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RCMP Crime Reduction Focuses on Theft

by Niki Luymes

During the February 21 Edson Town Council meeting, Staff Sergeant Christian Delisle, Detachment

Commander for the Edson Millbery, Operation Officer. Municipal RCMP, presented a review of the detachment's 2022 operations and outlined its priorities for 2023. He was accompanied by Sergeant Luke

“Every year at this time we consult with elected officials, the population, and other groups in the community to see what they would like to see their

policing service provide in terms of service,” said SSgt Delisle. “Basically, what are the things that they would like us to maybe put into different focus or have a different approach on in regard

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Free hot dogs and s'mores were offered at Willmore Park on February 20th, from 1pm to 4pm, as part of the Family Day celebrations hosted by the Town of Edson and Edson FCSS (see page 7). photo Niki Luymes

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to our daily business.”

According to the stats presented, the overall crime trend in Edson has decreased 30% from 2018 to 2021. 2022 crime stats show that those achievements in 2021 were sustained, with no overall increase in crime. This year's priorities are police community relations and general crime reduction.

In police community relations, the Edson detachment strove for an increase in community contact. The goal was at least 30 points of community contact across the year. When looking at Yellowhead County and Edson together there were a total of 51 connections so far, 11 of those in the town of Edson.

For general crime reduction, this year they mostly focused on thefts. Specifically, the goal was a 10% decrease in thefts over \$5,000 and vehicular theft. So far they have achieved a 9.5% reduction in this area. The second goal under crime reduction was an increase in proactive patrols. “We wanted to have a total of 1,200 documented proactive patrols, that is county and town combined. So far we have over 1,400 patrols done and just in the last quarter Edson saw 453,” said SSgt Delisle. The detachment had a final goal for their General Investigations Section (GIS) unit to do six proactive drug investigations. So far they have only done one, however, there are other things in development.

To help facilitate this discussion, Delisle also presented a rundown of the basic statistics for the Edson Municipal Detachment. This included the number of crimes committed, crimes filed, the workload associated with the different crime types, and the response times. After reviewing specific numbers the floor was open to council's questions and comments.

Councillor Peter Taylor started off by saying that he had noticed the increased engagement. “I also want to thank you for your engagement. I know that yourself and your members have been in the school I'm at and engaged with the students, and that's fantastic. So thank you, and I think that's doing wonders in our community.” Regarding the priorities, Councillor Taylor also asked if a large percentage of the calls in the mental health category were related to the vulnerable individuals or homeless in Edson.

Sergeant Millbery answered that the mental health title on the stats list covered a broad amount of topics. “I would say a majority of our calls under that category aren't necessarily the vulnerable peoples in town. Some of it is, but not the majority

of it.”

Mayor Kevin Zahara asked, “I know that last year, when we set up our priorities, one of the key things in addition to engagement and crime reduction was some of your internal training. In particular, when it come to bike patrols, has that training occurred and are we going to see that level of service return to our community in 2023?”

“We do have an internal priority and that was training,” answered Delisle. “We have a somewhat limited control over what courses are being offered. In terms of the bike course itself, it is on our radar list. I don't recall seeing it come up this year. I know we haven't sent anyone. It's not that we don't have the equipment, but in the RCMP you're not allowed to use anything unless you are trained to do so. So we will be waiting for that course.”

Councillor Ed Moore asked, “Do you see some future beat patrols downtown in the next year?”

“The short answer would be yes,” said Delisle. “It's not that we don't want to do it and it's not that we're opposed or against it. It's just the practicality

the number of officers you have working on a certain evening. When you have them walking down the downtown core, it's great for relationship and connecting with businesses, but it's two officers who are not patrolling in cars. That's when a call comes in and having to then run back to their cars. So, sometimes it's a bit of a debate of where is the best bang for our buck. We try our best for when there's activities in the downtown core, but on the regular, sometimes it's more difficult.”

Finishing off the discussion, Mayor Zahara asked if the detachment felt as if they were adequately resourced for officers. Delisle answered that at the moment they felt like they were adequately staffed, although they wouldn't say no to more if it was offered.

“When it comes to the priorities,” added Mayor Zahara, “I think that I'm not hearing need for any major changes, I like the direction that we have been going in. I think one of the key things for a number years has been that visibility piece, and you guys have exceeded our expectations.”

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Yellowhead County hosts 'Kids Can Catch'

by Niki Luymes

Families and kids of all ages came out to Bear Lake Park on Saturday, February 18 to enjoy some free winter fun. From 1pm to 3pm Yellowhead County hosted the 'Kids Can Catch' Intro to Ice Fishing event.

For the full two hours representatives from Yellowhead County and Alberta Fish and Wildlife were set up on the lake ready to teach the basics of ice fishing to all who came.

Rods and tackle were provided free for all who needed them. This was alongside the free cookies, chips, hot cocoa and coffee also provided by the county, and free swag bags donated by the Alberta Conservation Association. At the end of the event, leftover ice fishing rods were raffled off as prizes.

Edson Fish and Game and Alberta Fish and Wildlife were also set up and assisting throughout the event. "They helped us by being our knowledgeable experts on fishing and drilling the holes and they have a wall tent they set up and some gear that can be used," said Nicole Tarves, Program Coordinator with Yellowhead County Parks and Recreation. Alberta Fish and Wildlife's tent served both as an example and as a place to warm up for those that needed it. They were also giving out free swag, such as foldable buckets and brushes.

In total, 120 people registered for the event.

However, more than that came out braving the slightly chilly weather. Fishing holes were set up across the lake making it the perfect way to spend time alone or with a group. February 18 to 20th was also Free Family

Fishing Weekend, meaning that people could keep any fish caught if they wanted. Different holes had different levels of luck, but there was some excitement as fish were caught over the course of the day.



Kurtis and Wyatt Card with the Edson Jr. Forest Wardens had quite the successful day at the Kids Can Catch, Intro to Ice Fishing event on February 18, hosted by Yellowhead County. photo Niki Luymes

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Galloway hosts Family Day Hands On Adventure

by Niki Luymes

The Galloway Station Museum and Travel Centre was full of smiles and laughs on February 18. From 1pm to 4pm the museum was hosting the 'Museum, Hands On Adventure' as part of the Family Day weekend celebrations. For the low cost of \$5 per family, attendees were able to take part in a variety of crafts and activities.

Family were able move at their own pace throughout the museum's activities. Set up in the main area were stations for a taffy pull, a tin art craft, biscuit baking, and Metis bracelets. These activities were all replications of old traditions, helping kids engage with the past while also having fun with their families.

In between enjoying those activities, kids could also take part in a museum-wide question and answer scavenger hunt. Those who completed the search correctly were rewarded with a small prize at the

front desk. In the Coal Branch room kids could take part in a space maze that taught basic STEM skills, alongside the historical fun.

The Galloway Museum usually does family oriented events on the Saturday of Family Day weekend. Previously, they've done the Mystery at the Museum event. This year the choice was made to do the Hands On Adventure which was met with rousing success.

"It was a really fun day and we're happy with the turnout too," said Shari McDowell, Manager at the Galloway Museum. "It was a little more than we expected, but I think everyone was patient, and had a good time —really a great community event."

The Museum runs lots of popup events for families throughout the year. Coming up in March they are partnering with Edson Dance Academy and Edson Tumblers Gymnastics to run day-long actives for the March 3, 2023 PD day.



The tin art station at the Galloway Museum and Travel Centre's Hands On Adventure on February 18 was both educational and fun . photo Niki Luymes



Christie and Odette Phillips alongside Ilya Gervais had some sticky fun at the toffee pull station at the Galloway Museum and Travel Centre's Hands On Adventure event on February 18. photo Niki Luymes

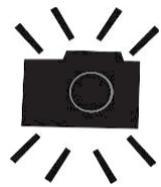


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March 6th	46 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
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March 12th	48 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR PARKLAND & PINEGROVE SCHOOL
March 13th	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 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
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June

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Cycling
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 2070

Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 — re-districting of Plan 012 5979, Block 8, Lot 3 from Glenwood Service Industrial-Commercial (GSI-C) to Highway Commercial (C-3) on **Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm** or as soon as practical thereafter through Zoom Meeting online and in-person in the Town of Edson Council Chambers (605 - 50 street)

If approved, the amendment will change the districting of Plan 012 5979, Block 8, Lot 3 from Glenwood Service Industrial-Commercial (GSI-C) to Highway Commercial (C-3).

To view details of the application, please see: www.edson.ca/bylaws

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Submissions must be received by the Town prior to the Public Hearing for Council's consideration.

Any person, group, or person acting on behalf of anyone who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw, may make representation during a Public Hearing. Oral presentations are subject to a five (5) minute time limit and any presentation materials must be sent one week prior to the Public Hearing.

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GUEST EDITORIAL COMMENT

Bank of Canada's interest rate strategy is failing Canadians

The data shows that interest rate hikes are now increasing inflation, not decreasing it

by David Macdonald

After nearly a year of interest rate hikes designed to fight inflation, rents in Canada are going up, and food costs remain stubbornly high. And while they might have helped in the summer of last year, interest rate hikes are now actually increasing inflation.

The Bank of Canada's target is to bring inflation down to two per cent, but its strategy to achieve this with higher interest rates is failing on two major counts: it does nothing to lower the cost of everyday necessities like groceries or gas, and it's leading to higher inflation in housing-related prices.

The Bank of Canada has done research on which expenditures are impacted when interest rates rise. It concludes that some areas, like housing, are heavily impacted, but most areas, like groceries and gas prices, aren't.

The areas impacted are those you need debt to buy, like a house, and when interest rates rise, you feel it in higher mortgage interest rates. But we don't buy things like food and gas with a mortgage, so interest rate hikes have no effect. For instance, the bank study predicts that with the hikes we've experienced so far, we'd expect to see a 0.04 per cent increase in grocery store spending since we don't buy groceries with debt impacted by interest rates.

From research to practice, here's what's happening to prices captured in the Consumer Price Index (CPI):

Higher interest rates have the biggest impact on four key costs: housing prices, real estate commissions, mortgage interest costs and rent. Higher interest rates push the first two down, decreasing inflation, but push the second two up, increasing inflation. The net impact is that inflation decreased between April and September 2022 but increased between September and December.

To date, the only impact of rising interest rates has been to decrease the price of homes and real estate commissions. But even within the housing sector, the high cost of rent and rising mortgage interest rate costs are now completely offsetting that impact.

Bottom line: Overall, the data shows that interest rate hikes are now increasing inflation, not decreasing it.

Interest rate hikes have an obvious impact on the mortgage interest that people pay, but what's less understood is the devastating impact those hikes are having on rent.

In November 2022, after eight months of rate hikes, rent inflation in Canada hit its highest point in over 30 years. This spike in rental prices has been driven by landlords passing on higher mortgage costs to tenants and tenants staying in rentals longer since home buying is too expensive.

Overall, rent, home prices, mortgage interest costs and real estate commissions added 1.3 percentage points to inflation in September 2022 and 1.4 percentage points by December 2022. Higher interest rates decrease home prices and commissions but increase rent and mortgage interest costs.

We need to lower house prices and rent inflation in Canada without increasing mortgage costs. This can be done in a number of ways that do not involve interest rate hikes: for example, by tightening mortgage rules for real estate investors, by stopping sweetheart tax deals for REITs buying up apartments, and by beefing up provincial rent controls to keep rents from increasing rapidly.

Interest rate increases are putting chronic stress on many Canadian households and it's not even working to decrease inflation. So why is the Bank of Canada persisting with a failing policy rather than reversing course?

David Macdonald is a senior economist with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

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KID'S CORNER

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Family Day Fun at Willmore Park

by Niki Luymes

The Town of Edson helped make Family Day fun for everyone by sponsoring 'Family Day at Willmore' on February 20. From 1pm to 4pm the town set up multiple winter activities for families to come and enjoy.

Everything from the games and crafts to the snacks were offered for free by Edson Family and Community Support Services (FCSS).

The event served as a great way for families to get away from their video and phone screens and enjoy the outdoors. "If I had to say one goal for this event," said Marsha Shack, Community Development Coordinator for the Town of Edson, "it's to connect more with your family and nature." In that way, the day was quite the success. Many families made their way down to the park over the course of the day.

Some of the outdoor activities offered were cross country skiing and snowshoeing, with equipment on loan from Yellowhead County. The Muskeg Flyers, Edson's Cross County skiing Club, created the set trail used for the event. Tobogganing was also available, but not encouraged due to icy conditions.

There were also open fires set up over which you could cook hotdogs, as well as marshmallows to make festive s'mores. Kids could also flex their creativity with either snow painting or creating their own paper roll bird feeder. To top it all off, Edson Canadian Parents for French were helping kids make their own "tire d'érable," or maple snow taffy.

"I think it's going quite well," said Lexi Abbott, Community Development Coordinator with Edson FCSS. "Our volunteers really came together, and people are enjoying the day. A shout-out to our volunteers, especially the Youth Council who have been showing up to a lot of events and making them just that much better."



The Edson Canadian Parents for French helped kids make their own "tire d'érable," or 'maple snow taffy' at the Family Day celebrations at Willmore Park, on February 20. photo Niki Luymes



There was lots of fun to be had at the Family Day celebrations, at Willmore Park. Snacks, crafts, and special treats were all available for free courtesy of the Town of Edson and Edson FCSS. photo Niki Luymes



Kids and families were out enjoying cross country skis at the Family Day celebrations at Willmore Park on February 20. Photo Niki Luymes



There were free snowshoes and cross country skis available to borrow courtesy of Yellowhead County, at the Family Day celebrations hosted by the Town of Edson and FCSS at Willmore Park on February 20. Photo Niki Luymes



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Have a **good neighbour** who is helping you out with snow removal?

Nominate them and enter them into April's volunteer prize draw!

PLUS - you can recognize your volunteers with an "I Have a Good Neighbour" sign!

Nomination forms and recognition signs are available at the Yellowhead County Wildwood and Edson Offices, or contact Karen at 780-325-3782 or kschatz@yhcounty.ca

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For Low Income Individuals:

- 1 person income \$35,000 or less
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- More than 2 persons is \$45,000 plus \$2,500 for each additional person.

This program will start March 1, 2023 to ensure that everyone receives all of their tax slips.

For more information, please call Yellowhead County at 780.325.3782.

NO SPRAY PROGRAM YEARLY RENEWAL

Yellowhead County Agricultural Services requires landowners who do not want herbicide applied adjacent to their property to enter into an agreement with the county prior to April 1st of each year. The landowner becomes responsible for weed and brush control in the designated areas, as defined by the no spray agreement.

If you cannot meet this deadline, please call our Agricultural Services Department at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935.

- Once an agreement has been completed, **no spray signs must be purchased** at a cost of \$5.00 for two signs, at the Yellowhead County Edson or Wildwood Offices. These signs must be placed by the landowner in a highly visible area as close as possible to the property line.
- Yellowhead County Agricultural Services requires each landowner who has signed the agreement to fulfill their obligations before the July 1st deadline. After the July 1st deadline, Yellowhead County re-assumes responsibility for weed and brush control and may apply herbicide adjacent to non-compliant roadsides if necessary.
- If you chose not to renew your agreement for 2023, we ask that you please remove your signs prior to the start of the spray season starting May 1st, 2023.

Residents who have any concerns or questions are asked to contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services at 1-800-814-3935 or (780) 325-3782.

Yellowhead County

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D23-011	SW-05-52-18-W5 Edson West	Accessory Building (Garage)	Feb 9/23
D23-009	Plan 9621815 Blk C SW-15-53-18-W5 Edson West	New Accessory Building and Additions to existing building	Feb 9/23
D23-013	Plan 0941619 Blk 2, Lot 3 NE-32-52-17-W5 Edson Area	2022 Manufactured Home	Feb 17/23

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 days 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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REGISTER YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR 2023 WITH YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2023.

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.

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Learn to manage and maintain your septic system!

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- Appropriate use of your septic system
- Maintaining your septic system
- Design and installation
- Troubleshooting
- Regulations

With questions or to register, please contact Yellowhead County at 1-800-814-3935

Visit www.yhcounty.ca for more information!

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Yellowhead County INVITATION TO TENDER

2023 East Winter Roadside Brushing for Yellowhead County

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

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2023-807**
Project: **2023 East Winter Roadside Brushing**

Will be received until: **1:30 P.M., March 9, 2023**

At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: **Approximately 10 hectares of Roadside Brushing at 4 sites within Yellowhead County**

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 23, 2023**, 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, Infrastructure Services** for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.

Yellowhead County INVITATION TO TENDER

2023 West Winter Roadside Brushing for Yellowhead County

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Project: **2023 West Winter Roadside Brushing**

Will be received until: **1:30 P.M., March 9, 2023**

At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
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For the following work: **Approximately 12 hectares of Roadside Brushing at 4 sites within Yellowhead County**
Approximately 2.5 hectares of Clearing & Brushing at the Robb Sewage Lagoon site

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 23, 2023**, at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

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Yellowhead County 2023 SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

Dates of Employment:

Approximately May 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2023

Pool Manager - Competition No. 23-002 - Will be responsible for maintaining and operating the Green Grove Pool and supervising seasonal staff, as well as providing instruction, lifeguarding, maintenance, and other administrative duties.

Pool Coordinator - Competition No. 23-003 - Will be responsible for scheduling special events and programs, act as the supervisor on duty, provide swimming instruction, lifeguard, complete pool maintenance and other administrative duties.

Senior Lifeguard - Competition No. 23-004 - Will act as the supervisor on duty when scheduled with a Junior Guard, provide swimming instruction, lifeguard, complete pool maintenance and perform other administrative duties.

Junior Lifeguard - Competition No. 23-005 - Will provide swimming instruction, lifeguard, pool maintenance and administrative duties.

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, March 17, 2023**. We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Human Resources
Yellowhead County
Email: jobs@yhcounty.ca

The personal information obtained as a result of this advertisement will be utilized for these employment opportunities only, and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Town advances plans for construction specifications and design guidelines

by Dana McArthur

The Town of Edson is undertaking the advancement of its construction specifications and design guidelines.

The outline was presented to Town Council on February 14, by Andrew Phillips, Capital Projects Manager.

The purpose of the 'Construction Specifications and Design Guidelines' project is to develop the process and technical requirements to be applied by developers, contractors and staff during construction and upgrading of Town infrastructure including, but not limited to, roads, sidewalks, park fencing, fire hydrants, and storm outfalls.

Historically, the Town has not had such standards in place, relying instead on the expertise of professional engineers, either on staff or contracted. This is not the recommended approach, as it lacks transparency and can lead to inconsistencies in how infrastructure is built.

Phillips stated that these specifications and guidelines will play an essential role for the Town in ensuring consistency and best

practices, while streamlining administrative processes by providing a guiding document for land developers, contractors and staff to adhere to. "Ultimately, they will enhance the longevity and quality of infrastructure, reduce maintenance costs, and mitigate the risk of infrastructure failure."

The 2022 Budget included \$150,000 for the development of the Construction Specifications and Design Guidelines.

Councillor Peter Taylor asked, "I was wondering if we had any issues with construction that preceded this document or any misunderstanding?" Phillips responded, "In my experience for best practices there is always a set of guidelines and principles for a municipality to follow. What probably has occurred in the past are best practices—but this will form consistency." Administration clarified further that there have been inconsistencies in the design of some of the town's projects, so these new guidelines will offer a consistent approach to every development.

Council accepted the presentation as information.



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Invitation to Tender

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Each construction season consists of the installation of gas lines to applicants located throughout the Co-op's franchise area. Tender packages which include historical volumes, specifications, and typical drawings will be available at the Co-op office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sealed bids marked "2023 & 2024 Tender for Gas Line Installations – Yellowhead Gas Co-op Ltd." will be received at our office until 12:00 p.m. (MST) on March 15th, 2023. A list of bidder's construction equipment and references is to be included.

The Board reserves the right to refuse any tender.

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County discusses lot paving and beautification

by Dana McArthur

During its February 23 G&P meeting, Yellowhead County Council explored options to pave the gravel lot in front of its Operations Centre building, which is adjacent to the County Administration building. Concerns included aesthetics, safety, and to add additional parking spaces for now and into the future.

Council had previously directed the administration to explore parking lot pavement options and bring them to a future Council meeting for discussion.

"Administration considered comparable design options for both full depth asphalt pavements and asphalt over untreated aggregate base, focusing on aesthetically pleasing parking lot designs to provide maximum parking capacity in the available space while ensuring convenience and safety," said General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Services, Sabhago Oad.

Options included 90-degree dual row parking on the west side of the administration building (partial paving). This option provided 40 additional parking spaces with an estimated cost of \$210k (see concept drawing). All options included pedestrian walkway connectivity, base preparation, paving and parking lot markings.

Option 2 included dual and single row parking on the west side of the administration building and a few parking spots at the north side. This option provides 65 additional parking space at an estimated cost of \$390k.

Option 3 included dual row parking on the southwest corner of the administration building (partial paving). This option provides 30 additional parking spaces at an estimated cost of \$190k.

Oad added, "Administration also considered if we could provide this paving in-house to save some cost. If we could also bundle this with other paving projects we could potentially save an additional \$30,000 to \$40,000."

Chief Administrative Officer Luc Mercier also added, "The walkway on the west side of the building is [currently] not suitable for access, especially for people with wheelchairs or limited mobility."

Councillor Dawn Mitchell said, "I think if we consider paving the whole parking lot it's going to cost us less than opposed to five years from now. A municipality should reflect how we see ourselves, our residents, and our ratepayers. I think it behaves us to do it properly all at once." Mitchell asked if Administration could bring back an option that included full paving of the gravel lot.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux asked if landscaping and lighting was included in the estimates. Oad confirmed that landscaping was included and that a lighting plan would be developed once the concept plan was decided on.

Councillor Anthony Giezen questioned the need for additional parking. "I wonder if this is just a feel-good project. I struggle with the need for extra parking." CAO confirmed and recommended that additional parking is needed for council meetings and events, as well as improving safety and parking access to both buildings into the future.

Councillor Shawn Berry said, "It's a great idea. I like the landscaping, it's well done and I like the idea of putting the trees in the parking lot. Aesthetically, it will be a nice thing to do. I think it's time we started cleaning up the parking lot next door."

Mayor Wade Williams agreed with Councillor Mitchell about paving the whole parking lot. "Prices are not going to get any cheaper and this should be done for safety reasons as well as aesthetics."

Council voted in favour of Mitchell's motion to bring back a plan that includes full paving of the lot for discussion and decision, to at a future council meeting.



A concept drawing of one of the proposed paved lot configurations to add safety, more parking, and beautification to the County's Administration and Operations Centre buildings. (YC)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Instrumentation & Control Lead



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Reports to: Automation & Instrumentation Senior Supervisor

Position Overview

The Instrumentation & Control (I&C) Lead is responsible for the safe execution of corrective and preventive maintenance tasks associated with instrumentation and control systems within the Edson Asset. In this role, you will work closely with internal and external stakeholders including but not limited to Production Operations, Maintenance Engineering in the Excellence Center, Maintenance Supervisors, measurement, and automation service companies to ensure instrumentation corrective and preventative work is completed. You will also be responsible to ensure that EPAP Directive 17 regulatory commitments are completed. You will report to the Senior Supervisor, Maintenance Automation / Instrumentation.

Responsibilities

Key responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Maintain/repair SCADA communication systems
- Troubleshoot ROC and Bristol RTU's
- Troubleshooting of Instrumentation and controls for Inlet separators, Gas Compressors, Dehydrators, Generators, Pipelines, Gas Turbines, etc.
- Collaborate w/IOC for priority corrective maintenance repairs
- Assist other supervisors/automation leaders with software/hardware repairs
- Assist technicians with complex problem troubleshooting in the field and gas plants
- Assist with repair and troubleshooting of Gas Chromatograph's and Environmental analyzers
- Provide on-site support for turnarounds and shutdowns
- Assist with RTU software upgrades
- ATMOS Pipeline leak detection systems maintenance and testing
- SIL rated system PM compliance
- Developing and reviewing Instrumentation maintenance procedures
- Provide leadership and contribute to all HSE efforts in day-to-day activities
- Provide input to Planners and schedulers for maintenance plans and work orders

Additional expectations include:

- Promote, champion, and execute Instrumentation & Control Preventative & Corrective maintenance activities within the field and plant facilities to ensure compliance to local regulations, Repsol Norms, Policies, and Procedures, and industry best practices
- Lead, monitor and control risk identification and management activities (Hazid/Hazop) with the aim of ensuring production process safety and minimizing exposure of people, installations, and the environment, before, during and after the conclusion of operations
- Ensure preventative PM's meet or exceed regulatory requirements of the EPAP program and Directive 17.
 - Facilitate collection of data submissions to meet compliance objectives
 - Manage verification/calibration contractors and ensure correct documentation to support Directive 17 requirements
 - EPAP records are kept up to date and accessible
- Assist with coordination and supervision for the activities of the Instrumentation & Control contract companies
- Assist with the development of the Instrumentation & Control budget, forecasting, optimizing monthly spend and cost management
- Work in collaboration with Supply Chain and Maintenance Engineering to assist in the development of maintenance contracts for materials and services.

Qualifications and Key Skills

- Alberta Journeyman Instrumentation & Controls Technician or Certified I&C Technologist
- Interprovincial Red/Blue Seal preferred
- Minimum 5 years as a Journeyman with oil & gas experience
- SCADA/Cygnnet, RemVue, Honeywell, A&B PLC, Fisher RTU, DeltaV, Maintenance of control system experience, ATMOS Leak Detection.
- Field communications & OT networks
- Supervisory experience
- SAP PM CMMS, MS Software Suite, Synergi
- EPAP, Directive 17 compliance requirements
- Valid Class 5 driver's license with good driving record

Candidate Profile

- Safety-first focused, always striving for operational excellence
- Analytical mindset with a focus on troubleshooting, creative problem-solving and continuous improvement
- Keen attention to detail with a passion for data integrity and high standard of excellence
- Confident and effective communicator, capable of giving effective instruction and guidance
- Organized, innovative, detail-oriented and disciplined individual that works well with a variety of people and groups
- Ability to prioritize tasks and adapt to changes in a high pressure, fast paced environment

Additional Information

- To apply, visit the Repsol Career webpage at <https://www.repsol.com/en/careers/index.cshhtml> and click **See job opportunities** to find this position
- Only applicants who are legally entitled to work in Canada will be considered
- This position is a permanent, full-time position based in Edson, Alberta, Canada
- Relocation may be provided to the selected candidate

By applying for this position, you consent to the collection, use and necessary disclosure of the personal information provided during the application and selection process.

Town of Edson: Downtown Parking Changes

(Release) The Town of Edson is reinstating downtown parking rules with some new signage this month.

Following some concerns from local businesses, the 1.5-hour parking restriction signs are being re-installed in the downtown core. This will be in effect Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm.

While the rules have remained in place over the years, the signage was taken down during the light standard upgrade project. The new signage will help with awareness and enforcement moving forward.

“It is great to see our downtown busy once again, but it has caused some parking issues in

recent months with people parked for extended periods. We have heard the concerns of our business community and we are making every effort to ensure our downtown core is meeting the needs of our local businesses and remains accessible for shoppers, diners, and visitors to spend time in our community.” -Mayor Kevin Zahara

As this will only be in effect during the daytime hours, it will not interfere with bowling, theatre, or other evening entertainment venues.

This change is a part of Edson's ongoing efforts to encourage economic growth in our downtown and make it a more attractive and accessible destination for residents and visitors. It also ties directly to Council's strategic Priority of fostering a robust and adaptable economy.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Electrical Maintenance Lead



Reports to: Electrical Supervisor

Position Overview

Repsol Oil & Gas Canada Inc. has an exciting opportunity for an Electrical lead to be part of the Maintenance team in our Edson Asset. Reporting to the Electrical Supervisor, this position is primarily responsible for coordinating, monitoring, implementing and controlling and assisting with maintenance activities for the Edson Asset. Of utmost importance is meeting the safety, reliability and availability objectives for production equipment, from the well head to the point of custody transfer while promoting a culture of Safety and Environment that ensures the integrity of people and installations, without impacting the environment, and in accordance with company policies and standards. This is a permanent, full-time position located in Repsol's Edson, Alberta office.

Responsibilities

- Implement the defined maintenance program for production, with the aim of guaranteeing safety, reliability and availability of production equipment and installations.
- Lead, monitor and control risk identification and management activities (Hazid/Hazop) with the aim of ensuring production process safety and minimizing exposure of people, installations and the environment, before, during and after the conclusion of operations.
- Make S&E preventive observations, informing the reporting line of incidents/accidents and collaborate in investigating and documenting all aspects related to the incident/accident.
- Coordinate activities with other operational groups to prepare for maintenance activities and/or implementing the emergency response plan.
- Authorize (critical) work permits, verifying conditions on site, identifying new risks and re-evaluating them, and making decisions that guarantee the safety of people and the environment, even when this has an impact on production.
- Perform Electrical work electrical preventative and corrective maintenance as per schedule.
- Supervise when required for company or contracted personnel ensuring the use of safety equipment, and identify improvements to the operational activity that ensure compliance with safety and environment standards.
- Within their area, actively participate in the development of Operational Procedures and all necessary updates of the existing ones, with the aim of reflecting lessons learned and maintaining good operational practices.
- Prepare Technical Specifications to support the process of purchasing materials and services required for maintenance activities.
- Manage the maintenance budget with the aim of optimizing costs, without negatively affecting safety and the environment.
- Responsible for the development and motivation of the people under his or her charge, ensuring their technical training and promoting a climate of collaboration and teamwork that ensures the achievement of the operational objectives in a safe, efficient, and reliable way.

Qualifications and Key Skills

- Alberta Electrician Journeyman; Interprovincial Red/Blue Seal preferred
- Minimum 5 years as a Journeyman with O&G Experience
- 480V-25kV Distribution systems & Gen-set system maintenance experience
- Multilin Protective relays, Industrial plant and field facility maintenance experience
- Supervision Experience
- SAP PM CMMS, MS Software suite

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Edson Farmer's Market holds special early market



Custom jewelry and trinkets were just part of the Valentine's Day Market at the Edson Legion on February 11. photo Niki Luymes

Niki Luymes

To celebrate the Valentine's Day season the Edson Farmer's Market held a special early market. Usually the Farmers Market takes a break during the later winter months. This special market was held on Saturday, February 11, and ran from 11am to 3pm. As always, the market was hosted on the hall-side of the Edson Legion.

The Valentine's Market featured over 30 different booths, each one featuring unique products from local sellers. There was a nice mix of returning and new sellers set up. Many of the booths were specially tailored to go along with the theme of the market. Whether you were shopping for a loved one, or just yourself, there was an incredible selection on hand.

Booths like Baking by Karin and Dragonfly Cocoa had you covered for treats and sweets, while ones like Dragon I Creations, Pretty Little Signs, and Susie's Jewels and Crafts gave great options for small gifts. The market was also well attended by patrons. While not overwhelming, a consistent stream of people made their way through this special event.

The traditional farmers markets will begin again in April. During the season the market runs every Friday from 11am to 2 pm. There is, however another special holiday market planned for next month. The St. Patrick's Day Market is officially planned for March 11. The official times will be released as things progress. If you are interested in selling at the St. Patrick's Day Market, you can send an email to edsonfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

~ Obituary ~

Elizabeth Anne Soucy

October 1, 1934 - February 10, 2023

We sadly announce the passing of our mother, Elizabeth Anne Soucy. Elizabeth passed away in her sleep at the Edson Continuing Care Centre on February 10, 2023. She was 88.

Elizabeth is predeceased by her parents; Robert (Bob) and Daisy Neale, her brothers Bobby and Lorne Neale, her sister Irene Geneux, her daughter Debbie, and grandson Nello. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Alex Soucy. Elizabeth is survived by her sons; Neil Camarta (Kathy) and Rene Soucy, her daughter Tania Delling (Wade), 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Elizabeth is also survived by her sister Doreen Sauve.

The family would like to thank the Edson Continuing Care Centre for their dedicated care of Elizabeth.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life at the Fulham Community Centre. Details to be announced.

Donations made in Elizabeth's name to the Canadian Neuromuscular Disease Registry (FSDH.ca) in lieu of flowers would be greatly appreciated.



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~ Obituary ~

Janet Rodseth

The family of Janet Rodseth are sad to announce her passing on Feb 16th, 2023, at the age of 87.

She was a bright, steady light in our lives who will be missed in the years to come.

Janet was born in Ottawa, Ontario to William and Ida Paterson. She attended nursing school in Kingston, Ontario and became a Registered Nurse in 1957. She then moved to Vancouver to work and met her future husband, Norman. They relocated to Alberta and Janet left the paid workforce to become a mother to 3 daughters. Over the years, the family lived in Grande Prairie, High Level, Edson and Spruce Grove. In retirement, Janet and Norman chose to move to their dream home, an acreage outside of Edson. They spent many years enjoying the quiet country life while travelling in all directions to see new locales and visit old friends and family.

Janet is survived by her children; Judy Rodseth, Lynn (Charles) Zelden, and Pat (Ferenc) Scobie; her grandchildren Miriam Zelden, Noah Scobie and Eric Scobie. She is also survived by her brother Geoff (Philip Fung) Paterson, sister-in-law Elaine (Gary) Sky and numerous nieces and nephews in Ontario, Alberta and BC/Mexico.

Janet was predeceased by her husband Norman Rodseth, and siblings Ann Paterson, Bill Paterson and sister-in-law Diana Paterson.

Donations to Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories and Alberta Cancer Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of the Edson Continuing Care and the staff at the Edson Healthcare Centre - Acute Care Unit. Your attentiveness and heartfelt caring of our mother over the last two years was greatly appreciated. Thank you.

A Funeral Service was held on Feb 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Bethel Pentecostal Family Worship Centre in Edson.



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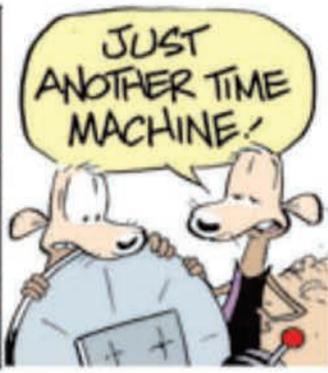
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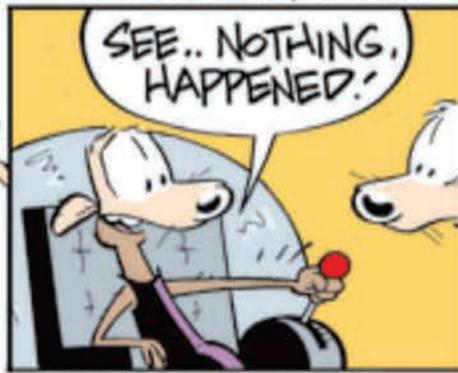
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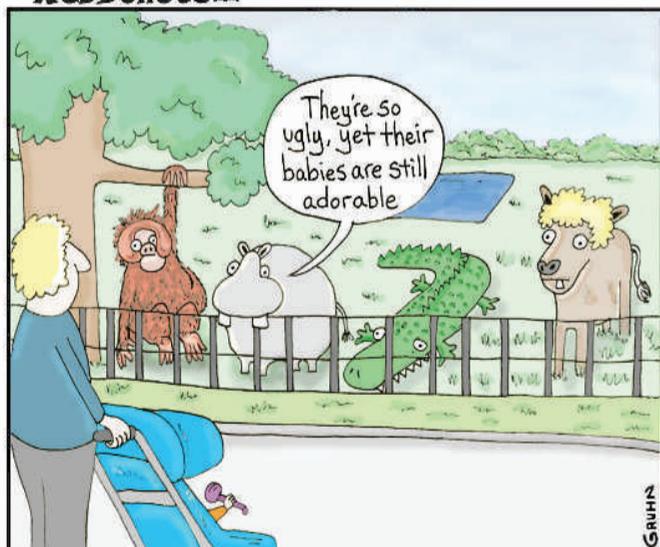
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March 1-May 1: Free Tax Clinic located at 5023-3rd Ave to book an appointment call 780-723-0872 or email edsoncvitp@gmail.com

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March 22: Growing Edible Mushrooms in your back yard. 7pm-9pm 2hr live workshop via zoom register by March 15 can learn more at www.yhcounty.ca

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Once an agreement has been completed No Spray signs must be purchased at a cost of \$5.00 for two signs, at the Yellowhead County Edson or Wildwood Offices. These signs must be placed by the landowner in a highly visible area as close as possible to the property line.

Yellowhead County Agricultural Services requires each landowner

who has signed the agreement to fulfill their obligations before the July 1st deadline. After the July 1st deadline, Yellowhead County re-assumes responsibility for weed and brush control and may apply herbicide adjacent to non-compliant roadsides if necessary.

If you chose not to renew your agreement for 2023, we ask that you please remove your signs prior to the start of the spray season starting May 1st, 2023.

Agreement forms can be found on the County website or you can call in and request one to be sent to you. Residents who have any concerns or questions are asked to contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services at 1-800-814-3935 or (780) 325-3782.

MP Soroka's Question on the Carbon Tax

Gerald Soroka
MP Yellowhead



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