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**Family Day and Grand Opening of Griffiths Park Centre**

by Niki Luymes

The Town of Edson Family & Community Support Services had a lot to celebrate

on February 19. Not only was it Family Day, but it was also the grand opening of their new Griffiths Park Centre.

To mark the occasion, FCSS

moved their usual Family Day plans from Willmore Park to Griffiths Park and invited the whole community out for free food, activities, and fun.

The event officially began with the opening ceremonies at 11am. MP Gerald Soroka and Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara

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MP Gerald Soroka, Mayor Kevin Zahara and members of Town Council, alongside Community Services Manager Tanya Byers and the Edson Community Services team, cut the ribbon on the new Griffiths Park Centre during the Grand Opening and Family Day celebrations on February 20. photo Niki Luymes

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# Family Day and Grand Opening of Griffiths Park Centre

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came out to cut the ribbon and show their support. "It's fantastic to see this building open to the public once again," said Mayor Zahara.

They were joined by other members of Town Council, Youth Council, and Eddie the Squirrel. Local Indigenous Storyteller Matricia Bauer opened the ceremony with a blessing and a song of celebration.

After the opening ceremonies, families were able to wander around at their leisure. Inside the completed building were free hotdogs, hot chocolate, cupcakes, and prize draws.

Outside there were multiple organizations offering some family fun. The Edson Fire Department was there with two fire engines offering tours. The Edson branch of Canadian Parents for French were helping kids and parents make maple syrup snow taffy. Edson Animal Rescue (EARS) brought out a few animals for adoption. Also the Edson Sno-Seekers and Alberta Health were handing out free swag and safety tips.

Alongside the entertainment, the Town of Edson also provided snowshoeing opportunities. After all the excitement, people could join Bauer in the fireside circle to hear indigenous songs, legends, and stories. The whole event ran until 3pm, giving families plenty of time to enjoy the fun.

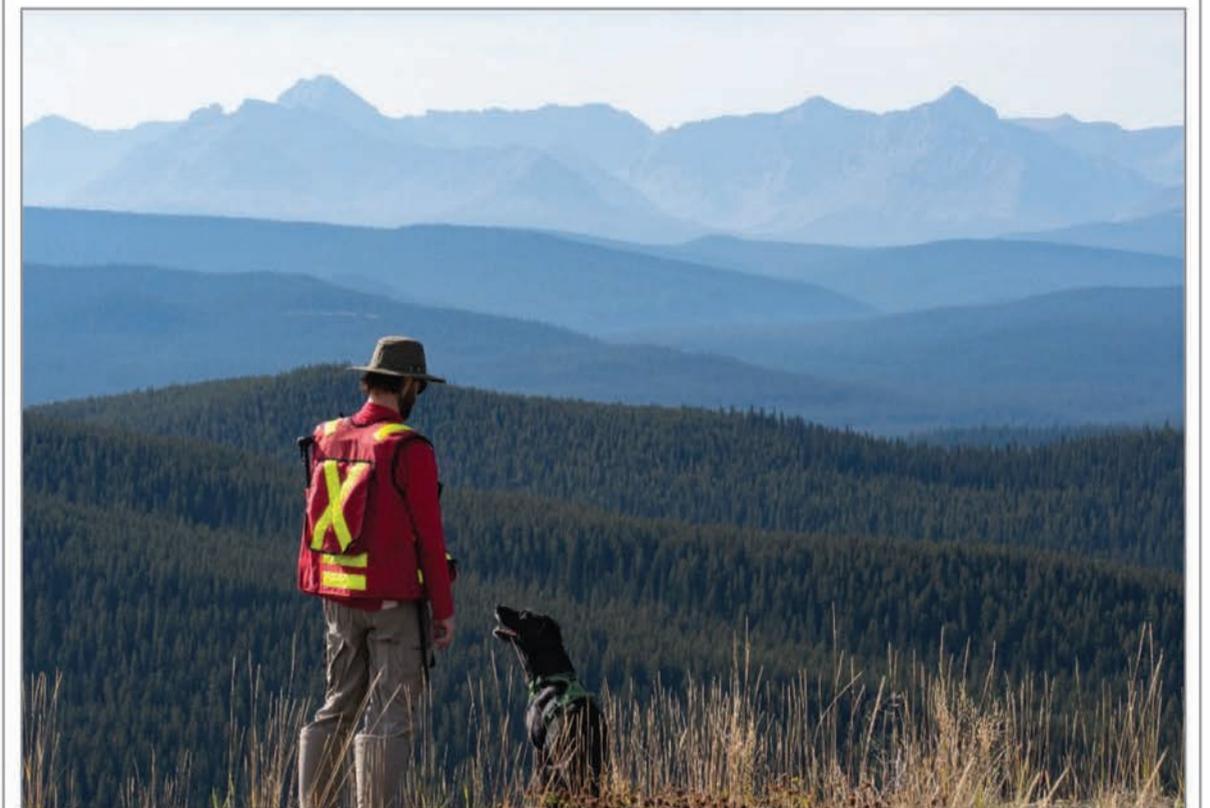
The new Griffiths Park Centre has been in the works for nearly four years. "We acquired the building in 2020, when the Parent Link Family Centre shut down, along with the Boys and Girls Club," said Sarah McDonald, Community Events Supervisor with the Town of Edson. Through a combination of provincial grants and Town support the building was completely renovated to fit its new use. "It's taken a while, it been a very long journey, but it's been amazing and now we're here."

The building will serve as offices for the FCSS personal as well as a central spot to host community support events.

"It will be active living programs, it will be arts and culture programs, FCSS programs—they will all be out of here. As well, we will be doing a lot of community support and resource connection. So, helping our community find where they might need to go for the resources they need, but also a connection for agencies," said McDonald. "Please come on out to Griffiths Park Centre. We will be open 8am to 4pm daily and closed for lunch.



Local Indigenous Storyteller Matricia Bauer welcomed families to sit around the fire and hear stories, legends, and music from Canada's Indigenous Peoples during the Griffiths Park Centre Grand Opening and Family Day on February 19. photo Niki Luymes



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- 🌲 Review our 2024/25 Vegetation Management Plan, including the 2024 plan for herbicide applications.
- 🌲 Learn about our Sustainable Forestry Practices and Certification.
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# Family Day and Grand Opening of Griffiths Park Centre



The Edson Youth Council volunteered their time alongside Eddie the Squirrel and Bonhomme at the Griffiths Park Centre Grand Opening and Family Day on February 19. photo Niki Luymes



The Edson chapter of Canadian Parents for French ran the maple snow taffy booth at the Griffiths Park Centre Grand Opening and Family Day on February 19. photo Niki Luymes



Diana Inscho and Lexi Abbot from the Edson Community Services team handed out free hotdogs at the Griffiths Park Centre Grand Opening and Family Day. photo Niki Luymes

## Town moves computer backups to cloud for disaster protection

by Niki Luymes

During the Town Council meeting on February 20, Council discussed the approval of \$23,500 to migrate the Town's finance system to the cloud. This would be funded from the Administration Operating Reserve.

"Highlighted by 2023's multiple emergency events, Administration has identified the need to take steps to ensure full and uninterrupted connectivity to our core financial systems in the event of any loss of facilities and/or related infrastructure. These critical finance services include payroll, taxation accounts receivables, accounts payables, licenses, and utilities billing. Administration and residents depend on these core services daily," stated Giles Merriott, Information Technology Coordinator for the Town. "This could basically, in a sense, replace all physical infrastructure. It frees us up, it essentially allows any staff armed with a notebook (laptop) and a secure connection, be it wired or wireless, to fully access our financial systems from basically anywhere."

"Moving our finance system to the Cloud will ensure a higher level of business continuance within many different disaster or outage scenarios, as well as provide additional efficiencies and cost-savings with our day-to-day workflow," Merriott added,

The chosen platform is Canadian hosted, with state-of-the-art data centres and cyber security protection. They will also provide backups and updates to the system. The platform has room to grow along with the Town's needs.

Commencing in 2025, the yearly subscription fee of \$10,000.00 would be funded from the annual operating budget. The new system would actually see some savings when compared to current costs. "Multiple existing maintenance expenses are reduced, such as implementing feature updates and performing year-end processes. IT's related contracted services for 2023 totaled \$4000.00. These would now be included with our yearly cloud licensing fee," said Merriott.

### Cloud Enabled Backup Disaster Recovery Platform:

Currently, if certain infrastructures were lost or unavailable, Administration would struggle to provide both internal and external business continuity. Access to all financial data may be delayed for weeks as a full equipment rebuild and data restoration would need to be completed.

"Although Administration adheres to industry best practices with safeguarding our data, the 2023 emergency events highlighted certain vulnerabilities and a need to better prepare for future events," Merriott stated. "By adding this backup tier to the Cloud Administration will be taking a large step toward disaster proofing our data, as well as greatly reducing the time required to rebuild the infrastructure necessary to access our critical operational and financial data."

"The current two-location backup system does not really protect from large scale disasters. Both sever locations are close enough together to be affected by the same catastrophes. For example, this year's fires would have engulfed both locations. "The cloud provides true off-site backup. It should provide greater data resiliency as it's going to be isolated from any one event," said Merriott.

This would also provide additional protection against corrupt data resulting from cyber attacks or system failures as cloud enabled backups exist in greater isolation from the Town's current core systems.

Migrating the Backup Disaster Recovery systems to the cloud incurs setup and subscription fees totalling \$17,500.00 which could be funded from the Administration Operating Reserve.

Commencing in 2025, the yearly subscription fees of \$21,000.00 would be funded from the annual operating budget.

Opening the discussions, Councillor Peter Taylor stated that he was in favour of both motions as this process was long overdue. "Do we have a timeline how long the shift takes to get everything backed up and moved over?"

Merriott replied, "The reality is it will take a minimum of a month to be able to migrate our

systems up to the cloud. The service provider has been excellent. It is also worth mentioning that they are providing a significant discount to Alberta partners due to the 2023 wildfires. So, the migration costs that you see are almost half, and we don't want to delay much further."

"Does the data centre have an alternate data center that they backup on?" asked Councillor Greg Pasychny. "Yes, it does," replied Merriott. "The actual cloud host that we are using is amazon, so there are multiple data centres around the world."

Councillor Krystal Cacka asked if moving to the cloud is going to be considered the new normal for municipalities?

Merriott answered, "Ultimately, it's not new. We're not being guinea pigs with this. This has been evolving over the past 6 or 7 years to my knowledge. So different communities have different challenges. We are seeing it more and more. Moving things to the cloud has been a discussion for all sorts of different platforms." Councillor Pasychny then asked for clarification on whether the Town would be keeping its physical servers. Merriott said that the Town would still have its servers. They are only offloading some of the more critical data to the cloud at this time. To move everything up is cost prohibitive. There will always be a baseline server on premises. That is something that needs to be in place.

"Are you confident in the security that's going to be provided. In today's age of cyber attacks and things of that nature?" asked Mayor Kevin Zahara. "I am," replied Merriott. "Primarily because I am confident in the security we are able to provide on premise, and I do believe this exceeds it."

Following discussion, the motion that that Council approve \$23,500 for the 2024 implementation of Migrating Finance System to Cloud to be funded from the Administration Operating Reserve, was carried. Council also carried the motion to approve \$17,500 for the 2024 implementation of Cloud Enabled Backup Disaster Recovery Platform to be funded from the Administration Operating Reserve.

# County Council updated on Spring Wildfire Preparedness

by Dana McArthur

Albert Bahri, General Manager of Protective Services presented an update report to Yellowhead County Council at their February 20 meeting.

"In the spring of 2023, devastating Wildland Fires occurred within Yellowhead County. One of the fires occurred in the 'white zone' which consists of a portion of Yellowhead From Highway 16 to the northern most boundary of the County and between Highway 22 North and the Pembina River," stated Bahri.

The bulk of the fires occurred in the 'green zone' or the Forest Protection Area, which is the jurisdiction of Alberta Wildfire. Most of this area is covered by the Edson Provincial Forest Protection Branch, with a small portion to the South covered by the Rocky Provincial Forrest Protection Branch. Over 310,337 hectares of forest burnt.

"Looking forward to Spring 2024, Yellowhead County Administration has been working very hard to prepare for the upcoming Wildland season," Bahri added. The report stated:

**Training:** Yellowhead County staff have exceptional training in all aspects of Protective Services. Keeping with this high standard training is occurring on a regular basis in all disciplines of Protective Services. Yellowhead County has a very aggressive training regiment.

**Current Equipment:** All current equipment in Protective Services is response ready.

**New Equipment:** All wildland equipment identified in the 2024 Capital Budget has been ordered. The request for quotes for the Regional Rescue and Wildland Response vehicle is posted on APC, closing on February 23, 2024, at 14:00.

**Operational Preparedness:** All staff and associated equipment are response ready for any incidents that

may occur including wildland fires.

**Community preparedness:** Fire smart safety sessions, in conjunction with Alberta Wildfire, are well underway. 12 have been scheduled, with 7 being completed as of this report being written. More will be scheduled in the fall, with the program being developed to be offered yearly. The Fire Equipment Contractor list and requirements are being finalized and will be advertised to local citizens and contractors to sign up for. This list will be for equipment that can be used to assist in firefighting. MOU's for Helicopter assistance are being developed for white zone coverage.

**Community Protection:** Yellowhead County, working with Alberta Wildfire, will be creating an application to be submitted for fire guards around Hamlets within Yellowhead County. Funding for this is coming from the Provincial Government. These fire guards will be combustible-free areas to prevent the spread of a Wildland fire into Hamlets and other populated areas. Sprinkler protection lines can also be used in these fire guards to bolster protection.

The process to acquire funding will start immediately after the program is announced. Funding is limited and the project scope will have to be based on successful funding. Once the project has been approved it will then move to developing the scope of work using a consultant who would have expertise in these types of projects. Once this is complete the project would move into land acquisition, followed by actual guard construction. Project timelines would be expected to see actual guards being built within 24 months of project approval.

"We'll be creating an application to be submitted for fire guards around Hamlets within Yellowhead County that can be expanded to subdivisions," Bahri explained. "It won't be without

challenges to get them around Hamlets."

Councillor David Russell said, "I compare this to the way people protect their yards from criminal activity; no one thing will protect you. It has to be layers of protection. The same thing applies to fire guards around hamlets. In and of itself, it won't be sufficient, but it's one more layer in protection."

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux said, "I want to say thank you for all the work that you [Albert Bahri] and your team have been doing, hosting these fire

smart sessions. I attended the one that was in Pine Grove. It was well attended. The feedback I have received has been very positive."

Mayor Wade Williams added, "I would just like to thank the province for stepping up and realizing that this is a concern in these areas and for offering this funding. We don't know what it's going to look like."

Council for Yellowhead County accepted the report on Spring Wildfire Preparedness, for information.



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| Township | Range       | Meridian |
|----------|-------------|----------|
| 45       | 14, 16 & 17 | W5       |
| 46       | 15 & 16     | W5       |
| 47       | 15          | W5       |
| 52       | 18          | W5       |

For more information, please contact an Edson Forest Products representative at 1-800-293-6955 or visit our open house on March 26 in Edson at the Galloway Museum or on March 28 in Hinton at the Parks West Mall.



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| Township | Range                | Meridian |
|----------|----------------------|----------|
| 46       | 21                   | W5       |
| 47       | 18, 19, 20 & 22      | W5       |
| 48       | 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22  | W5       |
| 49       | 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22  | W5       |
| 50       | 19, 22 & 25          | W5       |
| 51       | 22, 23, 24, 26, & 27 | W5       |
| 52       | 21, 22 & 27          | W5       |
| 54       | 19, 20, 22 & 23      | W5       |
| 55       | 20, 23, 24 & 25      | W5       |
| 56       | 18, 23, 24 & 25      | W5       |
| 57       | 17, 18, 19, 23 & 24  | W5       |
| 58       | 23                   | W5       |

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Transportation and Economic Corridors

March  
Seatbelts



Aggressive drivers  
Fatigue

April  
Speed



Aggressive drivers  
Motorcycles

The Town of Edson aligns its Traffic Safety Priorities with the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, with an aim to reduce road traffic fatalities.

Each month the Alberta Safety Plan has a specific focus for information and enforcement activities. March's focus is Seatbelts, Aggressive Drivers, and Fatigue.

For more details on the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-traffic-safety-plan.aspx>.



## PHOTO ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2024



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- March 1st - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- March 2nd - 46 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
- March 3rd - 48 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR PARKLAND / PINEGROVE SCHOOL
- March 4th - 56 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
- March 5th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- March 6th - 46 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
- March 7th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
- March 8th - 56 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
- March 9th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 48 STREET
- March 10th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- March 11th - HIGHWAY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
- March 12th - 48 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR PARKLAND / PINEGROVE SCHOOL
- March 13th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- March 14th - 4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
- March 15th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
- March 16th - 12 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 49 STREET
- March 17th - 12 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 49 STREET
- March 18th - HIGHWAY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
- March 19th - 56 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
- March 20th - 4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 43 STREET
- March 21st - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- March 22nd - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT NEAR 48 STREET
- March 23rd - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- March 24th - 4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
- March 25th - HIGHWAY 16 WESTBOUND NEAR 25 STREET
- March 26th - 48 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR PARKLAND / PINEGROVE SCHOOL
- March 27th - 4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
- March 28th - 13 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR POPLAR PLACE
- March 29th - 4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
- March 30th - 2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
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## NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

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

**SCAN ME**



# Carbon tax rebranding?

More and more, Canadians are viewing the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's punitive carbon tax as a failure in reducing emissions.

In a rather blatant ploy to change public opinion the Liberal government has proposed rebranding the carbon tax rebate.

Previously called the 'Climate Action Incentive Payment' the government announced last week that it will now be called the 'Canada Carbon Rebate'.

Apparently, Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault thinks the rebranding will make it easier for us Canadians to identify the rebate, as "the previous name was a bit difficult to understand," he told reporters outside the House of Commons. If that sounds a bit condescending to you, then you're not alone.

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre argues that the tax makes life less affordable, a view that is gaining traction. November's Angus Reid poll found that 42% of Canadians strongly oppose the carbon levy and would support abolishing it.

The Liberals have pushed back, arguing that most Canadians receive more money back through the rebates than they pay through the carbon tax. If that was the actual case, then there would be no point of the carbon tax at all!

This tax is designed to be punitive and force Canadians by attrition to change their ways. So the Liberal's are making a rather silly augment defending their ruthless 'squeeze-until-it-hurts' tax. Particularly to those living in colder climates where there are no affordable/viable heating alternatives.

What the carbon tax rebates also does not take into account is the



**From the Publisher's Desk**  
Dana McArthur  
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cost of inflation on just about every good and service in Canada as growers, producers, shippers, providers, and retailers along the supply chain pass on their increasing costs to consumers.

In a statement to the media, Premier Danielle Smith and Minister of Environment and Protected Areas Rebecca Schulz, said, "Canadians are struggling to pay a carbon tax on top of the federal government's self-inflicted inflation crisis. We know that the carbon tax is costing Alberta families hundreds of dollars each year."

"No 'rebrand' will save the federal government from its dwindling poll numbers. No speeches or sound bites will make a difference. Canadians will see it for what it is: a tax on the fuel they use to drive their kids to school, a tax on the food they buy, a tax on the businesses that they run, a tax on everything," Smith and Schulz stated.

To add insult to injury, Trudeau is planning another giant carbon tax rate increase for April 1. The Federal Government also plans to cut the small business carbon tax rebate by \$500 million in 2024 – while it has yet to return anything. The move is "deeply insulting," according to the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

"Alberta's government has a plan to achieve a carbon-neutral economy by 2050. We are confident this can be done without a consumer carbon tax, and we'll continue to call on Minister Guilbeault to end his relentless pursuit of a more expensive Canada and to work with us instead," concluded Smith and Schulz.



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## Edson RCMP Occurrences

**For the week of: Feb 12 to Feb 19, 2024**

Traffic violation calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 24. Other investigations included: Assistance 12 ; Abandoned Vehicles 1; Alarms/False Alarms 6; Animal Calls 3; Assault 3; Cause Disturbance 4; Fail to Comply with Conditions 2; False/Abandoned 911 Call 2; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 2, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 5; Lost or found property 1, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 0; Information File 4; Mental Health Act 1; Mischief or Damage 4; Municipal Bylaws 2; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 0; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 2; Suspicious persons 11; Theft Complaints 10; Traffic Complaints 11; Trespassing 1; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 2.

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- Program is for Low Income Individuals:
  - » 1 person income is \$35,000 or less
  - » 2 person income is \$45,000 or less
  - » 3 person income is \$47,500 or less
  - » 4 person income is \$50,000 or less
  - » 5 person income is \$52,500 or less

**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)

**This program will start March 1, 2024 to ensure that everyone receives all of their tax slips.**

For more information, please call Yellowhead County at 780.325.3782.

**FIRE PERMIT SEASON 2024**

During Fire Season, fire permits are required for any existing or new burning (except campfires), in the 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.

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**Yellowhead County**

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

| Permit No. | Location   | Proposal                             | Date      | Appeal Deadline |
|------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 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   |
| D24-011    | Plan 0828903 Lot 18A NW-20-49-26-W5 Folding Mountain             | Short Term Accommodation             | Feb 20/24 | Permitted Use   |
| D24-013    | NE-25-53-12-W5 Nojack Area                                       | Manufactured Home (Additional)       | Feb 20/24 | Permitted Use   |
| D24-015    | Plan 1323215 Blk 2, Lot 2 SE-12-54-13-W5 North of Niton Junction | Manufactured Home                    | Feb 20/24 | Permitted Use   |
| D24-016    | Plan 1022047 Blk 6, Lot 12 SW-15-50-27-W5 Brule                  | Short Term Accommodation             | Feb 20/24 | Permitted Use   |
| D24-017    | SW-29-56-14-W5 Shinning Bank Lake Area                           | Accessory Building (Shop)            | Feb 20/24 | Permitted Use   |
| D24-012    | Plan 1124830 Blk 1, Lot 1 NE-32-51-24-W5 East River Road         | Vehicle Repair & Sales               | Feb 20/24 | Permitted Use   |

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](https://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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CVITP and Benefits Outreach Officer, and Indigenous Services, Western Region  
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Register by calling the Yellowhead County Wildwood office at 780-325-3782 or email [kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)

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**Yellowhead County**

**REGISTER YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR 2024 WITH YELLOWHEAD COUNTY**

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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.**

**Yellowhead County**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Facility Fleet Maintenance (Term Position)**  
LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE  
COMPETITION NO. 24-017

Reporting to the Manager of Transportation Services, Facilities and Fleet Maintenance is responsible for the maintenance and care of County owned buildings, grounds and other facilities, and vehicle fleet in Yellowhead County

The salary range is currently \$71,688 to \$88,893 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

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A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

The competition will remain open until March 15, 2024.

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

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**Yellowhead County**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**FCSS Program Assistant (Casual Term Position)**  
LOCATION: Wildwood Office  
COMPETITION NO. 24-018

Reporting to the Family and Community Support Services Supervisor, the FCSS Program Assistant is a casual position responsible for assisting with the delivery of programs to children and youth in Yellowhead County.

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# Friendship Centre's new Indigenous Health Navigator program

by Dana McArthur

The Edson Friendship Centre's new Indigenous Health Navigator pilot program was created to help bridge the gap between Indigenous Peoples, health services, and supports.

There is often a disparity and fragmentation in healthcare services for Indigenous Peoples. Jayla Davidson, the new Indigenous Health Navigator with the Edson Friendship Centre explained that the hope of this program is to help improve Indigenous patient outcomes.

As an Indigenous Health Navigator, Davidson serves as a cultural liaison between patients and healthcare providers, advocating for Indigenous patients, and offering education on accessing resources, Indigenous health practices, cultural traditions, and the importance of cultural competence in



Jayla Davidson is the new Indigenous Health Navigator with the Edson Friendship Centre.

our clients to navigate situations so the healthcare providers have an understanding of the client's perspective, so that they can then be heard and understood in the ways that they need to be. From this, we hope providers will be able to have a better perception of who they are working with and what suits them best," said Davidson.

When asked the importance of cultural safety and respect in healthcare, Davidson explained, "Cultural respect in healthcare settings is an important aspect when working with Indigenous Peoples because it allows for a deeper understanding between client and provider and can reduce stigma. There may be differing perspectives surrounding healthcare, so it's important to build comfortable, understanding relationships. It can also lead to better patient outcomes."

When asked what this may look like in a healthcare setting, Davidson replied, "This can look like many things. Some examples include being aware of cultural differences, respecting boundaries, asking the client what they are comfortable with, and eliminating judgment and stereotypes."

In her role as Indigenous Health Navigator, Davidson can help provide a wide range of advocacy and support in accessing culturally safe healthcare and community services. "We aim to support our client's health and wellbeing in whatever ways we can," Davidson said.

"Since this is a pilot program we have a broad scope right now. This means that we have the ability to support Indigenous Peoples with most things that are connected to health and/or wellbeing. If you have any specific questions or are wondering if we can support you, please call or text 587-817-6563," Davidson concluded.

## ~ Obituary ~

### John Maichen

We are sad to announce the passing of John Maichen, of Niton Junction, Alberta.

Passed away at the age of 81 years old at the Edson hospital on November 29, 2023 of a heart attack. He is survived by brothers Carl of Niton Junction and Robert of Edmonton.

He was pre-deceased by parents John and Clara, sister Dorathy, brother Albert, Nephew Zenith and Grand Nephew Derek.

The memorial service will be held at a later date in a private ceremony with only close family members present.

healthcare delivery.

"One of the main goals of this pilot program is to address barriers and racism that are often experienced by Indigenous Peoples within healthcare settings," said Davidson. As the Indigenous Health Navigator, she believes this can be achieved "through the use of supportive relationship building and by empowering and giving our clients resources to address barriers and gain equal access."

Part of the focus of the program to help healthcare providers to understand the importance of supporting Indigenous patients and families with accessing culturally safe, culturally appropriate, and culturally sensitive healthcare services.

"Through advocacy, we can help empower

## 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



### Registering to Attend Special Meeting

• If you would like to attend our Special Meeting, you can call our office at (780) 723 - 4214. The deadline to register is March 1st, 2024

## Indigenous Health Navigator



### The Program

This program works with Indigenous Peoples to support health, well-being, and wellness. Some specific areas of focus include, but are not limited to: advocacy, assistance, and support with medical appointments, setting up transportation for individuals needing to access health-related appointments, referrals, form completion, navigating and finding resources surrounding many topics, and support with respectful relationship building within health care settings. If you have any questions or need assistance, please find my contact info below.

### Contact Info



Edson Friendship Centre  
Bingo Hall Office  
#13 5023-3rd Ave, Edson  
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Direct Ph. 587-817-6563 (call or text)  
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### MORE INFO....

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- The only supplies you need are indoor shoes and a change of clothes to be left in cubby just in case.
- OT and SLP through the LEAP Center.

**Town Council Meeting: Feb. 20**

# 18th Ave Rehab Project

Edson Town Council approved \$2,600,000 in the 2024 Capital Budget for this project. Seven (7) tenders were received, with the project being awarded to Parkway Enterprises Ltd. as the lowest bidder at \$3,019,862.02. Council has approved an additional \$650,000 to be funded from the Infrastructure Project Reserve to cover the budget shortfall. The total project cost is expected to be approximately \$3,250,000. Administration intends to apply for the 2024 Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF). If successful, it would secure approximately \$580,000, which would be allocated to this project.

**Flood Repair and Recovery**

Council previously approved up to \$1,000,000 in the 2024 Capital Budget for repairs needed as a result of the June 2023 flood. After encountering several unexpected complications during construction, the project has exceeded the original budget. An additional \$750,000 was approved by Council for the remainder of the repairs needed on 6th Avenue and the 2nd Avenue/46th Street intersection to be funded from the Infrastructure Projects Reserve. As these projects are related to the flooding, the Town of Edson will be including it in the Disaster Recovery Plan funding request and anticipates receiving 90% of the total costs back through the provincial program.

# Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw Rewrite

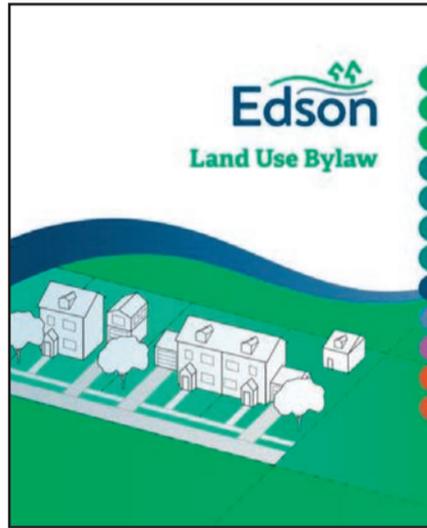
The Town of Edson's Land Use Bylaw (LUB) has been rewritten to guide development and shape the future of Edson.

The final draft was presented to the Edson Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 13, 2024.

The LUB divides the municipality into different land use districts, or zones, which establish rules and regulations for development in the town and inform decision-making processes for development.

The rewritten LUB is intended to be flexible, simple, concise, and purposeful. The rewrite is clear and easy to interpret, visually appealing and user-friendly. The Town office states that it is also enforceable, follows best practices, reflect local context for Edson, and align with higher-order documents such as the Municipal Development Plan.

The Town of Edson would like residents to familiarize themselves with the Draft Land Use Bylaw and



be informed on what has changed, and also provide feedback, which will be considered prior to producing the final Bylaw for the Council's consideration.

For an informational video, a 'What Has Changed Summary', and to familiarize yourself with the draft LUB, visit [www.edson.ca/LUB](http://www.edson.ca/LUB).



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Mary Bergeron School enjoyed having the Alberta Musical Theatre Company visit to present their version of Cinderella recently. Students were mesmerized by the colourful set, upbeat music, and fun costumes as they experienced an innovative re-imagining of the famous fairy tale. submitted by Deanna Mitchener



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## 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.



So don't put away those snow boots yet!

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# Hands On: Art Attack at Galloway Station

by Niki Luymes

The Galloway Station Museum and Archives helped people of all ages find their inner artist at the first ever Hands On: Art Attack on February 17.

The event ran from 1pm to 4pm, giving people enough time to enjoy all the activities offered. For only \$3 per person you could try out seven different art projects, while also touring through the museum.

From knitting and painting to needle work and resin, there was lots to try out. Each of the art stations was run by a local artist or a Galloway staff member. Caroline Charbonneau, led the water colour painting station, Jan Under Hill led the resin art, Cassie Kushniruk ran the needle point, and Lara Felsing led the Metis finger weaving.

For more intricate projects, Chrissie Handford led the macramé, and the Knit and Crochet Club ran the Knitting corner. Museum Manager Shari McDowell helped kids make

paper crafts. Visitors left each station with a finished project. The museum also offered free snacks and beverages alongside all the activities.

Every year the Galloway plans an event for the Family Day weekend, but this year's Art Attack was the first event of its kind. "We do things like Mystery at the Museum or Museum Adventure, and we were looking for something a little different to do. We try to call in other groups to collaborate with us, so this time we decided to do Art Attack," said Mc Dowel "We actually spread the word to artists from our gift shop."

The event proved very successful. Approximately 55 participants came through, not including parents etc. "It was pretty successful and I think all the artists had a good time. They all were popular and every station was busy whenever I looked around," added McDowell. "They all were good and it was so much fun. We're creating artists or encouraging young artists to explore what they want to do."



There were lots of unique art opportunities during the Galloway Museum and Archives, Hands On: Art Attack on February 17, including the resin project pictured. photo Niki Luymes



Taylor and Audrey Tuftin enjoyed making Metis finger weaving projects at the Galloway Museum and Archives, Hands On: Art Attack on February 17. photo Niki Luymes



The Edson Knit and Crochet Club ran the knitting corner at the Galloway Museum and Archives, Hands On: Art Attack on February 17. photo Niki Luymes

## Province at the ready for 2024 wildfire season

Alberta's government has declared an early start to the 2024 wildfire season, 10 days earlier than usual, and is encouraging Albertans to proactively prepare.

The impacts of the 2023 season showed Albertans the importance of a collective approach to dealing with disaster. Alberta is experiencing warmer than normal temperatures and below average precipitation in many areas of the province, leading to heightened wildfire risk. To better direct resources to new and existing wildfires, Alberta has declared an early start to the 2024 wildfire season.

Declaring the beginning of the 2024 wildfire season provides additional measures to Alberta Wildfire, including the use of the fire ban and restriction system to help reduce human-caused wildfires in response to hazardous conditions. Furthermore, any Albertan who has burning planned in the Forest Protection Area will require a permit.

"Alberta's government will face the coming wildfire season head on, and we will do whatever is necessary to help Albertans and their communities stay safe from the impacts of wildfire. I want to encourage Albertans to

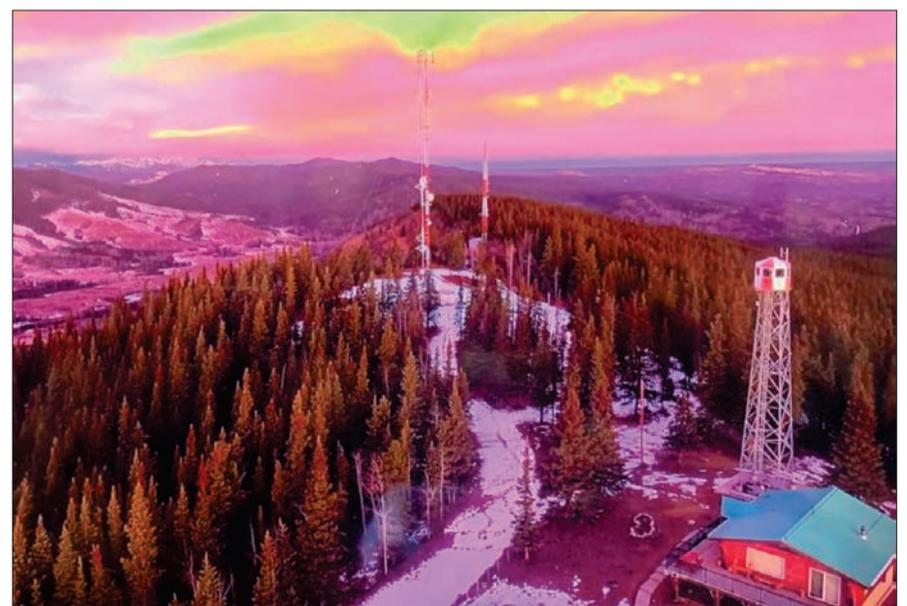
remain vigilant and recreate responsibly." -Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

In addition to the early declaration, Forestry and Parks is preparing for additional firefighters. If passed, Budget 2024 will include funding to hire 100 new firefighters, which will result in five additional 20-person crews. These additional firefighters would be a critical addition to the Alberta Wildfire team.

"Wildfire prevention is a responsibility shared by all Albertans. I encourage everyone to follow FireSmart principles, to recreate responsibly while in or near forested areas, to obtain a fire permit prior to burning and to download the Alberta Wildfire app for up-to-date and accurate information."- Bernie Schmitte, executive director, Alberta Wildfire

As the province has entered the 2024 wildfire season, Alberta's government encourages all Albertans to become familiar with FireSmart principles and to take an active role in wildfire prevention and mitigation by preparing their properties and communities accordingly.

Albertans are urged to exercise extreme caution in forested areas and



Alberta's wildfire season started early this year, on February 20. This means that fire permits will be required for burning within the Forest Protection Area, except for a campfire. All current winter burns will need to be fully extinguished unless you have a fire permit. Forest officers are currently hiring 11 lookout observers for the forest area.

to avoid burning under warm, dry and windy conditions. It is also crucial that Albertans remain up to date on fire bans and restrictions in their areas to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires, which represented more than 60 per cent of wildfires this past season.

Alberta's government continues

working hard to enhance wildfire prevention, preparedness, response and mitigation tactics. Alberta will employ enhanced nighttime wildfire operations, including ground suppression efforts and using night-vision equipped helicopters and nighttime heli-tanking.

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**Community Events**

**Jan 10 to Mar 20:** Family Time. Join us on Wednesdays for some indoor fun! Program runs from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Marlboro Community Hall (January 10 & 24 February 7 March 13). Peers Multiplex (January 17 & 31 February 14 March 20). Registration is required. www.yhcounty.ca/registration  
**February 15 -March 7:** Pilates at the Robb Multiplex 10:00- 10:45am please register online at yhcounty.ca/registration  
**February 28 & March 4:** Join us for FireSmart Days 2pm-7pm ( Drop in any time) at Galloway Museum  
**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 or email kschatz@yhcounty.ca Or at

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**March 26:** Family Wellness Day. 11:00am-1:30pm at Marlboro Community Hall. Register at yhcounty.ca/registration

**March 27:** Family Wellness Day. 11:00am-1:30pm at Brule Community Hall. Register at yhcounty.ca/registration

**Every Thursday:** Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.

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**Travel Log Feature**

**Donations of firefighting equipment help save lives**



**Views & News**  
by Deanna Mitchener

San Felipe Fire Department (SFFD) just received a generous donation of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), spare bottles, turnouts and wildland gear from departments in the U.S.A. These donations came from One World Medics, the Fort Wayne Fire Department, and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

SFFD also received a computer from David Fowler from the Springfield, Illinois Rotary Club and Baja Bridges. This computer will make the work of their fire investigation team much more organized and efficient. Our wonderful friends at Baja Bridges are the conduit by which these items make their way to Mexico.

Fire ground gear was also sorted and staged in San Felipe for La Misión Bomberos, Mulege Bomberos, and Bahia Concepcion Bomberos. These donations all came from the previously mentioned departments and donors as well. The Rotary Clubs in each of these towns were also instrumental in getting this gear to the brave firefighters of these departments.

Edson Rotary is a vital part to Highway to



San Felipe Fire Department showing off their firefighting equipment that was generously donated recently. photo Deanna Mitchener

Mexico which helps another area in Mexico with equipment. These groups are a huge support to these Mexico fire departments, that otherwise would find it difficult or impossible to acquire this level of equipment.

We may not even think about it, but many Canadians travel to Mexico. Not only is this equipment helping save local lives, it may also help Canadians who travel to these parts of the country. Rotary International is a great way to become involved.

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