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Edson Mayor looks back on 2021 and what may lie ahead for 2022

by Adrienne Tait

As 2021 drew to a close and Edsonites begin to look ahead at 2022, we took the opportunity to reflect on the last year and

examine what may lie ahead with Town of Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara.

What is the most important lesson you learned this year? Just when you think COVID

is behind you, it isn't. While the pandemic has not been easy on anyone, we are resilient and will be stronger because of it.

What was your favourite moment?

Winning the election was obviously a favorite moment. Besides that, moving the multiplex project forward with the hiring of Turnbull

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The ladies at the Pioneer Cabin are off to a fresh start for 2022 where soup and sandwiches are served up every Tuesday. Pictured are Adele Hamilton, Marj Kearse, Claudette Romaniuk, and Marg Byrt on January 4 during the first soup and sandwich day of the year. They served up hamburger soup, an assortment of sandwiches, dessert, and a beverage. Call the Cabin at 780-723-5777 if you would like information on any of the card nights, pool games, or shuffle board etc. photo Deanna Mitchener

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# Year-end interview with Edson Mayor Zahara

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Construction as our project management firm and the release of the RFP recently have been major steps forward. Seeing this project becoming more of a reality everyday is exciting.

**What accomplishment from this year are you most proud of?**

We started the year without a permanent Chief Administrative Officer. This is the only employee Council has and is the link between Council and rest of the municipal organization. We went through a hiring process that I thought was very effective and smooth. The end result is that we hired a great fit for our organization. This will have a positive long-term impact on not only the Town as an organization but for the community as a whole.

**What got in the way of your success as a council?**

COVID stopped a lot of things from happening. Responding to the pandemic and the ever changing provincial rules and regulations were the focus rather than some of our strategic goals. We lost almost 2 years of our Council term dealing with the pandemic rather than the long-term vision and the Strategic Plan for our community.

**What would you do differently if you could?**

If it were up to just me we would have had shovels in the ground for the multiplex by now, but it may be a good thing that we waited to save more money for the project, as COVID and supply-chain issues could have really caused some issues with construction.

**What were the most useful resources you had?**

We can't do anything if it wasn't for Town staff. Council sets the direction, and it is up to our staff to carry it out. They are the most important resource we have.

**What was left unfinished?**

There were a number of items on our strategic plan that we didn't get accomplished due to the pandemic and limited capacity. One of the big things was a re-write of our land-use bylaw which I'm happy to say is a top priority for 2022. We are putting the budget in place to ensure we have the resources to get it done. Until we make it easier to do business in Edson, we will continue to lack the economic development we need to pay for public services and grow our community. Re-writing the bylaw and simplifying the development

process is key to encouraging business in our community.

**How do you describe this year in 3 to 5 keywords?**

Unpredictable rollercoaster ride.

In looking forward to the upcoming year, and working with the new Town Council, Mayor Zahara outlined his goals and what he hopes will be attainable in 2022.

**What is your vision for 2022?**

This council will be setting the Strategic Plan for the next 4 years in the first quarter of 2022. I would like to see us going through a priority based budget process which more municipalities are undertaking as we deal with tighter and tighter financial situations. It is a bit of a cumbersome process, but it would allow us to ensure that everything we do aligns with our Strategic Plan and provides the best value for taxpayers. That may mean some services are cut or adjusted to provide the best value for our community. Just because we have always done something, doesn't always mean we should continue to do so.

**What are you/we going to continue doing?**

I hope we can get back to normal and get back to doing some of the events we usually have in Edson. These activities help bring the community together and provide some positivity that we all need.

**What do you want to change completely?**

Our Land-use Bylaw for reasons explained

earlier. Cutting red-tape and making it easier to do business will help Edson grow. That along with priority based budgeting I think will serve our community well.

**What do you want to accomplish?**

Getting shovels in the ground for the multiplex will be the top priority in the upcoming year. Much work has been done in the last several months to ensure we have a project that prioritizes function over form and is operationally efficient. This facility will serve future generations and greatly impact the quality of life of all our residents by providing a desirable recreation & community space.

**What will you say "no" to?**

With a million dollars of provincial government downloading to our budget, increased policing costs and inflation, things are really tight financially. We can't be everything for everyone and have to focus on priorities and items in the Strategic Plan. That means tough decisions even if we do not like them personally. The end goal though is to focus limited financial resources on high value items and community priorities.

**When you look back at the end of next year what word do you hope describes the year?**

Successful.

I hope that our businesses feel like it was a successful year and that our residents feel less anxiety and that they are seeing success in their lives. As a municipality I hope that we can look back at 2022 and feel like we are making progress on the goals we set as a Council.

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## KID'S CORNER



Say hello to 7 year old Willa Sandiland who is in Grade 2 at MBE.

**What is your favourite holiday?**  
Halloween and Christmas.

**What are you hoping to get for Christmas?** A great big science kit.

**Do you have any Christmas traditions?**  
To eat turkey dinner with my family.

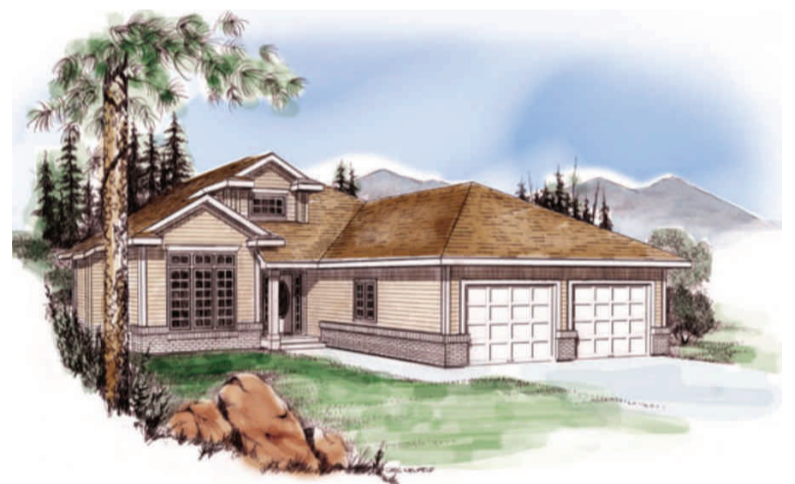


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# Alberta surpasses one million booster doses

(AB) More than one million Albertans have received their third vaccine dose, helping to protect them from COVID-19.

As of Jan. 3, more than one million Albertans have received all three recommended doses of vaccine through Alberta Health Services, community pharmacies and physician offices.

However, an additional two million Albertans have received two doses and are eligible for a booster. All eligible Albertans are urged to get their booster in order to further protect themselves and keep hospitals from being overwhelmed during this Omicron surge.

“One million Albertans have made the effort to help protect themselves and our hospitals. I want to thank everyone who’s gotten all three doses as well as the dedicated health-care providers who continue working hard to administer the vaccine. Working together, we will protect our health-care system and all Albertans.” —Jason Copping, Minister of Health

“We know that the third dose of vaccine strengthens protection against both infection and severe outcomes from the Omicron variant. I believe it is critical to use every tool at our disposal right now to protect the people and system we rely on to take care of us when we are sick. Reaching one million booster doses is a good start. I hope to see many more Albertans get their third dose as soon as possible.” —Dr. Deena Hinshaw, chief medical officer of health

Additionally, 89 per cent of Albertans aged 12 and older have received at least one dose while more than 160,000 pediatric vaccines have been administered to children aged five to 11, with thousands more appointments booked by caregivers for their children.

Current evidence indicates that vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19 infection appears to wane over time, especially with the Omicron variant. While individual protection against severe outcomes remains strong after two doses for most people, third doses help strengthen protection against both infection and severe outcomes.

Everyone 18 years and older can book appointments for a booster dose of mRNA vaccine at least five months after receiving their second dose. Albertans 12 years and older who

are immunocompromised can also book an appointment for a booster but must wait at least eight weeks after their second dose.

All eligible Albertans are being asked to get all the vaccinations they are eligible for as soon as possible to protect themselves, their families and their communities.

Book online with Alberta Health Services and participating pharmacies by using the Alberta vaccine booking system. Albertans can also call 811 or participating pharmacies.

## EVENT REMINDER

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Say hello to 15 year old Xander Johnston in intermediates. Xander joined the club in 2020.

**My favorite stroke?** breast stroke

**My favorite event to race?** 50M freestyle

**My hobbies are:** swimming, volleyball, gaming, and hanging out with my friends

**If I was an animal I would be a:** frog

**I love swimming because:** I am pretty good at it and it's a good source of exercise and fun.

**When I grow up I want to be:** an employed person (don't know what yet)

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Gerald Soroka  
MP Yellowhead



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Employers interested in applying for CSJ 2022 funding can submit their applications electronically via either the online fillable application or the Grants and Contributions Online Service. The online fillable application is the fastest way for employers to complete an application online without having to create an account.

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# Locals make Christmas Eve dinner for the unhoused

by Shaylyn Thornton

The holiday season is often a time of spreading joy and kindness. This Christmas Eve, some local residents decided to do just that for some of the less fortunate in our community.

Michelle Belcourt and her husband Robin decided to host a Christmas Eve dinner at the Edson Friendship Centre (EFC) for any of the unhoused population to come and enjoy. The pair put on the dinner through their companies Aunties Bannock, Michelle's Travel Destinations, and Cheeks Enterprises.

They invited their guests to come to the EFC on Christmas Eve from 3-8pm and enjoy a meal of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, carrots and peas, buns, bannock, along with coffee, soda, water, and a variety of different pies and cookies.

The idea came about because Michelle typically goes every year to Edmonton to help feed the unhoused during the holidays, but as that population seems to be growing in Edson they "felt the need" to do something local instead. "We are firm believers in 'We make a life by what we give,'" she explained.

Michelle said she and Robin were "very blessed to have our friends and family members help us out with this." That group included Karl Spreen, Kay Amber Spreen, Natalie Spreen, Debra Klaric, Edward Gauchier, and Gil Belcourt. Michelle also thanked Kristie at the EFC for allowing them to use the Bingo Hall and for the donation that helped make the dinner happen.

Over 20 people came to the dinner, which

Michelle noted went "amazing." "If it wasn't blistering cold out I know we would have had more," she added. "Some of the unhoused we talked to said that many were bunkered down and didn't want to go anywhere in the cold."

Many of the guests were able to take containers of food with them as they left, and Michelle and her team also took food down to the Shelterpods for those who were hiding out from one of the coldest holiday seasons Edson has ever experienced.

"They were very touched and very appreciative of us thinking of them during the holidays," said Michelle of the feedback from those who got to enjoy the dinner.

The generosity of the Edson community was also seen, as Michelle said they received many donations of socks, toques, gloves, chocolates, hot paws, toiletries, and gift cards. The "astounding" kindness meant that each unhoused individual received a gift bag and gift cards given to them "by Santa himself."

The extra gift bags and gift cards were given to Reflections. "They do so much for our unhoused members of our community," said Michelle. "They are always looking for volunteers and donations."

Despite the cold, the dinner was quite successful and ensured that many more people in the community had a happy and warm Christmas dinner. Michelle plans to make it an annual event and hopes to see more businesses and people take part.

As Michelle put it, "The smallest gesture makes the biggest impact on one's life."



A kind and generous group of locals put on a delicious Christmas dinner for the unhoused population on Christmas Eve. In the picture are Karl Spreen, Kay Amber Spreen, Natalie Spreen, Robin Belcourt, Debra Klaric, and Michelle Belcourt. Missing from the picture is Edward Gauchier and Gil Belcourt. photo submitted

## Local nurse discusses foot care



Lise Giroux-Beattie (RN) is a Foot Care Nurse that comes to Edson regularly to do foot care. She was in Edson on January 4th. photo Deanna Mitchener

by Deanna Mitchener

Many people seldom think about taking proper care of their feet. However, we do need to care about our feet, especially as we age.

Lise Giroux-Beattie, a health care nurse that specializes in feet, comes to Edson at least once a week to do foot care and evaluate clients' feet for any signs of health issues that may be happening. She has a clinic set up at the Pioneer Cabin where she works from. She also goes to the hospital to do foot care in the Continuing Care as well as Parkland Lodge.

"I'm a R.N. and a diabetic educator. I know a lot about diabetic feet. A lot of times people need to be encouraged to have their feet checked on a regular basis. Diabetes is a horrible disease and it's very difficult

to stay on top of it. So it's kind of nice to have someone check your feet every couple of months," said Giroux-Beattie.

"Being a diabetic educator I see a lot of different feet. I often send individuals to see the doctor, and at times to the hospital. At least once a month I'm sending one or two up to the hospital."

"I do calluses, in-grown toenails, and work on all kinds of nails. I do skin treatment with massages, I assess feet to see if their socks are too tight or if they need compression socks. And I look at the shoe to see if they are getting the proper support," Giroux-Beattie stated.

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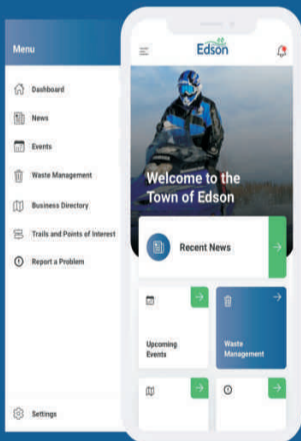
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# The Weekly ANCHOR

## Comment

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### Old colonial narrative...

Alberta Premier Jason Kenney made what many are calling a racist comment during a year-end interview with Calgary Sun columnist Rick Bell.



**From the Publisher's Desk**  
Dana McArthur  
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Calgary, a local Chinese publication. Quoting Kenney: "I do want to say that by the way, if anybody did take offence, that I apologize to them, if they took offence, certainly none was intended."

During the interview Kenney made reference to "the next bat soup thing out of Wuhan" as part of his response about what possible new COVID variants may lie ahead.

Members of Edmonton and Calgary's Chinese communities protested on New Year's Day demanding an apology, believing that the premier's comments were extremely racist and unfounded in any scientific theory or facts.

Opposition Leader Rachel Notley also called for an apology from the premier. "Still no apology from Jason Kenney for his racist comments in a newspaper column that ran yesterday. These comments spread hate and fear at a time when, perhaps more than ever before, Albertans need to come together."

There is simply no conclusive evidence about how or where exactly the virus originated. In fact the viral-video-clip that claimed to show a woman in Wuhan eating a bat was debunked long ago. It actually showed the host of an online travel show eating the dish in Palau, a pacific island nation.

In a statement, Kenney's press secretary Justin Brattinga said the premier apologized for the remarks in a Dec. 24 interview with Life

anybody did take offence, that I apologize to them, if they took offence, certainly none was intended."

Harrison Fleming, Kenney's acting press secretary, also mentioned that Kenney hosted two dinners earlier this year at Chinese restaurants in both Edmonton and Calgary designed to "show solidarity with the Chinese community".

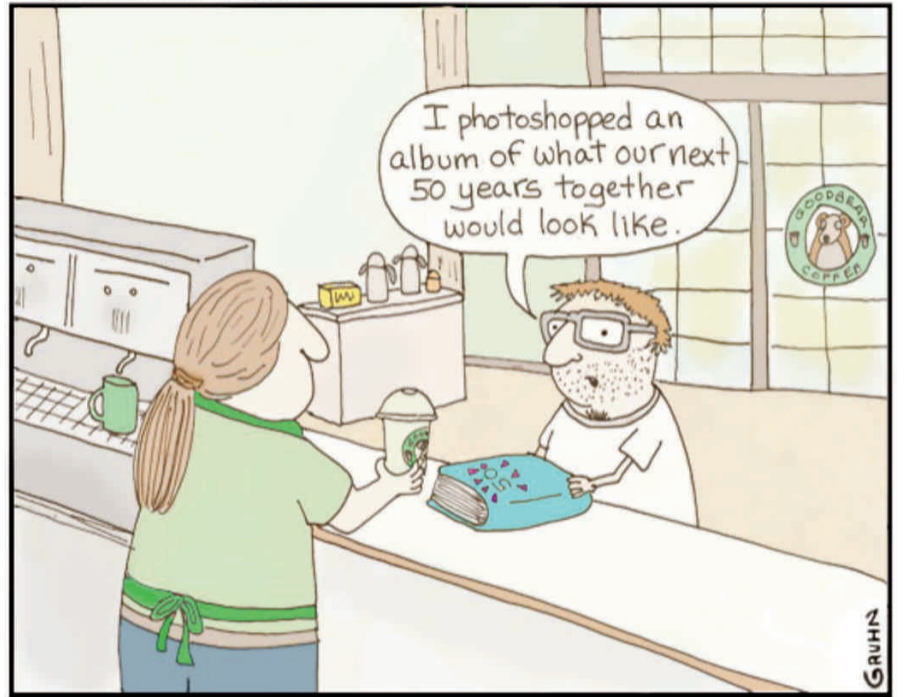
"Solidarity" — really? In what universe does eating at a Chinese restaurant have anything to do with accusations of uttering a racist remark? That's about as relevant to the subject as an "I stayed at a Holiday Inn Express last night" meme.

Kenney's 'I'm sorry if you took offence' half-apology fails to recognize the hurt his words have caused. It does not begin to take into account what many Albertans have struggled with during this pandemic —and the racism they have faced.

It's hard to fathom, in our multi-cultural country, that this old colonial narrative still persists in the way some Canadians view China and its culture.

A proper apology that includes denouncing racism in all its forms, is sorely needed if healing is to begin.

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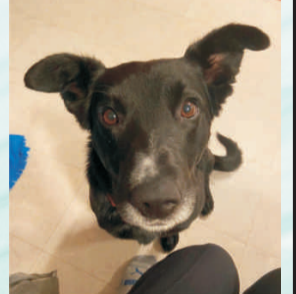
Theft complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 13. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 2; Alarms/False Alarms 6; Animal Calls 1; Assault 5; Assistance Calls 11; Fail to Comply with Conditions 2; False/Abandoned 911 Calls 3; Fire Prevention Act 1; Fraud 1; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 3; Information Files 1; Mental Health Act 3; Mischief 7; Traffic Collisions 12; Traffic Complaints 8; Traffic Violations 5; Trespassing 3; Uttering Threats Against Person 1; and Wellbeing Checks 2.

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Molly Conroy, Santa, Donna Small, and Nina Small at the Kinsmen Park on December 11. Nicole Morrell organized the event and got everything rolling with the setup and location, organizing the fires, free hotdogs, items to make s'mores, and of course the yummy hot chocolate (correction from Dec. 20). photo Deanna Mitchener

# HRH B-Ball teams receive donation



Members of the Holy Redeemer Junior B Boys and Girls Basketball teams are all smiles after a recent and very generous donation by Bannister GM to the basketball program. "This donation greatly reduced the registration cost for the players," says Athletic Director Julie Rothwell. "It also shows the great partnership that Bannister has with our community." Here, some of the members of the Junior B team stop for a photo with their volunteer coach, Kevin Hawke.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Protective Services Administrative Assistant**  
**LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE**  
**COMPETITION NO. 21-029**

Reporting to the Director of Protective Services, the Protective Services Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing administrative support for the Director of Protective Services and Protective Services Division, consisting of Fire, Peace Officers, Emergency Management, Safety, and Information Technology departments.

The salary range is currently \$56,930 - \$72,065 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

To apply please submit resumes online at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

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

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Legislative Services Supervisor**  
**LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE**  
**COMPETITION NO. 22-001**

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer, the Legislative Services Supervisor is to coordinate all activities required to plan, develop, and organize consistent governmental and organizational legislative procedures. This position oversees and manages the County's legislative services, economic development, marketing, and communication functions.

The salary range is currently \$88,214 - \$111,663 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

To apply please submit resumes online at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

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

The competition will remain open until Monday January 31, 2022.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Casual 911 Dispatcher**  
**LOCATION: EDSON, AB**  
**COMPETITION NO. 21-031**

Under the direction of the Dispatch Supervisor, the 911 Dispatcher is responsible for 911 Call answer services, Dispatch Services and after hours communications for Yellowhead County staff, partner municipalities and contracted clients.

The hourly rate range for this position is \$25.28 - \$27.52.

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 1:00 - 3:00 PM



## UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES ONLINE INFO SESSION and Q&A

JANUARY 20 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM

with the **Farmers' and Property Rights Advocate Office**

Topics will include:

- Advocacy and stakeholder engagement
- Energy, utilities, and surface rights
- Landowner obligations related to the Water Act, Line Fence Act, Agricultural Operations Practices Act
- Dispute resolution and mediation
- Consumer protection under the Farm Implementation and Dealership Act
- Water Well Restoration or Replacement Program
- Property rights resources



Register with Travis Wilson at [twilson@yhcounty.ca](mailto:twilson@yhcounty.ca)



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

| Permit No. | Location   | Proposal  | Date     |
|------------|--|---|----------|
| D21-173    | Plan 9021558, Blk 1, Lot 20<br>NE 24-50-26-W5<br>Hinton Area | Two Existing Recreational Cabins<br>(Discretionary - Variance for number of cabins) | Jan 4/22 |

Per the Public Notification Bylaw, the public is considered notified once approved development permits are posted online.

Any person claiming to be affected by an approved development permit may appeal the development by filing a written notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The written notice must be filed within Twenty One (21) days after notice of the approval is given, and must be accompanied with a payment of \$300.00.



**Need an opportunity to share and learn about Alzheimer's?**  
 Join us at the Alzheimer Support Group on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Contact Karen at 780-325-3782 or [kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)

January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month and a chance for individuals to learn more about dementia and its impact on the people living with dementia, their families, their caregivers and their communities.



**Build your very own BEE HOTEL & webinar!** Feb 2 5 - 6:30 PM

Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services presents:

**Take-Home Bee Hotel Building Kit .**

And Live Pollinator Webinar with experienced bee-keeper **Patty Milligan**. Your step-by-step instructions will be included when you pick up your kit and you can build it whenever you like!

**\$15 per kit (max 3 kits per family)**  
 Available for pick-up at both County offices. Plus a complimentary pack of wildflower seeds!

Kits are limited, so register ASAP!  
 Pickup kits from Jan 25 to Feb 2.  
 Call 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782.



## TALK • ASK • LISTEN

**Online Mental Health Session for Farmers**  
 January 31, 6-10 PM | **FREE to Attend.**

Yellowhead County and Do More Ag is proud to provide a half-day interactive virtual webinar, dedicated to those who work in the agriculture sector.

You will walk away with greater awareness and understanding of mental health and learn about:

- **Signs and symptoms of mental illness**
- **What support looks like for mental health**
- **How to prepare and have conversations with a fellow producer or family member**
- **How to support others as well as yourself, and how to access ag-specific resources.**
- **Self care and prevention strategies.**

Registration deadline is January 25. Registration is limited!  
 Contact 780-325-3782 or [wrobinson@yhcounty.ca](mailto:wrobinson@yhcounty.ca) to register.





**A** Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION



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## PSAC forecasts 16% increase in drilling activity for 2022

The Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) released its 2022 Canadian Oilfield Services Activity Forecast recently. PSAC expects a total of 5,400 wells (rig releases) will be drilled in Canada in 2022. The Association is also lifting its 2021 forecast due to improved activity in the second half of the year.

“For 2022 we expect drilling activity to be higher than 2019. But, although we’ll be back to pre-COVID levels, we’re not going to be near where we were pre-downturn,” says PSAC’s President and Chief Executive Officer, Gurpreet Lail.

Lail points out, “Global supply-demand imbalances are leading to higher commodity prices, and we expect drilling activity to increase out of necessity. However, at the same time, we’re also seeing a severe labour shortage, which has the potential to impact how much growth the industry can achieve in the coming year.”

The final revised forecast for 2021 predicts a yearly total of 4,650 wells drilled. PSAC based its final 2021 forecast on average natural gas prices of \$3.60 CDN/mcf (AECO), crude oil prices of US\$67/barrel (WTI), and the Canadian dollar averaging \$0.80USD. PSAC’s forecast for 2022 has the WTI price at an average at \$70/barrel, and AECO natural gas average at \$4.10 CDN/mcf.

“Although the activity outlook is brighter than a year ago, exploration and production (E&P) companies are not deviating from strict capital discipline and are staying the course on preferring share buybacks, paying down debt, and increasing or issuing dividends,” says Lail.

On a provincial basis, PSAC estimates the following drilling activity for 2022:

3,125 wells in Alberta, representing a year-over-year increase of 450; 1,495 wells for Saskatchewan, an increase of 198

wells; 605 wells in British Columbia, a year-over-year increase of 79 wells from 526 drilled in 2021; 160 wells drilled in Manitoba, up 21 wells from the 139 drilled in 2021; and 15 wells expected for Eastern Canada, up from 13 wells the previous year.

Similar to 2021, the majority of activity is expected to occur in the Montney and Viking formations.

“The pandemic brought an extraordinary level of challenge to an already tense industry environment,” says Lail. “Through

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**A Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry**

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

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this difficult time, PSAC members supported our industry partners to produce essential oil and gas products. Those products warmed and brightened our homes – and our home offices — and enabled the manufacture of the many products that kept our hospitals, health care workers, and all Canadians safe.”

PSAC and its members know that Canada can be a world leader in responsible energy development.

“For decades, companies within our sector have made huge investments to advance innovation for sustainable oil and gas development, including lower GHG emissions,” says Lail.

“However, the point of view that hydrocarbons can’t be any part of a sustainable future – even with responsible production and new carbon technologies – is a major setback for Canada and for our industry.”

To ensure Canadians get the benefit from our oil and gas

resources, PSAC calls on all levels of government to come up with coherent policy approaches. And that includes clear policies to advance opportunities in carbon capture, utilization and storage, and policies for commercial development of blue hydrogen from natural gas. Not a single fatal accident directly related

*About PSAC:*

The Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) is the national trade association representing the service, supply and manufacturing sectors within the upstream petroleum industry. PSAC is Working Energy and as the voice of this sector, advocates for its members to enable the continued innovation, technological advancement and in-the-field experience they supply to energy explorers and producers in Canada and internationally, helping to increase efficiency, ensure safety and protect the environment.

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**A** Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

## Modest Clean Coal Investment will Cut ASEAN Emissions: New Report

A new report by the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), and the World Coal Association (WCA), has found that ASEAN countries will require approximately 234 GW of new coal capacity by 2040 to meet growing energy demand, but with modest investment in clean coal technologies there is capacity to significantly cut emissions.

Analysis compiled in the just-released report, Clean Coal Technology in ASEAN, indicates that investment of USD\$8.7 billion would incentivise the coal industry to deploy ultra-supercritical technologies such as High Efficiency Low Emissions (HELE), Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) and Pollution Control Technology.

This investment would reduce CO2 emissions by 500 million tonnes cumulatively by 2040, equivalent to approximately 25 million tonnes of CO2 per year.

ACE CEO, Dr Nuki Agya Utama, says since coal will continue to play a crucial role in providing reliable and affordable energy in the ASEAN region well into the future, this report offers comprehensive qualitative and quantitative support for the accelerated development of clean coal technologies. (CCT) in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region.

“The report provides a comprehensive analysis of the energy security and sustainable development opportunities which clean coal technologies can facilitate in the transition towards sustainable and lower emission development.”

WCA CEO, Michelle Manook, says the Report validates the need for industry, governments, and the international finance and investment communities to coalesce around the creation of dedicated and diverse financial support for clean coal projects.

“Given ASEAN’s continued reliance on coal, and the wealth of independent climate science which confirms its ongoing role, the time has come to lay the groundwork for a clean coal future. Clean coal technology is proven, available and essential to delivering Paris climate change targets.”

The Report identifies nascent clean coal development in the region which suggests that CCUS will become an integral part of decarbonisation. This includes:

Singapore’s plan to draw on increased international collaboration to develop CCUS (outlined in its recently published Long-Term Low-Emissions Development Strategy).

Japan’s proposed Asia CCUS Network which will provide opportunities for knowledge exchange, experience sharing, and capacity building.

Indonesia’s development of the Gundih CCS pilot project, and a new proposal for CO2-enhanced oil and gas recovery.

Malaysia’s high-level participation in capacity development, storage assessments and legal and regulatory workshops.



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## New year, new approach to healthy eating

(AHS) If you are thinking about making changes to the way you eat, the new year can be a good time to start. When you try to improve the way you eat, don't compare yourself to others. A change that works for one person may not work for others. A great place to start is to think about where you are at now. What does a typical day of eating look like? Take some time over the next few days to write down everything you have to eat and drink throughout the day. This is called a food journal. If your eating habits change on the weekend, include at least one of these days, too. You don't need to

share your journal with anyone else. It is just for you. Tracking is one way to help you pick out small changes you'd like to make. Here are some more tips to get you started on your path toward healthy eating:  
 · Choose a small goal that is important to you. For example, maybe you only eat vegetables once or twice a week. You know you can increase that amount with a few changes in your routine.  
 · Break your goal down into smaller goals. You can start with one meal or snack. For example, replace an unhealthy snack with carrots or celery sticks to increase the amount of vegetables you eat in a

day.  
 · Make your goal even more specific. You can do this by setting a SMART goal:  
 · Specific: I will choose vegetables for an afternoon snack, five out of seven days of the week.  
 · Measurable: I will choose vegetables I like (such as carrots, celery or cucumber) as a snack Monday to Friday.  
 · Attainable: I can reach this goal because I currently eat a snack during my workday Monday to Fridays. Instead of buying a cookie, I will buy the vegetables I like to eat and prepare them for my snacks.  
 · Rewarding: This change is rewarding because it will help me build a healthy habit.  
 · Timely: I will start my goal on Monday, Jan. 10. For more healthy eating tips and recipes, go to [ahs.ca/healthyeatingstar](http://ahs.ca/healthyeatingstar) there.



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### Summer Student Employment

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Students must provide a transcript as proof of attending a **Post-Secondary** institution in 2022 as well as proof of enrollment in the 2022-2023 school year

Deadline for submission is February 28, 2022  
 All candidates will be chosen by April 15, 2022

A Pre-employment Medical and Drug Screening is required

Apply online at: <http://www.westfraser.com/jobs>

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Yellowhead Flooring

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**Requirements:**

- Secondary (high) school graduation certificate, college or university degree required.
- 2 years of general office experience.
- 1 year of experience managing the technology needs of an office.
- Some experience in related office work.
- In-office presence required
- Proficient in Sage 50 Premium Accounting and MS Office.
- Sophisticated knowledge in IT structures,
- Strong analytical and mathematical skills.
- Responsible and works independent.
- Conflict management and resolution skills.
- Ability to supervise 2-4 people.

**Apply with cover letter and CV  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



**Canadian Natural**

### Contract Field Operator

**Location: Edson or Hinton, Alberta**  
**Shift: 8 days on / 6 days off, 10 hour days**

**Description**

**YOUR OPPORTUNITY:**

Reporting to the Production Foreman, you will be responsible for working with the Field team to monitor and optimize well production, pipeline systems and facilities. Troubleshoot equipment and well problems as well as perform ongoing basic and preventative maintenance. You will ensure daily/weekly/monthly reports are accurately completed and archived.

**HOW WILL YOU MAKE YOUR MARK?**

- Adhere to and engage in safety protocols including hazard identification, equipment lock-out and emergency response
- Troubleshoot equipment problems and perform minor repairs and servicing
- Identify and implement opportunities to increase production through optimization of gas wells, gathering systems and facilities
- Start up or shut down of gas wells, facilities and equipment
- Comply with environmental and safety regulatory requirements and take corrective action as required
- Communicate with operations, maintenance, construction, engineering and management staff
- Daily production accounting
- Ongoing performance improvement including job progression and training
- Remain on-call to provide after-hours coverage for facilities or wells, as needed

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Typically 3+ years of experience in Operations or Maintenance;
- Minimum Grade 12 education complimented by GPO A-D or PFO A-D certification, or a Journeyman Certification or a Diploma of Technology;
- Valid Class 5 driver's license;
- Developed Computer skills; and
- Strong communication, organizational and team skills, complimented with a strong work ethic.

**About Canadian Natural**

At Canadian Natural, we strive to live through our mission statement: "To develop people to work together to create value for the Company's shareholders by doing it right with fun and integrity." As a leading oil and gas producer, our diverse combination of assets include light oil, heavy oil, in situ oil sands production, oil sands mining and upgrading facilities, and natural gas. At Canadian Natural, safety is a core value. We conduct all of our operations in a way that identifies, minimizes and mitigates harm to the health and safety of employees, contractors, the public and the environment.

This Operating position is a safety sensitive position and is subject to the relevant requirements of the CNRL Alcohol and Drug policy which includes pre-assignment testing;

All interested applicants, please email or deliver your resume in Microsoft Word format on or before January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Email: [EdsonAdmin@cnrl.com](mailto:EdsonAdmin@cnrl.com)  
 Mail: Canadian Natural Resources Limited  
 5510-1<sup>ST</sup> Avenue  
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~ Obituary ~

**Rita Mary Helen Sims (Perkins)**



Rita passed away December 30, 2021, at the Edson Continuing Care Centre. She was 96 years old. Rita was born August 29, 1925, in Meadow Lake, SK.

Rita is survived by her husband Allan Sims, son Ralph Perkins and Granddaughter Ashley (Elden) Maclver. Rita was predeceased by her son Hugh Perkins, first husband Kenneth Perkins, parents Pierre and Elizabeth Malbeouf, as well as siblings Rosy, Leah, Harry, Joseph, Eli, Donald, Eugene and Mike.

Rita was very active in the Edson community; she was a lifetime member of the Royal Purple. She loved crafts and playing cards.

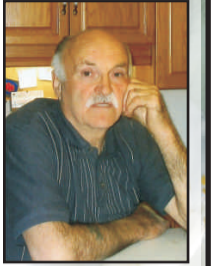
Cremation has taken place, interment will take place at the Glenwood Cemetery in Edson, AB., in the spring.

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**OBITUARIES & IN MEMORIES**

~ Obituary ~

**James Brendan Dunne**



It is with great sadness the family of James Brendan Dunne announce his passing on December 29, 2021.

Born in Douglas, County Cork, Ireland on May 16, 1938, he came to Canada in 1958 and settled in Red Deer, Alberta.

In 1959 he married his wife Noreen who had come over from Ireland and they had one son, Ciaran in July of 1960. In 1961 they had moved to Valleyview, Alberta and had two more children, Patrick and Janice. In 1973 the family moved to Edson, Alberta where they had a daughter, Siobhan in 1975.

Noreen passed in 1998, and Jim remained in Edson until 2021, when he moved into a nursing home in Mayerthorpe and then Red Deer until his passing.

Jim loved hunting and fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children Ciaran (Shannon), Patrick (Wendy), Janice (Danny), Siobhan (Chris), and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He will be sorely missed by family and friends.

**W**hat's happening, when and where in the community

**Community Events**

**Make your own Christmas Advent**

**Calendar:** To order your kit phone 780-723-4800 or email [jmateri@yellowheadcounty.ca](mailto:jmateri@yellowheadcounty.ca)

**Good Neighbor:** Snow Shoveling Program. Nominate a Volunteer forms available at Yellowhead County office in Wildwood or Edson office or call 780-325-3782 or Email Karen at [kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)

**November 23 - June 28:** Bereavement Support Group. Online Virtual Sessions. Call Yellowhead County office for exact dates each month. 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 or email Karen at [kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)

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exact dates each month. 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 or email Karen at [kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)

**January 20:** Understanding your Rights and Responsibilities. Online session Q&A Farmers and property rights. 1:00-2:00pm register with Travis Wilson at [twilson@yhcounty.ca](mailto:twilson@yhcounty.ca)

**January 28:** Youth Interagency NERF WARS 6:30-8:30PM Edson Tumbler Gymnastics Studio. Bring your own Nerf gun or use one of ours ages 11-17 register at Repsol Place or online at [edson.ca](http://edson.ca)

**January 31:** Talk.Ask.Listen Online Mental Health Session for Farmers 6-10pm Resgeration deadline January 25 limited spaces.

Contact 780-325-3782 or [wrobinson@yhcounty.ca](mailto:wrobinson@yhcounty.ca)

**February 2:** Build your own Bee Hotel & Webinar 5-6:30pm Register ASAP 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782

**February 6:** World Snow Day. Bear Lake Park for an afternoon of outdoor fun Skating, Sleigh rides, Camp-Fire, Cross Country Skis and Snow shoes! 1:00pm to 3:00pm

**First Wednesday of Every Month:** Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 2 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge. See the Senior's Day Facebook Event for more details.

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A couple of young shoppers had some help with their wrapping after doing some shopping at Santa's Little LEAP Gift Shop. (correction from Dec 27 issue). photo Deanna Mitchener



Two young shoppers Claire and Alaina seen with a few of the special elves on December 10th at Santa's Little LEAP Gift Shop. photo Deanna Mitchener

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Saturday Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Sabbath School at 10:00 a.m.

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## News and Views



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### Recycling Council of Alberta Launches Province's First On-Farm Composting Guide for Farmers

The Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA) has released of An Introductory Guide to On-Farm Composting for farmers, ranchers and landowners interested in learning more about opportunities to compost organics generated by municipalities and businesses. This project aims to connect urban and rural communities and reduce greenhouse gas emissions created by organic waste while building soil health.

Composting is the process by which materials biodegrade through the action of naturally occurring microorganisms. The resulting compost is used as a soil amendment to provide organic matter and nutrients for soil. The Guide follows a case study of Central Alberta's Stickland Farms that has been processing food scraps and biosolids into nutrient-rich compost for its fields.

"We have traditionally looked at composting as a solution to a waste management problem. That approach is fraught with issues because we need a place for the resulting materials to go. Through this project, we looked at compost as a resource and where it is best used – on farms. Compost improves the soil and is a valuable resource for farmers," says the RCA's Executive Director, Christina Seidel.

"Composting is the ultimate example of a circular economy in a natural system," adds Seidel. "The materials such as food scraps and yard waste generated in our communities can

return to the soils to provide value to the environment."

There are approximately 2.2 million tonnes of organic waste sent to landfills each year by Canadians (Love Food Hate Waste, 2019). If Albertans diverted their food scraps to be composted, there would be an estimated 238 thousand tonnes of CO2 emission savings annually — the equivalent of taking 52 thousand passenger vehicles off the road each year.

The Guide establishes basic information about setting up an on-farm composting operation, including the regulations to follow, and processes for managing organics. By applying compost, farmers can reduce the use of synthetic fertilizers, increase crop yields, and improve overall soil quality.

"Organic matter is extremely important to the health of our soils," shares John Paul of Transform Compost Systems, a key consultant on the project. "There are nutrient benefits along with the life compost creates within our soils. Compost balances pH, increases water retention and adds disease resistance through the formation of a healthy community of microbes."

To learn more visit [recycle.ab.ca](http://recycle.ab.ca) to download the free Guide and watch two pre-recorded webinars titled "Introduction to On-Farm Composting" and "Alberta On-Farm

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