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# Debenture: 'Last piece of funding model' for Multi-Use Facility

by Adrienne Tait

At the January 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting Town Council discussed the debenture bylaw for the multi-use facility.

Interim CAO Sarah Bittner

told Council the bylaw is the "last piece of the funding model" for the Multiplex and the Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires Council to have the bylaw in place prior to the start of construction. A debenture bylaw, which

outlines details such as amount, term, and interest rate, takes time to put in place as it must be advertised for 15 days after first reading and does not become valid until 30 days after third reading.

The \$70 million facility is a

joint project with Yellowhead County. To date, a \$20 million grant from the federal government, a \$16.5 million grant from the province through MSI, \$15 million from Yellowhead County, and \$9.5

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The warmer weather in the region throughout December and the first half of January 2021, offered a great opportunity for some family fun and a winter picnic out at Willmore Park recently. photo Deanna Mitchener

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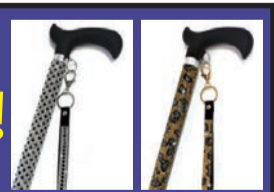
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# Debenture: 'Last piece of funding model' for Multi-Use Facility

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million from the Town of Edson capital reserves has been secured. The remaining \$9 million is to be secured in the form of a debenture taken out over a 30-year term.

Councillor Krystal Baier asked what tax increase residents could expect on a \$350,000 home and was advised, based on the anticipated 3% increase, the average household would see approximately \$122/year added to their property tax bill.

Councillor Troy Sorensen inquired about other possible means of repayment such as reserves or levies. CAO Bittner said she could look at rewording the bylaw slightly so repayment is not taxation specific and noted it would then have to go back to the Capital Finance Authority for approval.

Councillor Janet Wilkinson inquired about the \$2 million in reserve for a Fine Arts/Cultural Centre and asked if those funds could be used to lower the debenture amount then paid back later, as the interest on the loan would likely be more than interest accrued in reserve. "If we get donations then what a great thing and we could just put it back into the \$2 million," Wilkinson said.

Bittner said Council would have to budget to pay back the reserve and would then be funding the entire project including the \$2 million.

\$9 million "absolutely is a lot of

money," said Mayor Kevin Zahara, but acknowledged he felt Edson has done well when compared with similar projects, such as a \$30 million Southern Alberta facility for which that municipality had to borrow \$13 million.

Mayor Zahara said, "We can certainly look at some alternatives. I wouldn't want to hit that button quite yet. There is so much uncertainty with COVID and the economy and we have been hit with a couple of significant infrastructure failures. I certainly would want to see that we have money in our reserves available for those sorts of things."

Councillor Jacqui Currie, who was chairing the meeting, confirmed Council could put the debenture bylaw in place for \$9 million but choose to draw down less without penalty. Councillor Currie said, "We have to do this either way. The amount can be changed and I would prefer to look at that closer to the date, look at where our reserves are, and know where things are going with COVID."

Councillors Currie, Sorensen, Baier, and Mayor Zahara were in favour moving forward with the debenture bylaw in order to ensure it is in place when the project is ready to proceed. It will be brought to a regular Council meeting at a later date.

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# Nominations open for Yellowhead County 2021 Election

## Nomination amount can be paid in-person by debit or credit card this year

by Shaylyn Thornton

Yellowhead County Council is a nine-member elected Council, made up of a Mayor-at-large and eight divisional councillors. Council determines priorities, makes decisions, approves bylaws and policies, and provides leadership in setting the course and vision for the future of the County.

According to Yellowhead County's Candidates Guide & Information Package, "There are no special qualifications legislatively required to be on Council, however visionary thinking, strong communications skills (speaking and listening), the ability to be persuasive, accepting of opposing views, conflict resolution along with energy and enthusiasm are great attributes to bring to the Council table."

Those interested in becoming a candidate must be at least 18 years of age on nomination day, must be a Canadian citizen, must be a resident of the division they're running in for at least six months preceding nomination day, or in the case of the Mayor be a resident of Yellowhead County for at least six months preceding nomination day.

Other eligibility requirements include not being an auditor or employee of the municipality, not having been convicted of an election-related offense, and a candidate can not have more than \$50 in property tax arrears or be in default of more than 90 days on any other debt in excess of \$500 to the municipality.

Pursuant to Bylaw 10.16, every nomination paper required by the Local Authorities

Election Act which nominates a candidate for election needs to be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of \$500.

Typically, this amount is only accepted via cash, certified cheque, or money order, however for this year the amount can also be paid in-person by debit or credit card.

This follows a decision by County Council on January 12 in which Council voted to implement Bylaw 03.21 and comply with the Minister of Municipal Affairs' Ministerial Order 103/20 which stated debit and credit cards would be allowed for deposits during the 2021 election year only. The Ministerial Order cited COVID-19 as a reason for the change.

Your nomination must be filed on a form which can be found on Yellowhead County's website and must be signed by at least five people eligible to vote in the election. The form is to be filed with the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer at either of the Yellowhead County Offices in Edson or Wildwood.

Candidates can file the form in person, however the County's documentation states that anyone can file on your behalf as long as the form is fully completed and accompanied by the \$500 deposit. Nominations submitted by fax or email will not be accepted.

Candidates are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the LAEA as well as the responsibilities associated with the role they are nominated for.

Nominations are now open as of January 1,

2021 and will close at noon on Nomination Day which is September 20, 2021. The election will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021. For more information on being nominated and what it is like to be on Council, visit [yhcounty.ca/county-office/council/elections/](http://yhcounty.ca/county-office/council/elections/).

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January 11, 2021: With the warmer temperatures, the Town of Edson is encouraging everyone to get out and enjoy it, but please do so safely.

To help keep our COVID-19 case numbers low, the Town of Edson is asking everyone to please follow the Provincial guidelines in place. With active cases starting to increase in the Alberta again, it is more important than ever to help keep the spread down so we can get back to business.

A few issues were observed over the weekend including outdoor social gatherings and outdoor

skating rules not being followed.

A reminder that all indoor and outdoor social gatherings are prohibited at this time. The outdoor rink rules are as follows:

- Indoor shelters and change areas will remain closed.
- Strict capacities on each ODR. Capacity is based on rink dimensions and will be posted on site.
- Proper distancing must be maintained between family groups (at least 2 meters).

- Private gatherings involving people from different households are prohibited in any indoor or outdoor location.

- No competitions, games, or events can occur. (skating only)
- No shinny, tag, or pickup games.

These are Provincial restrictions and need to be adhered to in order to keep our facilities open. Community Peace Officers will be moving to an evening shift to help remind residents of the rules in place. Our commitment remains education over enforcement.

# County Council awards tender on Elk River Road

by Shaylyn Thornton

On January 12, Yellowhead County Council held their regular Council Meeting and were updated on Bridge File 81477, Site #5 on the Elk River Road, which has been in need of emergent erosion/culvert repairs.

On October 27, 2020, Council approved funding for the project in the estimated amount of \$700,000. Upon receiving DFO and Environmental approval, tenders were set out and closed on December 15, 2020.

Five bids were received: Prairie Erectors International Inc. came in at \$812,783.00, Prairie North Ltd. at \$1,040,106.00, In-Line Contracting bid \$1,580,280.00, Formula Alberta Ltd. submitted \$1,709,200.00, and Northern Road Builders came in at \$1,757,400.00.

The lowest bid, submitted by Prairie Erectors International Inc. met all of the requirements of the tender, and the company has also done similar work for the County in the past. Including construction, contingency, and engineering, the total cost of the project would be \$928,829.30.

Five sites were originally set up for emergency erosion/culvert repairs, with Sites #1-3 already completed. Site #5 currently has the funds to move forward with completion, however the increase in cost from the \$700,000 estimate will greatly decrease the amount remaining for Site #4 which is still in the design stage.

CAO Jack Ramme ensured that Council was aware of this fact, because depending on costs for Site #4 they may need to commit more funds in the future. "#4 will be short money," said Ramme. "We will be stealing from it to pay for this one."

Council asked if there was any estimate for Site #4 at this point, however Director of Infrastructure Services Don O'Quinn said that they could not provide an estimate as of yet.

Councillor David Russell spoke up on the cost of repairing Site #5. "It never fails to boggle my mind that to replace a culvert on a middle of nowhere road in rural Alberta costs 1 million dollars," he said.

In the end, with the repairs being emergent and necessary, Council voted to award the tender to the lowest bid with Prairie Erectors International Inc, allowing the project to proceed.

At the same meeting, Council provided three readings to Bylaw 01.21 to repeals inoperative, obsolete, and expired bylaws. More than 40 bylaws were classified as such, and repealing them falls under part of Council's Strategic Plan to complete a Bylaw review initiative.

Council was also requested to appoint an independent Agricultural Services Appeal Committee, which can be used as one appeal committee for the Weed Control Act, Alberta Pest Control Act, and Soil Conservation Act.

The members of the appeal committee must be independent and knowledgeable in the Acts and must be appointed annually. Historically, Yellowhead County has received landowner appeals under one of these Acts about once every two years.

Administration's recommendation was for Robert (Bob) Mitchell to be named as Chair, and Shelley Hay and Ryan Glylander to be named as members at large for the committee. Yellowhead County had previously vetted and trained these individuals as members of the recently dissolved Agricultural Service Board, and they met the provincial

recommendations for membership on an appeal committee.

Councillor Dawn Mitchell excused herself from the vote, and the rest of Council voted unanimously to appoint the Agricultural Services Appeal Committee based on Administration's recommendation.

In a Closed In-Camera Session, Council also discussed some land purchase motions. The first motion was an Offer to Purchase Land, in which Council voted to direct Administration to advise the

interested party that the land price remains at the listed value of \$30,000. The motion passed.

The second motion was a Request to Purchase County Land, in which Council voted to sell the parcel of land located at Plan 749CL, Block 2, Lot 11&12 for the sum of \$30,000 plus GST. The purchase is conditional on the funds being remitted by purchaser V. Samsonov in verified funds by the close of business on January 18, 2021 and as per the terms of the 2019 Property Auction. The motion passed.




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# Vaccine rollout..

As of January 13th, more than 407,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have



by Dana McArthur  
publisher/Editor

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been administered across Canada —across Alberta more than 52,000 jabs have been given.

However, some Alberta doctors have concerns over the province's vaccine rollout.

Initially, the province aimed to give out 29,000 doses of vaccine by the end of 2020. Instead it ended the year with just over 14,000 doses administered.

As a comparable, Israel had already vaccinated one million people, and more than just health-care workers.

With pernicious new strains, more and more people hospitalized, in ICU, or dying from Covid-19, there is nothing more important than getting as many people vaccinated as possible — particularly in the vulnerable population.

Alberta is doing better than most provinces, but there are no bragging rights just yet for the Alberta government as it laboured to reach 4000 jabs a day. While the efforts of Alberta Health professionals have been courageous, at that rate it would take over two years just to vaccinate everyone 18 years and older in the province!

Dr. Noel Gibney, a professor emeritus in the department of Critical Care Medicine at the University of Alberta was quoted in the media saying that vaccinations would need to hover around 30,000 people a day between now and the end of August to meet the target set by the government.

In an update on January 11, Premier Jason Kenney said that by the end of the month Alberta will be able to administer 50,000 doses per week, while the "stretch goal" for the end of March is

200,000 doses per week.

The concern going forward is whether the

vaccine supply coming through the federal government will be able to keep pace with the province's projected capacity to administer it. "The bottom line is this, Alberta's capacity to give people the jab will soon outstrip available vaccine supplies," Kenney stated.

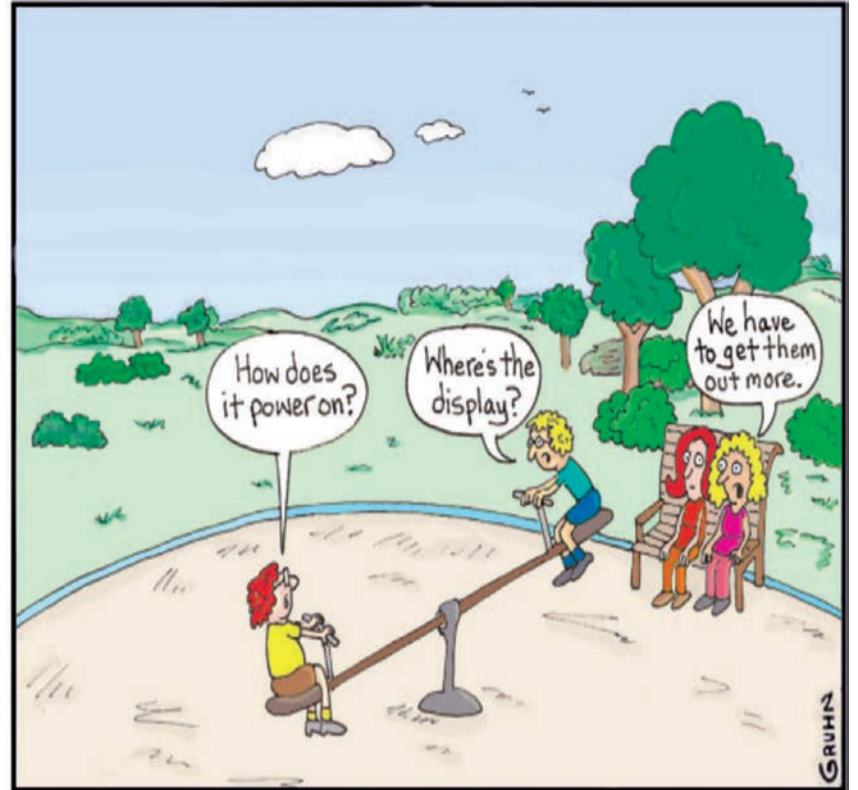
In the meantime, figures released by the federal government show Alberta can expect to receive 244,725 doses of the Pfizer vaccine by the end of February, as well as another 68,600 doses of the Moderna vaccine. The federal government later announced on January 11 that they have secured an additional 20 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine. However, the first delivery of some of these doses isn't expected until April at the earliest.

Opposition NDP health critic David Shepherd does not think the province has gone far enough. He is recommending daily online reporting of vaccinations administered on a regional basis, inventory levels, and anticipated incoming shipments.

The information Shepherd is calling for is absolutely critical for public transparency, as well as to hold the UCP government, and the federal government, accountable to their critical fall deadline.

Should the governments falter in the plan to have everyone vaccinated (who wants to be) by September —the consequences would be dire. The risk of more deaths, or another wave that could occur in the fall of 2021 as students head back to school, college, back to work, and back indoors is simply too great to fail.

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# Retired owners of Jensen's donate \$5000 to Rotary

## Free Coupon Book promotes shop local

Edson's small businesses are the backbone of the community, and Jensen's Lifestyle Clothing has received generous local support for more than 50 years.

During these difficult times, retired owners of Jensen's, George and Jaye Mah, were looking for a way to give back to the community that has helped their business flourish for so many years.

"We are very grateful to Edson and the surrounding area for their patronage of Jensen's Lifestyle Clothing," said George. "We have passed the torch to the next generation, but Jaye and I wanted to do something to thank the community and encourage people to shop locally."

They decided that donating \$5,000 to the Rotary Club of Edson and giving away Rotary Community coupon books for free (a \$25 value) to local shoppers would be a great way to thank residents and help stimulate the local economy.

Each participating merchant in the Community Coupon book will be given books to hand out, and the coupons are valid until December 31, 2021.

As a long-time Rotarian, George

knows that the donated dollars will go to great causes. Most recently the Rotary Club of Edson donated \$5,000 to the local Shelterpod project, but the Club also supports Newborns Need Books, provides scholarships to local youth, and more.

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# HRH says farewell to long-time Financial Secretary

HRH:  
For anyone that has ever phoned Holy Redeemer or come by the school, you would have most likely been greeted by two amazing ladies who work in the office. One of those individuals is none other than Margaret Shack, the school's longtime Financial Secretary. And after 22 years with the Living Waters School Division, 18 and half of those at HRH, Mrs. Shack is retiring.

"It's time to move on," says Shack who joined the School Division as a Teacher Assistant at Vanier Community Catholic School in 1999. "You can't work forever and even though I love my job, it's time to move on. I'm ready to enjoy all that retirement has to offer."

Shack has been a principle member of the Holy Redeemer team that opened the school in 2003. At that time, she took on the role of Financial Secretary for the school organizing the school's finances. But ask anyone and they will tell you that her role was much more than just counting money all day. She has been the welcoming voice on the phone when someone calls the school, the smiling face that welcomed both students and parents when they had questions, and was an outstanding ambassador to the school when dealing with different companies.

"Margaret has been an asset to our school division since the day she was hired," says Principal Betty Churchill. "She will be missed by our staff, students, parents and suppliers." Churchill added that she extremely enjoyed working with Shack during their time together at Vanier and HRH. "Her humour, banter, daily presence and genuine love of our school has been a blessing. I am honoured to have worked with this fine lady over the years, and will certainly miss her on our team."

Looking back over the 18+ years at HRH, Shack could not pinpoint one specific fond memory that she has, instead she spoke about how much she enjoyed working with the staff and students. "I really enjoyed the environment," she says. "I am going to miss the staff, for sure. They are the best. Being at HRH is being a part of a family, a second family, and I'm certainly going to miss everyone."

Looking ahead to her time in retirement, Shack plans to stay busy with her two number one passions. "I'm looking forward to my sewing machine and my grandkids," she says with a smile, the same smile that has greeted so many that have walked through the doors at HRH.

Since HRH opened, Shack had a partner in the office, Administrative Assistant Roxie Bretzer. "Margaret joined me at HRH when we first opened the doors," says Bretzer. "Her sense of humour, her wittiness and compassion for the students have made our school one of the most welcoming schools, for both students and staff." Bretzer added that Shack was more than just the Financial Secretary. "She was a doer of all. She went above and beyond her job description and helped anyone who needed a hand. She will be missed at our school by all, but especially the office staff. She's been here for over 18 years and we will miss her smiling face every morning. We wish her all the very best that life has to offer."

When asked if she could pass on any advice to the next Financial Secretary, Shack was quick to respond. "Be ready to change the things you have planned," she says. "Be flexible. We work in the most dynamic environment ever, and you never know what might happen day to day and things are always subject to change." Shack added that this is one of things she really enjoyed about working at HRH.

Shack concluded by saying, "This is the best school in town. The staff and students are simply the best. It's a great environment, and I'm going to miss everyone." And you can count on the fact that all the students, staff and parents are going to miss Mrs. Shack just as much.

If you would like more information on this article please feel free to contact the school at 780-723-7437, visit our website at holyredeemerhigh.ca or follow us on social media.



Margaret Shack, Holy Redeemer's Financial Secretary for the past 18 and half years, officially retired on January 8th. Shack looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and her sewing machine. You can bet that the students, staff and parents at HRH are all going to miss her.



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**Artist Feature:****Getting to know Srvent**

by Shaylyn Thornton

Spencer Richard is not your average guy. Being a 30-year-old married father of three daughters, all under the age of six, as well as owning a professional videography business would be enough to keep anyone busy. For Richard, however, it doesn't end there.

"I consider myself a Rap Artist, Producer, Author, and Filmmaker, probably in that order presently," said Richard. He composes his own music, helps produce and musically engineer for other artists, and is a published short story author.

Richard is also an aspiring novelist, host of the podcast 'Creative InSanity', and does professional videography and editing for people and businesses through his company SRVENT Freelance.

Srvent is also the name that Richard performs under, a name that originated from Spencer, Richard, Vent. "Music is a kind of release for me. It's something I have to do to stay sane, and it's one of the main ways I choose to try and give meaning and value to the world," explained Richard.

"That's where Srvent (like Servant) implies that I am of service to others," he said. "Music serves my life immensely and my hope is that my songs will ultimately serve others."

Richard's music style can be hard to define, but his influences range from pop to aggressive electronic and orchestration. His bio reads, "He's in his own lane of Alternative Hip-Hop, constantly growing and developing into whatever he's supposed to be."

Richard is inspired by stories, and "often turns to music to process" deep emotions, "whether tough or joyful ones."

"Anything good, true, and beautiful seems to inspire me – though I'm deeply moved by dark realities too," explained Richard.

Brother Ali has been a huge inspiration to Richard, who he says "embodies powerful values as an artist and demonstrates moral integrity." Other musical influences include Amy Grant, Sarah MacLachlan, Jann Arden, Eminem, Prozzäk, Enya, A-F-R-O, Avril Lavigne, Andy Mineo, and more. Varied influences to say the least.

Richard's earliest memory is a musical one: slapping the keys on his parent's piano. Richard composed original pieces growing up, winning Hinton Idolz one year. He was also given the opportunity to perform at the Alberta Winter Games Opening Ceremonies in 2006 to a crowd of over 8,000 people.

Richard picked up a guitar at 17 and taught himself how to play. "I gained in skill over time and started to naturally improve my rhyme schemes and intensity," he said. "My love for poetry and lyricism eventually started to manifest as rap."

So emerged Srvent, the rap artist, first performing at an open mic at The Bro-Tel Backyard Festival in 2016, "flubbing each song I attempted because of nerves," he said. His first

album arrived in June of 2018.

Richard noted that he took eight years of piano lessons, but sheet music just wasn't for him. "I'm trained by ear and feel, though I did absorb some music theory that informs my craft," he explained. "I'm otherwise entirely self taught through trial, error, music friends, and the Internet."

His favorite performance was his album lunch in 2018 in Edmonton, which he described as being "electric, warm, and wonderful."

"I love performing coffee house style, where people really listen and engage with my music," he said. "That said, I enjoy making people dance too, and am much more comfortable getting involved with the audience and involving them."

Richard has been living in the Edson community for just over three years now, and has previously lived in Edmonton, Chilliwack, and he grew up in Hinton from the ages of 9-20. "I love the people in Edson most of all," he said. "Before COVID, I really enjoyed the children's programming for my kids. It's a great small town for families with many wonderful, supportive people."

The most recent example Richard has of the wonderful people in Edson was with his latest single/video, *The Grind*, which was filmed in Edson. It was filmed at the Yellowhead Dental Centre, who Richard thanked for "graciously allowing such a ruckus to occur in their building – all in the name of art."

Locals Dr. Sahib Lotey, Michelle Buchwald, Dana Tattersall, and Richard's wife Becky were also thanked for having such an impact on the release of his song. Released on January 5, the music video for *The Grind* was also featured on the social media of a popular hip-hop artist, Young Verse, who has over 1.3 million followers.

Despite the success he is seeing with his music, Richard had a message for other aspiring artists. "Do it because you love it and because a life making meaningful art, regardless of its accolades, is a life well lived," he said. "Too many artists strive for attention, and the social media of it all encourages attention seeking over quality, value, and worthy art. Don't be like that. It leads to sorrow and regret."

Up next for Richard is the release of a new single and video on February 2, a song called *Suspect* ft. Lindsay Rendleman who is a singer/songwriter based near Red Deer.

"Every month in 2021 will see the release of a new single or project from me, including my 2nd album," Richard said. "I'm extremely excited about it!"

On the freelance side of things, Richard can record and produce music, direct music videos, consult branding choices, and more. He also offers commercial video work and advertising.

If you are interested in hearing learning more about Spencer Richard, hearing his music, or working with his company, you can visit [www.srvent.com](http://www.srvent.com).



Spencer Richard, aka Srvent, is a talented local musician and producer who is making an impact with his music. Check out his latest work, *The Grind*, on his website or social media. photo submitted

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# Town Staff Appreciation ideas

by Adrienne Tait

At the January 12 Committee of the Whole meeting, Town Administration presented Council with a variety of ideas of ways Council could show their appreciation to Town staff for adopting a 0.9 schedule during the COVID pandemic.

HR Manager Colin McComb presented six ideas and asked for Council feedback.

The first idea was to have staff move to a 0.9 schedule from May-August without decreasing their pay. This idea was met with concern from several councillors, including Councillor Gene Chouinard who objected, in part due to the timing. Summer is often a busy time for the Town, as staff can move forward with projects and public use of Town programs and services may be high, depending on the state of COVID at that time.

Other appreciation ideas included doubling the Active Living allowance per employee (from \$250 to \$500 for 2021), providing universal access to Repsol Place for employees and their families, allowing all staff members to take an additional five paid wellness days in 2021, and workplace enhancements/modifications. The idea of offering "swag" in the form of desirable, high-quality clothing to employees was also discussed.

Council quickly narrowed their focus to the Active Living allowance, wellness days, and universal access to Repsol Place.

Councillor Janet Wilkinson said she was not in favour of giving employees an additional five wellness days nor increasing their Active Living allowance. She suggested it could defy the collective bargaining agreement with CUPE, and that giving people days off would be like giving them a raise. "I don't

think the taxpayers will support it."

Interim CAO Sarah Bittner said they would approach the union and seek a letter of understanding acknowledging the additional wellness days or an increase in their Active Living allowance as a one-time thing related to COVID. McComb said he felt it unlikely the union would object. Another possible negative with additional wellness days is the potential for a slight decrease in service on days when an employee has taken the day off.

Concerns with the Active Living allowance increase included budgetary implications and the consideration that not all employees make use of the allowance. Concerns regarding universal access to Repsol Place were similar in that it may not be universally utilized, and additionally that Repsol Place availability could be limited because of closure(s) related to the pandemic.

Councillor Trevor Bevan asked if anyone had sought input from the employees, and suggested narrowing down the choices and having staff provide input on their preference. "We have the opportunity to go to our employees and say, 'We appreciate what you have done throughout the year, the changes you have made, the hardships and everything else, this is what we are thinking of doing, what do you think?'"

Councillor Jacqui Currie and Mayor Kevin Zahara agreed, so long as the options provided are ones Council was willing to support. Currie also spoke to the five wellness days, saying there would need to be manager approval on requested days off, and the Town would need to have parameters put in place to ensure those days would not be turned into an additional week-long holiday.

The ideas will be revisited at a future meeting.

# Edson RCMP arrest and charge male with firearm offences

On Jan. 8, 2020 as the result of a firearms complaint, Edson RCMP arrested a male for the possession of a firearm at the Esso Gas Station on Second Avenue in Edson, AB

Incidental to arrest a search was conducted and police located a concealed loaded revolver in the male's jacket. The male is prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition for life.

As a result of the investigation, police also executed a search warrant at a residence in the Town of Edson. Police located and seized ammunition, stolen property and what is believed to be methamphetamine.

A male (20) of Edson has been charged with:

- Careless use of a firearm
- Carry a prohibited firearm for a purpose dangerous
- Not being authorized to carry a prohibited firearm



Handgun seized by the Edson RCMP during the arrest in Edson.

- Possess a prohibited firearm without holding a license (X2)

The individual was remanded in custody and scheduled to appear in Edson Provincial Court on Jan. 19, 2021.

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# Wildfire managers keeping eye on low precipitation this winter in Edson Forest Area

Caroline Charbonneau, Wildfire Information Officer

As of early December, the area's precipitation was 48 per cent of the average and no significant precipitation has fallen since. This could significantly impact the spring's wildfire danger. The wildfire danger is based on a number of factors and the dryness of fine fuels like leaf litter, needles and small twigs can play an important part. The moisture content of fine fuels can change quickly with wind and temperature changes, often within a matter of hours. If the lack of precipitation continues, and we have a hot windy spring, the wildfire danger could be significantly higher than normal.

At this time of year, industry and landowners often take advantage of the cooler weather to burn debris and brush on their land. However, under current conditions you need to be extremely careful that your actions don't start a wildfire. We are urging anyone doing winter burning to ensure that their piles have been fully extinguished. If fires are not properly put out, they can spread and burn underground, even under the snow and ice, all winter. Under the right conditions, these fires can re-emerge in the spring as wildfires.

Following safe burning practices during this period will help prevent holdover fires that can start spring wildfires. Although snow helps reduce the risk of the fire burning into the ground, we recommend that you check regularly all fall and winter burn sites to ensure that the fire is out. Walk the burn area and roll over any debris to check for hot spots. The best way to find hotspots is to look for visible signs of burning such as melting snow around the edges, touch the burn area with your hands and smell for smoke.

Here are a few things to consider when burning this winter:

- Ensure that you have the proper tools with you at the burn site.
- Be aware of forecasted wind conditions. Wind can pick up sparks or embers and start a wildfire if the conditions are right.
- As with any burning, do not attempt to burn more than you can control.
- Actively manage burn projects to reduce



*Alberta Wildfire is urging anyone doing winter burning to ensure that their piles have been fully extinguished. If fires are not properly put out, they can spread and burn underground, even under the snow and ice, all winter.*

disposal time and smoke impacts. Continually re-pile if needed. Burning debris in stages will allow you to adapt to changing weather conditions and reduce smoke. Lower temperatures and lighter wind speeds can result in stronger inversions. The ideal conditions for burning are typically days with no inversions, average temperatures and a slight wind.

- Consult local municipalities or Agriculture and Forestry on how to mitigate impacts when undertaking larger winter burning projects near communities or roadways.

- If you have any questions about proper burning procedures, visit [wildfire.alberta.ca](http://wildfire.alberta.ca) or phone 310-0000.

- Fire permits are required during wildfire season which is between March 1st and October 31st. All burn piles must be fully extinguished before the start of wildfire season.

We would like to thank the public for their diligence in extinguishing their campfires and winter burns. We are also grateful for those who report any suspected wildfires by calling 310-FIRE (3473).

## ACC calls on government to safely reopen shuttered businesses

Chamber of Commerce — Ten months into the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alberta Chambers of Commerce is calling on the Alberta government to find ways to safely reopen closed businesses wherever possible. The call comes after Premier Jason Kenney announced last week that current COVID-19 restrictions will remain in place for at least another two weeks.

"Our position has always been—and will continue to be—that Alberta's government take action informed by the advice of the chief medical officer

of health," says ACC President and CEO Ken Kobly. "At the same time, we're nearly a year into this pandemic and many businesses have been forced to endure months of shutdowns. This is simply not a sustainable situation for our job creators or our provincial economy."

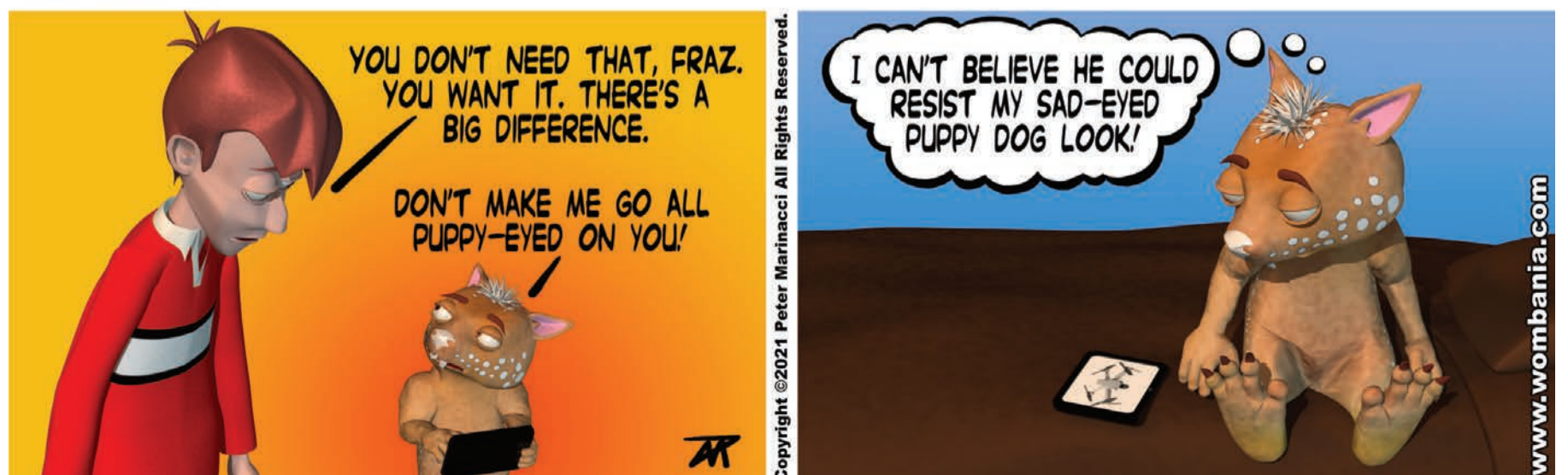
Kobly says that there have been success stories of government working with industry to facilitate limited reopening, pointing to new guidelines that have allowed Alberta registered massage therapists to resume work under certain guidelines as an

example.

"As I've said many times before, public health is and must continue to be our number one priority. And we've seen examples of government and industry coming together to find safer ways for Alberta business to operate," says Kobly. "Albertans are keen to get back to work. Unfortunately, the more time that goes on, the less likely that becomes. Time is of the essence to find ways to safely keep our economy going."

by PETER MARINACCI

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# Yellowhead County supports North Saskatchewan River nomination

by Shaylyn Thornton

Smoky Lake County has been working on an initiative to complete the designation of the North Saskatchewan River (NSR) under the Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS).

The CHRS is a commemorative program and is non-statutory; it does not add any further restrictions for development or use, but rather serves to celebrate and promote the natural, cultural, and recreational values of the river.

“Specifically, we view this program as an exciting opportunity for economic development, garnering much-deserved exposure, such as for recreation and culture-based tourism,” said Director of Community Services Christopher Read at the Yellowhead County January 12 Council Meeting.

County Council was asked to provide a letter of support for the nomination of the NSR and would join more than 35 other river

communities and community groups that have already supported the project. A few examples of those in support include Town of Stony Plain, City of Spruce Grove, St. Paul County, Travel Alberta, the River Valley Alliance, and many others.

Alberta Environment and Parks Minister Jason Nixon has also committed to supporting the project, writing, “A heritage river designation would reflect the care and stewardship that local governments and stakeholders have undertaken along the river corridor, and help local municipalities and businesses promote the natural beauty, rich cultural history, and myriad recreation and tourism opportunities in your region.”

The organizers of the initiative will continue to garner community support, with plans for broad public participation to occur during the summer of 2021. The organizers then intend to submit a Nomination Document to the CHRS Board in the fall.

Yellowhead County Mayor Jim Eglinski spoke about his support for the nomination, noting that his family has a long history with the North Saskatchewan River. “It’s great to see,” he said of the initiative.

County Council voted unanimously to send a letter of support for the nomination.

## Obituaries & In Memories

### ~ Obituary ~

#### Finnis Grodzicki

April 7, 1942 – January 9, 2021



Finny passed away at the age of 78 on January 9, 2021. Her death was not unexpected but sadly, due to Covid restrictions, we were not able to offer our daily love and care.

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### ~ Obituary ~

#### Christian Knud Bryldt

November 26, 1940 – December 25, 2020



It is with great sadness that the family of Chris Bryldt announces his passing in Edson, Alberta on Christmas Day, 2020 at the age of 80.

He leaves to mourn his loss his loving wife of 60 years Lorraine and his 4 sons Jay, Kevin (Carol), Shawn (Melissa) and Randy (Monique). There’s 11 grandchildren Blaine, Denise, Shane, Andrew, Brittany, Brandon, Bret, Jacob, Zachary, Kirsten, Trenton and 9 great grandchildren Tayden, Dakota, Jasmine, Tyson, Logan, Carson, Bentley, Kailey, Jackson. We love you dad, grandpa and great-grandpa and will miss you and your sense of humour.

Predeceased by his parents and brother, Eigil (Ike), he is survived by one sister, Margaret, as well as other relatives. Born in Randers, Denmark in 1940 to Erik and Kirsten Bryldt (-Christensen) he immigrated to Canada in 1957 with his family. He began his apprenticeship in the printing trade and established and operated Trail Printing Ltd in Edson since 1974.

Chris was involved with many Community projects and organizations in Edson including as ID Councillor, Town of Edson Councillor, Municipal Planning Commission, Edson & District AA, the Pioneer Senior’s Cabin, the “Fun Singers”, the Red Brick School Museum, Edson Historical Society and earned the “Citizen of the Year” award in 1994. He enjoyed many other interests over the years, including motor biking, Model ships building (Especially liked the Bluenose), music, carpentry and family gatherings.

The family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their help during his illness, cards, food, flowers, etc. Also, thanks to the doctors, nurses & staff at the Edson Health Care Centre. Thanks also to his “Coffee buddies”, especially Dennis Sloman for all his help.

As were his wishes, there will be no formal Service.

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### ~ Obituary ~

#### Sumner Bowness

1925-2021



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sumner Bowness on January 2, 2021. Sumner was born December 1, 1925 on his parents’ homestead near Peers, AB where he remained for 95 fulfilling years.

He is survived by his daughter Darleen Burkinshaw and grandson Michael Burkinshaw (Kailee Mears); daughter-in-law Leslie Bowness, grandson Steven (Lindy) Beierle and great-grandchildren Remington and Carsten and grandson Kristopher Bowness (Katarina Duke); his sister Muriel and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Sumner was predeceased by his beloved wife Hazel Bowness, his son Larry Bowness and his son-in-law Dan Burkinshaw; his parents Charles and Bernice Bowness; sisters Georgie and Jean, and brothers Horace and Bernard.

Sumner farmed the original homestead while he also worked in lumber camps, on bridge construction and as a ferry operator, before going into business with his son in the oil patch, first with Boss Truck Service and then Cutbank Oil and Gas. Retirement years were enjoyed on the land that he loved, with sightseeing trips in his (also loved) motorhome.

Sumner laid down deep roots in the community and will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed by his family as well as many friends and neighbours. Always easy going and generous with his time, he enjoyed nothing more than a coffee and a “good visit” or phone call with those who stayed in touch.

A memorial service will be held at a later date when we can once again gather together. If desired, the family asks that any memorial donations be made directly to a local charity of your choice.

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Faith

Change...



Pastor Mesh Hit  
Edson Baptist Church

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned: could not concentrate.

Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.

Next I tried working in a muffler factory but that was exhausting. Finally, I attempted to be a deli worker, but anyway I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.

I actually didn't have any of these jobs, and I can't take credit for the humor. I just wanted to make you chuckle a bit, feel free to use them to make someone groan. In the above scenarios there are a lot changes that take place.

You can sense change in the air. We can tell when spring is approaching, the days are not as long, the morning shadows fall across our window.

I know we still have a couple more months of winter, but I am trying to be optimistic, but fully understand it's not quite time to put away our shovels or warm clothes.

Not only do seasons change, but it seems everything else around us is changing. The world around us is changing; and it seems most of it is not always for the better

Change is the one constant in life. Some changes can be positive and exciting. It could be a promotion at work. The first warm day of spring after a long winter.

A new member of your family arrives, and many others.

Other changes in life can be painful and negative, the loss of a marriage. Being unexpectedly let go from your job. Perhaps having your child go through a traumatic accident or losing a loved one.

All of these experiences are changes in life and can bring about happiness, sadness, joy, and fear. These things are not easy, and I for one, have seen my life full of changes some for the good and other changes where much more challenging. I am not sure what changes you might be facing today. I am encouraged and filled with hope knowing that whatever changes

come, the good, the bad the ugly, the Bible tells us some amazing news

Hebrews 13:8, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

I hold on to those words and so many other promises from the Bible. In your day today, may these words bring you some comfort.

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What's happening, when and where in the community - for monthly meetings see our classified page

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**January 14** - No more Snow days: Visit Wilmore Park for the Toboggan Hill. Pack some hot dogs and hot chocolate and enjoy the outdoors.

**January 14** – February 25: Chair Yoga Active Living Class for Older Adults. Thursdays 4pm to 5pm. Zoom-based. Led by Brienne Benson. Register on-line starting January 5 at edson.ca.

**January 17-23:** In Celebration of squirrel appreciation day. Eddie will be out and about. Snap a photo with him and enter the town facebook page @edsoncommserv to be entered in a prize draw. Visit Edson.ca/familyfun for an Eddie colouring game.

**January 18 – March 1:** Better Balance Active Living Class for Older Adults. Mondays 11am to 11:45am. Zoom-based. Register on-line starting January 5 by visiting edson.ca

**January 20:** Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times. Free Wellness Webinar. 1pm to 3pm. Register by calling 780-325-3782.

**January 20 – February 24:** Joint Effort Active Living Class for Older Adults. Wednesdays 11am to 11:45am. Zoom-based. Led by a certified exercise physiologist. Register on-line starting January 5 at edson.ca. For

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**January 27:** Supporting Children Through Covid. 9am to 12pm. Presented by Edson FCSS and Imagine Institute for Learning. Register at Edson.ca/fcss.

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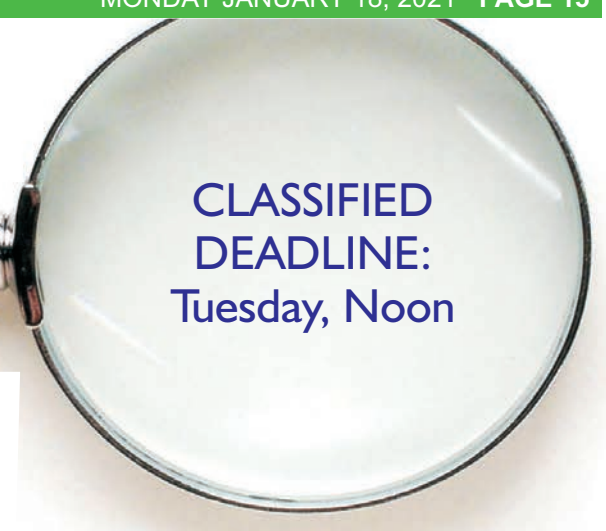
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# Farm & Field

## News and Views



# Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame Inductees

*The award honours those who have significantly contributed to agriculture, the agri-food industry and rural life in Alberta*

'Every 2 years, Alberta's Agriculture Hall of Fame recognizes up to 3 individuals whose outstanding leadership, innovation and business practices have advanced Alberta's agriculture and food industry at the provincial level or beyond,' says Susan Lacombe, program coordinator for the Hall of Fame.

'The 2020 inductees have worked hard for decades to improve agricultural practices, support growth in the industry and educate the next generation of Alberta farmers and ranchers.'

The newest members of the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame are Walter Paszkowski, David Price and George Visser.

Walter Paszkowski was instrumental in laying the foundation for the modern canola industry in Western Canada. His championing of canola as a viable crop for Alberta farmers was central to its rise in significance and importance as one of the key economic drivers of Alberta's agriculture sector

today.

David Price has been an innovator and visionary in swine genetics, production, processing and marketing for more than 50 years. His contribution to the advancement and expansion of pig breeding and marketing in Alberta and across Canada laid the groundwork for future producers' success.

With a strong commitment to the farming community and a keen interest in modern, up-to-date farming practices, George Visser has been a

leader in the agricultural community since the 1970s. He was instrumental in giving producers in Alberta a unified voice during his tenure on the Alberta Agriculture Products Marketing Council.

Due to public health measures to contain the spread of COVID-19, the in-person 2020 Agriculture Hall of Fame Ceremony was cancelled. The 2020 inductees will be formally recognized at an event, likely in 2021, when it is safe to gather. *AgriNews*

## Yellowhead County implements Local Improvement Levy in Evansburg

by Shaylyn Thornton

At the January 12 Yellowhead County Council Meeting, Council was given the option to provide three readings to Bylaw 02.21, a new bylaw which would implement a Local Improvement Levy on some land parcels in Evansburg.

In March of 2019, Council agreed to move forward with a water and sewer infrastructure replacement program in part of the Hamlet of Evansburg. The Levy affects 34 parcels of land that will benefit from the project.

The project involved replacing the water and sewer infrastructure on a 50-50 basis between the property owner and the County as a whole. Street surfacing improvements and new sidewalks were also completed, which were fully covered by the County.

Originally, the cost estimate for the water and sewer portion was \$837,764.56, with 50% to be covered by property owners and the remaining 50% to be picked up by the County as a whole.

A Local Improvement Plan was prepared and mailed out to the affected property owners explaining the project and offering the right to petition the project down. The project did not receive a petition, and therefore moved forward and was completed in 2020.

The tender for the project came in substantially lower than the estimate at \$460,195.20 which works out to \$230,097.75 allocated to the property owners and \$230,097.75 to the County.

With that, Bylaw 02.21 sought to impose the Local Improvement Levy for the 2021 taxation year. The Bylaw establishes the allocation of the property owners' costs to their respective properties, and the owners are given the option of paying out the entire cost by April 16, 2021, or having it added to their annual tax bill in equal installments over the next 25 years.

Should a property owner choose to pay over the

25-year period, the interest rate is set at 2.217%. Although amounts will vary depending on parcel size, a provided example Local Improvement Notice showed that the amount to pay upfront would be \$6,456.25, or if they chose to go annually at an increase of \$331.24 then their total cost over 25 years would be \$8280.89.

Councillor David Russell commented on the "large drop from the original tender," which was around 45% less than the original estimate.

Mayor Jim Eglinski asked whether the tax would remain on the land or with the property owner if the owner should ever decide to sell. CAO Jack Ramme confirmed that if a property owner didn't pay up front and then sold the land down the road, the levy would remain on the land's annual tax bill.

The decision to provide all three readings and impose Bylaw 02.21 was passed unanimously.

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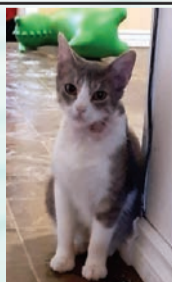
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## KID'S CORNER



This is 4-year-old Lillian Shelton! Lillian is a big sister to Emily (2) and Edwin (1). Lillian also has a lot of pets that live on their family farm: a dog, cats, chickens, and more. When asked her favorite food, Lillian said, "It's cereal, I mean, it's toast." Lillian enjoys going to the park, sledding, and eating lunch. She is homeschooled and her favorite parts of school are lunch time and reading. Lillian also says she enjoys winter, because "we get to go sledding and build a snowman."



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