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**As energy prices rise, so do local concerns**

**Area residents voice concerns to county councillors regarding higher energy prices**

by Shaylyn Thornton

At the January 25 Yellowhead County Council Meeting, Councillor David Russell brought forward an item that has become highly concerning for County residents as of late.

After hearing from residents in his area, Russell spoke out about the high cost of natural gas and electricity in Yellowhead County.

"While I acknowledge that the price of natural gas and electricity is probably outside

the purview of municipal government, the health and well-being of our residents in Yellowhead County most certainly is not," Russell said.

To illustrate the magnitude of the issue, Russell used himself as an example, stating that his

bill in the past month for natural gas was \$737. "That's for people who are fully employed and/or capable of paying those kinds of bills," Russell said. "People with fixed incomes, people with lower incomes are

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going to be suffering greatly.”

A conversation with a “senior couple” in his area confirmed that suffering. “The lady was in tears because their choice came down to [either] cancel their home insurance so that they can pay their heating and electricity, or have none,” said Russell.

“So I think we need to contact our Provincial government and let them know that this has become a great burden for our residents and I would like to ask Council’s support for this,” Russell concluded, before making a motion that Council direct Administration to draft a letter to the Honourable Savage, Minister of Energy, MLA Long, and MLA Getson outlining financial concerns for Yellowhead County Residents in regards to energy prices.

Councillor Shawn Berry thanked Russell for bringing the item forward, noting that he had also

heard from many residents in his area regarding the high energy prices. “The people I’ve talked to or heard from, their bills are considerable,” Berry said, noting that his own gas bill had increased by 150% from what it was a month prior and his electricity bill “went through the roof.”

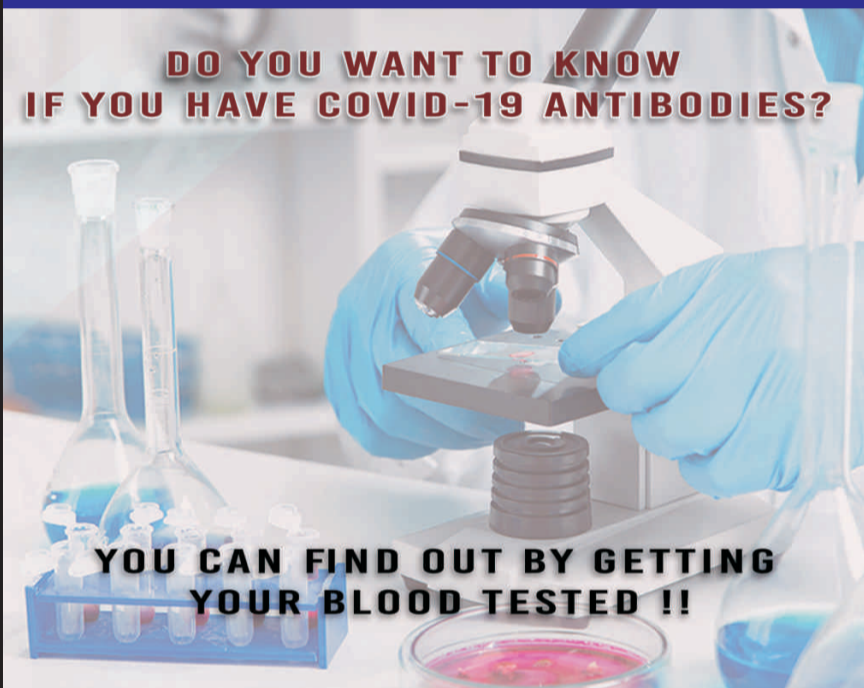
“My utility bills are 3-4x what they were from a month prior,” Berry said. “So I’m really in favour of doing this but I would ask for an amendment to it, that we actually send a copy to the Federal Energy Minister as well.”

Russell agreed with Berry’s suggestion and amended his motion accordingly.

Councillor Ken Groat and Mayor Wade Williams also thanked Russell for bringing the issue to Council, adding that they had heard from their residents on it as well. “I’m hearing the complaints all over the place as well, including in my own home,” said Williams.

Council voted to have Administration draft a letter regarding the concerns over high energy prices and send it to both the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Energy, as well as MLA Long and MLA Getson.

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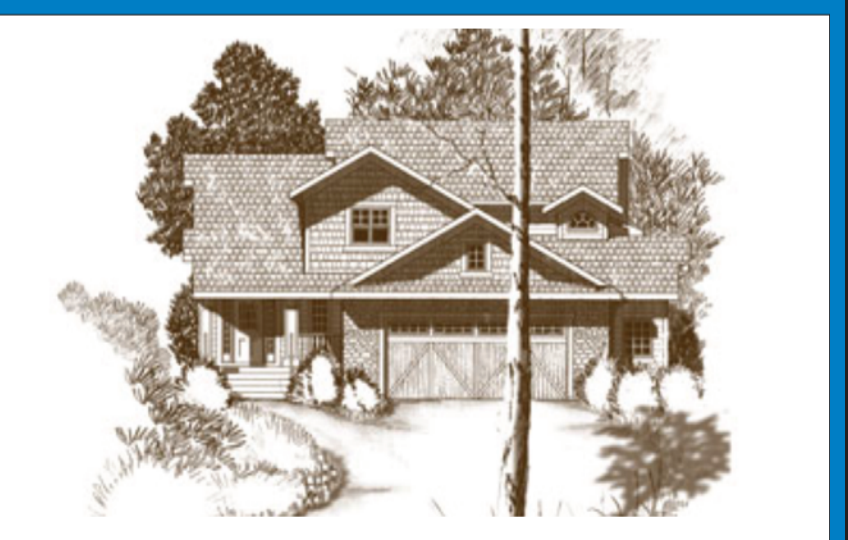
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# Mental health and potential area PACT team discussed at County Council

by Shaylyn Thornton

At their January 25 meeting, Yellowhead County Council discussed Drayton Valley and surrounding area's potential Police and Crisis Team (PACT).

After being directed to do so by Council, Mayor Wade Williams and Councillor Brigitte Lemieux attended a PACT meeting via Zoom on January 11.

"Over the last few years RCMP detachments in the Drayton Valley area have experienced an increase in mental health calls and dealing with the complexities of these calls hinders the RCMP from attending to other calls," Lemieux wrote in her committee report. "Trying to offer solutions to this issue, impacted stakeholders of the region collaborated with the Drayton Valley RCMP to try and get approval for a PACT to better deal with these mental health calls."

Williams explained, "They've been trying to form a PACT team which consists of one RCMP officer and one mental health person to work together on the mental health issues that people are having in the area." He said that the area they are looking to serve involves the Evansburg detachment, which includes the "very east end" of Yellowhead County.

"During our meeting, my concern was that if we were going to participate in the very east end, then we should participate throughout the entire County," Williams said. "When I brought that forward, they were not in favour of

expanding at this point."

Williams said that the committee's current goal is to get the PACT team for Drayton Valley and surrounding area up and running, and once that is in place "then they may look at expanding."

The PACT team is currently lobbying the provincial government to provide funding for them, as Brazeau County has already stated they will not contribute funds to the team.

Williams suggested that Yellowhead County "take the back seat on this for right now" and allow the PACT team to get set up in the Drayton Valley area. "If they are open to expansion in the future, then we would take another look at that time," he said.

Lemieux agreed, noting that she suggested to the PACT team that Yellowhead County be removed as "members" of the PACT, and instead could attend the meetings as guests with no voting rights. She also said she would be comfortable with the County not attending at all.

Lemieux also voiced the concern that, if the PACT can't get the money that they need from the province, they were considering looking at a "taxpayer model" for funding. "I just don't think that we should sit on this committee without having clarity as to what this funding model may look like," she said.

Councillor Anthony Giezen said he would support being a guest at the meeting, noting the importance of mental health. "I think we have to

explore all options to support our residents in this state that we're in," he said. "If we're not there at the table to see what's going on, how do we then translate that into supporting our residents? This is part of our residents, Evansburg, east end of the County. So being a guest, I don't think would hurt."

Councillor Penny Lowe also spoke in support of continuing to attend the committee as guests.

Councillor David Russell said he supported Williams' and Lemieux's position on the matter. "Mental health services are sadly lacking in Yellowhead County and in a lot of rural places in Alberta," he said, adding that he felt something like a PACT team was a "convoluted way to try and meet the mental health needs of Yellowhead County residents."

"I wish our province and federal governments would step up to the plate and provide proper mental health care for all of our residents, throughout all of Alberta and all of Canada for that matter," Russell said. "I wish we could do something better."

Williams said he was in support of attending the meetings "as a spectator" to "stay in the loop with it." "If they do get it off the ground and it starts to work and is working fine, we need to know that so that we can expand it across the County," he said.

Council voted to accept the information as presented from Mayor Williams and Councillor Lemieux, and that Mayor Williams be appointed to sit as a guest on the PACT committee.

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# Local business offers "exotic" snacks and treats

by Shaylyn Thornton

Even something as simple as a snack can bring back that warm, fuzzy feeling of nostalgia that people love. One local business owner is helping to bring that positive energy to the community.

Breanna Lennox opened Edson's Exotic Snack Boutique in April of 2021. The business operated out of her garage at first, but soon moved to a storefront in July of 2021.

The shop is operated by Breanna, her boyfriend, and her younger brother. They sell snacks, candy, chocolate, pop, cereals, spreads, and other products that you can't normally get in Canada.

Breanna said that she had shopped at a store in Edmonton that sold similar goodies, but they wouldn't ship or deliver their products to other areas. "That's when we decided to bring something new to Edson, that everyone can enjoy, ranging from little kids to seniors," she said.

Breanna sources her products from wherever she can, including the United States, Europe, Asia, and more. Items that the Boutique has brought in include Dunkaroos, Chubby soda, Cow Tales, and many variations on popular items.

Exactly what they have in store is constantly changing, so it's always worth stopping by to check out their stock.

Breanna said that one of their most popular items have been their varieties of pop, such as Vanilla Coke, Black Cherry Pepsi, Gingerbread Snap'd Mountain Dew, and more. At one point, the store boasted over 55 different types of pop and drinks.

Breanna also offers the ability for customers to make requests of items they'd like to see brought in, and if she can find it, she'll get it.

One request that has been difficult to source so far has been Mojos.

"They are requested at least 2 or 3 times a month," said Breanna.

"But unfortunately we haven't found any distributors with them."

The store has received very positive feedback thus far, even though prices may seem a little high at first due to the high cost of bringing items in. "It can be very pricy to import, but 90% of the products we sell are cheaper than the retailers sell it in Edmonton," she said.

Breanna spoke about the support her business has received thus far.

"The most surprising thing about opening a new business in Edson so far has been how much support we have gotten from the community to help us thrive," she said, adding that getting word out about their shop has been their biggest challenge thus far. "A lot of people still don't know that we exist and we want to share this experience with everyone!"

As her business and customer base grows, Breanna spoke about what she hopes to accomplish in the future. "Our goal moving forward is to continue to satisfy our customers with new and exciting products and to continue to see everyone happy to try new stuff!" she said. "It brings us great joy to see and hear people express that they had this product or that product when they were younger and haven't found it since, and it's just a great feeling honestly."

So if you're looking for a bit of nostalgia or to try something new, stop by Edson's Exotic Snack Boutique at 4934 5th Avenue (across from CIBC). For those looking for something in particular, snack requests can be made through their social media page or in store.



Breanna Lennox, Owner of Edson's Exotic Snack Boutique, stands in front of her storefront located at 4934 5th Avenue in Edson. photo submitted

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If approved, Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 will be amended to clarify requirements for excavation, stripping or grading activities within Town.

To view details of the bylaw, please see:

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Submissions must be received by the Town prior to the Zoom Public Hearing for Councils consideration.

Any person, group, or person acting on behalf of anyone who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw, may make representation during a Public Hearing through Zoom online. Oral presentations are subject to a five (5) minute time limit and must be sent ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Zoom Public Hearing.

**Registration will remain open until the beginning of the Public Hearing on January 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Register here:**

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Personal information contained in submissions are collected under the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act). This meeting will be recorded and shared.



## Snow Removal Update



Snow removal crews continue to work on residential street clearing. Staff have been working overtime since before Christmas and contractors have also been engaged to assist in the process. Staff is also being borrowed from other operational areas to build up capacity. With this extra manpower, a second shift has been added to help the process move along.

Normal 'snow-on-ground' levels for January range from approximately 22-25cm. So far this January, the 'snow-on-ground' levels have ranged from 50-60cm. The sheer volume of snow, combined with the type of snow it's been, extreme shifts in temperatures, and equipment breakdowns has led to delays and understandable frustrations. We have heard these concerns and are working to mitigate them as best we can, with the staffing levels and equipment we have on hand.

With contractor assistance, the operations team also began clearing problem areas for both residential and commercial alleys last week. This is outside of our normal workflow, but crews hope to be able to assist in that area as long as resources are available.

While we understand the frustrations, this has been an abnormal winter for snow and temperature shifts, and we appreciate your patience while crews continue to work through the snow removal process. We aim to keep everyone apprised of snow removal operations as they happen. For more information on snow removal, please visit our website at

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## Think you're entitled to your day in court? - think again...

You would no longer have the right to a trial if you dispute a traffic ticket, according to



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the UCP government's Bill 21, the "Justice Transformation Initiative".

February 1, 2022 is when Phase 2 of the bill was supposed to kick in. Phase 1 introduced some much-needed tougher penalties for driving under the influence.

According to our research, Alberta would be the only province in Canada to eliminate the option of a court trial to dispute a traffic ticket. In fact, ticket fines would be re-branded as a "notice of administrative penalty".

Never heard of Bill 21? That's not surprising as the provincial government has kept it pretty quiet and has not publicized the changes. The bill actually received royal assent in July of 2020 during the frantic beginning of the pandemic. The government's previous news releases on Bill 21 only succeeded in confusing and blurring information regarding the judicial changes for common traffic infractions like speeding and distracted driving, with the much-needed strengthening of DUI penalties.

Critics of the bill say that it ignores due process and deters citizens from fighting what they consider unfair fines.

There would no longer be an option for a court date to fight your ticket. There would be no cross-examination. There would be no opportunity to face your accuser, and no witnesses could be called. This would also wipe-out the traffic ticket assistance companies that aided in getting penalties reduced.

In essence, you would be presumed guilty and must prove your innocence by paying a government fee to have an online government 'adjudicator' review your ticket—not the separate court system; not a judge. The "burden of proof", according to Bill 21, is on you.

Bill 21 also states, "In conducting a review, the adjudicator is not bound by the rules respecting evidence applicable to judicial proceedings."

You would have only one week to review your ticket through the online 'adjudicator' process. The cost of the review is a non-refundable fee of up to \$150 depending on the amount of the fine. "The filing of a request for review of a notice of

administrative penalty does not stay the administrative penalty," states the

bill. In other words, you pay the fine upfront.

There will apparently be no option to reduce the fine or length of suspension. Tickets would only be rescinded or upheld. Incidents serious enough to involve bodily injury or death would get a court date. A narrow scope for judicial review of an adjudicator's decision could only be done through the Court of Queen's Bench, likely costing \$1000's.

Phase 3 of Bill 21 will go even farther and potentially apply the same online 'adjudicator' process to all provincial fines.

The provincial government states, "By removing these matters from the court system, we will save thousands of hours of police and court time per year, ensuring Alberta's prosecutors and courts are able focus on the most serious justice matters and more police are patrolling the streets."

The government's plan is to free up police and court resources by quickly moving two million traffic tickets through the system each year. Of those, approximately 60,000 traffic ticket challenges receive a court date.

However, freeing up the backlogged system on the backs of Albertans' right to a fair trial does nothing to serve justice or democracy. It is simply taking away your rights, that the government apparently deems less important.

Fortunately, for now, the province has decided to pause the rollout of Phase 2, stating in a release, "We have clearly heard from Albertans who shared their thoughts with us on traffic safety in this province. That is why we are pausing the rollout of Phase 2. We will take the next 90 to 120 days to ensure that we communicate and consult with Albertans and that they are educated on the changes proposed in Phase 2. We will listen to what Albertans have to say and we will share the benefits of these changes with them."

It is bewildering why this government has chosen this potentially unconstitutional course, as there must be a myriad of other ways to free up these resources. It is simply unpalatable to remove an Albertan's right to their day in court. But at least for now, you can have your say.

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## Local reader offers feedback on column "Journalism matters"

I read with interest your editorial comment of the January 17, 2022 edition of the Anchor [by Dana McArthur].

I appreciate what you do and am very happy that the Anchor provides a voice in rural Alberta.

The editorial comment was an important message for Albertans to hear. Too quickly we lose what we take for granted and underappreciated.

Continue the great work you and your staff does. Thank you for being here.

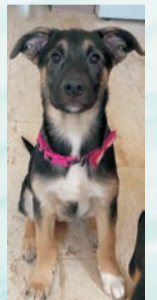
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# Local blood donations help save lives

On January 24, donors in the Edson area were able to contribute to the cause at a temporary local blood donation clinic held at the Edson Legion.

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Every 60 seconds, someone in Canada needs blood. One blood donation equals one unit of blood, however it can take many units of blood to save a patient. The supply of blood and blood products in Canadian hospitals depends entirely on voluntary donations made by healthy people.

"The blood you give will be used within days to help someone," said Deb Steele-Kretschmer, Communications Specialist. "Any patient who needs blood in Canada will receive as many units as required, in most cases to help save their life."

It is also incredibly important to have new blood donations consistently, as components have an expiration date. "Platelets are a vital blood component with a shelf-life of only seven days. New blood donations are needed to ensure platelets are available," explained Steele-Kretschmer.

The need for blood is constant, and some patients in Canada have conditions that require regular blood transfusions, such as patients with cancer or blood disorders. Often, multiple donors are contributing to improving and saving these patient's lives.

As an example, it can take up to 8 donors a week to help someone with leukemia, up to 5 donors to save someone undergoing heart surgery, and up to 50 donors to help someone who's been in a serious car crash.

"More regular donors are needed to maintain a strong national inven-

tory of blood products to meet patients' needs," said Steele-Kretschmer.

In Canada, approximately 1 in 2 people are eligible to give blood, however last year only 1 in 60 eligible donors actually did. 1 in 2 Canadians will either need blood themselves, or will know someone who will need blood.

Over 100,000 new blood donors will be needed to give life, replace the aging donor base, and maintain the national blood supply in 2022. People can donate plasma every 7 days, platelets every 14 days, and whole blood can be donated by males every 56 days and by females every 84 days.

Thankfully, donor attendance hasn't significantly decreased throughout COVID, but Steele-Kretschmer



On January 24, donors in the Edson area were able to contribute to the cause at a temporary local blood donation clinic held at the Edson Legion. File photo submitted

noted that "donors impacted by the latest wave can't give if they are sick or required to isolate."

New donors and registrants are needed to ensure that Canadian patients can continue to receive lifesaving care. "Donating blood or plasma is a positive way to give back to the


community during the pandemic when it has been challenging to connect with others," said Steele-Kretschmer.

There are open appointment spots available at many donor centres and community events across the country, and often same-day appointments are available.

Appointments must be made at this time and walk-ins are not available.

If you're interested in donating and becoming a part of Canada's Lifeline, you can book now at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca), on the GiveBlood app, or call

1-888-2-DONATE. Canada's Lifeline is also urging eligible individuals between the ages of 17 and 35 to join Canadian Blood Services Stem Cell Registry online at [blood.ca/stemcells](http://blood.ca/stemcells).



**MAINTENANCE III**  
**JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN**  
**Competition #S2099**

Applications are invited for the position of Maintenance III - Journeyman Electrician for the Hinton Zone. Grande Yellowhead Public School Division offers competitive benefit and pension packages.

A copy of **competition number S2099** outlining the qualifications is available on the GYPSD website <https://www.gypsd.ca/working-at-gypsd> under "Support Staff".

This competition will remain open until a suitable candidate has been found.

*Grande Yellowhead Public School Division appreciates all interest in this position, however, only those short-listed for an interview will be contacted.*

## KID'S CORNER



Say hello to 5 year old Aleta Auriat who is in Kindergarten at MBE.

**Do you have any pets?** 2 dogs and a horse.

**If you could have any pet, what would it be?** A cat.

**Why?** I like petting their soft fur.

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### Predator Control Workshop

\$20 to register.  
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Livestock predation is an ongoing problem in Alberta. This one-day workshop helps livestock producers with training to help mitigate problems from predation.

Contact Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department at 780-325-3782 to register.



### Chickens 101 Online Webinar

Things you Probably Didn't Know about Chickens.  
Feb. 16 | 6:00pm-7:30pm

This is a free webinar, but registration is required. Please register before February 14 by calling 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782.

Are you considering raising chickens? Or do you currently raise chickens but have questions that Google just can't seem to give you a straight answer on? Join Dr. Frank Robinson, a Poultry Production Professor for the UofA, on February 16th from 6:00pm-7:30pm to get all your questions answered.

Dr. Robinson has 45 years of experience with general poultry husbandry, so he knows his facts about chickens! The presentation will go through some of the lesser known facts about chickens, and some tips for raising chickens in general, the second half will be a questions and answer period.

This workshop is intended for residents who own a small flock or for those that are thinking of raising chickens.

#### Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

| Permit No. | Location   | Proposal  | Date      |
|------------|--|---|-----------|
| D22-001    | Plan 9920920, Blk1, Lot 2 SW 29-53-16-W5 Edson Area          | Accessory Building with Lean To - Shop                              | Jan 11/22 |
| D22-002    | Plan 0324530, Blk 1, Lot 8 SW 32-51-24-W5 East River Road    | Home Business Medium - Discretionary Use - Variance for Parcel Size | Jan 18/22 |
| D22-003    | Plan 9724066, Blk 3, Lot 1 SE 24-53-17-W5 Mizera Subdivision | Staff Accommodation & Office - Discretionary Use                    | Jan 18/22 |
| D22-005    | Plan 1822119, Blk 1, Lot 9 NW 06-51-25-W5 Entrance Area      | Bed & Breakfast & Existing Addition to Log Cabin                    | Jan 24/22 |
| D22-007    | Plan 8122322, Blk 5, Lot 12 SE 08-53-19-W5 Millers Lake      | Accessory Building (Quonset)  | Jan 24/22 |
| D22-009    | Plan 7921360, Blk 2, Lot 13 SW 29-53-15-W5 Pinedale Estates  | Single Detached Dwelling  | Jan 26/22 |

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.

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## Psst...! Need a job this summer?

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## Seasonal Positions 2022

**Looking for a summer job starting May 2022? Look no further!**

**Yellowhead County is hiring for these positions:**

- Pool Manager
- Pool Coordinator
- Senior Lifeguard
- Junior Lifeguard
- Agricultural Labourer
- Parks Labourer
- Vegetation Management Technician
- Senior Weed Inspector
- Weed Inspector
- Youth Services Assistant
- Gravel Checker/Labourer

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Visit [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs) to see full position details and to apply. Postings close February 18, 4:30 PM.



Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

## WORLD SNOW DAY!

### 2022

Join us at Bear Lake Park for an afternoon of winter outdoor fun!

The skating loop will be open! Setzers Sleigh Rides! Camp-fires! Cross-country skis and snowshoes!

## February 6

1:00 - 3:00 PM

**FREE EVENT!**

## Alzheimer's Awareness Month

**Together we can raise awareness.** Alzheimer's Awareness Month may stop at the end of January, but the experiences of people who live with dementia do not. Take what you've learned during the month and continue to share it throughout the year.

By understanding what people living with dementia experience in their day-to-day-lives - their struggles, their successes and their hopes - together we can raise awareness of dementia.

## Caregiver Support Group

### \*In-Person Group Sessions

This is a valuable opportunity for caregivers to get together and talk about their caregiving journey in a safe and confidential environment. Caregivers can be caring for their parents, their spouses, an elderly friend, a family member or their children.

**Join us for these free in-person confidential group sessions:**

- February 15
- March 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21

Take this opportunity to learn from others who are experiencing the same challenges and stresses.

**Join us at the Yellowhead County Wildwood Office from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.**

Call the Yellowhead County Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 for details or email Karen at [kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)

## \*In-Person Group Sessions

# Alzheimer support group

Caregiving can be stressful and difficult—but you're not alone.

If you are a caregiver for someone who has Alzheimer's disease or dementia, this is a valuable opportunity to meet with others that are experiencing the same challenges and stresses as you.

For more info call **1-800-814-3935**. The group meets in a safe and confidential environment once a month

**February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15**

**Location:** Yellowhead County Wildwood Office

**Time:** 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
**Free, drop-in basis.**

## REGISTER YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR 2022 WITH YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

**Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2022.**

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

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

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

### Online Virtual Sessions

The death of a loved one is one of the most stressful experiences in life. Grief affects everyone in their own way. Connecting with others and sharing stories helps process the loss. Join us for:

- a friendly, safe space to share your loss
- connecting with others who are experiencing the same kind of loss
- developing friendships with people who understand what you are going through.

Please join us for online Zoom sessions from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on:

- September 28, 2021
- October 26, 2021
- November 23, 2021
- January 25, 2022
- February 22, 2022
- March 22, 2022
- April 26, 2022
- May 24, 2022
- June 28, 2022

Call the Yellowhead County Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 for details or email Karen at [kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)



# Province expected to lead the country in growth

Alberta is the place to be for people seeking opportunity and prosperity.

**West Yellowhead MLA**  
**Martin Long**



Jason Nixon has released a statement urging recreationalists to enjoy Alberta's

With companies making massive investments in tech, clean energy, manufacturing, oil and gas, and film and television, our province is once again expected to lead the country in growth in 2022.

The opportunities being created in our province have led to an increase in people moving to Alberta. U-Haul's annual growth index indicates Alberta saw more trucks arriving than leaving last year — experiencing the highest provincial growth in the country. The moving and storage giant also named Calgary the No. 5 growth city in all of Canada.

"There are initiatives in Alberta that are creating more job opportunities and attracting residents," said Naga Chennamsetty, U-Haul area district vice-president of Western Canada. Although Calgary secured top spot in terms of people moving to Alberta, U-Haul added that smaller municipalities like Red Deer and Lacombe, Medicine Hat and Redcliff as well as Airdrie are also attracting more residents. According to the Calgary Real Estate Board, Airdrie, Cochrane and Okotoks saw record sales this past year.

This isn't spontaneous growth either, this recovery has been purposefully built since the spring of 2019. From policies aimed at cutting corporate taxes and reducing red tape to actively seeking out major projects and investors to come to Alberta, our government has been laying the framework for this thriving economic situation since taking office.

Alberta's Recovery Plan is working. In 2022 we will continue to recover from the triple whammy or a global economic recession, a downturn in oil prices and the pandemic. The Alberta government is committed to continuing to bring back investment and create opportunities for new, emerging, and diverse business investment. We can see Canadians are voting with their feet and moving back to our province where there is a renewed hope for the future thanks to the return of the Alberta advantage. Alberta is back.

**Avalanche awareness**

It's that time of year when hikers and skiers can get out on the slopes and enjoy Alberta's beautiful mountains. Those who have been exploring our incredible landscape also need to be cautious of avalanches and other hazards. Minister of Environment and Parks

winter safely. He states, "Avalanche Awareness Days on Jan. 15 and 16 are a national celebration of our winter heritage. This is also an opportunity to enhance our understanding about our winter environment and raise awareness about backcountry safety. Avalanche Canada, in partnership with the federal government and other jurisdictions, agencies and organizations across Canada, offer a variety of services, such as daily avalanche forecasts, avalanche safety training and focused outreach programs and events that can teach everyone — regardless of knowledge or skill level — how to

stay safe in avalanche areas." You can find more information about avalanche safety and sign up for webinars at [www.avalanche.ca](http://www.avalanche.ca).

**Nominations open for Alberta's highest honour**

We are currently seeking nominations for up to 10 individuals who will receive the Alberta Order of Excellence. Albertans are encouraged to nominate remarkable citizens, leaders, and innovators for membership in the Order. Nominations are accepted year-round but must be received by Feb. 15 to be considered for investiture this year. Nominations not selected in 2022 will be considered for up to three years. Information about the Order, including nomination guidelines, nomination forms and biographies of previous inductees is available on the Alberta Order of Excellence website. I encourage everyone to think of the people in their lives who have made outstanding contributions to their communities, and to nominate them for this honour.

**Growing Alberta's tech sector**

Tech sector stakeholders continue to experience challenges in attracting and retaining workers with the training and skills needed to fulfill positions in Alberta. The Government of Alberta launched an accelerated immigration pathway for the tech sector under the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program Alberta Express Entry Stream in December 2021. Our government is attracting highly skilled tech professionals to Alberta to strengthen our workforce, support investment and diversify our economy. We need to support the growing momentum of Alberta's technology sector by helping to attract and develop a highly skilled workforce in Alberta.

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# STARS LOTTERY fundraiser critical to sustaining operations

(STARS) The past year has been one of the busiest on record for STARS as our crews worked on the frontlines of the pandemic caring for critically ill patients. The 29th edition of STARS LOTTERY, launching to the public today, helps make that possible while offering the chance to win 2,500 prizes, valued at more than \$4.8 million.

“From the beginning, STARS has been fueled by the community,” said STARS president and CEO, Andrea Robertson. “In Alberta, every year, STARS raises 80 per cent of the funding necessary to operate three bases in the province from the private sector equalling \$24 million. The lottery is a key component of this.”

In addition to supporting the health-care system under the weight of the pandemic, we continue to respond to other medical and trauma-related requests as we always have. “On top of pandemic calls, we are still caring for patients with traumatic injuries, drownings, motor vehicle incidents and other unfortunate events, in

addition to medical illnesses such as heart attacks and strokes,” said Dr. Jamin Mulvey, anesthesiologist, emergency room doctor and STARS medical director.

“Since 1985, our crews have provided critical care to thousands of critically ill and injured Albertans, and we get them to major trauma centres faster, increasing their chances of survival,” said Robertson. “When someone buys a STARS LOTTERY ticket, they help ensure STARS is available for the next patient who needs us.”

STARS LOTTERY 2022 features three grand prize dream homes: one each in Calgary, Edmonton, and Lethbridge. With our commitment to keeping everyone safe, the show homes will not be open to the public this year.

The early bird prize is a lakeside mountain retreat package including a luxury chalet in Invermere, BC, Jeep Gladiator Rubicon 4x4, outdoor recreational toys and \$50,000 cash. The popular LUCKY STARS 50/50 is back again.

Last year's payout was \$3.25 million, and this year it could be up to \$4.5 million.

New for the 2022 lottery is the Bon Voyage bonus prize – a \$100,000 travel voucher plus \$50,000 cash, OR \$125,000 cash.

## Edson RCMP charge male for damaging vehicle

(Edson RCMP) On Jan. 15, 2022, at approximately 10:20 p.m., Edson RCMP received a report of suspicious activities at a local business on 4th Avenue.

A male was reported to be attempting to break into a vehicle. Upon police arrival the male had opened the hood to the engine compartment of the vehicle. The male attempted to flee on foot but he was quickly apprehended, arrested and taken into custody. The 29 year old man of Yellowhead County was charged with the following:

- Mischief under \$5,000

-Resists/obstruct a peace officer

The person was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in the Edson Provincial court on February 15th, 2022

Edson RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for,

and where to patrol in the future. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com

*NOTE: A charge should not be considered as evidence of guilt. In Canada, all persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



## Know the risks involved in vaping

(AHS) What is a vape?

A vape is an electronic smoking device that contains a cartridge of liquid (e-juice) or other forms of nicotine (or cannabis) that are heated into a vapor and inhaled by the user.

Vaping is not harmless

Vaping can increase your exposure to harmful chemicals and lead to nicotine addiction. The short and long term health effects are unknown, but recent reports are showing significant respiratory and health effects such as lung failure, seizures and even death.

Although rare, some vaping devices may catch fire or explode, leading to burns or injuries.

What should parents look for?

Parents should pay attention to an unusual attachment to a USB stick, sharpie, pen, lipstick, key fob, etc. These items may be electronic cigarettes “disguised” as everyday items.

Talk to your teen about vaping Alberta Health Services recommends talking to your teen about electronic cigarettes (vape) early, even as young as age 10.

Discuss the facts about exposure and chemicals as well as nicotine addiction. Correct misconceptions in a calm manner and take time to listen.

Find out more by searching “electronic cigarettes” at [albertaquits.ca](http://albertaquits.ca)

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### Event Reminder

**February 2:**

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

West Fraser is a leading diversified forest products company, named for the eighth time as one of *Canada's Top 100 Employers* and one of *Canada's Best Employers for Recent Graduates*. Are you interested in working for a company that offers both a challenging work environment and a rewarding career path? Edson Forest Products is currently accepting applications for:

### Summer Student Employment

Days, Nights and Weekends May be Required

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>**

# The Weekly ANCHOR

# Comics & Fun

The Weekly Anchor offers this comic page to help cheer-up those winter Covid-blues, particularly for those under quarantine

## WOMBANIA™

by PETER MARINACCI



## SWAMP

by Gary Clark



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# WORD SEARCH FUN!

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# Winter fire burning tips for landowners

Caroline Charbonneau, Edson Forest Area Wildfire Information Officer

Industry and landowners often take advantage of the cooler weather to burn debris and brush on their land. However, under any 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 once completed. 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 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:

- Monitor wind and snow levels as they may change suddenly. Wind can pick up sparks or embers and start a wildfire if the conditions are right.

- Ensure you have sufficient firefighting equipment at the burn site.

- As with any burning, do not attempt to burn more than you can control.

- Actively manage burn projects to reduce 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.

- Please don't hesitate to consult with local municipalities, Alberta Transportation or Alberta Wildfire on how to mitigate impacts when undertaking larger winter burning projects near communities or roadways. You can also visit [alberta.ca](http://alberta.ca) for additional information.

- All burn piles must be fully extinguished before the start of wildfire season.

Fire permits are only required during wildfire season and therefore you are not currently required to contact Alberta Wildfire when burning, however we appreciate the information

in the event that flame or smoke is reported by the public.

To assist the Edson Forest Area, please report your winter burning by contacting the dispatch line directly (780) 723-8507 (leave a voice message) or by email at [wf.wfops-edsn@gov.ab.ca](mailto:wf.wfops-edsn@gov.ab.ca) with the following:

- name of landowner burning or company and representative name.
- phone number in case of emergency.
- legal land description or latitude/longitude.






Priority 1: Student Learning

## Westhaven's Literacy Project





## GNS: Good News Story

École Westhaven School in Edson holds fun literacy-themed events and activities to promote literacy throughout the year. Staff is creative with the various school-wide initiatives that engage students in the love of reading such as *Author of the Month*, *Story of the Week*, and *Exploring Genres*.

*Family Literacy Day* takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. In advance of *Family Literacy Day*, Westhaven staff have created a *Guess the Book Walk*.

Students travel around the school with their classroom cohort and hunt to locate seven wall displays featuring photos and quotes from children's books. They then try to match the quotes and photos with the correct book. *Guess the Book Walk* exposes students to books in both English and French that they may not know. The game also provides students with inspiration for a costume to wear on Family Literacy Day which has also been scheduled for students and staff to *Dress Like a Book Character!*

# Faith

## Rest for Your Soul



Pastor Bryan Walter

“Burnout” has become a popular term in our society.

My general understanding of it has always been a point at which overwhelming anxiety and exhaustion lead to a sudden collapse in one’s personal and/or work life.

For all of the convenience of technology and infrastructure as a time-saver in the modern world, we are busier

and more anxious than ever; and that can take a toll.

Burnout always comes from good intentions. We want to make the most of our lives, dream big and change our world; but no matter how many good opportunities and noble causes there may be before us, we are not infinite.

Thinking about these things as a new year begins, an image has come to my mind: am I a candle, or a lantern? A candle is formed out of a finite amount of fuel; when the wax burns too low, the wick drowns and the candle burns out.

A lantern is formed as a vessel to hold an external source of fuel, and with maintenance and care, it can be replenished to go on giving

light as often as it needs to.

So which one would I rather be? Will I do my best until I burn myself out? Or will I depend upon a source outside of myself, one that is bigger than myself, to fuel me?

It may not be your experience, but in my life, the reminder and goal this year is to know that I am not infinite, but God is. I can’t do this on my own strength, but I can draw on his.

In Jeremiah 6:16 we find an invitation: “This is what the Lord says: ‘Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’”

# Members of Alberta Municipalities explore the future of policing in Alberta

More than 400 local government officials, including mayors, councillors and chief administrative officers, participated in Alberta Municipalities' virtual summit January 19, on the future of policing in Alberta.

The two-hour event, hosted by Alberta Municipalities President Cathy Heron, presented association members with a summary of the key points made in the PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) report

commissioned by the Government of Alberta about the viability of creating a provincial police service. During the breakout session, members asked dozens of good questions about the accountability, funding, logistics, and operations of such an organization.

Indeed, the PwC viability report raises many unanswered questions, especially surrounding the funding and governance of a new police service. We hope the provincial government will answer these questions in the coming days and weeks.

We are concerned that the provincial government's policing review does not deal with the major drivers of crime in Alberta. Rather than spend an estimated \$360 million to transition from the RCMP to a new force, the Government of Alberta could choose to invest appropriately in the province's affordable housing, mental health and addictions, and justice systems.

Alberta Municipalities is supportive of both the National Police Federation's public consultation efforts and those of the Government of Alberta. These parallel public consultations should result in more information and greater transparency. They should also allow for a wider variety of viewpoints to be presented and considered. Many of our members plan to attend these sessions, listen, and ask questions.

We will continue advocating on behalf our 270+ member municipalities to the provincial government on this important issue. The topic will be among those addressed at our Municipal Leaders' Caucus in early March 2022.

## Call for Proposals for National Funders to Support Charities and Not-For-Profits

Gerald Soroka Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that Families, Children and Social Development Canada has launched a call for proposals to select national funders to distribute funding to help diverse charitable and not-for-profit organizations adapt and modernize toward supporting economic recovery in communities across Canada.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million that will help charities and not-for-profits to acquire the tools they need to modernize and adapt to the challenges the sector faces from the pandemic. The Government will select national funders based on their ability to achieve a wide distribution of funding across the charitable and not-for-profit sector, and to work collaboratively and efficiently to administer the Fund.

Specifically, national funders will:

**Gerald Soroka**  
MP Yellowhead



- reach out to diverse communities across Canada
- assess community-level needs
- distribute the funding

The Government is inviting three organizations who meet the criteria to submit a proposal: Community Foundations of Canada, the United Way Centraide Canada and the Canadian Red Cross. Other organizations can also enquire about the process for selecting national funders or for submitting a proposal.

Once selected, national funders will design their own application processes to select eligible recipients of the Community Services Recovery Fund's modernization and adaptation projects. The call for proposals to become a national funder is open until February 21, 2022.

Information can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/social-development-partnerships/community-services-fund.html>

### What's happening, when and where in the community

## Community Events

**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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**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 1- March 3:** Tai Chi Day time 1:30-2:30 Evening 5:00pm-6:00pm Register in person at the Leisure centre (formerly known as Repsol Place)

**February 1- March 3:** ZUMBA Daytime 9:00am-10:00am Evenings 7:00-8:00pm Register in person at the Leisure centre (formerly known as Repsol Place)

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**February 26:** Predator Control Workshop 9am-5pm at Peers Multiplex contact Yellowhead County Agricultural service department at 780-325-3782

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Participants will learn:

- How to create an unfriendly environment for large predators and an understanding of the

biology of wolves and coyotes.

- Capture methods, both lethal and live capture.
- Safe handling of equipment and legal requirements.
- The use of "properly made neck snares" and how to set them where legally permitted. Also, why many people have very poor success. What works and what doesn't, so that you're not wasting your time.
- Traps that are safe for pets where legal.
- A hands-on field portion is included in this workshop.
- A program set up by the Trappers association to link livestock producers with trappers that have been properly trained to deal with coyotes

and wolves.

The object of this program is not only to provide training, but also to get livestock producers working together with the Alberta Trappers Association to create a cooperative approach for predator control.

Contact Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 to register.



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