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Firefighter Flashing Green Light Initiative

Proposal to Town Council to implement a flashing green light for responding volunteer and on-call firefighters

by Adrienne Tait

On January 26, Edson Fire Chief Tyler Robinson presented Town Council with a proposal to implement a flashing green light project for volunteer and

on-call firefighters during the Town's Committee of the Whole meeting.

If approved, Edson volunteer and on-call firefighters will be outfitted with forward facing flashing green lights in their

personal vehicles, which they could then use while on the way to the station when responding to an emergency. The intent is to alert the public that the firefighter is responding to an emergency in progress thereby

increasing safety and awareness.

Alerting pedestrians and other motorists that the firefighter is responding to help another member of the community allows the public to make

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Angie Shine with son Ethan (8) along with their dog Angel (14) we're enjoying some fresh air at the toboggan hill at Willmore Park recently. The park will be the host location for the Town of Edson Community Development and Canadian Parents for French Family Day unplugged event the week of February 8. See pages 5 & 6. photo Deanna Mitchener

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informed decisions. "Maybe don't cross the road with your four kids, maybe don't pull into that yield sign, maybe allow the responders to come and do their job in the safest and most effective way they possibly can," said Robinson.

The initiative is not unique to Edson. The city of Brooks has used the system for nearly 23 years while the Town of

Swan Hills is one of the most recent municipalities to adopt a green light bylaw which they implemented approximately a year ago.

Currently, Alberta and Ontario are the only provinces that allow flashing green lights. While allowed within the Traffic Safety Act, it is the municipality that decides whether to implement such a bylaw.

Chief Robinson said that Edson already has good response times so the benefit is mainly safety and awareness. "We have an amazing group," said Robinson. "I don't know if can reduce response times, but the safety of the firefighters and the public is far more paramount."

Chief Robinson stressed that the flashing green light does not give firefighters the right to speed, run stop signs, or obligate the public to pull over and must only be used in response to an emergency. "Abuse will not be tolerated," said Robinson. "That's why I want to be able to issue the lights so if

there is any misuse or abuse I have the ability to revoke that privilege."

Council unanimously expressed support for the initiative. Councillor Jacqui Currie, who grew up in Brooks, said everyone knew what the flashing green light meant and could attest to its value.

The cost to the Town was estimated at \$1,800 to outfit every firefighter with a green light, but Chief Robinson said that further research reduced that cost to approximately \$1,300. The proposed bylaw will come back to Council at a regular meeting for their approval.

Evansburg RCMP investigate multi-family duplex residential fire



An image from a video posted on YT by 'BoboBear' of the multi-family duplex fire in Evansburg.

On Jan. 26, 2021, shortly after 3 a.m., an Evansburg RCMP officer was patrolling in Evansburg and noticed a multi-family residential duplex on fire in the area of 49 Street and 52 Avenue.

The Evansburg RCMP officer attended to assist and notified the Yellowhead County Fire Department who attended. The Evansburg RCMP officer evacuated two elderly occupants; however, it is believed two remaining residents of one half of the duplex, an adult female and a teen, were unable to leave one of the duplexes before it became engulfed.

It took firefighters six hours to douse the flames as the home was fully engaged when fire crews arrived. RCMP state that recovery efforts for the mother and her teenage child was a challenging process due to the cold weather and damage from the fire.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 27, the structure was sufficiently cleared of debris to allow for a search. At that time, a specialized canine from Firestorm Consulting Group, who searches for cadavers was called upon to attend. A search was conducted and at approximately 2:45 p.m., the remains of the 50-year-old female and

her 16-year-old son, who were believed to have been unable to leave the structure, were located inside with the assistance of the specialized canine.

RCMP media relations officer Cpl. Deanna Fontaine stated, "This is a very tragic situation and our heart goes out to this family."

Local MP Gerald Soroka stated, "The Han Family, owners of Evansburg Family Foods, had a tragic fire at their home and lost everything. Sadly the family also lost members in this tragic accident. The Han's are very generous, community-minded people who have supported Evansburg for the past 20 years. Now they need our support."

Director of Protective Services for Yellowhead County Albert Bahri stated that investigators are still working to determine where and how the fire started. The Evansburg RCMP continue to investigate this incident and have not yet received a formal report from the fire investigator for the Alberta Office of the Fire Commission.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to raise funds for the family.

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Evergreens Foundation getting through COVID together

“It's been a real team effort”: CAO Kristen Chambers

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Evergreens Foundation has five senior's lodges, each located in Edson, Hinton, Evansburg, Jasper, and Grande Cache.

In the midst of a global pandemic whose illness hits seniors hardest, the EGF has been working non-stop to try and keep their residents safe and healthy.

The EGF has had only one outbreak, at their Alpine Summit Building in Jasper. They experienced a total of 21 cases. Tragically, four residents passed away.

Since getting past the difficult outbreak, the EGF is now sitting at zero cases in any of their facilities at the time of this writing.

Vaccinations are also under way. The Lodges in Edson, Jasper, and Grande Cache have all had their first round of vaccinations and are

scheduled for their second. “We have not heard any word on Hinton and Evansburg at this time,” said EGF CAO Kristen Chambers.

Chambers said that all of their lodges are still under provincial guidelines but are no longer under a complete lockdown.

“The Public Health order entails limiting visitors onsite, enhanced cleaning and sanitization, modifications to dining arrangements for example staggered dining times or table cohorts,” said Chambers. “Some activities are also still modified this time to restrict things like indoor singing etc. Hair salons are open but with restrictions similar to the guidelines for salons in the community.”

Chambers spoke highly of how hard everyone at the EGF has worked to get through COVID-19 thus far. “I think as an organization we have coped incredibly well with COVID-19. Our staff are simply outstanding and have been very adaptable to the constantly changing health orders,” she said. “Our residents have also been really good with following the guidelines, and that's a huge part of our success. It's been a real team effort.”

“Even with the outbreak in Jasper, while it was absolutely devastating news to receive, it was amazing to watch the staff and management there step into our pandemic procedures and work so hard to get the outbreak under control,” Chambers said. “We were able to keep it isolated to one wing of the building with the exception of two cases which was a huge success.”

For residents in Edson, the new Parkland Lodge has been a big positive during such a difficult time, and staff there worked hard to ensure resident safety during the move.

“I am really proud of the team at Parkland for pulling off a move of that magnitude during

the pandemic and for not having any outbreaks associated with the move,” said Chambers.

“The residents are loving the new facility, although it is taking some adjustments navigating all the extra space!” she said. “The feedback has been positive, and we are actively trying to fill up the additional rooms as we speak.”

The EGF will continue to take all necessary steps to keep their staff and residents safe.

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Community Engagement Action Team gets ready for Random Acts of Kindness Week this February

by Jordan Rae

Random Acts of Kindness Week is coming up February 14 to 20, with Random Acts of Kindness Day happening on Wednesday, February 17 and Edson's Community Engagement Action Team (CEAT) is ready to go with fun ways for everyone to share in the message of kindness.

Random Acts of Kindness Week is determined by the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, who sets the dates each year. According to their website, they use the week to uphold the annual tradition of celebrating kindness, as they believe everyone can use more kindness in their lives.

Edson has been a part of the initiative since 2017, although the CEAT's involvement generally expands to other kindness-related initiatives at multiple times of the year, such as their Shine Pink Booth during Bullying Awareness Week in November.

As CEAT member Ali Broda explains, it's important to know that kindness is a message for everyone, no matter what age. "Some adults still don't have it down to a science. It's important to understand our own biases, things that happened in our lives that make us think a certain way or believe the things we believe," she said. "It's great to understand those things about yourself and become self-aware, to get closer to becoming an understanding and kind individual."

One RAKW event is a virtual presentation by the Saffron Centre titled "Bullying: Can we stop it?" on February 16 at 1pm and 7pm. The event is free and anyone who wants to attend must register at Edson.ca/CEAT. "We'd love to get the conversation going within the community about being kind and the power that it has," said Broda. "School classrooms, parents and their children, professionals –

anyone that's interested can attend."

Broda says spreading the message of kindness, especially with the shape of the world right now, can help many who are struggling. "Everyone is walking their own path. It's a lot easier said than done, of course," she said. "Attending presentations like this one can help a person in any stage of their life understand the importance of being kind and caring."

Another event taking place during RAKW is a digital story contest, and submissions are being taken from now until February 17. There will be prizes of \$100 and \$50 for the top two entries, and your digital stories will be featured on CEAT social media platforms. More details on the contest can be found at Edson.ca/CEAT.

Like most groups, the CEAT has had to find creative solutions to hold events and programming while people can't meet in person. "The beauty of virtual events is that you can log on from anywhere," said Broda. "If you're out for a walk but want to tune in to a presentation, all it takes is data, if you have it, and you can be a part of virtual events from "virtually" anywhere. It's a great alternative to traveling somewhere or missing out on things because you're sick or don't have a ride; using online platforms removes a lot of these barriers."

Broda hopes that continuing to make kindness a topic of discussion will make a difference. "The more people discuss a topic, the more common it becomes as just a part of our life," she said. "Through these kinds of initiatives, we want to bring awareness to issues like bullying or simply, the importance of being kind to one another."

The CEAT hopes their events during Random Acts of Kindness Week will aid in creating an even kinder community overall.

Reading Around the World Challenge Promotes Literacy and Student Learning

GYPSD: Family Literacy Day is January 27, 2021, and we love how students at Wildwood School are tying in this year's theme of Travel the World Together!

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badge as they arrive in designated cities in each of the countries that have been chosen. The students will travel the complete route after they have achieved 52,000 km.

This will require every student to read a total of approximately 750 minutes between December and June.

Check out your local school to learn about other great literacy initiatives happening to foster a lifelong love of reading in our students.



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Public Notice to Electors

Multi-Use Recreational Facility Debenture Bylaw

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Edson, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing Bylaw No. 2252 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper offices of the Town of Edson to borrow monies from the Province of Alberta by way of debenture issue, to pay for the cost of the following municipal purpose, namely the Multi-Use Recreational Facility.

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to \$70,000,000. After deducting from this cost the amount of \$61,000,000 to be funded from Yellowhead County, the Province of Alberta, the Government of Canada, and reserves of the Town of Edson, the net amount to be borrowed on the credit and security of the municipality at large by the issue of debenture is \$9,000,000. The debenture is to be repayable to the Province of Alberta in 60 equal consecutive semi-annual installments of combined principal and interest, the annual interest not to exceed six per cent, or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Province of Alberta.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Edson that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw No. 2252 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

All person interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

Information for Electors

Pursuant to Section 1(n) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means: a person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councilor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Pursuant to Section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if the person is at least 18 years old, is a Canadian citizen, and resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day.

A poll may be demanded in the Town of Edson by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10 per cent of the population in accordance with the provisions of Section 233 of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with the provisions of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition". (Further requirements of the petition are provided in Section 224 of the Municipal Government Act).

Bylaw No. 2252 can be read in full at www.edson.ca/bylaws

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Family Day fun...

In this Covid era, amid all the restrictions and lockdowns, social media platforms have penetrated even deeper into our lives.



by Dana McArthur
publisher/Editor

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out even more ways to capture our time, maybe it's time to turn the tables and

take back some of that control ourselves.

And a good place to start is with Family Day Unplugged!

During the week of February 8 to the 15th, the Town of Edson Community Development and Canadian Parents for French invite all families to visit Willmore Park for a Family Day event -unplugged style.

The fun will include some Bonhomme and French culture celebrations like maple candy, a French-English Scavenger Hunt through the trails, and a Snowathalon!

The organizers are encouraging cohort groups to visit the park any day during the event-week to participate in the activities that are designed to ensure safety and maintain distance from others, while still having lots of fun.

So, with this Family Day outing and beyond, let's try turning off some of those device notifications and try plugging into what matters most in our lives —our loved ones right in front of us. Because losing that precious time, for the sake of the next 'like', is no way to live at all.

Note: For more information contact the Town of Edson Community Services at 780-723-4403.

To its credit, social media has often allowed us the only safe means of connecting with extended family and friends during this pandemic. But the growing concern is whether we are allowing this addictively engineered technology to infringe even further on our relationships with the three-dimensional family we actually live with.

With the unprecedented growth of fake news, disinformation, covert manipulation, abuse, trolling, and harassment —questions have arisen whether social media is doing more to tear society apart than unite it. Governments are setting anti-trust cases in motion, and even the social platform giants themselves have questioned whether they are a good or bad influence on society.

Social media's negative impacts are a long and well documented list of concerns including mental health, attention span, productivity, fear of missing out, self-absorption, depression, anxiety, cyberbullying, exclusion, social polarization, isolation, and on-line addiction —just to name a few.

So, instead of letting this 'intelligent' technology figure



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Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund Applications

Gerald Soroka
MP Yellowhead



OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead is pleased to inform constituents the launch of the latest call for applications for our Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund. Communities across the country have organizations developing new and innovative ways to improve the well-being of our Veterans and their families.

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Veteran homelessness, mental health, the transition to civilian life, and more.

If you are aware of an organization that could help make a difference in the lives of our Veterans and their families, please be sure to share this news with them.

Applications are being accepted until 8 February 2021.

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Edson Continuing Care knitting group makes Izzy Dolls



Fibre Friends, a knitting group at the Edson Continuing Care Center, made these Izzy Dolls which will be given to children in need. photo submitted

by Deanna Mitchener

A knitting group in Edson has found a way to have their creativity make a difference, by making “Izzy Dolls” that will be given to children in need.

The group, known as the Fibre Friends, typically get together at the Edson Continuing Care Center, although they haven't been able to meet up lately. The members of Fibre Friends either crochet or knit and are all at various levels of ability.

Patty Mohns said that after COVID hit in March and their group had to stop meeting, she read about Izzy Dolls in the senior's newspaper. “I thought this might be a good project for some of the ladies,” she explained. “One lady that crochets was interested and she loves the idea of creating, and especially when it is for kids.”

Mohns said another lady was interested in being a part of the project as well, but had “difficulty with physically knitting.” Instead, the lady worked alongside Mohns to create a couple of the dolls.

“She has been the best teacher,” said Mohns. “It was fun deciding the colors together and I would never have been able to read the

pattern if it wasn't for her.”

Usually, the group knits or crochets squares to make into blankets, or works on personal projects like sweaters, blankets, slippers, or dish cloths. But when Mohns read about the Izzy Dolls, she wanted to take part.

According to The Canadian Military Engineers Association, Izzy Dolls are named after the late Master Corporal Mark Isfeld and his idea to “provide simple dolls to children who were innocently caught up in war-torn areas of the world.”

Now, the dolls made here in Edson will be sent off to make a difference as well. “We are now ready to send the dolls to Oakville, Ontario, where they will be used as packing material for humanitarian medical kits and then given out to sick children and children in the community,” said Mohns. “We will likely make more dolls in the future, but wanted to get these sent away so the group could feel a sense of accomplishment.”

For more information on the very interesting history of Izzy Dolls, you can visit cmea-agmc.ca/story-izzy-dolls. Such a great way for our seniors to keep active while also helping out less fortunate individuals.

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Winter Walk Day

We challenge you to get outside for a refreshing walk this Winter Walk Day and submit your kilometers to see just how active we get around here!

Winter Walk Day encourages people across Alberta to be active outdoors during the colder weather. This year we are challenging residents to work together to walk the entire distance of Yellowhead County!

Head out for a walk/hike/run/ski/snowshoe on Wednesday, February 3 and submit your total kilometers travelled here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHH6W73>.

emotional safe spot.

let's talk.

Yellowhead County FCSS staff are trained to speak with people struggling with mental health. The Emotional Safe Spot program provides a place for people to share the mental health struggles they might be facing, in a confidential and safe space.

If you feel the need to speak with someone other than a friend or family member, contact our staff at 780-325-3782 and ask to speak with someone about the Emotional Safe Spot Program. We're here to help in your journey to better mental health.

WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?

GOOD NEIGHBOUR

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Permit Number	Location	Proposal	Notice of Approval
D21-005	Plan 0829184, Blk 1, Lot 5 SW 04-54-15-W5 Rosevear Area	Existing Manufactured Home & Accessory Building (Garage)	Jan 15/21
D21-006	Plan 0314530, Blk 1, Lot 1 SW 32-51-24-W5 East River Road	Accessory Building (Studio)	Jan 15/21
D21-009	Plan 4997EO, Blk N SE 30-53-07-W5 Evansburg	Accessory Building (Shed)	Jan 27/21

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

The land use bylaw provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by filing a written notice of appeal, containing reasons, with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for Yellowhead County accompanied with payment of \$300.00 within Twenty One (21) days after notice of the approval is given. If you have questions or concerns please contact Yellowhead County's Planning Department at 1-800-665-6030.

Doing Your Taxes - What's in It for You?

Seniors - Tune in online to an information session about benefit and credit payments you could get from the Canada Revenue Agency if you do your taxes every year!

Sandra Paul from the Canada Revenue Agency will share information on:

- Why file your tax return? What benefits and credits are available (GST Credit, Disability Tax Credit, Age Amount)
- Don't Get Scammed!
- Authorizing a Representative
- Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

Online webinar hosted on Tuesday, February 16 at 3:00 PM
Registration is required.

To register call 780.325.3782 or email kschatz@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca to get the webinar link.

If you need assistance on how to access the webinar, please call us.



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Look no further! Yellowhead County is hiring for these positions:

- Pool Manager
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- Senior Weed Inspector
- Junior Lifeguard
- Gravel Checker/Labourer
- Agricultural Labourer

PLEASE NOTE: Yellowhead County will not be recalling previous seasonal employees. To be considered for 2021 employment, please resubmit your resume. Visit www.yhcounty.ca/jobs to see full position details and to apply. Postings close February 15, 4:30 PM.

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NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS, & FAMILIES

To register, please call 1-800-814-3935 before February 8.

Presented by:
Charlene Sitar
(Regional Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator)

FEBRUARY 11

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Find out what you can do when you see signs of older adult mistreatment.

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DID YOU KNOW?
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Wellness Wednesday

Webinars

Yellowhead County FCSS is hosting FREE Wellness Wednesday webinars which offer practical advice for managing your mental health during difficult times.

Jan 27 1 - 3 PM	ARISE: Cannabis / Vaping, Addiction & Mental Health: Practical Strategies for Mental Wellness. Presented by Curtis Lockinger (Prevention & Recovery Facilitator).
Feb 3 1 - 3 PM	ARISE: Supporting our Children's Mental Wellbeing. Presented by Trevor Haas (Mental Health Promotion Facilitator).
Feb 10 1 - 3 PM	ARISE: Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times PART II. Presented by Alberta Health Services certified professionals.

Webinars will be facilitated via Zoom. Please call 780-325-3782 to register.

At Home workshop: BEE HOTEL BUILDING

Diy at home! February 13 - 15

\$15 per bee hotel kit (max 2 kits per family). How it works:

- Call in to pre-register and purchase kits (780-325-3782).
- Pick up your kit at either county office (Edson or Wildwood).
- Pick up times: February 8 - 12 during regular office hours.
- You'll receive a link to the instructional video on February 11.
- The video includes step-by-step instructions on how to build your kit, as well as educational videos to teach you and your children about the importance of pollinators.
- Note: The videos will not be taken down, you can choose when you'd like to sit down with your family to build your bee hotel over family day long weekend.

Kits are limited so register ASAP! Deadline is February 5. Call 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782.

What you'll need:

- Drill with a #1 square screwdriver bit.
- Set of 3-6" long drill bits in sizes ranging from 3/32 - 3/16.

NOTE:

- All of the wood and screws required for building is included in the kit.
- Printed instructions will be included with the step-by-step video.

County to apply for additional Universal Broadband Funding

by Shaylyn Thornton

At the January 26 regular County Council Meeting, Yellowhead County Administration approached Council with a request to approve an application bid for the Universal Broadband Fund.

Yellowhead County has been building a communications back bone and hub of 10 communications towers and fibre back bone to key towers. On top of this, a carrier grade microwave system has been installed on all towers to provide the proper bandwidth and communication links throughout the County.

Yellowhead County has contracted companies during this build to provide the necessary labor and equipment and expertise to create a very robust and successful system. The Emergency Services communications system is currently providing 95 percent coverage for emergency response within Yellowhead County. There are currently over 650 subscriber units on the system and an update was just completed.

Yellowhead County currently has three towers with TELUS cell sites in Wildwood, Peers, and Cadomin. CCI wireless is located on the Fulham tower, and Morad is located on the new Aspen Heights and Brule towers.

These towers are providing service to the direct locations in proximity to the towers, however there are still a great deal of Yellowhead County residents that have poor to slow broadband coverage and some that have no coverage at all.

There are currently two Federal Government program grants that provide funding for broadband. Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Universal Broadband Fund and the ISED Universal Broadband Fund: Rapid Response Stream.

On December 8, County Council approved an application for the Rapid Response Stream, which required a shovel ready project that can be started

in early 2021 and completed by November 15, 2021. That application would cover a project that would encompass the communities of Brule, Mountainview, Aspen Heights, Seabolt, Grandview, and Maskuta.

The Universal Broadband Fund differs from the Rapid Response stream that Council has already approved in the sense that the fund does not have a project limit, and does not need to be completed until March 31, 2027, making it a multi-year project.

Similar to the Rapid Response stream, a partnership must be in place that allows the build to begin as soon as funding is approved, and funding is also based on 60 cent dollars from the Federal government.

Yellowhead County has working relationships with Nova/Rock, 3CIS, and Morad Communications. In consultation with these companies, they are willing to work with Yellowhead County to put a Broadband Fund application together to be submitted on behalf of Yellowhead County. "Each company brings a specific expertise and knowledge forward to make a successful application and project should the funding be approved," said Director of Protective Services Albert Bahri.

The application will cover all areas within Yellowhead County that are eligible for broadband based on the Federal Government's mapping of underserved areas. If the application is successful, these communities will receive fibre to their homes to provide the required 50/10Mbps for internet service.

"A tracking tool has been deployed to gauge the current internet service level that County residents are receiving," said Bahri. "Early indications are very few residents have adequate internet coverage to their homes."

Councillor Anthony Giezen inquired about

targeted areas at the start, and if there was any estimate on the County's portion of the cost. Bahri said that a map of coverage areas would need to be created, and with the areas covered by the other application already looked at, they would likely "start in Marlboro and head east."

"All residents and industrial areas that we could service would be looked at. At each one of these properties, we have to look at distance and then the feasibility of providing fibre. What that cost will be to those residents," said Bahri. "So until we get all that information put together, I can't give you an actual number."

Giezen followed up with a question about fees for a resident to get fibre into their home. Bahri explained the cost to get fibre into their home would be covered by the project, and then residents could use a provider of their choice to receive internet service.

Because the project would be government funded and open source, providers such as Telus, Rogers, and Bell could offer their service if they pay a transport fee to Yellowhead County. That transport fee would then be built into the resident's bill from the provider.

Councillor Shawn Berry asked if that would mean that residents would only receive one bill, directly from the provider, to access internet service. Bahri confirmed that would be the case.

Mayor Jim Eglinski asked how much of Yellowhead County is currently receiving internet coverage via fibre. "Zero percent," said Director Bahri.

The application has no cost to the County to prepare. Once the application package has been completed, a more defined cost breakdown will be provided.

County voted unanimously to approve an application partnership with Nova/Rock, 3CIS, and Morad Communications.

County approves location for YH-19 Robb Tower

by Shaylyn Thornton

Yellowhead County has been on a mission to complete a communication tower build to enhance public safety communication and increase broadband and cellular coverage throughout Yellowhead County.

So far 10 towers have been completed and are fully in service throughout Yellowhead County. County Council, in their 2021 interim budget, approved a new tower for the community of Robb. This tower is designated YH-19 Robb.

At the January 26 regular Council Meeting, County Council needed to approve a final location for the tower build to occur.

Working alongside Allan Bly of ViTel Consulting, who also worked with the County on the other 10 towers, County Administration completed a tower site analysis of 13 sites in the Robb area that had the potential to be suitable for a tower.

Robb poses a local issue of having an upper and lower section within the hamlet, and therefore requires a guyed tower type with a height of up to 700ft and an anchor radius of 520ft. Having the proposed tower size would provide adequate Protective Services radio, cellular, and broadband coverage.

Out of the 13 potential sites, six were shortlisted and underwent a more detailed analysis. Out of these six, two were found to be suitable for

a tower to be built on the site.

Out of these two sites, site number six located on the East side of Robb was listed as a first choice, and site five located on the South of Robb was listed as second choice. Both sites are located in close proximity to all homes that could be serviced by the tower.

CAO Jack Ramme let the Councillors know that site number six was formerly a proposed site for a subdivision. The subdivision project was not able to move forward due to the costs.

"There was a lot of costs to try to develop that subdivision. It wasn't an easy one," Ramme said. "Lots were almost six figures. So it just wasn't feasible to move forward with the subdivision."

Councillor Lavone Olson recalled that part of an issue with that location was a washed-out culvert, that had to be fixed "at a huge expense." She inquired if that would be an issue in the tower build, as well.

Director of Protective Services, Albert Bahri, explained that the tower build would be a different situation. "It's not to the same degree as having a subdivision. You can access the tower through other means, you know, like side-by-sides," he explained. "That road, right now, is used by industry so if that culvert went there would probably be a lot of partners wanting to replace it."

Councillor Shawn Berry asked

how many more towers the County would be building. "That's a conversation, in 2021, to be had with Council. We have other sites selected," said Bahri. "There are some more sites that require towers."

After looking over the map and proposed sites, County Council agreed that site six was a good location for the YH-19 Robb tower build and voted unanimously to approve it.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

HELP IS HERE FOR YOU

The COVID-19 outbreak has changed our daily routines and adjusting hasn't been easy. Not for anyone. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed and struggling to cope, help is available — 24/7.

Visit alberta.ca/mentalhealth to find resources.

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Fall Community Futures Business Walk a success

by Adrienne Tait

At the Town of Edson Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 26, Community Futures West Yellowhead General Manager Nancy Robbins presented Town Council with the outcomes from their Business Walk, which was conducted in the fall of 2020. Community Futures identified 99 store front businesses and spoke with 58 of those businesses.

Robbins told Council there was a wide range of responses with some businesses adapting relatively quickly under COVID-19 measures to curbside pick-up, successful product placement, social media advertising, and e-commerce, while others struggled with technology and the changing business environment. The wide range of responses made the need for more marketing and advertising supports apparent.

Businesses did express a desire for a “shop local” initiative for consumers and identified the need for businesses supporting businesses, financial assistance, and local procurement. Municipal supports for standardized health guidelines, lower taxes, and issues surrounding parking were also requested.

COVID restrictions have had a large impact on the service industry, from aesthetics to

restaurants, with many businesses unable to operate during the normally busy Christmas season.

After speaking with business owners in the food service industry, who are currently only able to provide take out and delivery services, Robbins said, “They are frustrated, they're scared, they don't know what's happening and there is a lack of clarity there. We are really starting to see, in general with our businesses, mental health concerns with a lot of our business owners.” Robbins added that January tends to be a very hard month anyway, and the added stress of COVID restrictions is amplifying concerns.

Community Futures has begun planning for recovery and does have some available supports, such as the Edson Small Business Loan and business coaching. Robbins said that they have given out one such loan and expects that they will see more as we move into a recovery program over the next three years.

More information on the loan can be found at westyellowhead.albertacf.com/business-loans. Business coaching services are available virtually or by phone, and those interested in more information or wanting to book an appointment can call 780-865-1224, visit the Community Futures West Yellowhead website, or reach out on their social media.



The toboggan hill behind the Yellowhead Koinonia Christian school is a popular place for sledders when the weather is warmer. photo Deanna Mitchener

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Edson Chamber of Commerce reflects on many challenges of 2020

by Jordan Rae

Like many non-profit organizations in 2020, the Edson and District Chamber of Commerce faced great challenges with the constantly changing government restrictions and guidelines affecting businesses. The Chamber was forced to be creative and resilient in their approaches to “new norms” amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Edson Chamber’s mission statement says that they look “to be the voice of the business community and enhance trade and commerce in Edson and our district.” They are also strong promoters of the “Shop Local” mentality, and throughout the year they continued to sell Edson Bucks which could be spent at Edson Chamber Members’ businesses and helped to reinforce the importance of supporting local.

In 2020, the Chamber had 157 local business members, with 21 of those being new members who joined during the very challenging year.

As Chamber Manager Kathy Arndt explained, the most important challenge to keep on top of in 2020 was ensuring they were able to get the proper information out to their business members. “There is so much information coming in, that it all needs to be sorted and sent out for the benefit of our local businesses,” she said. “We were all in the same boat as far as trying to figure out what next steps can be taken, along with just trying to keep our heads above water.”

The Executive and Directors pulled together

with constant emails, phone calls, and remote video meetings to make sure the Edson Chamber office was getting the information required out to the businesses, and even lobbied the Alberta Government and Canadian Chamber of Commerce to share their members’ concerns. “We continue to band together and lobby to get our businesses opened and running again,” said Arndt.

The Chamber also faced financial strains in 2020. “Once the pandemic hit, we had to cancel two of our biggest revenue events: the Trade Show and the Summer Festival, which was a devastating financial loss to the Edson Chamber,” said Arndt.

The Chamber was also forced to cancel much-loved community events like their annual Kid’s Movie, Santa Claus Parade, and the Chamber Christmas Party due to public gathering restrictions.

Still, the Chamber found ways to pull off some of their usual events with a little creativity and the help of social media. The biggest example would be the Edson Business Awards, which Chamber President Darlene Chouinard hosted on Facebook Live.

Restrictions at the time allowed for only six people to be present at the awards, so the Chamber worked around those guidelines and invited a few dignitaries to help with their presentation. “We were honored to have Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara, MP Gerald Soroka, MLA

Martin Long, and Yellowhead County Mayor Jim Eglinski present to announce the winners in each category,” said Arndt.

Celebrating businesses is important to the Chamber of Commerce every year but, as Arndt explained, this year they all worked even harder to keep going. “The Edson Chamber is extremely proud of how our business community pulled together through out these extremely trying times,” she said. “The pandemic greatly changed how our businesses and organizations had to change their operations. They had to change from the usual way of running their businesses to a lot more online, curbside pick-up, and relying on online technology to weather the storm.”

Looking ahead in 2021, The Edson and District Chamber of Commerce hopes to be able to continue with their usual events as the world hopefully starts to open again. “Our focus will be the continuing support of our local businesses and to remind our community to shop local and support our local businesses. We will continue to help build the businesses that support our families and community,” said Arndt.

As Arndt noted, the way we shop, travel, consume, and trade has been changed and challenged, and she says the Chamber will continue to network with businesses, other Chambers, community groups, and government agencies to help local businesses strive and survive.

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~ Obituary ~

Helen Ivy Svedberg

On January 19, 2021 Helen Ivy Svedberg passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Edson Continuing Care Center at the age of 96.

Helen was born April 7, 1924 in Yates Alberta, to Jonas and Susanne Johnson, the youngest of 12 children.

Helen has resided in the Edson area for most of her life.

Left to mourn her loss and cherish her memory are her children; son Erick Svedberg of Edson, daughter Carole (Eric) Stewart of Charlottetown P.E.I., son Gerald (Linda) Svedberg of Edson and son Brian Svedberg of Edmonton. 11 Grandchildren and 18 Great Grandchildren

Helen was predeceased by her husband Oscar, son Warren, grandson Dean, daughter in law Erna and her 11 siblings.

A private family funeral was held Saturday January 23, 2021 @ 2:00 pm at the Woodland Cemetery in Carrot Creek, AB.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

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~ Obituary ~

GRIMBLE (Nee BARTON), Brenda Marie

May 18, 1949 - January 16, 2021



It is with heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved wife, mother, Nana, and friend, Brenda Grumble, of Edson, on the afternoon of January 16, 2021 at the age of 71 years.

She graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Education in 1972. She went on to be the most astounding teacher and touched the hearts and souls of many people in her life's journey. All of our lives are better and richer for having been blessed to have her.

Brenda cherished her family and friends and she enjoyed nothing more than being with them. Spending time together at dinners and on holidays, playing games, watching a movie or Oilers game were big highlights. She loved camping and fishing, no matter what she would always catch the biggest one. She had the uncanny ability to make everyone feel welcome, comfortable and respected.

Brenda was a loving wife to Richard for the last 48 years, and an adored mother of Nathan (Melissa), Yara and Tyler. Her loving grandchildren are Karson, Riley, Carson, Kaley and Dante who will always remember they had the most remarkable and loving Nana. She will be sorely missed by the rest of her family and friends.

Brenda was predeceased by her parents David Barton and Irene Wengreniuk, her stepfather Nick Wengreniuk, as well as her nephew David Carter.

For everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Brenda they also had the pleasure of knowing true unconditional love and kindness. She was an angel on Earth and now will remain, always and everywhere, an angel in our hearts.

Many thanks to Dr. S. Smith, Marilyn, Kathryn and the rest of the wonderful team at Edson homecare.

There will be no memorial at this time, we will gather down the road when we can hug again and celebrate Brenda's amazing life.

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**JOHNSON, Geraldne Marie
(nee Ellis)**

April 24, 1932 – Wetaskiwin, Alberta
January 18, 2021 – Calgary, Alberta



We are saddened to announce the passing of Geraldne "Gerry" Marie Johnson (nee Ellis) after a long illness with COVID complications on Monday, January 18, 2021 at the age of 88 years.

Gerry was born to Arnold and Hazel Ellis, April 24, 1932 in Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Gerry and Alvin were married May 26, 1952. Being Alvin was the oldest of nine children, I'm sure was a life changer for Gerry, being an only child. The wife of an oilfield husband, Gerry was left to raise the children mostly on her own. Together Alvin and Gerry raised two sons Douglas and Larry and two daughters Lianne and Joan.

Making a few moves during their early marriage they put down roots in Calgary, Alberta in 1962. In 1973, the family packed up their belongings and moved to Edson, Alberta where Alvin joined his brother Paul Johnson and brother-in-law (Don Herbert) in a construction company, Johnson & Herbert Construction in 1970. Gerry loved to curl and was active in the curling club in Edson. Gerry will forever be known as the clubs "Minnie Pearl" a role which she played to a tee. Al and Gerry were very avid golfers and traveled extensively to play the game. They loved their house in the Shuswap and their winter getaways in Palm Springs, CA then Yuma, AZ, where they could golf year round and made dozens of lifetime friends.

They have come full circle and made the Cochrane area home again overlooking the Glen Eagles golf course.


Left to mourn her passing is her loving husband of 68 years Alvin Brandt Johnson. Their children Doug (Heather) Johnson, Larry (Audrey) Johnson, Lianne (Erik) Wyles, Joan (Rick) Saunders; twelve grandchildren Carl (Kaitlin) Johnson, Dean (Maddie) Johnson, Matt (Lee) Johnson, Jason (Terran) Johnson, Jenna (Logan) Pillage, Jesse and Colton Lockridge, Sheila (Mike) Laverick, Bryan Wyles, Krista (Kris) James, Kyle Saunders, Brett (Sarah) Saunders; twenty-one great-grandchildren; her brother and sisters-in-law, Paul (Bonny) Johnson, Donald (Terry) Johnson, Gordon (Anna Mae) Johnson, Donald Whillier, Elaine (Dennis) Stanley, and Margaret Johnson; numerous nieces and nephews; and a lot of very good friends.

Gerry is predeceased by her father Arnold and mother Hazel Ellis, father-in-law Rev. C Alvin and mother-in-law Elsie Johnson.

The family would like to share a special thank you to mom and dad's caregivers Laura and Kim. You went above and beyond, caring for their medical, mental and physical needs. We are forever grateful!! Also we'd like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Rockyview Hospital unit 93 that provided great care for Gerry.

Gerry will be cremated and the family are hoping to have a memorial to take place in Wetaskiwin, AB at a later date. Internment will be in the family plot at the Nashville Cemetery a short distance from the family farm outside of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared and viewed on Gerry's obituary at www.McInnisandHolloway.com. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Terry Fox Foundation, 16A, 6120 – 2nd Street S.E., Calgary, AB T2H 2L8 Telephone: (403) 212-1336, terryfox.org/donate.

In living memory of Gerry Johnson, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by:

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~ Obituary ~

Brian Anthony Fossheim

October 19, 1957 – January 12, 2021



The 12th of January was the first new moon of 2021. Fresh beginnings! Our loved ones are just having their new beginnings, on the other side.

In the early morning of January 12, 2021, Brian Anthony Fossheim, left us to be with others that went on before him.

Brian was born October 19, 1957, in St. John's Hospital in Edson, Ab. After graduating grade 12 at Parkland Composite High School, Brian farmed and ranched with his parents and brothers in the Drostan District. Eventually, he acquired his class 1 driver's licence and went on to drive for several truckers and friends in the area, until his knees prevented this.

He enjoyed checking up on his nieces and other family farmers in the area and helped out where he could. Brian enjoyed his time teasing friends, family and acquaintances about what they drove, whether or not they were slacking at their jobs, or just anything to "bug" them.

Brian will be missed by his family, his coffee buddies, his farmer's market acquaintances, those that he met on the street or at the post office and garage sales, just to razz them about life.

The neighbors will miss him dropping over just to chat.

Brian passed at the Edson Healthcare Centre after a brief illness.

He is survived by sister Linda Hine, of Edson, and her children, Angela (Jay Bishop), Trisha (Mike Wilson) and Shawn Hine, all of Edson, as well as Shayne Hine of Carivale, Sask.; brother-in-law, Wayne Hine of Alida, Sask.; brother Douglas (Tammy) Fossheim, and their children, Jennifer McConnel, Stephanie, Kendra, Travis & Nicole Fossheim, of Edson; brother Kenneth (Barb Massia) and their sons, Joel (Sarah), and Grayson Fossheim, all of Edson; Judy's sister, Carol Broere and family and Ron Taje and family in the Wetaskiwin area.

He has 3 great nieces and 6 great nephews in Edson, plus many nieces and nephews in Judy's family.

Brian was predeceased by his partner, Judy in 2003, his dad, Sigurd Fossheim in 1995, and his mother, Wanda Fossheim, in 2008. Also predeceased by one nephew, and one great nephew, as well as Judy's parents.

There will be no service at this time, due to covid restrictions. At a later date, we plan to have a memorial gathering at the Drostan Hall in his honor.

Donations in his memory may be offered to the Canadian Diabetes Assoc., 1300-522 University Av., Toronto, ON, M5G 2R5 or the Drostan Hall.

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Keep connecting and keep hope alive



Pastor Mesh Hit
Edson Baptist Church

One of the things I miss most about not being able to see some people in my life physically is hanging out, chatting, catching up, having some food and a few laughs. I know with technology we can fill some of those gaps but it's not the same thing. I am glad to have options like Zoom, Facetime, Skype etc. available or it would be even more daunting

emotionally to get through some of the difficult days.

One day we will be back to be able to see people, give them hugs, high fives, eat together, and spent time re-investing in the people we have all not been able to see or connect with.

One of the ways to catch up with others is by asking questions about what has been happening in their lives. I try to follow a daily guideline that I will try to do more listening than talking. I am not always successful in this area, but I try to do what I can. I find that when I ask other people questions, I can hear where they are at in their journey. It also helps me to listen to what is being shared and I am then able to ask even deeper questions. I think a lot of people today, want a safe place where they can share their hearts and feel listened too. Here are some questions that I use. Perhaps this can be a helpful guide for you as well. I don't script my talks with others and each person is different. The questions below are a simple base line to get started if you struggle with how to ask questions.

- How has this time been for you?
- What are you grateful for lately?
- Have you started any new hobbies?
- How is your family doing?
- What are you reading or listening to?

· How can I pray for you?
"Jesus, in the Bible," was a great question asker and listener. There are many instances in the Bible where you can see Him showing genuine care and concern for people. Social distancing does not have to mean social isolation. Reach out to someone, start a

conversation, check in on your family and friends. Keep connecting and keep hope alive.
Philippians 2:3-4
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January 14 to February 25: Chair Yoga Active Living Class for Older Adults. Thursdays 4pm to 5pm. Zoom-based. Led by Brianne Benson. Register on-line starting January 5 at edson.ca.

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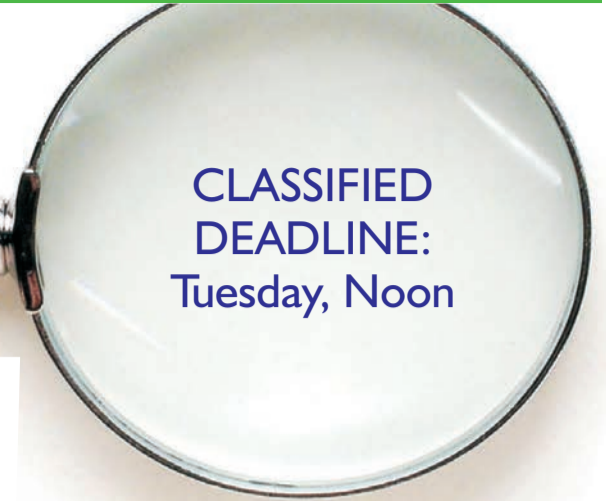
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County Parks & Recreation 2020 Year in Review

by Shaylyn Thornton

At the January 19 Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting, Yellowhead County Council heard a presentation on the Parks & Recreation department's 2020 Year in Review.

Director of Community Services Christopher Read first updated Council on the status of different facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Robb Multiplex and the Wildwood Recreation Complex did not open. "In both instances, the curling clubs did not see the season as being financially feasible without bonspiels and lounges being opened," explained Read. The Robb Community Association was also not comfortable signing the liability waiver required to open the facility.

The Green Grove Pool was also not opened to the public due to the uncertainty of these facilities getting the green light to open in time to justify a season of operations.

PARS opened the Pembina Agricultural & Recreation Complex with enhanced cleaning measures in place. Read said that all user groups

such as minor hockey, pickleball, and gym users "have been very supportive of mask wearing and following all COVID protocols."

The complex was successfully operating during that time, however it is currently closed to the public due to provincial restrictions.

Peers Multiplex opened to their community groups only and had started curling before they were forced to close with the November 24 restrictions.

Marlboro Hall opened with enhanced cleaning protocols in place. A new community group, Kid Wolf Memorial Lodge Foundation 2017, took over operations, with a hall committee established to take over operations once their societal status is established.

Read also updated Council on the County's campgrounds. "COVID preparation was a big factor during an already busy start-up season," said Read. "We had a great year. We had lots of visitors."

The County saw an increase in visitor numbers, with a lot of people in the area opting for a "staycation." This resulted in increased operational demands such as repairs, life cycle replacement, vandalism, service requests, and inspections.

The Riverside Campground did not open this year, and amenities such as fire pits and picnic tables have been removed. There is currently no future plan or budget allotted to the reactivation of this campground, although it will be reviewed in the upcoming Council Campground Future Plan session.

Despite being closed for May and the "crucial" May long weekend, total revenue for campgrounds increased. LOCK Properties, which includes campgrounds such as Bear Lake, Long Lake, and Shining Bank, had a revenue of \$75,776 and saw 4,558 visitors.

The Jerry Vanderwell Memorial Park Campground saw 908 visitors and a revenue of \$13,620. White Pine Ranches, which includes the Nojack Recreation Area and Beta Lake, saw 427 visitors and \$6,405 in revenue.

Visitor numbers to County parks and playgrounds also increased, and also resulted in operational demands increases. The P&R team found difficulty in the reduced park schedules, down to only 30 hours per week.

"Seasonal staff were swamped to complete their regular rotation on reduced hours and service levels decreased as a result," said Read. "There was difficulty in maintaining our grass cutting

rotations established in previous years. Priority sites were established and the focus was on completing these sites."

Battling against difficult COVID-19 restrictions, the P&R team still put on a number of great programs and events. This included the Robb Pump Track Grand Opening, Firearms Safety Courses, fitness classes, and cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals.

The County also offered Little Elves workshops, which typically offer a family friendly afternoon of crafting in various hamlets. This year, to adjust for restrictions, the team offered take-home kits for participants instead.

Other accomplishments for the year included the Evansburg multipurpose room renovation, the Evansburg Arena's repair of their upstairs gym floor, completion of the Brule Hall, development of the Bighorn Trail, and continuation of the Wildwood Trail.

P&R also removed the dock ramps at Bear Lake, with replacements coming later this year.

The Parks and Recreation Department also offered Community Grant Funding. This included \$140k in operational funding, including the PARS top up funding of just over \$31k, and \$78k in program/event and capital assistance funding.

Approximately \$83k is remaining in their Community Grant Funding budget, because of unrequested funding due to community hall closures and program/event restrictions.

Flooding for the Bear Lake Skating Circle was underway at the time of the presentation, with completion pending the weather's cooperation.

P&R was also excited to announce that their rentals of cross-country skis and snowshoes was once again available. Walk-in rentals are not permitted due to COVID restrictions, so potential users must call to reserve a set at least 24 hours in advance.

Skis are \$30/week and snowshoes are \$10/week. Rentals can be booked on a first-call, first-serve basis by calling 780-723-4800.

Coming up on February 3 is also Winter Walk Day, which encourages people across Alberta to be active outdoors during the coldest weather. The P&R team is challenging residents to work together and combine kilometers to equal the entire distance of Yellowhead County.

Those interested in participating can head out for a walk/hike/run/ski/snowshoe on Wednesday, February 3 and submit their total kilometers travelled at the following link: surveyMonkey.com/r/CHH6W73.



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This is Erica VanMeetelen! Erica is 2 years old and has a big brother named Owen (4) and a baby sister named Skylar (6 months). Erica says her favourite activities are playing with her toy horses and making farms with Owen. She also loves helping her mom feed the sheep, as you may be able to tell by the photo. She says her favourite sheep is Maddie. Erica loves the color pink and enjoys the book Cowboy Small. Erica's favourite part about winter is that she gets to go skating. Her favourite movie is Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron, and her favourite snack to enjoy after a hard day of sheep-feeding is juice and cheese.

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