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Edson's Santa Parade returns!

by Dawn Olsvik

The 35th Annual Santa Parade returned this year after a one year break due to Covid restrictions. The theme this year was Superhero's Christmas.

Kathy Arndt, Edson and District Chamber of Commerce Manager, said, "This year we had about 30 entries, a little smaller than some in the past, however, people were very happy that the Chamber was able to go ahead with the parade.

We have all been feeling the effects of a change in our lives due to this pandemic and it was really nice to have a little bit of normalcy back into our lives." The weather cooperated, and Edsonites of all ages lined the

streets from start to finish. There were smiles and shouts of "Merry Christmas" from participants as the parade passed the many happy spectators. Arndt added, "The businesses

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Santa caught a ride on the Town of Edson float during the 35th Annual Santa Parade. The weather cooperated, and Edsonites of all ages lined the streets from start to finish. photo Dawn Olsvik

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Edson's Santa Parade returns!

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and participants worked very hard on their floats and organized all their helpers in order to take part. It is a lot of work and takes time to present a float, your animals, or atv for the community. Edson's Santa Parade is always unique in the fact that we have beautiful floats, different cultures, horses, dogs, atv's, the Edson Fire department trucks, and regular vehicles decorated with lights and music. Our MP, Gerald Soroka also took part in the parade which started off with two RCMP vehicles leading the way. Bringing the parade to an end was Santa who was

able to hitch a ride on the Town of Edson float.”

- Winners of the Parade categories:
- Most colorful, sponsored by WSP Canada - Peak K9 Wellness
 - Most original, sponsored by Century 21 TWIN Realty -Town of Edson. .
 - Best youth, sponsored by Thymes Two - Orcas Swim Club.
 - Top Commercial, Sponsored by GFL Environmental - WSP Canada.

- Top Retail, Sponsored by Freedom Powersports - Midwest Glass.

- Best Non-Profit Community Organization, Sponsored by Jensen's Lifestyle Clothing - Edson Sno-Seekers.

“Participating in the parade, along with the spectators who bundle up to watch, brings a sense of togetherness in a community. It gives everyone a sense of pride and a great feeling of being part of a team,” concluded Arndt.



Best youth, sponsored by Thymes Two, was won by the Orcas Swim Club. photo Dawn Olsvik



Edson Eagles Hockey Team entertained spectators at the Edson Santa Parade with their singing and shouts of Merry Christmas. photo Dawn Olsvik



WSP's float, Superheros of Edson, won the award for Top Commercial, sponsored by GFL Environmental. photo Dawn Olsvik

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ECHO 16th Annual Festival of Trees brings joy

Parkland Lodge residents receive gifts of miniature Christmas trees

by Shaylyn Thornton

Each year, the Edson Cultural Heritage Organization (ECHO) hosts a Festival of Trees that gives locals the opportunity to participate in a silent auction of donated holiday creations and gift items from individuals and businesses.

This year marked the 16th Annual Festival of Trees and was held virtually, although in-person viewing of the items available was held across a number of days in November.

From November 14-17, local residents were able to bid in the Festival of Trees Online Auction Facebook group that offered almost 200 amazing items or gift packages, including full size Christmas trees that would be delivered to the winning bidder's home – free of charge!

A few days prior to that, members of the online group were also invited to bid on Mini Christmas Trees. ECHO donated ten mini trees to the auction with the following message: "Gift A Tree! In the Spirit of the Holidays, please bid on a tree to be gifted in your name to one of the Residents at Parkland Lodge in Edson." Many locals bid on the mini trees that would be gifted.

On November 29th, staff and several board members from the Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum dropped off the mini Christmas trees and participated in a draw that chose which residents received the trees. The results of the draw are as follows:

PL1 was donated by Joanne & Jody Costall & Family and received by Lawrence Beaver.

PL2 was donated by Ivan & Riley Head and received by Lorraine Taylor.

PL3 was donated by 24/7 Compression and received by Sylvia Jones.

PL4 was donated by Donna Simon and received



Staff from the Red Brick and ECHO Board Members visited Parkland Lodge on November 29 to deliver mini Christmas trees purchased by members of the public as gifts for Parkland Lodge residents. Pictured from left to right: Bobbi-Dawn Drader (Red Brick Office Manager), Marge Reber (ECHO Board Member), Betty Stitzenberger (ECHO Board President), Joanne Bellmond (ECHO Board Member). photo submitted

by Ida Vankoughnett.

PL5 was donated by Iris & Rudy Hawryluk and received by Wynn Taylor.

PL6 was donated by Tammy & Randy Redlick and received by Gladys Caruth.

PL7 was donated by Tammy & Randy Redlick and received by Jacky Kneteman.

PL8 was donated by Lorri Roy and received by Nellie Knoop.

PL10 was donated by Bill & Doris Sinclair/Will-Dor Ranch and received by Jean Aide.

CORRECTION

Dec. 6 issue - page 13

A typo occurred in the photo caption. The line should have read that "Gelmici Jewellers will be selling charity gift bags at \$20 each to raise money for the Edson Food Bank" (not \$10). Our apologies for any confusion this may have caused.



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- All anonymous donors who gave of their time and gifts.
- And thank you to all who participated in the auction and bought crafts, baking and tickets.

Town Council Highlight from December 7 meeting

by Adrienne Tait

- A public hearing was held to hear concerns regarding Textual changes to bylaw 2267 which added industrial uses to the M1-A bylaw – there were no public submissions or objections. Council subsequently passed all three required readings to make the changes.
- Council passed first reading regarding an application to develop a temporary employee accommodation for a business in town. Direct Control zoning was recommended by administration and would allow Council to consider allowing the proposed development for one specific property.
- Council granted a property tax exemption for SCOPE.
- Council declined a request to waive late payment property tax penalties for

a property owner in town. Administration said taxes are due annually and the onus is on the landowner to ensure they are paid. Additionally, the Town had already granted an extension for all property owners from July 1 to September 30th due to COVID.

- Council agreed to write off \$32,838.59 of uncollectable accounts. Accounts are deemed uncollectable two years after being sent to a debt collection agency. The majority of the funds owed are from two companies which declared bankruptcy. When asked how a company could have run up such a high bill with the Town, administration said in one case there were substantial landfill fees.
- Council passed a motion agreeing to target a 5% reduction in greenhouse gas emission for 2022.

County Council approves Municipal Emergency Plan

by Shaylyn Thornton

At their December 7 Council Meeting, Yellowhead County Council discussed their Municipal Emergency Plan. Based on the current Provincial Emergency Management Act, the Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation (LEMR), and the Yellowhead County Bylaw 21.19 (to Establish a Municipal Emergency Management Agency), the Emergency Advisory Committee (EAC) must meet on an annual basis and approve the MEP. Based on the Bylaw, all members of Council are appointed to the EAC. The MEP is a living document that guides the County's response to any emergency. It is over 350 pages of information and is constantly updated to ensure it is as current as possible. The MEP was audited on October 28, 2021 by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) and signed off on as LEMR Compliant. The County received positive feedback from the agency including on their "clear in its direction" Bylaw, emergency management framework, Emergency Contacts and Critical Resources Lists, Aid Agreements, an excellent training plan and program,

and more. Yellowhead County has been asked by AEMA to be part of the Regional Incident Management Team (RIMT), of which all training costs are covered by the Province. The RIMT is in place to help fulfill emergency-related needs of other municipalities in the region. Bahri noted that their team was "placed on alert for the BC floods." Councillor Brigitte Lemieux noted that receiving that invite says a lot about the work of the YC Fire Department. "I'm pleased that you were invited," she said. To be compliant with current legislation, yearly there must be an exercise held or an activation of the MEP and Emergency Operations Centre with an after-action review attended by all parties including the AEMA. The MEP and EOC was activated for the Lobstick Wildfire in June 2021 and an after-action review was held and submitted to the AEMA, fulfilling this requirement. Councillor Russell commended Administration for all of their "very in-depth" work on the plan and added that the new EOC is "very impressive." Council voted unanimously to approve the MEP as presented.

Edson RCMP arrest and charge male with possession of stolen truck and break-in instruments

Niton Junction – On Nov. 30, 2021, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Edson RCMP responded to reports of two suspicious people in the area of 50 Ave in Niton Junction.

When the RCMP arrived, a vehicle stolen that had been taken from Edson earlier that day was located. With the assistance of the public, the officers investigating the incident obtained the description of the person that was driving the truck. The suspect was quickly located walking on Highway 16 and was arrested. The male was in possession of other stolen property, as well as break-in instruments on his person.

Nathan Joel Poelzer (36) of Kelowna, B.C., is charged with: - Possession of stolen property over \$5,000 - Possession of stolen property under \$5,000 - Possession of break-in instruments.

Poelzer was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Edson Provincial Court on Jan. 18, 2022.

S/Sgt Christian Delisle of the Edson Detachment would like to thank the public for their assistance in this investigation and remind everyone the importance to report any crime to your local RCMP. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com



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We are all tired, but let's also be KIND

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- Masking is mandatory in all public indoor facilities.
- Masks must be worn unless actively engaged in physical activity, under 2 years old, or have a medical exemption.
- Masking is not open to personal preference and disrespectful conduct towards staff on this, or any other matter, will not be tolerated.

The REP program is also in effect at Repsol Place. This includes the requirement for QR codes on your proof of vaccination, as well as ID for anyone 18 and older.

Proof of vaccination is NOT required for anyone under 18 that is actively participating in youth programming. It IS required for anyone 18+, as well as those 12-17 that are NOT participating in youth programs at the time. Recent negative tests and valid medical exemption letters are also accepted.

We often get asked why REP? or why can't we just do 1/3 capacity?

Without the Restriction Exemption Program, Repsol Place would not be able to run ANY adult programming under the Provincial restrictions. This would exclude a large portion of the users from participating in any activities. And without adult programming revenue, youth programming could also be at risk. REP allows us to maintain programming and allows the option of proof of vaccination, negative tests, or a valid medical exemption.

Please note - There is zero tolerance for abuse of staff. This could result in loss of ice/pool time for your affiliated user group.

Please review the Provincial restrictions at <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>, as well as our Code of Conduct at www.edson.ca/repsol-place.

THANK YOU to the majority of guests who remain respectful of the masking and REP requirements as we continue to work within the Provincial guidelines to keep our facility open and programming running for our community.

	Monday December 20	Tuesday December 21	Wednesday December 22	Thursday December 23	Closed December 24, 25, 26	
Lane Swim <small>Membership Required</small>	6:00am – 7:30am					
Water Fit	10:45am – 11:45am					
Lane Swim Preschool Swim	12:00pm – 1:00pm					
Free Public Swim <small>Sponsored by Velvet Energy</small>	1:30pm – 3:30pm			1:30pm – 4:30pm		
Public Swim	5:30pm – 7:30pm					
Water Fit	6:45pm – 7:45pm		6:45pm – 7:45pm			
Lane Swim Preschool Swim <small>Membership Required</small>	8:00pm – 9:00pm					
	Monday December 27	Tuesday December 28	Wednesday December 29	Thursday December 30	Friday December 31	Closed January 1
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****Pool Schedule is subject to change****



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Organics - Tuesday Household Waste A - Friday

Organics - Wednesday Household Waste B - Friday

Organics - Thursday Household Waste B - Friday

Household Waste A

Household Waste B

Organics pickup is every week during the summer months and every 2 weeks during the winter, based on the routes above. Household waste collection is every 2 weeks. See the schedule for your pickup dates. For more information, please call Public Works at 780-723-6461 or go to www.edson.ca/curbside.

2022 Waste Collection Pickup Schedule

Month	Day	Organics	Household Waste A	Household Waste B
January	Monday	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	4, 11, 18, 25	5, 12, 19, 26, 28, 29
February	Monday	14, 21, 28	15, 22, 29	16, 23, 30
March	Monday	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April	Monday	12, 19, 26	13, 20, 27	14, 21, 28, 30
May	Monday	9, 16, 23, 30	10, 17, 24, 31	11, 18, 25, 26, 27
June	Monday	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 21, 28	8, 15, 22, 29, 30
July	Monday	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	4, 11, 18, 25	5, 12, 19, 26, 28, 29
August	Monday	14, 21, 28	15, 22, 29	16, 23, 30
September	Monday	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
October	Monday	12, 19, 26	13, 20, 27	14, 21, 28, 30
November	Monday	9, 16, 23, 30	10, 17, 24, 31	11, 18, 25, 26, 27
December	Monday	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 21, 28	8, 15, 22, 29, 30

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The Weekly ANCHOR Comment



Guest Editorial/Comment

How important is the oil and gas industry to B.C.?

The B.C. oil and gas industry was responsible for nearly 26,500 direct jobs and more than 36,100 indirect jobs in 2017.

by Ven Venkatachalam and Lennie Kaplan
Canadian Energy Centre

British Columbia has been producing oil and natural gas since 1952. As of 2018, B.C. produced 32 per cent of Canada's natural gas and two per cent of Canada's conventional daily oil production. The government collects royalties from oil and gas development, supporting economic prosperity in the province.

So how important is the oil and natural gas industry to the B.C. economy?

Using customized Statistic Canada data from 2017 (the latest year available), it turns out oil and gas in B.C. generated about \$18 billion in outputs. That consists primarily of the value of goods and services produced, as well as gross domestic product of \$9.5 billion.

The B.C. oil and gas industry was responsible for nearly 26,500 direct jobs and more than 36,100 indirect jobs (62,602 in total) in 2017. The sector paid more than \$3.1 billion in wages and salaries to B.C. workers that year.

In 2017, the B.C. oil and gas industry purchased \$5.6 billion worth of goods and services from other sectors. That included \$600 million from the finance and insurance sector, \$770 million in professional services and \$2.8

billion from the manufacturing sector, to name just three.

Spending by the oil and gas sector in B.C. isn't the only way to consider the industry's impact. Given that a large chunk of the sector is next door in Alberta, let's look at what Alberta's trade relationship with its westerly neighbour does for B.C.

B.C.'s interprovincial trade with all provinces in 2017 amounted to \$39.4 billion. Alberta was responsible for the largest amount at \$15.4 billion, or about 38 per cent.

That 38 per cent Alberta share of B.C.'s trade exports is remarkable, given that Alberta's share of Canada's population was just 11.5 per cent in 2017. Alberta consumers, businesses and governments buy far more from British Columbia in goods and services than its population as a share of Canada would suggest. Alberta's capital-intensive, high-wage-paying oil and gas sector is a major reason.

If Alberta were a country (and no, we're not suggesting it should be), the province's \$15.4 billion in trade with B.C. would come in behind only the United States (about \$22.3 billion in purchases of goods and services from B.C.) in 2017. © Troy Media

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Nov 29 to Dec 5, 2021

Suspicious persons/vehicle complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 16. Other investigations included: Alarms/False Alarms 1; Animal Calls 2; Assault 5; Assistance Calls 11; Causing a Disturbance 3; Fail to Comply with Conditions 1; False/Abandoned 911 call 3; Family Orders 1; Family Relations 1; Fire Prevention Act 2; Fraud 1; Harassment 1; Health Act 1; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 4; Liquor Act 1; Lost/Found Property 4; Mental Health Act 2; Mischief 5; Missing Person 1; Municipal Bylaws 2; Possess Stolen Property 1; Sudden Death 3; Theft Complaints 15; Traffic Collisions 14; Traffic Complaints 6; Trespassing 6; Uttering Threats Against Person 2; Unwanted Person 2; Wellbeing Check 7; and Traffic Violations 7.

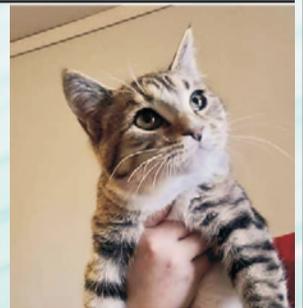
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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Development Authority has authorized the issuance of the following Development Permits in accordance with the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw #2070 as amended:

Permit #	Address/Legal	Development Type	Use	Date Issued Online	Zoning
Week 1	351 26 Street/Plan 062 0808, Block 4, Lot 3	Change of Use Truck Depot, Accessory Building, Outdoor storage, Heavy Trucks, Light Industrial building	Discretionary	December 8, 2021	M-1A
Week 2					

Any person who deems to be affected by the issuance of any one of these permits may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Authority by 4:00 p.m., on the 21st day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website (www.edson.ca/development). On Permitted Uses, grounds for appeal must relate only to interpretation, variance, or relaxation of Land Use Bylaw 2070. On Discretionary Uses, all aspects of the proposed development may be challenged upon appeal. Written notice of appeal, accompanied by the appeal fee as established by Town Council, must be filed through the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7. **Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.**

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Notice of Public Hearing PROPOSED PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 19.21

PURSUANT TO SECTION 692 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, BEING CHAPTER M 26 R.S.A. 2000 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO:

Notice is hereby given that all Public Hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on January 11, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.



The purpose of this hearing is to allow persons to make known their views with respect to the proposed Bylaw 19.21 being a Bylaw to amend the Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw No. 09.21, as follows:

That the land use designation for a portion of part of the South West Quarter, Section Nineteen (19), Township Fifty-Three (53), Range Seven (7), West of the Fifth Meridian be changed from RD Rural District to CRD - Country Residential District in the Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw No. 09.21 as per Schedule A.

All written submissions will become public information upon receipt by the Yellowhead County Council.

Copies of Bylaw No. 19.21 are available for public inspection during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Yellowhead County office located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at 723-4800, or 1-800-665-6030.

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D20-148	Plan 0926327, Blk 1, Lot 4 NW 30-50-25-W5 Maskuta Estates	Single Detached Dwelling with Screened Deck, Covered Deck, Veranda & Four Car Attached Garage, Easting Accessory Building (Shed) with Existing Lean To & New Lean to, Existing Addition to Existing Residence & Existing Accessory Building (Shed)	Nov 29/21
D21-171	Plan 0821343, Blk 2, Lot 6 NW 03-56-15-W5 Shining Bank Area	Existing Accessory Building (Garage)	Nov 29/21
D21-172	Plan 2120055, Blk 1, Lot 4 SW 24-53-11-W5 Nojack Area	Single Detached Dwelling	Dec 2/21

Per the Public Notification Bylaw, the public is considered notified once approved development permits are posted online. Any person claiming to be affected by an approved development permit may appeal the development by filing a written notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The written notice must be filed within Twenty One (21) days after notice of the approval is given, and must be accompanied with a payment of \$300.00.



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Pipelines are safe and green despite Suzuki's extremist rhetoric

David Suzuki comment is the mark of an extremist and suggests how little importance he accords to human safety

EDITORIAL COLUMN

by Miguel Ouellette
Director of Operations and Economics
Montreal Economic Institute

In mid-November, prominent environmental activist David Suzuki made some remarks that any impartial observer would consider radical. This was during an event hosted by an organization that is not known for its measured responses: Extinction Rebellion.

Suzuki's message was clear: "there are going to be pipelines blown up if our leaders don't pay attention to what's going on." Without any room for doubt, this comment is the mark of an extremist and suggests how little importance is accorded to human safety, not to mention simple property rights by the ecologist at the head of a foundation that's flush with cash. The Suzuki Foundation took in no less than \$13

million in 2020.

But the aberration here is not just in the explosive form of Suzuki's words; it's also in its underlying assumptions. Considering pipelines as an enemy instead of an ally in the fight against climate change speaks to a serious misunderstanding of the issue. After all, this method of transport is the safest and greenest one there is for moving our Canadian oil from place to place.

The bogeyman of oil spills is always brought up, of course, but is simply at odds with the facts on the ground. In reality, more than 99.99 per cent of the oil transported in federally regulated pipelines in Canada arrives at its destination safely. Each year, it's the equivalent of just two rail tank cars that are spilled in this country. What's more, pipeline transport emits between 61 per cent and 71 per cent less greenhouse gas than moving it by rail.

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Pipelines are safe and green despite Suzuki's extremist rhetoric

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to the operation of a pipeline system has been recorded in more than 30 years. The pipeline transport process that's in place in Canada rigorously enforces the highest safety standards.

Canada has abundant hydrocarbon resources, and we need them. We shouldn't shun the safest and greenest method of transporting them. That method, whatever Mr. Suzuki may think, is pipelines.

To say governments have to take note because pipelines are going to explode is proof of a lack of understanding of emerging technologies, such as carbon capture and sequestration, and testifies to a very limited geographical vision. We have hydrocarbons in Canada, and we should responsibly produce and use them. Canadian expertise in this area of economic activity is world-renowned, and the anticipated nine per cent increase in global demand for oil between 2019 and 2045 is a golden opportunity for the Canadian economy.

With the expertise we've developed in the pipeline sector,

we have a clear path to reducing our GHG emissions. This expertise could also be used to transport CO2 from carbon capture operations to where it can be used or sequestered – a real climate change victory for Canadians, though a purely ideological defeat for some.

Simply put, pipelines are a friend in the fight against climate change. Our politicians need to realize this, even if certain ecologists have it in for the resource itself rather than merely seeking to mitigate its environmental impact.

The more he makes the kinds of radical comments he made a few weeks ago, the more Suzuki risks hurting the very cause he champions.

Miguel Ouellette is Director of Operations and Economist at the Montreal Economic Institute. © Troy Media

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A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

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Stop the wordsmithing around coal

Op-ed from WCA CEO Michelle Manook

You can't phase out or phase down something that is critical to the energy needs of billions of people.

The COP to end coal, so Alok Sharma proclaimed. Where do you go from there when you are educated on the naïveté of that statement? You start wordsmithing. "Phase down" coal — whatever that means.

As I receive pats on my back from around the world for a job well done, let me be clear. There are no winners from COP26. There's just more confusion.

If it surprises you that I am not taking the win — well don't be. You have been led to believe that coal is the climate enemy. Frankly, the coal value chain has done itself no favours in collectively educating otherwise.

So, the words we need to insert are: "Enough of this madness."

Because, every day we spend distracted by climate politics and diplomatic wordsmithing to save face is just another day where emerging

and developing nations contend with the social, economic and environmental costs of not accelerating the deployment of abated coal, which involves the generation of electricity with carbon capture and storage.

Why did a growing number of world leaders question the worth of coal against the dearth of not having it? It was a reality correction, long overdue.

You can't phase out or phase down coal while it is still critical to the energy needs of billions of people. Households and energy-intensive industries rely on coal in countries where the stable and affordable energy options remain limited.

You can't phase out or phase down the building block to the manufacture of steel and wind turbines, cement and aluminium, and the supporter of intermittent and underperforming renewables.

And knowing all of this, you don't phase out or phase down anything that can be abated.

If I am now required to tinker with the wording — then "phase in" clean coal technologies.

Because if your legitimate goal is to move to a decarbonised economy, then immediately shift your focus away from fuels and firmly move them to all of the abatement technologies necessary to achieve a sustainable net zero future. That includes carbon capture and storage, which pleasingly remains on the table.

As an organisation of responsible coal participants (that's right, responsible and coal can live in the same sentence), and as

longstanding supporters of the Paris Agreement (that's also correct, we have not been in climate denial), the role of any COP is to support the many nations who, in good faith and full transparency, advised that they choose coal and choose decarbonisation through the clean technologies that exist today.

It is not the job of the developing nations and those countries who support them to help the rich countries save face through wordsmithing.

Climate change is not about populism. Billions of people depend on coal and billions will depend on it going forward.

There is now a definite signal that countries must listen and respect each other, accepting all fuels and all technologies, and understanding that different countries will have different pathways of reaching the same, shared goal. That's what a just transition really means.

We will all be back in Egypt next year to revisit the Paris Agreement and, as US climate envoy, John Kerry said, the wording on coal can be reviewed again then. That matters but actions matter more.



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Yellowhead County Council Meeting Highlights for December 7

by Shaylyn Thornton

Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Council heard a landowner's request to redistrict some land in the SW 19-53-07-W5M from Rural District (RD) to Country Residential District (CRD) to accommodate a multi-lot subdivision. The application is to create four country residential parcels ranging in size from 1.08 ha to 1.85 ha.

Studies from the developer confirmed there is a sufficient supply of potable water, the land can accommodate a standard effluent disposal system, and residential basement construction is feasible. Council voted unanimously to give first reading to Bylaw 19.21 to amend the Land Use Bylaw 09.21 for that section of land. The bylaw will be forwarded to a public hearing on January 11, 2022.

Wolf Lake Grader Beat – The current contract for the supply and operation of a motor grader for the Wolf Lake Road grader beat is expiring on January 31, 2022. The County still requires these services so called for tenders for the work, with tenders closing on November 25, 2021.

The new contract would be for five years with an option for an additional two years. Four tenders were received. Chernoble bid \$160/hr for the next five years, 1686301 AB Ltd (JRF) bid \$140/hr for the first year with a \$2.50/hr increase each year until reaching \$150/hr in the fifth year, and Rodeco bid \$140/hr in year one, \$144/hr year two, \$146/hr year three, \$148/hr year four, and \$150/hr year five.

The lowest bid came from the current contractor, McPhee Construction Ltd. They bid \$136/hr for year one with a \$3/hr increase each year until reaching \$148/hr in year five. County Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Don O'Quinn noted that the County has been satisfied with McPhee Construction's performance over the past seven years that they've held the contract. The tendered price falls within the County's road

maintenance budget.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux asked what the estimated annual value of this contract is based on the hourly rates. O'Quinn estimated it would be between \$200,00-250,000. Councillor David Russell asked what the pricing would be if, at the end of the five-year contract, they agreed to a two-year extension. O'Quinn explained that the hourly rate would remain the same, although there is a fuel escalator clause where their hourly rate can go up or down based on fuel prices. Councillor Shawn Berry also commented. "It's really nice to see four different companies bidding on a grader beat. It's a little bit unusual and I'm pleased to see that," he said.

Council voted unanimously to award the tender for the Wolf Lake Grader Beat to McPhee Construction Ltd. Note: Councillor Penny Lowe excused herself from this discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest.

Municipal Engagement Sessions – The Province will be holding Municipal Engagement Sessions to discuss the Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study. They have invited all elected representatives, municipal, employees, and organizations representing municipalities in Alberta to attend a live or virtual municipal engagement session with the Province.

County Director of Protective Services Albert Bahri explained that the engagement sessions will explore the concepts and information outlined in the study by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Canada and gather feedback on those ideas as well as local policing perspectives. The information will then be used to refine PwC's proposed model to inform provincial government decision making.

Council was given the options to attend either a live meeting scheduled for Edson on March 31, 2022 or to attend a virtual meeting. Council voted unanimously to attend the live meeting.

~ Obituary ~

Anne Goldie

April 26, 1933 – November 30, 2021



It is with deep sorrow that our family announces the passing of Annie Elizabeth Goldie (nee Cairney), a loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, on November 30, 2021. Annie passed away in her Edson home at 88 years young with her loving husband by her side.

Annie was born and raised in Medicine Hat, Alberta, and married her high school sweetheart Malcolm Goldie in 1955, a marriage to last 66+ years. After 5 children and many moves following Mal's banking career, they finally settled at Erith Tie, a lumber mill on the Coal Branch. Once all the 5 children had left the nest, they made the move into Edson where she resided until her untimely death.

Annie graduated from Alexandra High School in Medicine Hat. After graduation she worked at the Maple Leaf Flour Mill in the flour testing lab. They made all sorts of baked items to test the flour which made them popular with the workers who got the samples. This is where her wonderful baking and cooking skills were perfected. After her marriage, she worked as a receptionist at the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool in Red Deer. Following a move to Picture Butte she worked as a Bookkeeper for Marshall Wells store. The next 22 years, she worked at home as a stay-at-home mom, raising 5 rambunctious (but perfect) children. This amazing experience set her up for the next career phase, working for Luscar Sterco Coal Mine south of Edson until her retirement in 1999.

She was a great many things to different people, one being 'Mother Luscar'. At Luscar, she worked first as a Helicopter Logistics Coordinator then promoted to the Human Relations Administrator where she worked until she retired. She dedicated a considerable amount of time to the United Church, serving as President of the UCW Northern Division, singing in the choir, and working in the kitchen providing meals for the Harvest Supper, funeral lunches, and many other functions. Annie's steadfast pride of Edson was a mantra she not only believed but lived. Through her volunteer activities in the community along with her dedication, care, and compassion for others, it was not surprising when Annie was awarded Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Edson & District Chamber of Commerce in February of 1997.

Annie started her love of golf later in life as it was a great activity for an energetic couple. She enjoyed learning the sport and travelling to golf schools in the USA. She was a member of the Edson Ladies Golf Club, where the golf course became a staple in her life on Wednesday nights. She was a great competitive golfer and could hold her own against her fiercest rivals, her sons and husband. So much so that in 1991 she won the Ladies Low Net Award in a Members Closed Tournament.

When Annie wasn't out on the golf course, you could find her in the garden or her greenhouse. Always the green thumb, Annie enjoyed 'piddling' around with her flowers, tomatoes, and vegetables. She loved the outdoors, berry picking and making jams, jellies, and anything else she could preserve. She was a wonderful seamstress and sewed many clothes, costumes and in the most recent years, quilts for the seniors.

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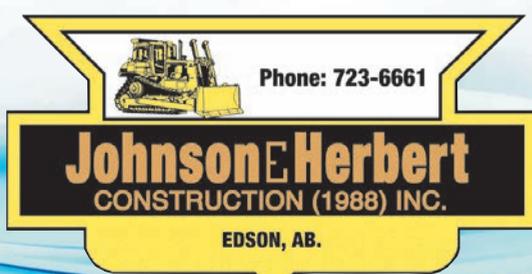


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Cut your own Christmas tree

by Caroline Charbonneau, Area Information Coordinator/Wildfire Information Officer

Gathering around a real Christmas tree your family has chosen and harvested from our public forests is a cherished Alberta tradition. Nearly 18,000 people obtained permits to cut their own Christmas tree last year. What many don't realize is it is also one of the most economical holiday traditions.

To cut your own Christmas tree from Alberta's public forests, you simply need a Personal Use Forest Products Permit (PUFPP). The permit allows you to harvest up to three Christmas trees from designated areas on Crown land. Each tree must be less than 2.5 metres tall, or about eight feet. There is no cost to get a PUFPP and you can easily obtain it online. This permit is strictly for personal use, with no re-sale allowed. You will need to have a screenshot, emailed or printed copy of your permit with you at all times when harvesting and transporting your Christmas trees.

To make your tree hunting experience successful, be sure to use

our new interactive map or PDF maps to find a specific location. Remember to follow the guidelines of your permit as some areas are off-limits. They include within 30 metres of a stream or river, and within 100 metres of a lake. You cannot harvest a Christmas tree from facilities such as roadside turnouts, viewpoints or recreation areas or campgrounds. Harvesting Christmas trees in Alberta provincial parks and recreation areas is strictly prohibited and carries a large fine. Don't harvest a tree from an area that doesn't look natural, such as a reclaimed site, tree improvement or research site, or reforested areas.

A few other responsible harvesting practices include not cutting the tops of trees that are taller than 2.5 metres, minimizing your footprint by leaving no garbage behind, and trying to use all of the tree. You can use it for firewood after the holidays or take it to a local recycling program for chipping into mulch.

If you're planning to head out to harvest your own tree, be sure to obtain your permit early; you may require technical assistance or have other questions. Lastly, be safe! Let someone know when you are heading



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out, where you plan to cut, and what time you plan to be back. Cell service can be unreliable in the forest, and the snow can be much deeper than at home. Road conditions are variable; take extra winter clothing and emergency supplies.

We can all be good stewards of our forests while enjoying its gifts. Getting your PUFPP and following the permit guidelines helps us ensure that we can preserve our forests for

generations to come by keeping a record of the number of trees harvested from Crown land and protecting sensitive areas. Happy harvesting and a very happy holiday season!

For more information or to obtain a Personal Use Forest Products Permit (PUFPP) to cut your own Christmas tree, visit alberta.ca/tree-cutting.aspx. - (with files Alberta Agriculture, Forestry & Rural Economic Development)

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