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AB Wildfire Reflects on Causes of 2023 Season

by Deanna Mitchener

soon forget.

burned 234,558 hectares of perimeter. They often create a mosaic effect on the landscape by burning more flammable fuels such as conifer trees and unburnt vegetation within their

Last summer the Edson Information Coordinator for Alberta Wildfire -Edson Forest Area, stated, "89 wildfires

Caroline Charbonneau, Area Information Coordinator for Edson Forest Area. Wildfires typically leave islands of

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Colby Lachance and Caroline Charbonneau from Alberta Wildfire alongside Yellowhead County Fire Department Chief Corinne Grant and Krystal Tuftin came out to the Pine Grove Hall on February 8 for a Fire Smart Open House. From 4pm to 7pm they answered questions and helped people prepare for the coming wildfire season (see page 2). photo Niki Luymes

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leaving less flammable deciduous trees unburned. Of the total hectares (ha) burnt, 90 per cent were caused by lightning and the rest were human-caused.”

“Wildfires are usually caused by either lightning or human activity. Human-caused wildfires are most often caused accidentally, such as by a campfire that escapes its ring, a powerline malfunction that causes a spark, or sparks from the improper use of a burn barrel,” said Charbonneau.

“They are rarely caused by arson. Less than 10% of wildfires in Alberta were determined to be caused by arson last year. Arson is part of a broader category referred to as 'incendiary' by Alberta Wildfire. Incendiary fires are intentionally set but only those with a criminal element are deemed to be arson. For example, incendiary fires could be started by a child playing with a lighter, or even by fireworks or exploding targets. It's important to understand that we're all capable of starting a wildfire and we need to pay attention to help prevent them,” Charbonneau said.

Of the 89 wildfires in the Edson Forest Area, 33 were caused by lightning and 56 were human-caused.

“Alberta Wildfire investigates every wildfire to determine origin and cause. This helps us track primary causes, emerging trends, and how we can ensure our prevention methods are working,” said Charbonneau.

It's not uncommon to see a significant number of fires classified as 'under investigation' in a year like 2023. Unless a wildfire is undoubtedly caused by lightning, it defaults to 'under investigation' until the file is closed. If a cause can not be determined, it becomes classified as 'undetermined'.

Residents were responsible for 12 of the 56 wildfires determined to be human-caused in the Edson Forest Area. “These causes can include improperly extinguishing winter burning, unsafe debris disposal, unattended cooking and warming fires, and mechanical failure of machinery such as lawnmowers,” explained Charbonneau.

“The industrial sector was responsible for the second highest total, with 11 fires. Some of these fires were caused by mechanical failure of equipment, winter pile burning that escaped or wasn't properly extinguished, and flaring devices,” said Charbonneau. “Powerlines and railroads were responsible for eight wildfires. These were caused by friction and sparks, mechanical failure, and by one unfortunate animal who climbed a power pole.”

Six wildfires were determined to be caused by recreational activity. Five were caused by unattended campfires and one could not be determined. Incendiary came in last with two unclassified fires and one arson. There are 16 wildfires that remain under investigation or are undetermined.

“If you are working or recreating in the outdoors, it is everyone's responsibly to know how to prevent wildfires. Do your research, keep watch of your surroundings, and pay attention when whatever you are doing could be creating sparks, hot exhaust, or

friction,” Charbonneau advised.

Follow along as more topics about wildfire are discussed in this recurring mini-series.

For up-to-date information on wildfires in our area, you can subscribe to the Edson Forest Area Wildfire updates by downloading the AB Wildfire

Status app. Once in the app, select the info tab at the bottom, click the bell and toggle on Edson Forest Area. You'll receive notifications each time a new update is sent.

To learn more, visit our website alberta.wildfire.ca

Fire Smart Open Houses hosted throughout the County

by Niki Luymes

Alberta Wildfire and Yellowhead County are helping people prepare for the coming wildfire season with their Fire Smart Open Houses. Twice a week throughout the month of February representatives have been coming out to local halls to give tips and tricks for the coming year. They came to the Pine Grove Hall, on February 8th to meet with Edson residents.

Members of Alberta Wildfire and the Yellowhead County Fire Department came out to the event. Each one sharing their area of expertise. “We like to describe it as: Alberta Wildfire does the trees and the grass —and Yellowhead Fire does the grass the and houses,” said Caroline Charbonneau, with AB Wildfire. “We're here to inform the public on how they can protect their properties using Fire Smart principles.”

At each event they both handed out information brochures and magazines, along with multiple other resources. There were also little toys and other handouts for the younger audience. For the older group each event has a draw for an outdoor home sprinkler system to help protect your yard. This is just one of the many tips and tricks provided to help fire-safe your property. “The important thing is that you

start from your home and work your way out. Don't feel overwhelmed. The 0 to 2 meter distance is very important, keep no combustibles around,” said Charbonneau.

The Pine Grove hall event was number 5 out of 12 different events planned for the coming month. “We won't be able to hit all of the small halls, but we are trying to hit all the main hamlets,” said Yellowhead Fire Chief Corinne Grant. “Our goal is to do a bunch of these. Even with 20 to 30 people per night, we're still getting the message out to residents. We're trying to provide enough information to people to help us help them.”

Charbonneau added, “We're getting a good number of people, but it's the conversations that we are having that are really important. The public is coming with really good question and walking away with great information.”

There are still multiple events planned for the rest of the February. Dates and locations include Feb 20 at the Peers Community Hall, Feb 22 at Pinedale Community Hall, Feb 27 at Beaver Meadow Community Hall, Feb 29 in Marlboro, and May 18 in Cadomin. “The open house is from 4 to 7pm. It allows for people, when they have time, to come out and have those conversations. Whatever they want to talk about, we are here to answer questions and give feedback,” said Charbonneau.



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The Public Advisory Committee's Annual Report to the Community

Edson Forest Products' (EFP) Public Advisory Committee (PAC) provides organized and regular public input to the EFP's Woodlands Department about planning and operations on the Edson Forest Management Agreement (FMA) area. There are currently 12 active PAC members representing the following community stakeholders and interests:

- Alberta Trappers Association
- Public Member (Drayton Valley)
- Edson Forest Workers
- EDFOR Cooperative Ltd.
- Edson Fish and Game Association and Gun Club
- Edson Snow Seekers
- Medicine Lodge Timber Products
- Peyto Exploration & Development Corp.
- Community Timber Permit Program
- Town of Edson
- Cadomin Environmental Protection Association
- Muskeg Flyers Nordic Ski Club

EFP holds bi-monthly in-person meetings where we provide committee members with a wide range of information about West Fraser plans, general industry challenges, research programs and initiatives, and stakeholder consultation. Many of the topics are based on committee members' interests and values. The following are some of the topics that were presented in the past two years:

- West Fraser Business Updates
- Mountain Pine Beetle Status
- Species at Risk Strategies
- Silviculture and Herbicide updates
- Harvest Planning and Caribou
- Indigenous Relationship Building and Consultation
- West Fraser Forest Certification
- Ecosystem Health Survey Project (ABMI)
- Alberta Trappers Association Overview
- Ecosystem Based Management
- Fire Prevention in Yellowhead County
- West Fraser's Approach to Migratory Birds
- Foothills Recreation Management Association Updates
- Watershed Improvements

We are starting our new combined Hinton and Edson Forest Management Plan development process and are seeking new members to provide feedback. If you think you (public member) or your organization might be interested in sitting on EFPs' Public Advisory Committee, please get in touch with Yolandi Steenkamp at (780) 865-8978 or via e-mail at yolandi.steenkamp@westfraser.com.

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County declines additional funding request for Edson Library renovation

by Dana McArthur

During the Yellowhead County council meeting on February 13, council discussed the additional funding request made by the Edson and District Library board for the library's current renovation project.

The original project budget presented to Yellowhead County Council in September of 2022 was \$2,875,242. At that time Yellowhead County committed \$538,000 to the project in its 2023 Capital Budget.

Due to higher than expected fixed price tenders, the renovations budget was increased in June of 2023 to \$3,700,000.

Luc Mercier, Chief Administrative Officer for the County stated, "At the September 19, 2023, Governance and Priorities Meeting, members of the Edson & District Public Library Board provided a presentation to Yellowhead County Council to share an update on the status of the renovation and expansion project of the Edson Library, as well as a request for an additional \$378,000 in funding towards this project. This represented about \$1 million that was added to the project since Yellowhead County had seen this last at the beginning of the project."

"The additional funding request represents 35% of the project cost increases which were approved in the absence of Yellowhead County," said CAO Mercier. "In March 2023, the pre-tender budget was revised from \$2,875,242 to \$3,000,000. Subsequently, it was presented to Edson Town Council, where an additional \$462,000 in funding was granted by the Town to facilitate the tender process without discussion with Yellowhead County."

"Upon receipt of bid tenders in May 2023, the final construction budget increased from \$3,000,000 to \$3,700,000. To cover the shortfall and allow construction to proceed, the Library

Board requested additional funding from the Town of Edson for \$616,600, which was approved at the June 29, 2023 Town of Edson Council meeting.

The remaining \$83,400 is being provided by the Library Board. Again, Yellowhead County was not consulted with this approval," Mercier stated.

"Construction of the project began in August 2023. This project is fully funded with construction completion scheduled for June 2024."

"The project was awarded without the County council's input, and our philosophy for Yellowhead County is that we want to be good partners. We want to be not just a bank account and a blank cheque writer, but intimately involved with the discussions and rationalizations for different components as they go through," said Mercier.

It was therefore Administration's recommendation that Council for Yellowhead County deny the additional request for funding from the Edson & District Public Library for the Edson Library Facility Expansion and Renovation Project as the project is fully funded. Councillor Anthony Giezen later made this motion.

County Mayor Wade Williams and Deputy Mayor Brigitte Lemieux previously meet with Town of Edson representatives to express their concerns. Williams said, "Our concern was why Yellowhead County was left out of the decision making process. They explained that they thought this was a very sensitive project and it needed immediate attention. They were concerned that the cost would continue to climb if the project was delayed. They also made reference to the point that Yellowhead County had a lot on its plate at the time with the wildfires and flooding."

Lemieux then pointed out their Cost Sharing Agreement with Edson has a clause that states that all capital costs will be negotiated between the two municipalities.

Giezen said, "I support libraries, however,

Yellowhead County also has eight communities with libraries in them. I want to be at the table and I want to have some involvement if cost escalations occur."

Councillor Dawn Mitchell stated she views the Edson and District Public Library Renovation and Expansion Project as very worthy. However, she added, "This Cost Sharing Agreement was endorsed by both parties in 2015 and was meant to not only ensure adherence to legally binding commitments, but to foster a mindful and mutually respectful partnership. Recognition of a legally binding agreement that clearly states the roles and responsibilities of each party in my opinion must supersede all other arguments."

Councillor Shawn Berry said, "A decision was made by another municipality to fully fund the expansion of the library. A well-deserved project, by the way, and I do support it. But I cannot support another municipality making a decision on behalf of Yellowhead County and then spending money with expectations that we would simply write a cheque."

Mayor Wade Williams said, "Yes, we were involved in wildfires, but with Zoom, Teams, and Skype we can still hold meetings and we did hold meetings during those times. This could have very easily been added to one of the agendas for us to speak on, but it was not. I want to thank the Edson Public Library for all they have done for the renovations. The volunteer hours you folks have put in are countless and you need recognition for that. With that being said, however, you are now involved in processes outside the agreement that we have. There might have been ways to do things differently to cut some costs and to try and keep this project within budget, but Yellowhead County was not afforded the opportunity for those discussions."

The motion to deny the additional request for funding was carried unanimously.

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County hosts Valentine's Family Dance in Evansburg

by Niki Luymes

Yellowhead County celebrated Valentine's Day with the return of the annual Valentine's Family Dance. Hosted at the Evansburg Legion from 6pm to 8pm on February 9, this event was a great way for members of the community to gather. It was specifically geared towards families and therefore open for all ages and cost only \$10 per family to attend.

The Valentine's Dance featured lots of other activities alongside the dancing. There was a photo booth and lots of other valentines themed games and activities. Music for the event was provided by local DJ 'Music by TAZ' who really rocked the dance

floor. They played a great selection that kids and parents could dance and sing along to. There were also lots of snacks and refreshments to enjoy throughout the night.

This is the second year that Yellowhead County has put on this dance. The event is jointly planned by Yellowhead Parks and Recreation and Family & Community Support Service (FCSS) "The purpose was to create opportunities for families to have fun together and connect with others," said Jenna Truemner, Children's Program Coordinator with FCSS.

The Valentine's Dance was a massive success. There were 55 families in attendance bringing the

total to 204 people. "The dance floor was busy and there was a lot of mingling throughout the evening," said Truemner. "It was great to see so many families out together."

"We received lots of positive

feedback as families left at the end of the night. Looking around during the dance everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves," added Jina Materi, Parks and Recreation Coordinator with Yellowhead County.



Yellowhead County hosted a fun Valentine's Family Dance on February 9 at the Evansburg Legion. photos submitted



The Valentine's Family Dance, on February 9, was a great way for families to get out, have fun, and connect with their community. The event was hosted by Yellowhead County at the Evansburg Legion. photos submitted



The County's Valentine's Family Dance on February 9 in Evansburg featured music by local DJ 'Music by TAZ'.

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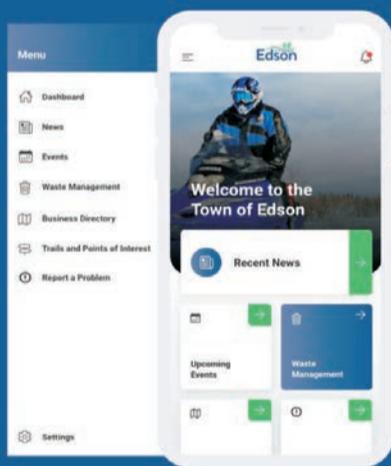
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Guest Editorial/Column

Increase in alcohol excise taxes could be the last call for many bars and restaurants

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau: Don't make it a cruel summer for bars and restaurants

by Jeff Guignard, Executive Director of the Alliance of Beverage Licensees

Last summer, Prime Minister Trudeau took to X (formerly Twitter), imploring mega-star Taylor Swift to add Canadian dates to her jaw-droppingly successful Eras Tour. He was speaking for Canadian Swifties and no doubt keen to attract the positive economic knock-ons that accompany Ms. Swift's music machine wherever she goes.

Maybe it worked because Swift added Canadian dates to the roster. So, with apologies to her, we're going to try something similar.

Dear Prime Minister:

It's us. Hi. We're bar and restaurant owners and we need a reprieve from alcohol excise taxes.

It's been one hit after another for the people who run bars and restaurants. We've endured lockdowns, supply chain snafus and ever-rising costs for absolutely everything we need to run our businesses. The costs never seem to stop rising for payroll, rent, food and beverages, and even cooking oil!

Many of Canada's hard-working small business owners who run bars and restaurants didn't survive the pandemic lockdowns and are not even operational anymore. For those of us still here, we thought we were through the worst of it when the lockdowns were lifted. Then came inflation tearing through our balance sheets and pushing the profitability of bars and restaurants down, down, down.

We're the businesses where people go to meet friends for a bite to eat, a quick meal on their way to the rest of their busy days, and gather for a celebration. We love serving our customers, but we're on the front line, and there's no one between us and the customer.

We have a choice between two bad options: pass on rising costs to our customers or absorb them. We know our customers are also experiencing tough economic times, with prices rising all the time and needing to manage their household budgets. We worry if we pass on costs to the customer, our business will suffer because people will come in less frequently, order less or just skip their ritual visit to their favourite bar or restaurant. We also worry if we continue absorbing the rising costs,

we're tanking our business's ability to continue, putting at risk the jobs of our staff and ourselves. Something has to give, but the knocks keep coming.

Once again, the federal government is set to apply a huge increase of 4.7 percent to the alcohol excise tax on Apr. 1. This increase kicks in without discussion or debate because the excise tax automatically applies an escalator to beer taxes based on the previous 12-month Consumer Price Index (CPI) – so-called icing on the cake of upward pressure on pricing due to inflation.

Or, from where we bar owners sit, it feels like an additional blow when we are already struggling with unfriendly market conditions. We are part of the hospitality and entertainment sector, which is still recovering from the effects of the pandemic.

What makes it even more challenging is that this tax is applied at the production level: while others can simply pass on the increased costs to their customers – we can't. There's a saying about stuff flowing downhill, and we know why.

In last year's federal budget, Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland capped the expected huge increase in excise tax at two percent for one year. We're grateful for the temporary relief this provided to our businesses and the customers we serve. But Apr. 1 is looming again, and we're staring down another body blow levied by your government.

Prime Minister: this is where you come in. We're asking for a freeze on the excise tax on alcohol as a reprieve from these big jumps in tax rates based on inflation. This is a reasonable approach and provides a reprieve for bar and restaurant owners (as well as the rest of the brewing and distilling industry and our customers). It also provides a measure of predictability as we plan for this year and the future.

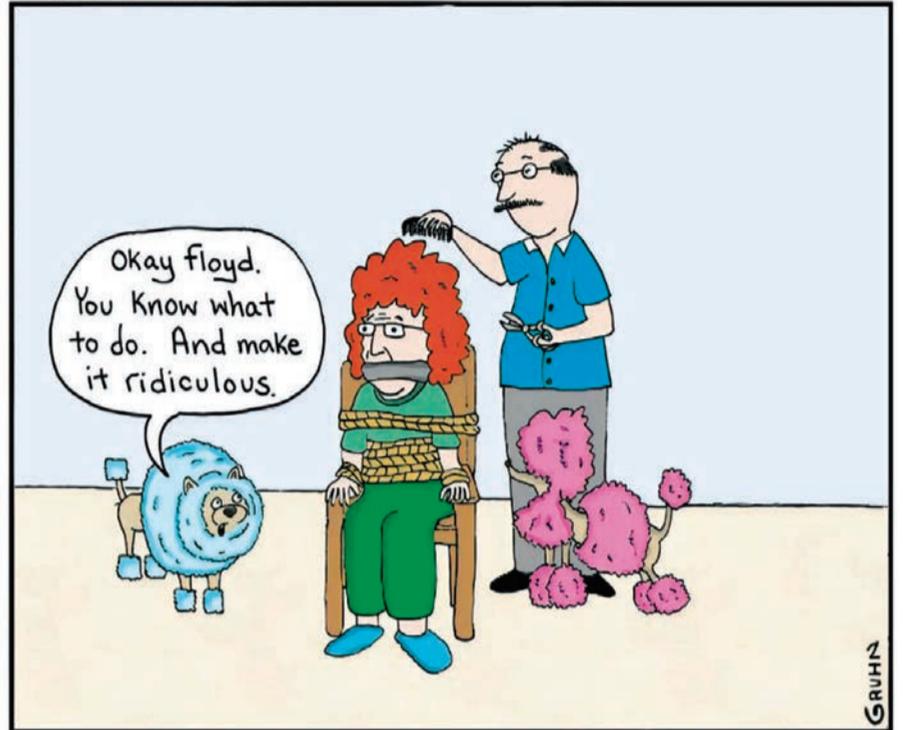
You made the call for Swifties. Now make the call for hard-working Canadians who run bars and restaurants. Put in a word for us with Minister Freeland so she knows how much our industry needs the reprieve from excise taxes on beer. Let's avoid the lost sales, lower revenues and layoffs we can expect from a big jump in excise taxes.

Please don't make it a cruel summer.

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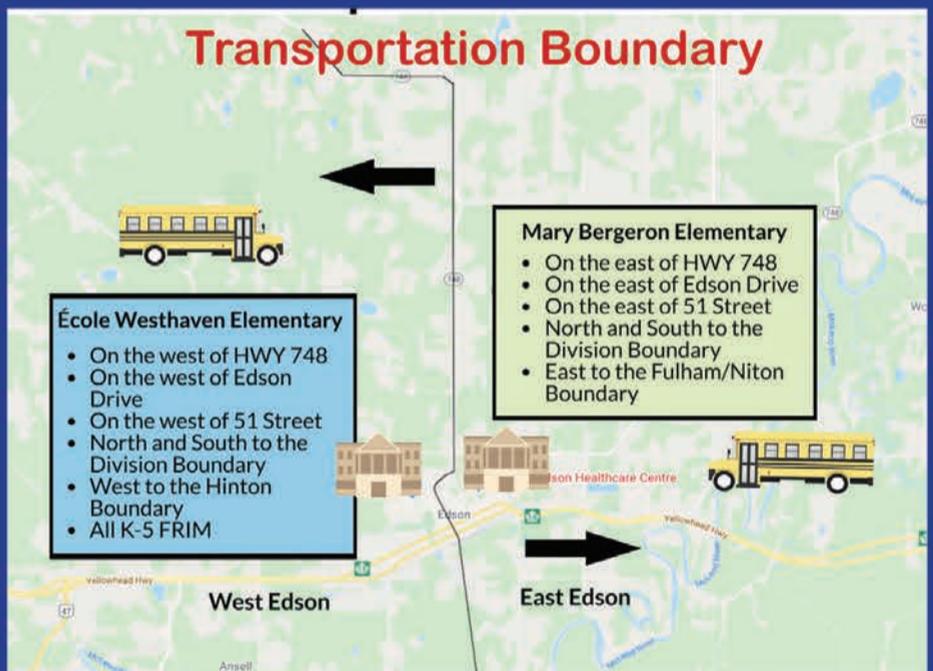
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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D23-152	Plan 1822119 Blk 1, Lot 9 NW-6-51-25-W5 Entrance Area	Short Term Accommodations	Feb 1/24	Permitted Use
D24-006	NW-29-55-14-W5 Ulham	Accessory Building (Shop)	Feb 2/24	Permitted Use
D24-008	NE-25-50-26-W5 Hinton Area	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling	Feb 7/24	Permitted Use
D24-010	Plan 7622234 Blk 3, Lot 10 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick Resort	Single Detached Dwelling	Feb 8/24	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$300.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision. Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

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 - 2 person income is \$45,000 or less
 - 3 person income is \$47,500 or less
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Reminder: A current tax return is required for federal benefits to continue without disruption, ex: child tax credit, government pensions.

Where: Yellowhead County Offices (Wildwood and Edson)

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Dates of Employment:

Approximately May 2nd, 2024 to August 30th, 2024

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Parks Labourer - Competition No. 24-005 - Responsible for assisting in the maintenance of Yellowhead County owned and operated parks spaces, properties, and campgrounds.

To apply and find detailed job descriptions for these positions, please visit our website: www.yhcounty.ca/jobs

These competitions will remain open until 4:30 PM on Friday, February 23, 2024. We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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LOCATION: Edson, AB
COMPETITION NO. 24-016

Reporting to the Manager of Information Technology, the Systems Analyst maintains the County computer, communication/dispatch, network, and telephone systems. The position is also responsible for but not limited to providing technical support for computers, tablets, radios and mobile phones and various applications.

The salary range is currently \$71,688 to \$88,893 per year.

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

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

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Fire Season Starts MARCH 1, 2024

Starting March 1, fire permits are required for any existing or new burning (except campfires), in the Edson Forest Protection Area and the Yellowhead County Fire Permit Area.

Fire permits help track what is burning on the landscape. If you're burning without a fire permit or outside fire permit conditions, your fire is considered a wildfire.

Yellowhead County controls the Yellowhead County Fire Permit Area.



The Yellowhead County Fire Zone covers Evansburg and the surrounding area: Yellowhead County north of Hwy 16 starting from Highway 22 across to Yellowhead County's eastern boundary at the Pembina River.

Contact Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 to acquire fire permits for this area.



INVITATION TO TENDER

2024 Line Painting of Local Roads for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below.

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2024-834
Project: 2024 Line Painting of Local Roads
1:30 P.M., February 29, 2024

Will be received until: Yellowhead County
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

At the office of:

For the following work: Approximately 433 kilometers of White Line, 298 kilometers of Yellow Line, 275 Square Meters of Painted Pavement markings.
Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., February 9, 2024, at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.

REGISTER YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR 2024 WITH YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2024.

All equipment hired by Yellowhead County **MUST** be registered annually by the deadline. Yellowhead County will select equipment that is the best suited for the work to be done and provide the most cost effective level of service.



For more information or to register your equipment, call the Infrastructure Services Department at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.



100 Women Who Care chose SCOPE for donation round

by Deanna Mitchener

On January 30 a show of community spirit and generosity was demonstrated when 100 Women Who Care Edson raised a record-breaking \$8,100, voting this time to donate it to Supporting Choices of People Edson (S.C.O.P.E.). This makes it the largest donation in the group's history.

Dawn Mitchell, with 100 Women Who Care, said, "This significant contribution highlights the unwavering commitment of Edson residents to uplift and support each other."

During the event, 100 WWC member Kari Shand presented on behalf of S.C.O.P.E. and Executive Director Sheri Brown-Kreshewski shared insights into the organization's mission to recognize and enhance the lives of adults with special needs and emphasized their commitment to fostering a community where every individual leads a fulfilled life.

"This substantial donation will be allocated for installing a walk-in tub in S.C.O.P.E. House #1, a much-needed amenity for residents' relaxation and stress relief. This significant contribution arrives in a landmark year for S.C.O.P.E. as they proudly celebrate four decades of service in Edson," said the representatives.

Presentations were received from two other notable non-profit groups: The Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum and Vanier School Parent Advisory Council.

Jackie Kneteman, representing Edson's Cultural Heritage Organization located in the Red Brick Arts Centre and Museum, illuminated the Centre's tireless efforts in promoting arts awareness and preserving local history. The organization has endeavoured to maintain a vibrant artistic community and safeguard artifacts significant to Edson's heritage since 1910.

Kneteman stated that any funds received would be allocated to address a critical need of upgrading their office computer system. The existing

computer, which is crucial for accounting and administrative tasks, has become painfully slow and barely functional for internet connectivity. This technological improvement facilitated by a donation would significantly enhance operational efficiency allowing the Centre to continue its valuable work in cultural preservation and artistic encouragement.

The third presentation was from the Vanier School Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Stacey Gardiner, speaking on behalf of the council, detailed the council's overarching mission to fundraise for activities and experiences surpassing government funding. The goal is to foster a strong sense of community among students. The PAC plays a pivotal role in representing parents and collaborating with school administration to enhance student life.

A major initiative undertaken by the PAC is the

rejuvenation of the school's 40-year-old park. With \$105,000 already reserved for this project, the council's vision is to completely overhaul the park with an estimated cost of \$260,000. A donation from 100 Women Who Care would significantly bolster their financial reserves. This spring, the PAC is poised to apply for a matching grant from the government, potentially doubling their current funds. The renovation of the park will not only revitalize the school's landscape, but also create a dynamic and engaging space for students, fulfilling a crucial aspect of their community-oriented mission.

"This event spearheaded by 100 Women Who Care not only underscored the generosity of the Edson community, but also shone a light on the critical work of local non-profits. Together, these organizations continue to weave the fabric of a vibrant and caring community," said Mitchell.



Parkland School Junior Pacers Girls brought home gold during the February 3 weekend tournament in Whitecourt. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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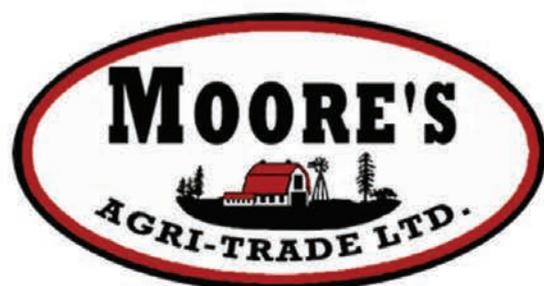


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MARCH 23

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Town discusses its first Economic Development Strategy

by Niki Luymes

At the Town of Edson's February 13 Committee of the Whole meeting, council was presented with the town's first ever Economic Development Strategy.

This Strategy was put together by Deloitte an auditing, consulting, and financial advisory company. Morgan Roberts, Economic Development Officer for the Town worked alongside Paul Blais, Managing Director, Economic Advisory with Deloitte and Darcy Acton, Senior Associate with Deloitte in the creation of the plan.

This meeting with council was the semi-final part of a longer process that has been in the works. As part of the process, Deloitte held multiple meetings with stakeholders including council, local businesses, industry, community, and other regional partners. The feedback obtained from those meetings contributed to the final product that was presented to council.

The purpose of the plan was summarized as, "Enhancing Economic Development in Edson by linking the community and businesses to create a thriving economy that will meet the needs of current and future residents," said Blais.

The plan outlines the demographics in Edson along with statistics on the current industry. Deloitte summarized in their report three strategic directions for Council and the Town to consider. Each of these

strategic directions included objectives and actions to help Edson when considering future plans.

The first strategic direction was titled 'Support Local Businesses'. The specific outcomes from this sections were improved business engagement, increased housing diversity, and population growth in Edson. "One of the main challenges that businesses are facing is finding people and attracting the right workforce to support their existing operations," said Blais. Part of the solution is to consider the development of a housing strategy that identifies infrastructure gaps, capacity limitations, and recommendations for growth, the report explains.

Strategic direction two is to make Edson a 'Hub for Health and Recreation'. The goal of this would be to help Edson become "recognized as a rural community of choice in Alberta by residents and visitors." The report adds that "quality of life is an important factor in attracting people and business to Edson. Health and recreation amenities for locals can be leveraged to generate economic benefits."

Finally, the plan outlined a new "focus on laying the groundwork for investment readiness" that will help the Town of Edson to be prepared for investment attraction. "By that, what our team means is that when investors come along you want some market ready opportunities for them to be able to act on," explained Blais. Some recommended ideas were

completing an internal investment readiness assessment and determining investment targets for the Town.

"You have enough here in Edson to proceed with confidence. You certainly can be doubtful of certain things, but there is a lot to go on. We think the action plan that we built allows you to move forward on areas that you are ready to move forward on," said Blais.

Councillor Peter Taylor asked what they meant by creating a 'health hub' "Getting into the health world is a little bit beyond our control. We struggle finding physicians and we struggle finding people in the healthcare world to move here. I'm not saying it's not a priority, but to make it a spring point to economic growth, I'm not sold on. Did Deloitte hear something from the local engagement?"

Blais explained that the idea was less from local engagement and more from their own professional brainstorming when trying to come up with different ways to diversify the Edson economy. "Edson has gaps in the healthcare services sector that could become competitive edges to attracting people. We're trying to identify a new way to create a unique frame of conversation that Edson can portray to the rest of the world."

Following up on that topic, Mayor Kevin Zahara asked if this healthcare hub was focused on technical healthcare, procedures, tests, scans etc, or on a more holistic health including things like yoga studios or acupuncture. He noted that Edson already has a large holistic health community.

Blais answered that the healthcare hub would be more toward holistic wellness. The idea would be changing the look and narrative of Edson. Most people won't see the town as a place where wellness thrives. "You are presenting the community in a manner that outsiders will feel instantly positive about the place. So I do think it is about yoga studios and holistic medicine and all those things as well as our more traditional medical services," said Blais.

Regarding worker recruitment, Councillor Krystal Cacka asked, "How do we change that? That's something we see across the entire community, that businesses need to bring in workers from outside sources. They have to bring them in because we don't have the people in our community to fill those roles. And it's been a struggle for a really long time. What kind of things can we do to change that? "

Blais responded, "I think it takes investment in a campaign that is social media based mostly." He then explained that communities have been successful in changing the narrative of their town by highlighting the people. Testimonials from business owners or residents can emphasize what the town has, instead of what it lacks. "Those are very powerful stories and I think there are a lot of them in your community that you could harness. It takes an investment of money and time to pull a website and social media program like that together, but it does create a very strong narrative, that's very believable."

Spring Fling Fashion Show coming soon

by Deanna Mitchener

The Community Care Foundation of Edson and District has a fundraiser coming up called the 'Spring Fling Fashion Show'.

Be sure to mark your calendar for March 7 when the event is being held at the Edson Legion. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the fashion show starts at 7:00 p.m.

The fundraiser will include a live auction, a 50/50 draw, raffle draws, and refreshments. Tickets are available at Gelmici's, In Your Drawers, and Thymes Two. This is a night of fun you won't want to miss.

The evening will include a live fashion show with local models featuring outfits provided by local downtown businesses.

Marsha Jensen said, "Throughout the fashion show we will be auctioning off several outfits donated by local businesses. To wrap up the evening we will be making our 50/50 draw as well as the draw for our special raffle prizes including a beautiful ring donated by Gelmici's Jewellers, a gift certificate for merchandise at Northside Motorsports, and a family photo session donated by Three

Tree Photography."

"All proceeds will go to the Community Care Foundation for our various programs and initiatives. We are actively fundraising for a CT scanner. In speaking with healthcare staff, including doctors and nurses, the addition of a CT Scanner to our hospital would not only be an excellent compliment to our community healthcare, but would serve as an additional recruiting tool, showing that we are an attractive place to come work and settle."

"The Community Care Foundation has recently experienced a resurgence of enthusiastic volunteers and we always welcome more. Our meetings are held monthly, the last Wednesday of every month at the Edson Healthcare Centre. If you would like more information, feel free to contact myself Marsha Jensen at 780-712-3917 for exciting volunteer opportunities as well as donations, which are always graciously accepted."

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Edson's warming facility offers overnight shelter during recent cold

by Dana McArthur

During the recent cold weather in January when temperatures dipped as low as -45c, Edson's Out of The Cold warming facility was activated.

"The shelter was open 13 nights in the month of January. We had an average of 2-4 people per night utilize the warming facility," said Tanya Byers, the Manager of Community Services for the Town of Edson.

Users of the facility commented that they would like to see it remain open during the day in the extreme

cold. "Individuals who regularly used the facility wanted the warming facility to remain open during the day, especially on the days Reflections was closed," said Byers.

Reflections is an adult drop-in centre in Edson that offers support and assistance to individuals who may have mental health challenges, brain trauma or any adult over the age of 18 needing a safe secure place for support and understanding.

When asked if there were any concerns or issues with the implementation of the plan, Byers

said, "The implementation went very well. Although we could not source the trailers locally, Edson Expediting provided the washroom facilities and Mountainside Sales and Rentals provided the generator. Both local companies were extremely helpful working with the Town staff to get the facility up and running."

The Town of Edson also contracted the Backwoods Security Services team who had two personnel on-site providing regular wellness checks

while the facility was open to ensure the safety of the individuals using the facility. "We are also grateful to Urbina Enterprises who have donated their cleaning services for the facility," Byers added.

"Considering the usage the facility received during the cold snap, Town Administration feels it is very important to provide this safe overnight option for individuals who are experiencing homelessness during extreme temperatures," Byers concluded.



The Edson Food Bank had an incredible influx of support after recent requests for volunteers. Amy Pillage, Program Coordinator for the Edson Food Bank Society, said, "Our Thursdays have been full of willing new volunteers looking to make a difference and they've been so valuable to our operation. We have even had some kids visit during non-school days with their moms." photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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Board Priority 1:
Student Learning

Keep Your Snow Gear Ready: Our Weather Gurus Predict Six More Weeks of Winter!



GNS: Good News Story

Mrs. Gerspacher and the Grade 2/3 class at Evansview School recognized Groundhog Day by incorporating their math, art, and leadership skills while continuing to build community within their school. (For those not familiar with this tradition, if the groundhogs sneak out of their burrows on February 2nd and see their shadows, we can expect six more weeks of winter).

Students first created a graph and shared it centrally on a bulletin board; then these future meteorologists surveyed the school to see what people predicted would happen when the groundhog came out of his hole on February 2nd. Once they had the predictions on the bulletin board, they went back to their art classroom and built their own individual 'groundhogs'. They put a picture of a groundhog on a stick and then the groundhog needed a home, so he was put into a cup that he could rise out of to see if there was a shadow.

On February 2, the Grade 2/3 class met the kindergarten and junior kindergarten class outside and explained how it all worked. The early learners were very interested participants in the whole process! The groundhogs all saw their shadow so it looks like our prognosticators are telling us to expect six more weeks of winter.



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What's happening, when and where in the community

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February 15 - March 7: Pilates at the Robb Multiplex 10:00-10:45am please register online at yhcounty.ca/registration

February 19: Family Day Carnival Featuring Griffiths Park Centre Grand Opening 11AM-3PM 5414 6Ave Edson.

February 21: Alzheimer Support Group meeting. This month's group is meeting on February 2. Contact Karen at 780-325-3782 or kschatz@yhcounty.ca for more details.

February 24: Niton Jam at Niton Hall 1:00pm everyone welcome

February 25: Yoga in Marlboro at the Marlboro Community Hall 4:30-5:30. Register online at yhcounty.ca/registration

March 8, April 12: Join Trail Hall for potluck suppers for more information call 780-728-5641.

March 10-31: Yoga in Peers, Sundays 6pm-7pm Peers Multiplex ages 12+ register at yhcounty.ca/registration

March 11: Preventing Scams Community Presentations. Evansburg Heritage House-1:30pm Register by calling the Yellowhead County Wildwood office at 780-325-3782

or email kschatz@yhcounty.ca Or at www.yhcounty.ca/registration

March 12: Preventing Scams Community Presentations. Peers Multiplex 10:30am Register by calling the Yellowhead County Wildwood office at 780-325-3782

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Travel Log Feature

Lions Club international support reaches to San Felipe



Views & News
by Deanna Mitchener

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As we are visiting the beautiful San Felipe in Baja Mexico, we like to try and support some of the many great causes, just like back home in Edson. there are always so many great charities to help support or get involved with.

The Lions Club here in San Felipe is an international group of volunteers that work to support the San Felipe, B.C. community.

Lucy with the Lions

Club here said, "Our main focus is vision clinics, so we go around to all the schools to determine the prescription needs and provide free glasses to those in need."

"For the overall general health of the people, we provide food to the food banks and help with the delivery of pantry items to the community at large," added Lucy.

"We also support the LEOS Club, a group of residents between the ages of 18 and 30 years



San Felipe Lions Club hosts meals every Saturday from their Food Trailer at the local market. photo Deanna Mitchener

old. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together Leos and Lions form a powerful partnership. Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos, and Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those who've successfully served the world for decades," said Lucy.

The San Felipe Lions have regular fundraisers and their biggest fundraising comes from their annual Blues and Arts Festival. Plus every Saturday the Lions have a food trailer at the local market where they provide meals and stay involved with the community on a regular basis.

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Yellowhead Gas Co-op Annual General Meeting

When and where is the AGM

• The AGM has been set for Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at 7:00PM. Registered guests will be notified of the location when a venue is determined.



Nominations for the Yellowhead Gas Co-op Board of Directors

• Nomination packages will be available at our office located at 210-26 Street, Edson, as of February 16th. The deadline for nominations is March 19, 2024.

Registering to attend AGM

• If you would like to attend our AGM, you can call our office at (780) 723 - 4214. The deadline to register is April 8th, 2024.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors, Management and Staff!

Yellowhead Gas Co-op Special Meeting

When and Where is the Special Meeting

• The Special meeting has been set for March 5th, 2024. Located at Yellowhead Gas Co-op Ltd. (210-26 Street, Edson)

Supplemental Bylaw

• Amendment to Supplemental bylaw #12 - Nomination requirements and procedures. This is available for viewing at yellowheadgas.com



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