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# Pine Grove Hall hosts night out for ladies

by Niki Luymes  
Community Association St Patrick's Night Out for the Ladies.  
There was a unique opportunity for ladies to get out and have some fun at the first ever Pine Grove Hall night that offered food, socialization, and entertainment.  
The event was put on at the Pine Grove Hall on March 17. The doors open at 6pm to a night that offered food, socialization, and entertainment.  
The night began with a wine tasting with paired appetizers and also featured a full bar, spa basket raffle, 50/50 draw, and multiple door prizes. The event culminated with a live performance by Hooper the Fun Hypnotist.  
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# Pine Grove Hall hosts night out for ladies

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\$60, and gave access to all the included activities, with the exception of extra glasses of wine. In total the event sold 110 tickets along with 20 volunteers leading to a full house. "We have been receiving terrific reviews from those who attended. The evening was fun, classy and the food was amazing," said Lindsey Tanghe, president of the Pine Grove Hall Association. Different prizes and services were donated by local businesses, who along with the many volunteers, helped make the night a great one.

The event was entirely put together by the hall association. Pine Grove Hall has been a part of the Edson area for decades, but almost faced closure in 2022. Events like this one were created to encourage use of the facility, while also creating a good time for attendees. "The goal of this event was to bring the ladies of the community together for a fun evening, while fundraising and bringing awareness to Pine Grove Hall. We greatly rely on events and bookings to keep our hall operational," said Tanghe.

"Pine Grove Hall will have more upcoming events, so please watch our website at [pinegrovehall.ca](http://pinegrovehall.ca). We have a meeting once per month and would love to see more members and volunteers join. Volunteers help keep our hall open and our events successful."



Volunteers Jennifer Donovan and Samantha Blackett helped serve up wine, for all the ladies at the Pine Grove Hall Community Association 'St Patrick's Night Out for the Ladies' held on March 17. photo submitted



Hooper the Fun Hypnotist brought the laughs during the first ever St Patrick's Night Out for the Ladies held on March 17, at Pine Grove Hall. photo submitted

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# County hosts 'Playdate in the Park' in Niton

by Niki Luymes

Families in the Niton area enjoyed great opportunity for some outdoor fun at Yellowhead County's 'Playdate in the Park'. On March 24 from 12pm to 2pm, families with kids of all ages were welcome to come enjoy free snacks and activities at the park in Niton.

The people who came out for the event were able to enjoy unstructured activities, alongside a hotdog roast and other snacks. The snacks, bubbles, snow sculptures, and playground equipment kept the kids busy while parents were able to enjoy the social connection, snacks, and warm beverages. "We had a turnout of about 60 people, and the weather held up pretty well for it. It was a great event," said Nicole Tarves, Recreation Coordinator with Yellowhead County.

The event was sponsored, and put together by a partnership between Yellowhead County Parks and Recreation and Yellowhead Family, & Community Support Services (FCSS). It was the first 'Playdate in the Park' event, however, Yellowhead County plans many events like this throughout the year to encourage families to take advantage of local recreation spaces. "We've done a lot of programming with our Parks, but we're hoping to get to all the County parks this year," said Tarves.



Free hotdogs and beverages were only part of the fun offered at Yellowhead County's 'Playdate in the Park' in Niton on March 24. photo submitted



Yellowhead County's 'Playdate In the Park' was great way for families to get out and make the most of local recreation spaces. On March 24, people could come out to the Niton Park to enjoy free food and some unstructured fun. photo submitted

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# County continues Over 50 Fitness Classes in Peers

by Niki Luymes

Yellowhead County is happy to announce the return of the Over 50 Fitness Classes. Starting on April 6, anyone 50 or over can come out to the Peers Multiplex to enjoy an hour of professionally instructed fitness, modified to fit your level.

The over 50 Fitness previously happened over the course of February, with the last official class taking place March 6. But now, it's back with a new name for the month of April. The first 'Prime Time Fitness' class starts on April 6 from 2pm to 3pm, and then repeats every Thursday until April 27. "It's going to be a bit shorter, just four weeks, but it'll be the same day, same place, same time, same instructor," said Nicole Tarves, Recreation Coordinator with Yellowhead County.

Like its predecessor, the Prime Time Fitness Classes are led by Janine LeBlue of Wise Moves Fitness based out of Edson. Each Class contains exercises that can

easily be modified to fit all fitness levels, whether that involves using the heavy weights or sitting for the majority of the class. The first 45 minutes of the class are all about fitness, with the last 15 minutes reserved for conversation or questions about mature fitness. The classes also often include worksheets with exercises for participants to take home and do, if they so desire.

The special fitness classes were brought back after the success of the previous round. "It was brought back by request, all the participants from the last round really enjoyed it," said Tarves, "We are looking for more [participants]. We had a small group last time, which was great, but we'd love to get more people involved in the class."

The classes cost \$35 per person for the whole month or \$10 per class to drop in and check it out. To get more information or to register for the classes you can call 780-723-4800 or email [ntarves@YHcounty.ca](mailto:ntarves@YHcounty.ca).

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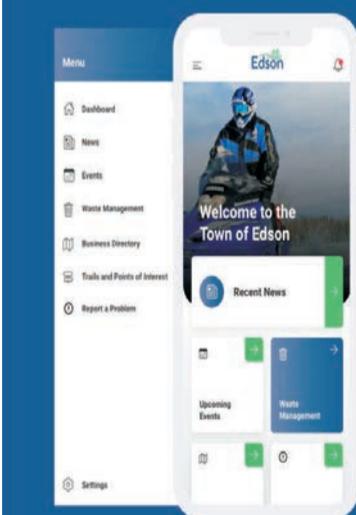
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## Guest Editorial/Comment

**More taxes: Thanks shrinkflation!**

*It is unacceptable that, with 'shrinkflation', consumers get less and are taxed more*

by Sylvain Charlebois

As if shrinkflation wasn't painful enough for all of us, it looks like the taxman is making shrinking packages even more painful for our wallets.

Shrinkflation occurs when a food manufacturer reduces quantities but continues to sell the product at the same price. We have seen this happening pretty much everywhere in all sections of the grocery store. It's even happening in the fresh section, with strawberries and blueberries.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has provisions that make some smaller products taxable that aren't in their larger forms. This policy is not new: it actually dates back to 2007, when the GST/HST Memorandum was revised. Some articles of the memo even existed back in 1997.

But what is new is the number of products now subject to this Tax Act due to reduced quantities. An increasing number of products, hundreds, are now taxed that weren't before.

The Act's policy section Schedule VI, Part III clearly defines a snack and the meaning of a single serving. For instance, the threshold for ice cream is 500 millilitres. Anything below that means the product is taxable as it is considered a snack, not as part of basic groceries. Cakes, muffins, pies, pastries, tarts, cookies, doughnuts, brownies, croissants with sweetened filling or coating, or similar products are all taxable if quantities are reduced below the thresholds specified by the Act.

If food items are pre-packaged for sale to consumers in quantities of less than six items, these products are taxed. Grocery shopping is complicated enough, but now, due to shrinkflation, consumers have to worry about how much more they need to pay. Depending on the province you live in, it could add five to 13 per cent more to the price tag of some products you're buying. And chances are, you have likely never noticed.

Consumers are being double slammed by the industry and the taxman, in most cases, without knowing it. By "shrinkflating" a product, consumers get less and are taxed more. Just great.

CRA's GST/HST Memorandum 4.3 on taxable food products includes 156 articles. Few will ever understand or even know how to interpret the Act and appreciate how it applies to the 18,000 to 25,000

food products you can find in a regular grocery store. Knowing how many items were taxed in compliance with the law is practically impossible.

A recent survey conducted by Dalhousie University, in partnership with Caddle, shows that 67 per cent of Canadians have found at least one mistake on their grocery receipt in the last year. That is an astonishing number. And according to the same survey, only 9.2 per cent have seen tax on a food item that shouldn't have been taxed. The true number is likely much higher. One can only assume that many consumers wouldn't have been able to pick up on mistakes related to taxable items. The law is incredibly confusing for everyone. Even some grocers have admitted to having made mistakes and having applied taxes on food products when they shouldn't have.

With shrinkflation, many products which are now taxed find their way into lunchboxes for school children. Most of these products were designed to bring convenience to our lives, but paying more taxes is certainly not what most consumers would consider convenient.

Food at the grocery store should never be taxed unless it is serviced to be consumed right away. Or, at the very minimum, the Act should be changed to exempt smaller single servings and packages that include less than six items.

Shrinkflation has been around for well over 30 years, perhaps even longer. The strategy has angered many consumers for obvious reasons. With food inflation at a 40-year-high, most consumers are blaming the industry for their ills at the grocery store.

Yet many tend to forget how our own fiscal regime also makes our food more expensive. For example, the carbon tax, which impacts food affordability through the supply chain, will rise to \$65 a metric ton on Apr. 1 and will reach \$170 a metric ton by 2030. It is incumbent that Canadians know how the policy will influence our food bill over time.

But while the carbon tax is hidden, sales taxes are very real for all of us. Higher food costs due to more taxes adds insult to injury. This is not unacceptable.

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is senior director of the agri-food analytics lab and a professor in food distribution and policy at Dalhousie University.  
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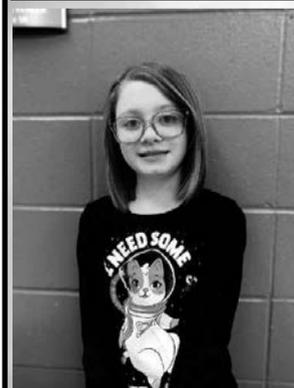
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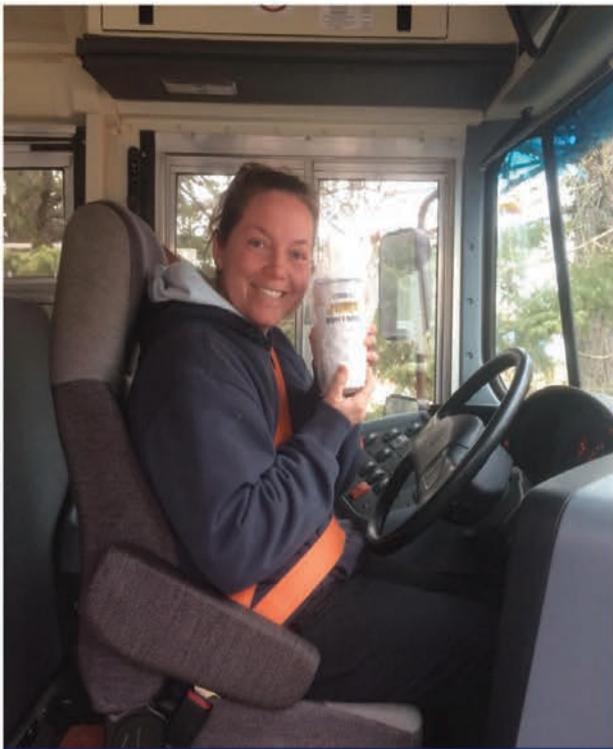
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# County Mayor and Deputy Mayor appointed to ICF Committees

by Dana McArthur

During the Yellowhead County Council meeting on March 28, Council discussed appointing two Council members to the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Committee.

"As required by the MGA, Yellowhead County entered into ICF agreements with our eight bordering neighbours, MD of Greenview, Parkland County, Lac Ste Anne County, Woodlands County, Brazeau County, Clearwater

County and the Towns of Edson and Hinton," stated County CAO Luc Mercier. "All the agreements are coming due in 2023-2024 and will require negotiation".

The bylaws and agreements regarding the ICF were finalized in 2020. As part of the ongoing process and review of the ICFs, a recommending body known as the ICF Committee is required. Each ICF committee consists of two representatives from each Council and their respective CAO from each municipality.

"Administration is recommending that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be appointed as the members for each of the committees, to provide consistency when negotiations commence on the ICFs," said Mercier. Agreements reached by through committee meetings would still need to be ratified by Council.

In addition to that recommendation, this fall during the Organizational Meeting, Mercier recommended that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be appointed to the Edson and Hinton ICF committees for consistency.

Councillor Patrick Soroka made the motion, "That Yellowhead County Council appoints the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to the ICF Committees for MD of Greenview, Parkland County, Lac Ste Anne County, Woodlands

County, Brazeau County and Clearwater County". Council voted all in favour.

**Ministerial Meeting** – Yellowhead County will coordinate a meeting with Minister Dreeshen of Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors to discuss transportation and recreational infrastructure development in the Cadomin and Coal Branch areas and Highway 40 North, including highway improvements and promoting tourism in the area.

**Joint Municipal Promotions** – Council approved participation in an Alberta Focused Reception at the 2023 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention to promote Alberta municipalities at the convention. Yellowhead County will provide a video showcasing the county and \$2,500 towards the initiative.

**Roadway Classifications** – A new Roadway Classification Design Standards was adopted by Council that updates the County's roadway classification hierarchy. These are arterial, collector, local access, and industrial local and are consistent with federal, provincial, and municipal standards and design guidelines.

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## Journeying Through Grief sessions begin April 13

by Deanna Mitchener

The McLeod River Primary Care Network will be offering an eight week session about Journeying Through Grief.

Taylor O'Brien, RSW, one of the facilitators for the Journeying Through Grief program, said, "The session will be starting on April 13 and will run every Thursday following that for eight weeks. The last session being June 1. These sessions will be held at the Edson and District Public Library from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m."

"This is the third time we have run this course and we have had great success. It is an educational course designed to guide people through their grief in healthy ways. Additionally,

we will be running Anxiety to Calm for Youth on April 13 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. It will run for six weeks, ending on May 18," said O'Brien.

Youth ages 12-17 years old can register with consent from one parent. Consent is required for a youth to attend these sessions. This is an educational course designed to teach youth how to cope with stress and anxiety in healthy ways.

These are free workshops. You can call 780-723-2131 for more information.

Grief can be different for each of us. No two people are the same when it comes to grieving. If you have a youth or know of a youth that could benefit by attending please pass on or discuss this information.

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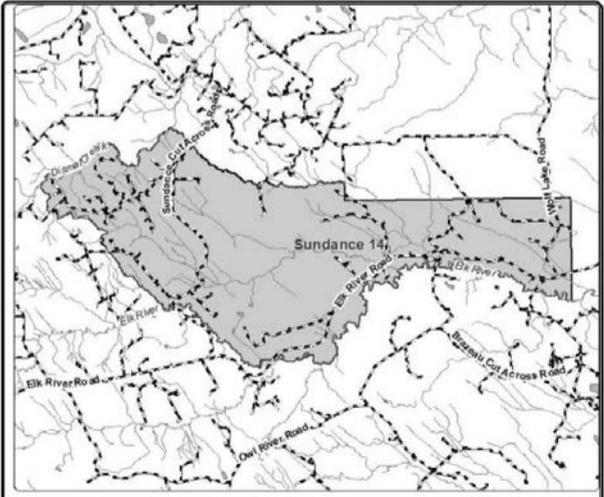
Edson Forest Products is commencing timber harvest planning activities in the Sundance 14 compartment of our Forest Management Area.

The Sundance 14 compartment is located north of the Elk River approximately 65 kilometers southeast of Edson. The main access to the compartment is via the Elk River Road from the Wolf Lake Road. A team of natural resource management professionals are currently gathering information on the timber, ecological and fish and wildlife resources for the area.

As part of HWP's Public Involvement Process, members of the public with resource value concerns or knowledge of this area are invited to offer comments during the initial planning phase.

You can make comments or inquire about our planning process by calling 1-780-865-8931 or by writing to the following address:

Ryan Lanning, Planning Forester  
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 99 West River Road  
 Hinton, Alberta, T7V 1Y7  
 Email: ryan.lanning@westfraser.com





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## Edson Residents Have the Spring Travel Bug, Pharmacist Shares Tips to Keep Other Bugs at Bay

Callen James Kenyon,  
Edson Pharmacist

Spring travel season is here and it's no surprise that after the last few years, almost half (41 per cent) of Canadians are

planning to travel in the next six months. However, before they leave, the thought of travel issues like lost luggage and flight delays are stressing Canadians out. While these elements of travel are definitely frustrating, they are ultimately out of our control.

Travellers are looking for a 'nothing-cation' in sunny locales and tropical resorts, with relaxation at the top of their itinerary. With many stressing about these hard-to-control travel issues, I'm here to remind Edsonites about the one thing they can control - protecting themselves against common travel illnesses.

Here are my best tips for travellers to keep in mind when vacationing:

- Be aware of the risks: Consuming contaminated water or food is one of the top ways Canadians contract illnesses like travellers' diarrhea – the most common travel-related illness.

- To keep healthy on vacation, be mindful of consuming seafood and shellfish, especially if uncooked or raw. These foods can be a common source of bacteria that can cause travellers' diarrhea as well as Hepatitis A.

- Seek expert advice: Whether you're travelling to a tropical location or an overseas adventure, your local pharmacist can provide you with a personalized travel health consultation to help you navigate potential health risks that could be prevalent in your chosen destination. Based on your travel health consultation, your local Pharmacist is also able to administer vaccines and dispense medications to prevent certain health issues while traveling. To book a personalized travel health consultation at your local Shoppers Drug Mart, visit [shoppersdrugmart.ca/travelhealth](http://shoppersdrugmart.ca/travelhealth) or the PC Health App to ensure you and your family have a safe and healthy vacation.

- What does a travel health consultation include? The consultation is conducted by your local pharmacist and is a personalized risk-assessment specific to you and your travel itinerary. The pharmacist can give you information on potential health risks and can



provide suggestions on precautions you can take, including preventative travel medications and vaccines. Your local pharmacist can administer the recommended

vaccines, dispense the preventative medications, and fill any other prescriptions you may have to make it a truly convenient experience. The pharmacist can also recommend a range of other travel-related items to put on your packing list such as first aid supplies, over-the-counter medications, travel-sized essentials and more.

- What travel vaccinations do pharmacists recommend? A pharmacist can provide a personalized risk-assessment specific to you and your travel itinerary to make sure you stay healthy while on vacation. Tourists may be at risk for the following serious infectious diseases, all of which are preventable by vaccine:

- Cholera
- European tick-borne encephalitis
- Hepatitis A and B
- Influenza
- Japanese encephalitis
- Meningitis
- Rabies
- Typhoid
- Yellow fever

- Research and plan ahead: Do some research on your destination before you travel. Whether you're at a beach in Jamaica or a wellness retreat in Dominican Republic, it's not only important to know the sights you'll want to see, but also any potential health risks. Your pharmacist can advise you on what common pharmacy items to include in your packing list.

While there are many aspects of travel stress that we cannot control, your health is one thing you can. Make sure you're informed and prepared when planning a vacation so that all you will come home with are good memories. Book with a Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacist online or through the PC Health App.

Callen James Kenyon is the pharmacist and owner of your local Shoppers Drug Mart in Edson. Visit [ShoppersDrugMart.ca](http://ShoppersDrugMart.ca) to find your nearest store.

## Gerald Soroka MP Yellowhead



### Passport Status Checker

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that Service Canada has launched a new digital tool to support the passport system. The Passport Application Status Checker enables Canadians, who recently applied for a passport, to check the status of their passport application online at [Canada.ca/passport-status](http://Canada.ca/passport-status)

The new online Passport Application Status Checker provides Canadians with a digital service option for passport services that will result in Canadians having faster access to front-line staff who can continue to serve them for other passport needs. This new tool will shift the most common call centre inquiry to an easy-to-use, self-serve digital solution.

### MP Soroka's Statement On the Excise Tax

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, gave the following statement in the House.

"Mr. Speaker, repeatedly, this Liberal government proves they do not care about Canadians. If they did, then inflation would not be at a record-breaking 40-year high.

Their solution...an automatic escalator on the alcohol excise tax – increasing taxes on beer, wine, and spirits by 6.3% on April 1st, alongside the carbon tax like a sick April Fool's joke.

This tax increase will devastate consumers; beer, wine, and spirits producers (95% of which are small businesses); and other Canadian entrepreneurs who can barely make ends meet as it is. This tax hike will also have a sweeping negative impact on industries like tourism, food, and hospitality, among many others.

**ENOUGH IS ENOUGH ALREADY!**

Taxpayers should NOT have to pay for this Liberal government's chronic fiscal mismanagement and they should NOT have to struggle under this cost-of-living crisis. Will this Liberal government AXE the planned excise tax? Yes, or no?

### Supporting Canadians Aging at Home

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that as more seniors are living longer, healthier lives many want to continue living independently in their own homes surrounded by those they care about.

Public consultations are now open between March 20 until April 14, 2023, giving you the opportunity to have your say about supporting those wishing to stay in their homes.



During wildfire season 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. Alberta Wildfire say to return to your fall and winter burns and ensure they are fully extinguished. Cold-trail along the sides by looking, smelling and carefully feeling with your bare hand for any signs of smoke or heat.

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1-2 PM on Friday, April 21

Help us clean the park space in celebration of Earth Day! Gloves and bags provided. Meet at the playground & bring your own reusable cup for water or hot chocolate!

Questions? Contact [ntarves@yhcounty.ca](mailto:ntarves@yhcounty.ca)

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@ Marlboro Community Hall

6-8 PM

Thursday, April 6

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**Emergency Dispatcher - Casual  
LOCATION: Edson, AB  
COMPETITION NO. 23-021**

Under the direction of the Dispatch Supervisor the 911 Dispatcher is responsible for 911 call-taking, fire dispatch, Peace Officer Call taking, and dispatch and after-hours communications services for Yellowhead County staff, partner municipalities, and contracted clients.

The hourly rate range for the casual emergency dispatcher position is \$26.04 to \$28.35.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply, please submit resumes and cover letters online at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until filled.

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

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Yellowhead County  
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Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
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**3. The fee must accompany the application.**

**4. Spring Applications must be received by May 15, 2023.**

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**A** Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Comment

## Oil sands producers not greenwashing net zero plans

*Greenpeace complaint of greenwashing against Pathways Alliance's CCS project ignores the facts*

by Deborah Jaremko

Greenpeace has filed a complaint with the Competition Board of Canada claiming that the oil sands Pathways Alliance is "greenwashing" about its plan to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

Oil sands producers are not greenwashing. Here are the facts.

Fact: Carbon capture and storage works

Pathways is an alliance of six companies representing 95 per cent of oil sands production. The anchor project of the group's target to reduce emissions by 22 million tonnes by 2030 on the way to net zero by 2050 is carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology.

According to experts, including the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the International Energy Agency (IEA), expanding CCS operations worldwide is vital to achieving climate targets.

Canada is already a leader in CCS, with five of the world's 30 commercial CCS facilities. This accounts for about 15 per cent of global CCS capacity even though Canada generates less than two per cent of global CO2 emissions.

Since 2000, CCS projects in

Saskatchewan and Alberta have removed more than 47 million tonnes of emissions, or the equivalent of taking more than 10 million cars off the road.

Fact: Pathways is moving fast toward building one of the world's largest CCS projects

The first phase of the Pathways CCS project will connect 14 oil sands facilities to a CO2 storage hub in northern Alberta. At an expected cost of \$16.5 billion by 2030, it is a huge undertaking.

A \$10 million engineering contract has been awarded, early engagement is underway with more than 20 Indigenous communities, and 135 environmental experts are conducting fieldwork to support a regulatory application.

The reality is it is impossible for the group to invest billions right now because governments have not approved its CCS project to proceed.

Building major projects around the world happens in phases: spending increases over time as work moves through phases of feasibility studies, to the procurement of equipment, and then construction. Pathways is in the feasibility studies phase, working on all the items governments require, and plans to file its application in late 2023.

Fact: Scope 1 is the best place to start reducing emissions

The complaint says that Pathways' plan to achieve net zero is not credible because it does not yet

include the full value chain of emissions.

This is otherwise known as all of Scope 1 (emissions an entity makes directly), Scope 2 (emissions an entity makes indirectly, like from electricity use), and Scope 3 (emissions from everything all the way down to the end-use of an entity's products, like gasoline in a car).

The Pathways plan starts with Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions but will ultimately include Scope 3, president Kendall Dilling recently told BNN Bloomberg.

"We wanted to really start with our own business first and take care of our own backyard," he said.

"We are looking at ways we can partner with end users of our product to also tackle the consumption emissions, and over the course of this path to net zero, we'll be coming at this from all ends of the spectrum."

To be effective, emissions reduction strategies should focus first on the fastest and most effective solutions while developing long-term answers.

It makes sense that a company should start with Scope 1 and Scope 2, that is, emissions that are within its direct control.

Fact: Canadian oil benefits Canadians and the world

The complaint takes issue with the fact that oil sands production is growing. Activists would prefer

that the industry reduce production and shut down. But shutting off Canada's ability to supply oil to the world would not impact how much oil the world uses or how much emissions that use generates.

The International Energy Agency projects that oil and gas will still meet 47 per cent of world energy demand in 2050, compared to about 52 per cent today.

Shutting down Canada's oil sands would only shift supply to regions that are less responsible actors in areas like social progress, environmental protection and worker safety.

Meanwhile, it would rob Canadians of substantial economic activity and opportunities for economic reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

As IEA executive director Fatih Birol said last year, "We will still need oil and gas for years to come ... I prefer that oil is produced by countries ... like Canada, (which) want to reduce the emissions of oil and gas."

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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**A** Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

## The world still needs coal

Coal has many important uses worldwide – not only in providing energy but also in building modern societies. It's used in electricity generation, steel production, cement manufacturing and as a liquid fuel.

Misconceptions about coal: "Coal can't be clean". The technology exists to address our environmental challenges. The WCA's membership is made up of global companies committed to advancing clean coal technologies for sustainable economic development.

Coal is critical to our world, through its use in providing much-needed affordable electricity and also in building our societies through its use in steel and cement. 37% of the world's electricity and over 70% of the world's steel is produced using coal.

The world still needs coal – not only is coal the affordable choice for energy in

many markets, but it remains the only viable choice for critical industries. Coal even plays a significant role in the construction of renewable energy infrastructure and supporting these fuels on the grid. It is crucial to the societal development of hundreds of millions of people, particularly in emerging economies.

Coal is the world's largest single source of electricity and will still contribute 22% in 2040, remaining the biggest contributor.

Of the world's steel production relies on coal. It's the backbone of both the steel and cement industries.

Coal can be clean. Just by upgrading current coal plants to the best available technology, we can cut 2 Gigatonnes of CO2 emissions.

Coal supports numerous non-energy industries including steel and cement production, coal-to-chemicals, rare earth element extraction, carbon fibre production, industrial electrodes and many others.

Cement is critical to the construction industry – mixed with water and gravel it forms concrete, a key construction material.

To produce cement, energy is required. Coal is an important source of the energy needed. A

high-temperature kiln, often fuelled by coal, heats the raw materials of calcium carbonate (generally in the form of limestone), silica, iron oxide and alumina to a partial melt at 1450°C, transforming them chemically and physically into a substance known as clinker. This grey pebble-like material comprises special compounds that give cement its binding properties. Clinker is mixed with gypsum and ground to a fine powder to make cement.

Coal combustion products (CCPs), such as Fly Ash also play an important role in cement manufacture and in the construction industry generally. (WCA)

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## COVID-19 & vitamins and supplements

“The global pandemic focused consumers' attention on health, wellness and how a healthier lifestyle can help provide protection against disease,” says Ava Duering, competitiveness analyst with the Alberta government. “Multiple surveys have shown that consumers reacted to the pandemic by taking more vitamins and supplements than they did before.”

The latest Consumer Corner, which shares consumer trends related to the agri-food industry with Alberta's agriculture and food industry, highlights these studies.

The Council for Responsible Nutrition's 'COVID-19 Consumer Survey on Dietary Supplements' found that 65% of supplement users aged 18 to 34, 50% of users aged 35 to 54, and 23% of users aged 55+, altered their supplement routine in 2020. Of these, 91% increased supplement use.

“Consumers reacted to the prospect of catching a potentially deadly illness by focusing on immunity. While general health products such as multivitamins also fared very well, immune support is the big story,” says Duering. “Overall, people wanted to do all they could to strengthen their immune system. Consequently, sales of immunity-oriented supplements surged in 2020. These sales were made by new customers, further evidence that the pandemic has shifted buying patterns.”

Duering says there were a number of key takeaways from these studies:

- Gummies provide the fastest growth opportunity among vitamin and supplement products. The gelatin contained in gummies is often sourced from beef and pork, offering a potential market opportunity to both Alberta beef and pork producers.
- Consumers in Canada and the U.S. share similarities in terms of demand for vitamins and supplements, with immune support being the number one reason for purchase.

While there is no way to know for sure, it stands to reason that those who believe that supplements helped them stay healthy during the pandemic will continue to turn to supplementation as part of a healthier lifestyle going forward. *AgriNews*

### Woodlands/Carrot Creek Cemetery

## AGM

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## Edson RCMP Crime Reduction Unit arrest and charge female for drug trafficking offences

(RCMP) – On Feb. 18, 2023, at 1:25 a.m., Edson RCMP Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) located a female in a vehicle wanted on an outstanding warrant.

Through the officer's interaction with the suspect, the CRU officer uncovered a large amount of drugs, money and drug paraphernalia, which is typically used in drug trafficking. The suspect was arrested on her outstanding warrant and for possession of illicit drugs.

A 20 year old female resident of Edson, has been charged with: Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Methamphetamine; Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Fentanyl; Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine.

The accused was brought before a Justice of the Peace and was released on an Undertaking to attend Edson Provincial Court on March. 21, 2023.

*NOTE: A charge should not be considered as evidence of guilt. In Canada, all persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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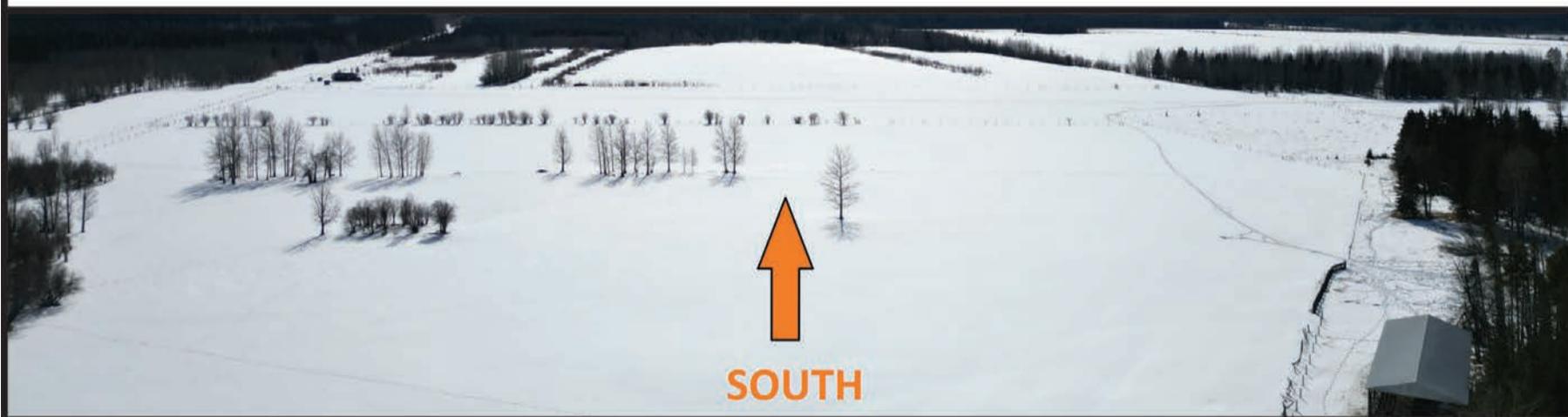
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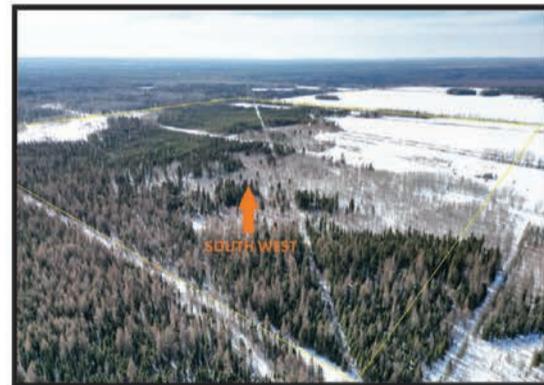


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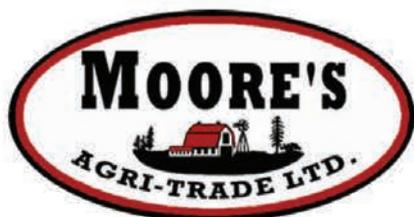


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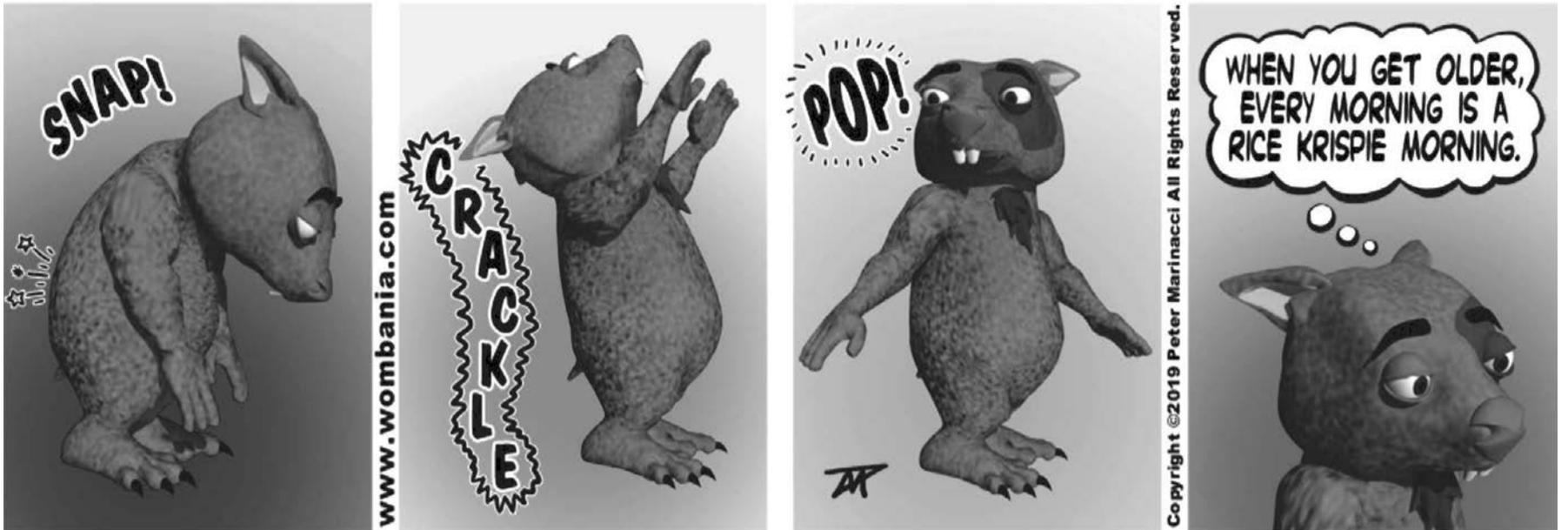
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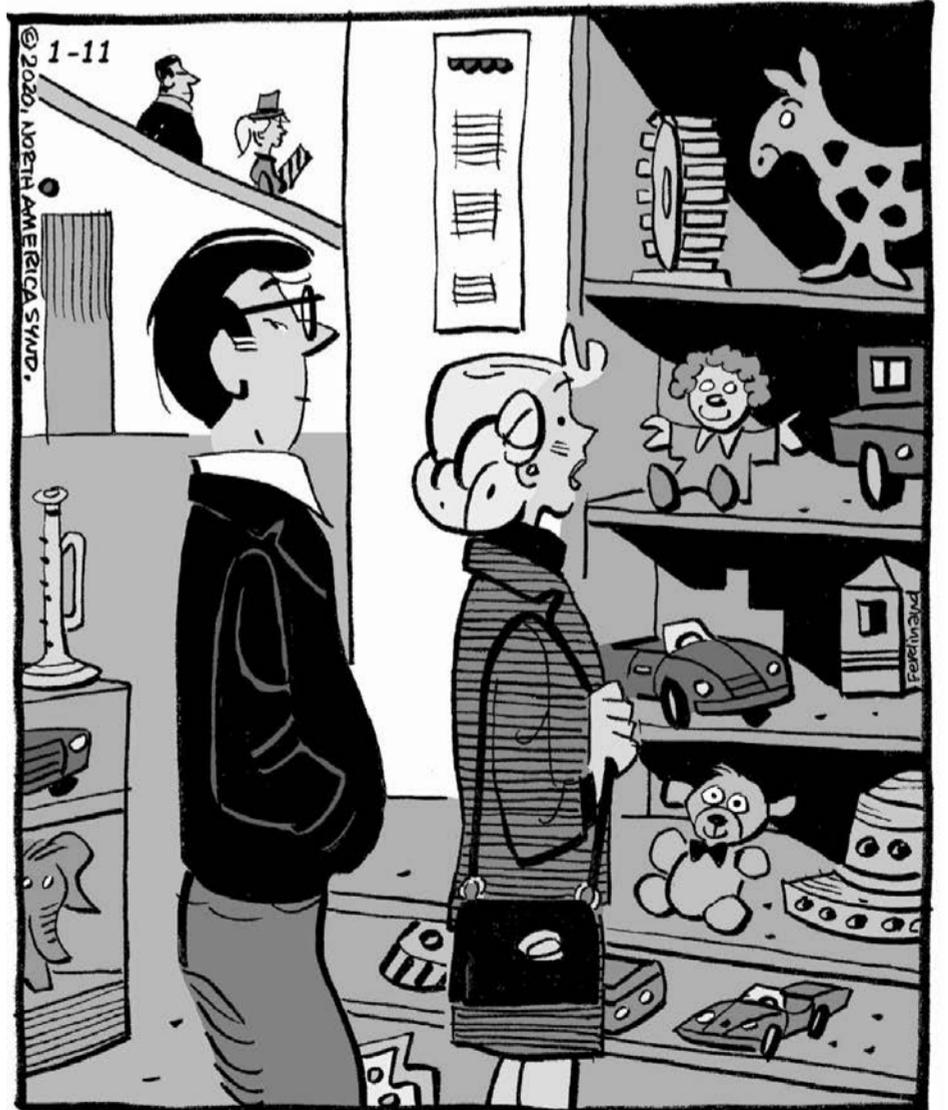
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**A:** Computer chips.

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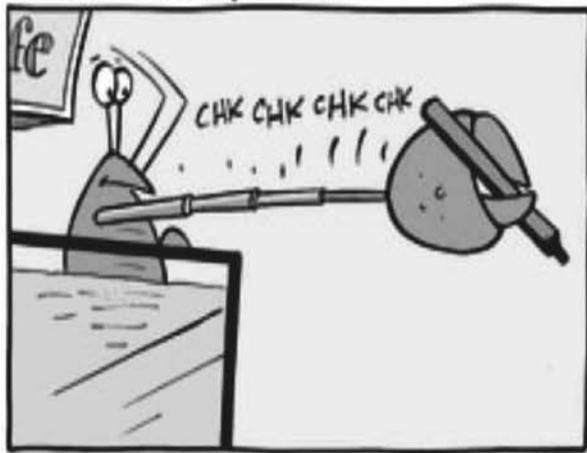
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# What do you think of the state of Hwy 16 through Edson?



## EDITORIAL COMMENT

# Province says NO PAVING more PATCHES

by Dana McArthur

Under the provincial government's care, the rinse-and-repeat repetition of pavement patching along Highway 16 through Edson will continue for the foreseeable future, it seems.

As every Edsonite knows, painfully well, the highway through Edson has been in abysmal condition for a very long time.

This seems at odds with the fact Highway 16 is one of the premiere highways in Alberta and the gateway to world-renowned Jasper National Park.

Quite frankly, the highway in both directions through Edson should be an embarrassment to a province that's experiencing a windfall of cash into its coffers. And the fact is, repaving this badly deteriorating surface is not even in the province's three year plan!

It would be amusing, if it wasn't so tragic, that if you want to know which

vehicles ahead of you are local residents, just watch for which ones swerve around the ever-present potholes and manhole covers with uncanny precision. As a rider myself, motorcycles are at particular risk.

In the meantime, highway crews continue to revisit many of the same areas over and over adding to this patchwork quilt of cracks and repairs, as their last efforts quickly erode under the traffic and weather.

What seems odd, is that back in 2016 under the previous NDP government, Hinton had pretty much their whole highway through town repaved within a month, and it was in much better shape than Edson's. One is left wondering why the UCP government, in a much better financial situation, doesn't seem to show that same commitment to rural Alberta infrastructure?

If you would like to send your comments about the condition of the provincial highway through Edson, it may appear in our upcoming story on Hwy 16.

Please email us a brief message by April 4 to: [anchorwk@telusplanet.net](mailto:anchorwk@telusplanet.net)





The U9 Edson Minor Hockey Home Tournament was held at the Edson & District Leisure Centre on March 11 and 12. Pictured: Edson Jensen's Sabres receiving medals at the end of the tournament, following a game against Drayton Valley. photo Shaylyn Thornton

# RCMP target mass marketing and phone scams

(RCMP) - The RCMP along with the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's (ACCPA) share tips for Fraud Prevention Month campaign. The campaign seeks to educate Albertans on the many ways that fraudulent activity negatively impacts their communities.

ACCPA and other supporting agencies including the RCMP, are focusing on mass marketing and phone scams. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Phone scams;
- Fraudulent telemarketers;
- Mass mailouts and/or subscriptions;
- Emergency and/or grandparent scams;
- Work at home schemes;
- CRA scams;
- Foreign lottery or prize schemes;
- Overpayment schemes;
- Inheritance schemes; and,
- Credit card interested rate reduction schemes.

To better protect yourself from mass marketing and phone scams, consider the following:

- Do not provide any personal

information to an unknown caller;

- Do not allow yourself to be pressured by a caller with false deadlines;
- You have the right to say no to any questions and directly contact a business to speak to a designated representative.

"With technology evolving at such a rapid rate, it's no surprise that mass marketing and phone scams are adapting just as quickly. With the click of a button, scammers can make direct contact with potential victims over the phone or online," states Cpl. Sean Milne, Alberta RCMP Provincial Economic Crime Team

If you are unsure of whether or not you are being targeted by a scam, visit the Government of Canada's website to learn about common scam-types.

If you have been the victim of fraud, report it to your local law enforcement and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre online at [www.antifraudcentre.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre.ca), or by calling: 1-888-495-8501. Be sure to contact your bank and credit card company if you believe your personal or financial information has been compromised.

## Grain Growers of Canada kick off National Grain Week with call for support of Bill C-234

To mark the start of National Grain Week, the Grain Growers of Canada (GGC) urges all political parties to support Bill C-234, an amendment to the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act. This amendment seeks to extend the exemption for qualifying farming fuel to marketable natural gas and propane, which would fuel innovation and benefit Canadian farmers.

"As we gather in Ottawa for National Grain Week, we're reminded of the crucial role that Canadian farmers play in feeding our country and the world," said Andre Harpe, GGC chair.

"By extending the exemption for qualifying farming fuels to natural gas and propane, this amendment will unlock innovation and drive sustainable growth in the sector. We urge all political parties to support this important legislation and demonstrate their commitment to the needs of Canadian farmers."

Farmers incur a carbon price when using natural gas and propane for necessary farming practices such as grain drying, land irrigation, and heating or cooling their barns.

As there are no viable alternatives, pricing these activities does not provide a signal to lower emissions from these sources. Bill C-234 will allow farmers to invest in practices that drive innovation and new efficiencies that reduce fuel usage by putting money back in their hands.

"C-234 is a cornerstone of our work this week," Harpe said. "Unlocking innovation is key to achieving sustainability in agriculture. Carbon surcharges on necessary farm activities only add to the financial strain and divert capital away from critical investments."

During National Grain Week, GGC members from across the country gather in Ottawa to share their diverse experiences and perspectives with parliamentarians. GGC is bringing together farmer members, parliamentarians and legislators to discuss and promote policies that align with the federal government's goals and the sector's unique needs and opportunities.

For more information on Bill C-234, visit [agcarbonalliance.ca/vote-for-bill-c-234/](http://agcarbonalliance.ca/vote-for-bill-c-234/).

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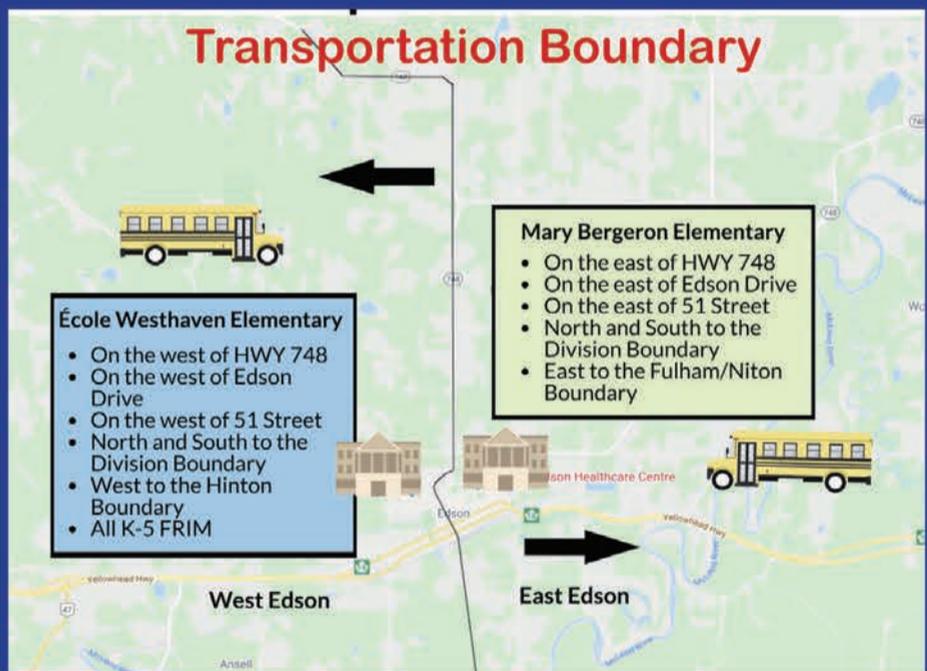
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# Holy Redeemer Junior B basketball teams bring home gold

(HRH) The Holy Redeemer Junior B basketball teams had a very successful weekend on February 25th as both teams won the gold medal at the GYAC Championship in Edson. "In the end, these teams showed that the future of our basketball program is in great hands," says Athletics Director Julie Rothwell.



The HRH Junior B basketball girls team showed their determination as they won three very tightly contested games on Feb 25 at the GYAC Championship in Edson.



The Holy Redeemer Junior B basketball boys team won all four of their games throughout the day on Feb 5 at the GYAC Championship in Edson, as they completed their perfect season of 13-0.

## Addressing unpaid oil and gas municipal taxes

Alberta's government states it is issuing a new directive to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) to require oil and gas companies to pay taxes owed to municipalities.

Energy Minister Pete Guthrie is issuing a ministerial order under the Responsible Energy Development Act requiring the AER to receive evidence that municipal taxes have been paid when approving licence transfers or new licences.

"While most companies pay their taxes regularly and on time, there are a few delinquent companies that owe overdue property taxes. That is why we're putting in place this ministerial order – to continue building on our recent work. Our goal is to reduce unpaid taxes throughout the province." —Pete Guthrie, Minister of Energy

The departments of Energy and Municipal Affairs have worked together on this directive. Companies will now have to confirm that their unpaid municipal taxes

across the province do not exceed the maximum threshold allowed or that they have a repayment agreement in place whenever they apply for new licences or for licence transfers because they're seeking to sell their assets.

Under Alberta's liability management framework, which launched in 2020, the AER revised their licence eligibility requirements to include a more holistic assessment of a company's financial health that is applied through the life cycle of an asset. The new directive strengthens the AER's approach by making payment of municipal taxes a necessary and mandatory condition for approval, based on available data.

Municipal Affairs and the AER will work together to create an annual list of companies whose unpaid municipal taxes exceed the threshold amount. Companies on this list will be targeted by the AER to provide proof of tax payment.

## Event Reminder

**April 14:**

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO RELOCATE

The Beerland (Edson) Bottle Depot has applied to the Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) to relocate Beerland Bottle Depot currently located at 4920 1 Avenue, Edson, Alberta, T7E 1V8. The proposed new location is:

**4914 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Edson, Alberta, T7E 1X7**

Pursuant to policies established by the BCMB, any person who is directly affected by a proposed relocation may submit their concerns in writing to: [compliance@bcmb.ab.ca](mailto:compliance@bcmb.ab.ca)

Written concerns should quote "Beerland Relocation" and must be submitted by 12:00pm on April 13, 2023, to be accepted. Submissions must be detailed and must include the reasoning behind their support or objection of this relocation. Please note that any feedback received will be provided to the applicant for review and comment.



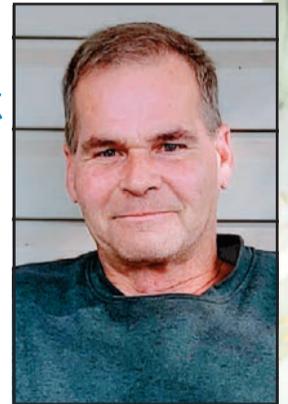
Figure 1. Map from existing site (A) to new proposed site (B), distance 0.3km

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Obituary ~

### Lorne Michael Gushulak



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved son and brother, Lorne Michael Gushulak, on March 18, 2023, after a brief illness.

Lorne was born on September 26, 1960, to Mike and Aileen Gushulak and was the second of five children in the family. Lorne was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed life to the fullest. For many years Lorne worked in the bush in Northwestern Ontario and Alberta where he found peace and contentment. Lorne loved camping, fishing, and hunting and had many fond memories from Atikokan, Ontario.

In 1980 Lorne moved to Edson where he worked as a Jack of all trades. Lorne was known to be a man with a kind soul and generous heart.

Lorne was preceded in death by his father Mike and will be dearly missed by his mother Aileen, sisters Bev (Edward) and Joanne, brothers Allan (Denise) and Dale (Rebecca), and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that donations be made in memory of Lorne to the Alberta Cancer Foundation or the Cross Cancer Institute of Edmonton.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff from the Edson Healthcare Centre and the CCI for their excellent care for Lorne throughout his brief illness.



**Serenity Funeral Service  
North Central Chapel**  
10129 Princess Elizabeth Avenue,  
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## ~ Obituary ~

### Harold Ian Dease

January 24, 1949 - March 14, 2023



Harold Ian Dease passed away peacefully in the Edson Hospital on Tuesday March 14, 2023 with his family by his side after a very short battle with cancer at the age of 74.

Harold is fondly remembered by his loving wife Judy of 50 years, daughter Laura-Lee and grandchildren Declan and Briar Polak of Edson AB, brother Raymond(Janice) Dease, sisters Louise Smith, Sharon(Felix) Sullivan, Lorraine(Jim) Schmidt, Janice Dyck, Karen(Ole) Bjerland, sister-in-law Jeanette(John) Gorski and many nieces and nephews and friends.

Harold was predeceased by his parents Harold and Norma Dease, his mother and father-in-law, a brother-in-law Ken Robillard, and a nephew Allan Schmidt.

Harold was born in Rose Valley SK and grew up in Hudson Bay, SK. At the age of sixteen he set off to work at Macmillan Bloedel in Hudson Bay and in 1972 married the love of his life Judy, and in 1975 Laura-Lee was born which was the apple of his eye.

Harold and his family moved to Edson in 1986 for work. Harold was a hard worker never scared to take a chance operating heavy equipment in the logging, mining, and oil patch.

Harold retired in 2015 but still full of energy went to work for Titan Land and Cattle operating tractor doing field work until his passing.

A Celebration of Life for Harold will be held at Hudson Bay, SK August 21, 2023 as per his request.

In lieu of flowers donations in Harold's memory may be offered to the Cancer research society.

**Cancer is so Limited...**

- It cannot cripple love.*
- It cannot shatter hope.*
- It cannot corrode faith.*
- It cannot eat away peace.*
- It cannot destroy confidence.*
- It cannot kill friendship.*
- It cannot shut out memories.*
- It cannot silence courage.*
- It cannot invade the soul.*
- It cannot reduce eternal life.*
- It cannot quench the Spirit.*
- It cannot lessen the power of the resurrection.*