travel expense from this area to the landfill on quite a regular basis, and especially to start with," he said, asking Mercier if corrections would be made after the first year if needed.

"Most definitely," Mercier responded. "Our intent and discussion with the Board and with the other CAOs is that we would review that cost after a year. It's actually written right into the agreement just so we can review it to ensure its compatibility."

Williams thanked all the CAOs, the Authority, and everyone involved for the time put in towards revising the agreements. "My opinion is something definitely had to happen," he said.

Council voted unanimously to approve Yellowhead County becoming the administrative head of the Authority, as well as to approve the two agreements as presented.

Edson RCMP respond to Break and Enter at local gas plant

Edson RCMP:

Edson RCMP received a report of a break and enter in progress at a local gas plant, located in Brazeau County. Surveillance showed three males had entered the plant and were damaging it by breaking light towers and cutting hydraulic power cables. Damage to the site was estimated to be more than \$5000.


Edson RCMP attended the scene and located a suspicious vehicle close to the gas plant containing three males. The three males

were arrested and RCMP obtained a search warrant for the vehicle. Various items, including copper wire, was recovered from the truck.

Two males ages 44 and 46 of Drayton Valley and one male age 68 of Buck Lake have been charged with: Break and Enter; Mischief causing damage to property over \$5000.

All three males were released on conditions and will be appearing in Edson Provincial Court on May 17, 2022.

April 14, 2022



Priority 1: Student Learning

Superintendent Youth Council Reps Share How They Know They Know.

How do you know as a high school student that you are learning?

Any teacher letting me know that I am able to do the subject and or me being like I've retained a lot of the information.	-I know more about the subjects I am taking	-I am able to understand and explain what I am learning to others	applying knowledge learnt in school in real life situation	the ability to explain outside of school grounds in order to educate	being able to make educated decisions	self discipline within studying
You use it in your daily life the knowledge is very accessible to you.	Able to teach others because I feel like I am very knowledgeable in the subject	-If I'm able to explain or summarize the subject matter to someone	Help others with the things you are learning (tutoring). If you cannot recite what you are learning then it's likely that you don't understand the content	Curiosity = deeper understanding	You're gaining information that you can apply	When you enjoy learning
What makes these "things you see" visible to you and why?						
Not afraid to ask questions	Helping others who are struggling because you understand the concept well	2.You'd be able to tutor someone you can remember the subject very easily.	Active class discussion among (all) students.	When the students learn well, they begin to enjoy the class more	the students may be less stressed	less complaining
Hearing students talk to each other not just the teacher talking	being able to trade ideas and express yourself through education to what you learn/learned	applying reason and being a rational thinker	knowing right from wrong	reality and/or presentation	things coming easily to daily life	




GNS: Good News Story

Researcher and learning expert, John Hattie, was one of the first to compile a list of high-effect learning factors which he published in his text, *Visible Learning*. Long story short, he looked at the results of thousands of research studies and was able to confirm that some instructional approaches work better than others.

Near the top of his effect list, Hattie noted the influence on student learning when the students self-report on their grades. But in the absence of grades, how do students know that they know?

Continuing their leadership journey in the SYC, students recently met to discuss these questions: "How do you know as a student that you are learning?" and "What makes these things you see visible to you and why?"

The resulting answers and group discussions were truly insightful and provided valuable insight for Superintendent Lewis and the Division to ensure that our objectives continue to move student learning forward in the right direction!



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March 4A Cure**HRH raises money for Alberta Cancer Foundation**

(HRH) Earlier in the school year, the Holy Redeemer March 4A Cure team made a goal of raising \$5000. Now the event has finished, they are proud to say they have raised a record breaking \$24,000!

“This year was by far our most successful year ever,” says March 4A Cure Organizer Mike Bachinsky who noted that this year's amount crushed the old record of \$16,800. “We had a number of younger students step forward this year to take over the reins of the program and it went exceptionally well.”

Each year the March 4A Cure campaign raises money for the Alberta Cancer Foundation. Including this year's funds, the twelve year total has amassed over \$140,000!

Throughout the month of March and into early April, the students on the March 4A Cure team organized a number of different events and activities in order to raise money. Some of the activities included a basketball free-throw competition, bake sale, locker wars (bidding on lockers stuffed with all sorts of goodies), and even chicken bingo.

“One of our students brought a chicken to school and people bought different squares on a giant sheet of paper,” says Bachinsky. “Then the chicken was sent out onto the paper and it

chose its favourite square.” There is no need to ask how the chicken chose its favourite square, as one only has to guess how it did that.

All of the events raised far more than anyone expected. The school events were particularly successful as students had not been able to participate in any in-school activities in two years.

In late March, the campaign held its annual online auction courtesy of Patterson's Parts. Once again, tons of money was raised and it was all thanks to the many local businesses that donated some extremely amazing items. The auction raised an incredible \$6000.

During the final week of the campaign, two grade 8 girls, Maya Dalueg and Malaynie Steffler, did something incredibly bold: they cut their hair and donated it to Locks of Love. Then Dalueg took it one step further and shaved her entire head. Both girls raised an incredible amount of money for this amazing cause.

When asked why she shaved her head, Dalueg said, “I'm doing it to support a dear friend who is currently battling cancer. And I think everyone is affected by cancer in one way or another.” Through her fundraising effort, Dalueg raised over \$4000 just herself.

“I was really nervous to do it as I'm so used to having my hair long,” says Steffler. “But it was all for a great cause and I'm really happy I did it. The whole school came out to support us too, which was pretty awesome.”

Special thanks to ladies at Tangled Hair Salon for coming to the school to cut and shave the girls' hair.

Needless to say, this year's March 4A Cure was extremely successful. And even though they just wrapped up this year's event, the team is slowly putting plans together for next year's campaign to be even better.

If you would like more information on this article please feel free to contact the school at 780-723-7437 or holyredeemerhigh.ca. Feel free to visit our social media sites.

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Holy Redeemer grade 8 students Maya Dalueg and Malaynie Steffler raised money to cut their hair and donate it to "Locks of Love". Then Dalueg took it one step further by shaving her entire head to support a dear friend who is battling cancer. This was all part of the school's March 4A Cure program that raises money for the Alberta Cancer Foundation. This year, the students raised over \$14,000! submitted



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Community gathers for Good Friday pancake breakfast

by Niki Luymes

People of all ages filled the Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School (YKCS) gymnasium to celebrate Good Friday at the 15th annual pancake breakfast and worship service.

The event, hosted by YKCS and organized by local churches, took place on April 15.

It was a time for all members of the Edson community to come together for fellowship and worship. Everyone was welcome to enjoy the pancake breakfast, which started at 9:00am. A Time of worship and preaching followed at 10:30am. Music was provided by Edson Alliance Church, and preaching by Edson Mennonite Church Pastor Tyson Moerike.

This year also included activity kits, put together by Bethel Pentecostal Church, for the kids to enjoy during the service portion.

Due to the pandemic, this was the first time since 2019 that the event has taken place. Despite this, there was a record attendance of an estimated 495 people. At times, the line up for the pancakes even extended out the door.

Even though the event officially ended around 11:45am, there were people enjoying company and conversation until almost 1:00pm.



This year's music at the Good Friday Breakfast and service held at YKCS was provided by (from left to right) Shane Vanderkooi, Jena King, Brooklyn LeBlue, Janine LeBlue, and Devon LeBlue. photo Niki Luymes



People of all ages singing along with songs of worship during the Good Friday service held at YKCS. photo Niki Luymes



Guests of the Good Friday Breakfast held at YKCS enjoyed freshly baked pancakes, served by Craig McPhee and Sarah McPhee. photo Niki Luymes

RCMP recommend strategies to protect against property crime

(RCMP) As we enter the spring and summer seasons, the Alberta RCMP want to urge homeowners to consider Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles when planning their home renovations and seasonal maintenance projects.

CPTED is a set of design principles that aim to reduce opportunities for crime to take place. Making recommended adjustments to a home or business can deter criminals by making it more difficult or less desirable to commit the crime. It can also make you feel safer.

“Citizens play a critical role in keeping their communities safe,” says C/Supt. Peter Tewfik, Alberta RCMP Officer in Charge of Community Safety and Well-being. “By using the principles of CPTED and making simple changes to your property, you can help reduce property crime in Alberta.”

Here are some things to consider when renovating your property:

- Trim your trees and shrubs – Trimming the bottoms of trees allow clear sight lines from inside your house to the curb or edge of the property. In addition, keeping your bushes and shrubs short removes potential hiding places.

- Lighting – Consider installing LED or motion sensor lights around your property. Ensuring your house is adequately lit at night deters criminals for fear of being seen. Solar powered lights are a great option to light up the most remote places on your property. Also leaving lights on in the house when away can provide the illusion that someone is home.

- Cameras – Install exterior cameras around your property. Even the perception of someone watching can be enough to deter a crime.

- Lock up your outdoor valuables – After a long day of yard work, store your lawn mower and other tools in a locked shed or garage and out of sight.

For more tips and information, visit the Alberta RCMP CPTED video playlist on YouTube here:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcKXZtPXANcruAdyWOrXnHqQ3DdG_hcd7

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We would like to invite you to visit the websites below to view each companies upcoming forest activities. We will have a variety of plans available for review including: Area of Operation for 2022-2023 season; Company Reforestation Plans; and Herbicide Treatment Plans.

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Local Journalism matters:

Alberta newspaper files class action against Google and Facebook

Sotos Class Actions of Toronto issued a statement of claim against Google and Facebook March 16th on behalf of the Pass Herald, a community newspaper that serves the Crowsnest Pass area of southwest Alberta. The class action claims damages of one billion dollars against the two tech companies, alleging that Google and Facebook entered into an agreement that allowed them to benefit financially at the expense of other digital publishers.

The statement of claim alleges the two companies engaged in a conspiracy to rig online ad auctions, allocate markets, and fix and maintain prices in the market for display advertising, contrary to the Competition Act. It further alleges that publishers and advertisers suffered significant damages as a result.

Pass Herald publisher Lisa Sygutek has

long been a community supporter, serving two terms as a town councilor, and is actively involved in her industry association, currently serving as Vice President of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association and a member of its Government Affairs committee. Lisa views this action as another way to help her fellow newspaper publishers stay healthy and vibrant in their communities.

Similar legal actions against the two companies have been initiated in the U.S., by the Federal Trade Commission, more than 40 states and by a group of more than 200 newspapers across dozens of states. The lawsuits accuse Google of harming competitors by engaging in false, deceptive, or misleading acts while operating its online ad exchange. It is also alleged that Facebook illegally teamed up with the search giant, one of its biggest competitors in digital advertising.

What started as a small-town community newspaper effort to take a stand against the big tech companies, has turned into a national movement. The News Media Alliance, a national trade group, has not been involved in the litigation, but has been monitoring the lawsuits.

“We fully support this litigation,” News Media Alliance general counsel Danielle Coffey said in a statement.

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Avian influenza cases detected in Alberta flocks; local event cancels

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by Dana McArthur

April 18, 2022: Western Canadian farmers are under significant pressure to protect their flocks from avian influenza.

The majority of provinces now have confirmed cases, including 12 confirmed positive cases at Alberta poultry farms as of April 18. There were no confirmed cases in Yellowhead County as of that date.

Each infected premises has been placed under quarantine. Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has begun an investigation and will be establishing movement control measures on other farms within that area.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Wildwood Ag Society cancelled its upcoming May 7th Odd and Unusual Tailgate Sale, which included bringing birds, rabbits, goats, and sheep to the event.

This is the first time Alberta farms have encountered the virus. A 2004 outbreak in British Columbia devastated chicken farmers there.

Avian influenza is spreading in wild bird populations across the globe and presents a significant national concern as birds migrate to Canada.

The CFIA has advised the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) of the confirmed presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in Canada. "This serves as a strong reminder that avian influenza (bird flu) is spreading across the globe, and that anyone with farm animals must practice good biosecurity habits to protect poultry and prevent disease".

Alberta Agriculture Minister Nate Horner stated, "Recently, Alberta poultry farms have tested positive

for highly pathogenic avian influenza, which was previously detected in migratory waterfowl, backyard flocks and commercial poultry flocks in the eastern United States, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and in a wild bird in Vancouver."

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada said the food industry is making adjustments to maintain supplies of poultry and eggs in the face of the outbreak. There is no current concern about the supply of poultry products.

While most forms of avian flu are mild, H5N1 can cause serious disease and death in birds. The highly pathogenic strain H5N1 has been detected in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta since late 2021

There is no evidence to suggest that the avian influenza virus can be transmitted to humans through the consumption of food, notably poultry and eggs, according to Health Canada. "Although different strains of avian flu virus circulate year-round among birds, the virus does not usually spread to people."

Avian influenza is a viral infection that in almost all cases only affects birds. In the rare case that it is transmitted to humans, it is almost always through direct and prolonged exposure to infected birds.

If you suspect your birds have avian influenza, contact a veterinarian to determine if further action is needed, or your nearest CFIA Animal Health office. Anyone who finds a sick or dead wild bird is encouraged to contact the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at: www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/

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Odd & Unusual Sale

(which was scheduled for May 7)

due to the rising cases of the Avian flu in Alberta.

Contact: wildwoodagsociety@gmail.com

~ Obituary ~

Van Koughnett, Ida Margaret Louise

June 29, 1931-April 8, 2022

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Ida Van Koughnett on Friday April 8, 2022 in Edson Alberta at the age of 90 years.

Ida was born to Katie and Jack Bernesky at home in Connell Creek, Saskatchewan, the sixth of fifteen children. She is predeceased by spouse Clayton Van Koughnett and daughters Darlene Gagne and Sandra Nadeau. Ida is survived by children Dale (Pat) Van Koughnett, Laurie Block, Murray (Annette) Van Koughnett, Stephen Van Koughnett, Russell Van Koughnett and Brian (Dervela) Van Koughnett, numerous grandchildren, great grandchild, nieces and nephews. Ida loved baking, gardening and canning.

A celebration of life will be held at Niton Community Center May 14, 2022, burial will follow June 29, 2022 at Jordan River Cemetery, Saskatchewan. The family invites everyone for the celebration of life. In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made in Ida's name to the charity of one's choice.

Funeral services are provided by:

Foothills Memorial Chapel, 5040 6 Ave, Edson, AB, T7E 1T8 780-723-3575



~ Obituary ~

Norma Harbour

On April 9, 2022, Norma Harbour of Edson, Alberta passed away in Edson at the age of 92 years.

Left to mourn her loss and cherish her memories are her children: David (Ginny) Harbour of Edson, AB, Peter (Leila) Harbour of Edson, AB, Sally Roy of Fairview, AB, Todd (Christina) Harbour of Edson, AB, Carter (Patsy) Langlois of Edson, AB, and her sister Lou (Frank) Harbour of Grande Prairie, AB.

Also surviving are her 10 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. Norma was predeceased by her parents Irvin and Stella Hackett, brother Thorald Hackett, ex husband Ross Harbour, daughter Penny Langlois, and son-in-law Rene Roy.

Norma was born to Irvin Hackett and Stella Suddard on July 28, 1929, in Gaspé, Quebec. As a child she enjoyed her friends, family, school and every summer on the beach. Norma left home at 16 with 2 friends and moved to Montreal, Quebec, then on to Cambridge, Ontario. The three of them worked in housekeeping at a hospital until one day a head nurse asked them if they wanted to take a nursing course. They did their schooling, worked long hours almost every day, for room and board and very little pay. Norma's work ethics paid off then, and in her jobs that followed.

In 1978, Norma moved to Edson, Alberta, from Gaspé, Quebec, and shortly after started working at the Edson hospital as a Registered Nurse. In 1980 the new Nursing Home opened, and she then started working as the Supervisor. Norma felt blessed with the opportunities Edson offered her and lifelong friends she acquired along the way.

Funeral Service will be held on April 29th, 2022 at 2pm at St. Catherine's Anglican Church. Fellowship to follow at the Pioneer cabin. In lieu of floral tributes, donations can be made to the St. Catherine's Anglican Church, Edson, Alberta.

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