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# 12 Days of Elfness spread Random Acts of Kindness

by Jordan Rae

The Town of Edson Community Development Team spread some welcome and much needed holiday cheer around Edson with their 12 Days of

Elfness initiative between December 13 and 24. Organizers included Sarah McDonald, Alicja Broda, Diana Inscho, Krysta Hawboldt (as Elves) Tanya Byers (as Eddie the Squirrel), and the jolliest of

all, Santa himself! Krysta Hawboldt, Community Development Coordinator with the Town of Edson, explained how the initiative came to be. "Originally we ordered the elf suits for other Christmas events

in our community that we typically do, like the Skate with Santa or the Parade," she said. "When those got cancelled due to COVID restrictions, our boss

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12 Days of Elfness elf Krysta Hawboldt drops off some baked goods to the doorstep of Brian Shack to promote kindness and cheer this season. photo submitted

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# 12 Days of Elfness spread Random Acts of Kindness

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Tanya came up with the idea of doing some sort of 12 Days of Christmas event."

The idea evolved from there with their team dressing up as elves to spread kindness and encourage others to do the same this holiday season. The initiative involved 12 days of sharing ideas with the community on how they could help spread cheer and kindness, and had the elves, Santa, and Eddie the Squirrel assist in composing their messages.

12 random acts of kindness were captured in daily videos shared on social media and included a variety of ideas including: walking a dog for someone who was unable to, physical and mental self-care ventures like outdoor exercise, clearing the snow off a neighbour's car or sidewalk, cleaning trash away from the Edson trail system, and being kind to wildlife.

The initiative also encouraged positive community support, like donating blood, the creation and delivery of placemats and Christmas cards for seniors at Parkland Lodge, adopting a pet from EARS, and donating to the Kinette Christmas Hampers.

During the 12 days, Hawboldt said their project was well-received. "The community has said it really helps to bring a smile to their face. They looked forward to seeing the videos each day," she said.

Mayor Kevin Zahara also commented on the joy-spreading initiative. "Our Community Development staff have worked hard to provide safe and fun activities during this pandemic and this was another shining example," he said.

"Watching the videos brought a smile to my face

every single day, especially the video from Mary Bergeron School with the elves and Eddie with the kids at recess. It was an excellent way to brighten spirits and also encourage some COVID-safe activities in Edson," said Zahara. "Hats off to our team for their creative efforts and also to all Edsonites who have been trying to spread cheer in their own ways this past year."

## Alberta RCMP Police Dog Services had busy year responding to 2,800 calls



RCMP Police Dog Hulk poses for a winter close-up.

RCMP release: Alberta RCMP Police Dog Services (PDS) had a busy 2020. They responded to 2,800 calls for service and captured over 900 criminals. Of these 2,800 calls:

- Approximately 650 involved firearms or other weapons
- 570 involved violence-related offences
- 450 calls were for missing people
- Over 950 calls were for property crime related offences
- PDS deployed in a tracking profile over 700 times which resulted in 400 captures

The majority of 2020 was spent with Albertans experiencing some stage of lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite these unique circumstances, there was no shortage of work for our Police Dog Service teams. Part of why they are so busy is their key role in rural property crime initiatives. PDS teams are used in a primary role in locating and apprehending rural property crime suspects.

The Alberta RCMP PDS is comprised of 18 teams strategically placed throughout the

province. These teams are trained to track, as well as search for, suspects/missing persons, crime scene evidence, firearms, as well as controlled substances or explosives.


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# A different Christmas for area residents

by Jordan Rae

Pandemic restriction compliancy and trying to make the best of things was the theme for many this holiday season. The large family gatherings, restaurants packed with seasonal parties, and other typical holiday activities were unable to be enjoyed this year.

Instead, there were drive-by Christmas light viewings, 'closed for sit-down service' messages in all restaurant and bar windows, and plenty of vacant parking spots outside of neighbourhood homes.

This Christmas was undeniably different from every other the community has ever experienced; a test of resiliency and patience, at the very least.

Laura Proud had a quiet Christmas with her husband Tim, and their daughter Azalea. This isn't entirely unusual for them, she says, as their family is spread all over other provinces. What was unusual was that they didn't get to spend

time with friends, as they normally would have.

"Visiting with friends and having holiday cheer didn't really happen this year," said Proud. "Last Christmas we said that we wanted to go to Ontario for Christmas this year, but we knew early on that wasn't going to be a reality."

In previous years for any holiday, Tim and Laura typically welcome in friends who have not had family around to celebrate with, but this year they were unable to extend that hospitality. Though it was a quieter holiday, devoid of any sort of last-minute social gatherings, Proud says they were at least able to have some welcomed down-time.

"I felt it was a lot more relaxing over previous years; we didn't feel obligated to go anywhere to do anything," said Proud.

Proud's family managed to find ways to carry on some traditions. Proud's father-in-law read his annual "The Night Before Christmas" story to the grandkids on Christmas Eve via

video chat, which helped make it feel a little more like Christmas.

For Charlene Parker and her husband Randy, Christmastime would normally bring their kids and their partners home to Edson. "This is the first time in 27 years we have all been on our own at Christmas," said Parker. "We also normally get together with extended family who live in the Edson area and didn't do that this year either."

One Christmas tradition that the Parkers weren't able to do this year was participate in a travelling 'Christmas Joy Bus.' "We normally get together before Christmas with a group of friends in Central Alberta, and one of our friends has an old transit bus that they decorate for Christmas," explained Parker. "We then fill the bus with friends, and travel around the area singing Christmas carols for shut-ins, those alone at Christmas, and those who've had a tough year."

The Parkers also decided not to exchange presents this year, in hopes of being able to gather later in the new year when restrictions are, hopefully, eased. "We are hoping to have some sort of a Christmas re-do once we are allowed to have our kids at home again," said Parker. "Everyone that we know followed the lockdown orders and stayed alone over the holidays, so I just hope that the majority of people did that same thing so we can all get our lives back to normal."

For Jane Poulsen and her husband Niels, the season was quiet as well, with several holiday traditions put on hold, including their annual trip to see grandchild-

ren and their night of indoor song and celebration.

"We usually had a houseful of friends over for Christmas carols and merriment on or around Christmas Eve, in our decked-out basement with an organ player. Everyone had a song list of carols, and the music through our amazing sound system certainly got everyone in the festive spirit," explained Poulsen. "I would always cry because this was a tradition in my immediate family from many years ago."

Poulsen says she'd usually have done a good amount of baking, decorated up the inside of her home, made homemade eggnog, and lots of different fine snacks—but this year it just wasn't necessary.

Like many who usually attend Church for Christmas, Poulsen was unable to this year. "I always would attend Christmas Mass," she

said. "Again, not possible this year. That definitely was a huge void for me, spiritually."

Many would agree that this Christmas did lack the human connection and much of the traditions that shape the holiday season.

Overall, Poulsen says the season mostly lacked seeing the faces of friends and family, though she did find ways to stay in touch. "Just the old-fashioned phone calls and lots of texts and pictures from family and friends showing how they all celebrated," she said.

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Nadia was predeceased by her sister Rosemarie and parents Tom and Annie.

Nadia was born and raised in Edson until she left for Edmonton to follow her dreams of becoming a nurse. Her nursing career took her to many places: Wainwright, California, Yukon and Cold Lake. In Edmonton she spent 20 years as a Pediatric Instructor at the Misericordia and Royal Alexandra Hospitals. She also attended INC conventions in Japan and Mexico.

Nadia enjoyed her many pets and activities. The Skyline Hikers, SEESA, gardening, book club and she recently took up painting and coloring.

Cremation has taken place. Due to Covid restrictions there will be no funeral.

Please celebrate Nadia's memory in your own safe way. Light a candle, say a prayer, go for a hike, walk your dog, plant a garden or any other activity you enjoyed doing with her.

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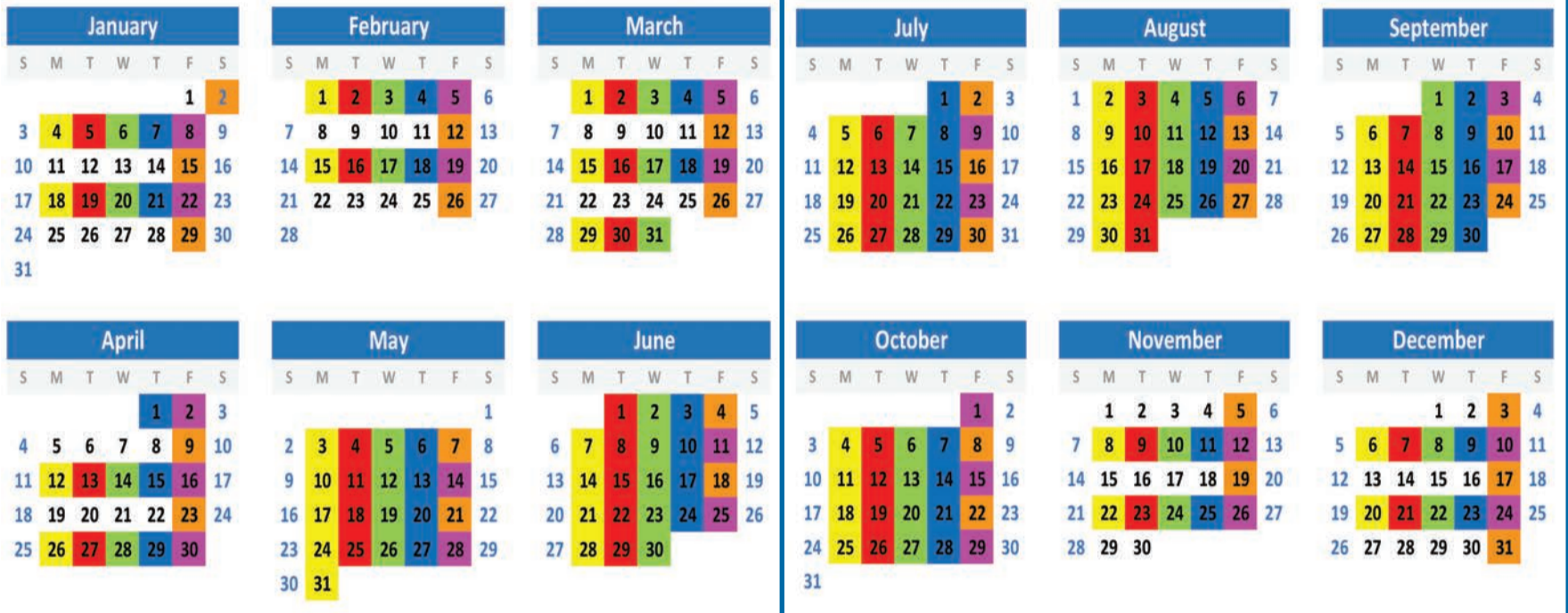
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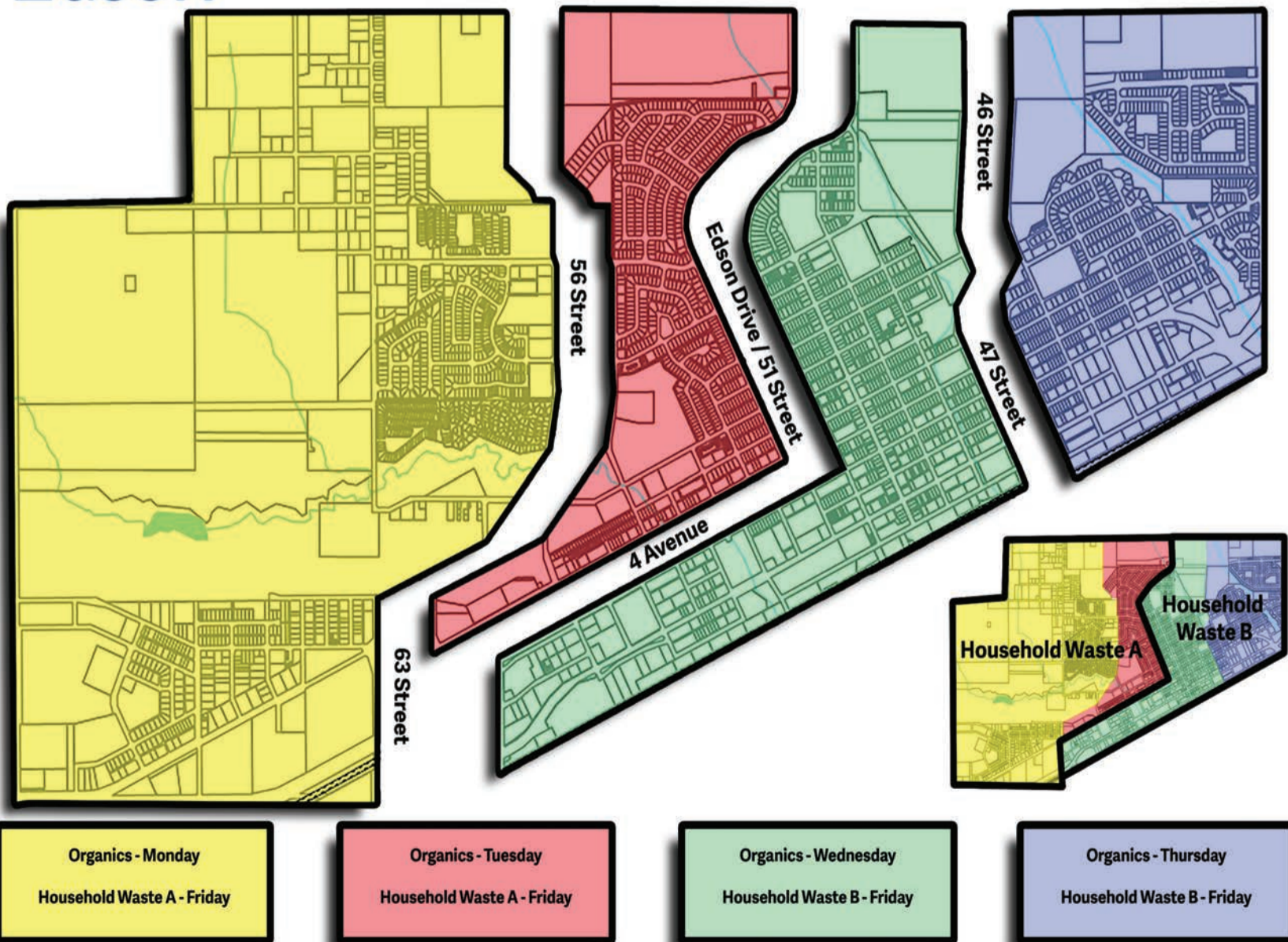
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- Thursday Organics
- Household Waste A
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Permit #	Address/Legal	Development Type	Use	Date Issued Online	Zoning
<u>Week 1</u>					
<u>Week 2</u>					
080-2020	4819 17 Ave/Plan 2071 AC, Block 5, Lot 22	Demolition Single Family Dwelling	Permitted	December 15, 2020	R-1B

Any person who deems to be affected by the issuance of any one of these permits may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Authority by **4:00 p.m., on the 21<sup>st</sup> day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website ([www.edson.ca/development](http://www.edson.ca/development))**. On Permitted Uses, grounds for appeal must relate only to interpretation, variance, or relaxation of Land Use Bylaw 2070. On Discretionary Uses, all aspects of the proposed development may be challenged upon appeal. Written notice of appeal, accompanied by the appeal fee as established by Town Council, must be filed through the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7.



## The Weekly ANCHOR

## Comment

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A federal government committee report titled "Reaching Canadians with Effective Government Advertising" took a look at the issue of how federal government advertising dollars are allocated.

The Committee agreed that communications and advertising activities are complementary. And noted that the government "should use a mix of both in order to effectively share information with Canadians". It observed "that there could be some misalignment between the government's digital-first strategy and the reality that many Canadians targeted by programs and services are best reached through more traditional media, including television, radio and Print Media."

This is the message that The Weekly Anchor, and the community newspaper industry in general, has been informing local business communities of for years. A good communications campaign uses all the different forms of media—not just reach those who happen to be exposed to social media (or are even regular users).

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Quotes in the report from industry representatives included, "The Government of Canada's advertising policy should reflect where Canadians look to find information about their community, and that newspapers, both print and digital, play a vital role in informing Canadians."

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by Dana McArthur  
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multi-platform, with three in 10 Canadians reading both print and digital

formats. Even 85% of millennials are reading newspapers, with phones, of course, being their preferred platform. This is why The Weekly Anchor has a truly multi-platform electronic newspaper available free on our website.

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It's proven that Canadians trust advertisements that appear in print newspapers and on news websites. A recent Reuters Institute Digital News Report noted that eight out of 10 Canadians still consider traditional media and their brands among the most trustworthy sources. Ads on social media, such as Facebook, and in search engines, such as Google, are among the least trusted.

Newspapers can also target businesses because 92% of business decision-makers read newspapers, 71% of them print versions.

Early 2020 saw the closing of the Edson Leader and the Hinton Parklander; now PostMedia's Whitecourt Star follows the Drayton Valley Western Review in closing their local office.

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Similar temporary flexibilities introduced for CSJ 2020 will be applied this year to help small businesses operate. These include:  
· a wage subsidy, so that private and public-sector employers can receive up to 75 percent of the provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage for each employee (not-for-profit organizations will

for employment to February 26, 2022; and

· allowing employers to hire staff on a part-time basis.

Employers interested in applying for CSJ 2021 funding are encouraged to prepare their applications in advance of next week's launch. Applicants who do not have an account on the secure Government Grants and Contributions Online Services portal are encouraged to create one prior to the launch of the application process. Registration is a one-time process that allows employers to submit their applications for CSJ funding and other funding opportunities offered through Employment and Social Development Canada.



# Reopening of outdoor rinks in Edson announced

Edson: December 29, 2020

With the lower local active COVID-19 case numbers announced by the Province recently, the Town of Edson announced they will be opening the local outdoor skating rinks (ODRs) for public use.

The Edson Emergency Coordination Centre feels the reduction in active cases makes this an appropriate time to re-open the facilities. The community rinks in Westhaven and Tiffin will be flooded and could be ready for skaters as early as Dec. 30. The Glenwood and Griffiths Park rinks still require some work due to the warm weather and lack of snow. It's hoped they can be opened the following week. The Town will have more details on their website, Facebook page and mobile

app as the ODRs open.

There are some new Provincial guidelines to keep in mind as you head out to enjoy the ice.

- 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.
- The Town asks for everyone to take note of the rule changes as they will

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As of December 28th, 2020, the

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# New Infrastructure Funding Announced for Edson



Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara and West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long pose for a photo to commemorate the new funding announcement from the province for Edson's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Release:

The Town of Edson is pleased to see some additional grant money from the Provincial Government to help offset costs associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Government of Alberta recently announced new infrastructure funding through the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP). The MSP is designed to help communities recover from the economic challenges posed by the pandemic and the downturn in energy prices. It also positions communities to support jobs and participate in future economic growth.

Under the stimulus program, the Town of Edson's Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Outfall Replacement was funded in the amount of \$1,000,165. This 40 year old piece of critical

infrastructure was severely damaged earlier in the year due to the movement of the bank of the McLeod River.

West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long says he is pleased that the Government of Alberta is able to provide funding. "The Province is aware that communities are facing financial hardships through this pandemic. We are working hard to ensure funds are provided to assist in projects that will ensure long-term sustainability and growth. This funding will go towards critical infrastructure in the Town of Edson to serve residents and job creators for decades to come."

In addition to this grant, Alberta Transportation is also providing the Town of Edson with an additional \$585,000 (50%) to cover their portion of changes to the design of the Wastewater

Treatment Plant Project. Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara says the funding is welcome news. "We thank Minister McIver for responding to our requests for additional funding and MLA Long for his tireless advocacy on the issue. Council and Administration is reviewing options to allocating

these dollars, including possible additional road rehab work in 2021". The Town of Edson 2021 Capital Budget includes over \$16 Million in projects addressing roads, water, waste water, storm water and recreation needs in the community.

## ~ Obituary ~

### Anne Labelle

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness, that we announce the passing of Anne Labelle. Born October 12, 1926 in Kurkijoki Finland, she passed peacefully on the evening of December 21, 2020 at the Edson Continuing Care Centre.

She will be remembered by her four children; Lise Carlson (Ken), David Labelle (Judy), Rachel Jaric and Rebekah Gullason (Dwayne)

Grandchildren; Nicole Dewhurst (Scott), Justin Franklin (Nicole), Seth Franklin (Margarita), Aileen Franklin, Kaylynn Hohensinn (Cheyenne), Christopher Labelle (Allie), Ryan Gullason (Courtney), Dylan Gullason (Lori-Lynn) and Natasha Lemieux (Gabriel).

Great-Grandchildren; Hannah, Bentley, Emma, Leyna, Jaxson, Valentina, Maverick and Amelia.

Anne was predeceased by her parents Onni and Elsa Valkeapaa, her devoted husband Glory Labelle and granddaughter, Michelle Carlson.

Anne immigrated to Canada in 1952, she was primarily a homemaker and will be known for her love, courage, generosity and wonderful sense of humour. Her boldness and zeal was demonstrated in her faith as a Jehovah's Witness. She had a real love for the bible and the hope it held for those who followed it's principles. She spoke to everyone she could about God's Kingdom and what it will mean for mankind. She firmly believed in the resurrection hope and that she will be warmly welcomed back into a paradise earth.

"Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out" - John 5:28,29

Cremation has taken place and a private grave site family service will take place at a later date.

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Let's remember the good in the world. Submit your comment and optional photos to the Blue Monday post on our Facebook page:

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We're also hosting a FREE Wellness Wednesday webinar meant to offer practical advice for managing your mental health during difficult times.

Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times

Presented by Jocelyne DeVille

(Addictions Counsellor at Alberta Health Services, Edson)

Date: January 20, 2021

Time: 1 - 3 PM

Registration required: Please call 780-325-3782 to register.

(ZOOM link will be provided during registration.)

APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit Number	Location	Proposal	Notice of Approval
D20-189	Plan 1524491, Blk 1, Lot 2 NE 07-54-14-W5 Peers Area	Single Detached Dwelling with 2 Covered Decks, Covered Veranda and Attached Garage	Dec 15/20
D20-190	Plan 8720640, Blk 7, Lot 2A SW 15-50-27-W5 Brule	Single Detached Dwelling (Modular) with Covered Veranda & Covered Deck	Dec 15/20
D20-192	Plan 2020181, Blk 1, Lot 2 NW 09-55-08-W5 Hwy 22 Area	Single Detached Dwelling	Dec 16/20
D20-193	Plan 9620100, Blk 1, Lot 3 SW 33-54-15-W5 Rosevear Ferry Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Dec 17/20

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yellowheadcounty.ab.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw.

The land use bylaw provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by filing a written notice of appeal, containing reasons, with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for Yellowhead County accompanied with payment of \$300.00 within Twenty One (21) days after notice of the approval is given. Any other questions or concerns please contact Yellowhead County Planning Service. 1-800-665-6030.

## WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?

### GOOD NEIGHBOUR Snow Shoveling Program

We're encouraging YOU to take some time this winter to help out a neighbour in your community. If you have any questions about this program, call us at 780-325-3782. OR GO TO WWW.YHCOUNTY.CA.

## THE GOOD STUFF 2020

2020 has been a challenging year for many of us, but now it's time to remember the good.

What's the best thing that happened to you or your family in 2020? Submit a short explanation to [jmateri@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca](mailto:jmateri@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca) with an optional picture or drawing by Friday, Jan. 8. Submissions can be named or anonymous. We'll then make a free keepsake book of submissions!

## Tax Recovery Auction Notice

The tax auction scheduled for November 26, 2020 has been postponed to:

**Monday January 18, 2021**  
10:00 AM at the Edson Administration Building:

YELLOWHEAD COUNTY  
2716 - 1st Avenue  
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Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Yellowhead County will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Yellowhead County office in Edson at 2716 - 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta, on Monday, January 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

Yellowhead County may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.

Terms and conditions of the sale will be announced at the sale or may be obtained from Yellowhead County.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Corporate & Planning Services



**Historical Feature**

# Joe Weiss



## a Mountain Man for the Ages

by Stuart Taylor

Joe Weiss was known for many things in Jasper, including being a pioneering mountain and ski guide who opened up skiing in the region..

Joe arrived in Canada from Switzerland in 1921 but his mountaineering days in Jasper began in the spring of 1926, when Lucerne had just been amalgamated into Jasper, and continued for 40 years.

He guided the area's first skiers into the region from Whistler Creek, personally discovered the Marmot Basin on one of his solitary excursions, and in the 1930's blazed the first trail into Marmot up a route today's road mostly follows.

He was a trailblazer in many ways. Back then, snowshoes were standard for winter travel and locals looked down on cross country, with its wide clunky wooden skis and big clumsy boots. But Joe was physically tough and his adventurous spirit carried the day, as well as inspiring many monumental trips.

On January 15, 1930 Joe and four others left Jasper during a frigid winter for a 200 mile, two-week ski trip to Banff that closely paralleled the Parkway route. It was minus 30 degrees when they arrived at Athabasca Falls and minus 50 when they passed Sunwapta Falls. Remember, these were not the days of synthetic fabrics, portable stoves and lightweight aluminum or fibreglass tent poles. On that trip Joe and his buddies usually camped under a tree and cut their own wood to cook a simple meal.

Joe was not easily discouraged. In 1932 he and the same four companions made the Jasper to Banff trip again following a different route. And Joe is also credited with the first winter(ski) ascent of Snowdome. Russell Bennett, who accompanied Joe and had skied in many parts of the world, felt that the nearly seven-mile continuous run from the top of Snow Dome to the foot of the Athabasca Glacier was the finest he had ever made.

Joe also promoted the Snowbowl just below Shovel Pass for winter skiing, along with the Jeffery brothers. Together with Curly Phillips they built the famous "Shangri La Cabin" that accommodated the tourists Weiss and the Jefferys guided in winter and summer, and that is still in use today.

How tough was Joe? On one of his early guided ski tours into Shangri La, before retiring from an exhausting day he learned that he had forgotten the eggs for the next morning's breakfast. While the other skiers slept, he spent the night making the 50-mile round trip into Jasper returning with the eggs just in time to cook breakfast for the awakening guests (probably scrambled eggs).

One of Joe's most bizarre adventures was as a guide of the Charles Bedaux expedition in the summer of 1938. This ill-fated circus travelled approximately 600 miles through the bush of northern Alberta and British Columbia.

It consisted of a convoy of 2 limousines, 5 Citroen half-tracks, 130 horses loaded with provisions, and over 100 people including a film crew and also the eccentric French millionaire Bedaux's wife and his mistress. The logistical difficulties of moving such a large entourage through the northern bush were far beyond what Bedaux expected. The swamps, mountains and rivers destroyed the vehicles one by one (other than those Bedaux himself destroyed on purpose as part of the film, which did survive), but Joe helped get the people out safely.

Joe was also involved in Canada's war effort. When the Lovett Scouts came from Scotland to Jasper in 1943 to 1944 to be trained in mountain warfare, he was one of the guides who helped train them, frequently in the Tonquin Valley, Columbia Icefields and Marmot Basin, using snowmobiles and snowcats to transport the Scouts.

After the war Joe opened a small photography shop in Jasper which he ran until the mid fifties. He was very proud of being a self-taught photographer, whose work was exhibited in Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto and internationally in the United States and Europe.

Joe's last mountain work was at the Pallisades fire look out on a high ridge near Pyramid Mountain. Many of us who visited in the early 1960s would have been served tea by Joe. And in recognition of his long and important life in Jasper National Park, the Churchill range's Weiss Mountain was named after him in 1972.

Joe spent his remaining years in Edmonton where he passed away in 1993. But his spirit lives on, an inspiration to Albertans in these trying times.

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# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION



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## Trans Mountain Enacts Voluntary Project-wide Safety Stand Down

Trans Mountain enacted a voluntary Project-wide safety stand down that saw all Project construction temporarily suspended effective December 18, 2020, to January 4, 2021.

An employee of a contractor working on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project at the Burnaby Terminal was seriously injured in an incident December 15. The individual was taken to hospital and remained in stable condition. In October Trans Mountain reported that an employee of one of its contractors, SA Energy, was fatally injured as a result of an incident.

"Our top priorities remain the safety of our workers and maintaining a safe work environment as we continue to work towards the successful completion of this critical Canadian Project. Over the past two months, we have seen safety incidents at our worksites that are unacceptable to Trans Mountain. This is inconsistent with Trans Mountain's proud safety culture," said Ian Anderson, President and CEO of Trans Mountain.

"Trans Mountain is proactively taking the step to temporarily stand down construction on the Expansion Project to review, reset and refocus our efforts, and those of our contractors and their workers. We are committed to a strong culture of safety above all else and insist that our Project contractors and subcontractors are equally committed. The critical success of any organization is its ability to self-reflect – to honestly and courageously ask the question, 'where can we improve?'. This is non-negotiable, we must improve the safety culture and performance on our Project," they stated in a release.

The safety stand down provided an opportunity for Trans Mountain to engage with its contractors, their staff and Trans Mountain's employees. Trans Mountain stated they



Trans Mountain terminal construction taking place in Burnaby, British Columbia in late November.

remain diligently focused on the safety of our people and our contractors. "We will dedicate this time to ensure all safety management systems are in place, including COVID-19 protocols, to ensure everyone returns to work safely."

"Throughout 2020, the Trans Mountain Expansion Project teams have successfully worked in multiple construction areas across Alberta and British Columbia, completing approximately 20 per cent of the Project. Next year, 2021, will see peak construction for the Project, with thousands of people working in hundreds of sites across Alberta and British Columbia. It is during this time when one of the greatest risks to the Project becomes worker safety."

"Trans Mountain is committed to ensuring the safe, timely and efficient completion of this Project," the release concluded.

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## ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

### Excerpts from the federal government's Healthy Environment and Healthy Economy plan

#### The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers currently analyzing announcement in detail

##### Backgrounder:

The plan includes 64 new measures and \$15 billion in investments in addition to the Canada Infrastructure Bank's \$6 billion for clean infrastructure announced this fall as part of its growth plan.

##### Making Clean, Affordable Transportation and Power Available in Every Canadian Community

The government will expand the supply of clean electricity through investments in renewable and next-generation clean energy and technology, and encourage cleaner modes of transportation, such as low and zero-emission vehicles, transit and active transportation. This will make communities healthier, less congested and more vibrant.

##### To ensure Canadians have access to cleaner, more affordable transportation options, the government will:

Invest an additional \$287 million over two years to continue the Incentives for Zero-Emission Vehicles (iZEV) program until March 2022. The program provides a rebate of up to \$5000 on a light-duty zero-emission vehicle.

Invest an additional \$150 million over three years in charging and refueling stations across Canada, as announced in the 2020 Fall Economic Statement.

Include the 100-percent tax write off for commercial light-duty, medium- and heavy-duty ZEVs.

Implement Canada's Off-road Compression-Ignition (Mobile and Stationary) and Large Spark-Ignition Engine Emission Regulations to make new equipment and machines used by Canadians less polluting and more fuel-efficient.

Further improve the efficiency of heavy-duty vehicles standards for post-2025 by aligning with the most stringent standards in North America—whether at the United States federal or state level.

##### And to make clean, affordable electricity options more available, the government will:

Invest an additional \$964 million over four years to advance smart renewable energy and grid modernization projects.

Invest an additional \$300 million over five years to advance the government's commitment to ensure rural, remote and Indigenous communities that currently rely on diesel have the opportunity to be powered by clean, reliable energy by 2030.

Work with provinces and territories to connect parts of Canada that have abundant clean hydroelectricity with parts that are currently more dependent on fossil fuels for electricity generation.

Work with provinces, utilities and other partners to ensure that Canada's electricity generation achieves net-zero emissions before 2050.

##### Continuing to Ensure Pollution Isn't Free and Households Get More Money Back

Canada has proven that putting a price on carbon pollution and returning the proceeds back to households can meet our economic needs and our environmental goals at the same time. We cannot grow the economy we all want and need if it's free to pollute. Moving forward, the government proposes to:

Continue to put a price on pollution through to 2030, rising at \$15 per tonne after 2022, while returning the proceeds back to households such that the majority receive more money back than they pay in provinces where the federal system applies.

Move from carbon pollution pricing rebate payments being distributed on an annual basis to quarterly, starting as early as 2022.

Review the standards used to assess provincial systems, also known as the federal "benchmark criteria", and engage with provinces and territories as well as with Indigenous Peoples on these proposals over the coming months.

In the context of the continued increase to the carbon price, the scope of the Clean Fuel Standard has been narrowed to cover only liquid fossil fuels. This is a progression in the design of the Clean Fuel Standard from its initial discussion in 2016, when it was proposed that the new measure would cover liquid, gaseous and solid fuels.

##### Building Canada's Clean Industrial Advantage

In the years ahead, Canada's industrial advantage and the jobs that will come from it will depend on the speed and success of decarbonisation efforts. In order to achieve the country's full potential, the government must assist Canadian companies as they seek to meet the demands of domestic and global consumers for low-carbon goods and services, and make investments that can drive Canada's low-carbon economy.

##### That is why the government will:

Launch a Net-Zero Challenge for large emitters to support Canadian industries in developing and implementing plans to transition their facilities to net-zero emissions by 2050.

Make investments to support decarbonization and

drive the immediate creation of well-paying, resilient jobs, in complement to the Challenge. This would involve the Strategic Innovation Fund's Net-Zero Accelerator Fund, through an investment of \$3 billion over five years. The fund will rapidly expedite decarbonization projects with large emitters, scale-up clean technology and accelerate Canada's industrial transformation across all sectors.

Use proceeds collected from the Output-Based Pricing System (OBPS) for industry to further support industrial projects to cut emissions and use cleaner technologies and processes.

Invest \$1.5 billion in a Low-carbon and Zero-emissions Fuels Fund to increase the production and use of low-carbon fuels (e.g., hydrogen, biocrude, renewable natural gas and diesel, cellulosic ethanol) in a manner that complements federal carbon pollution pricing, regulatory efforts and other federal programming.

Introduce Canada's Hydrogen Strategy, which sets out a path for integrating low emitting hydrogen across the Canadian economy, before the end of the year.

##### The government will also:

Propose to strengthen Canada's approach to reducing methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by establishing new targets and associated regulations for 2030 and 2035, based on international best practices. The design of the amended federal regulations to achieve additional reductions in 2030 and 2035 will be determined through consultations with provinces, territories, the oil and gas industry and civil society.

Invest \$165.7 million over seven years to support the agriculture sector in developing transformative clean technologies and help farmers adopt commercially available clean technology.

Set a national emission reduction target of 30 percent below 2020 levels from fertilizers and work with fertilizer manufacturers, farmers, provinces and territories, to develop an approach to meet it.

Continue to support Sustainable Development Technology Canada with an additional \$750 million over five years. This would support startups and scale-up companies to enable pre-commercial clean technologies to successfully demonstrate feasibility as well as support early commercialization efforts.

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**A** Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

## Province rescinds Coal Development Policy

**Projects will continue to be considered through existing rigorous Alberta Energy Regulator review process**

The Alberta government is rescinding A Coal Development Policy for Alberta (Coal Policy), effective June 1, 2020.

The Coal Policy was originally published in 1976, before modern regulatory processes existed. The scope of the policy was wide-ranging and included, among other items, a land use classification system. The policy divided the province into four categories which dictated where and how coal leasing, exploration and development could occur. When these categories were created, land use

planning hadn't yet been completed, supporting infrastructure was lacking and there were environmental concerns that the existing regulatory processes weren't equipped to address.

With the various regulatory, policy and planning advancements over the past 45 years, the Coal Policy became obsolete.

Former category 1 lands will continue to be protected from coal leasing, exploration and development on public lands but will not infringe on private lands or freehold mineral rights. This will support critical watersheds, biodiversity (including numerous species at risk), as well as recreation and tourism activities along the eastern slopes of Alberta's Rocky Mountains. Leasing outside of these areas will be subject to the same land use planning and management rules that apply to all other resources and industrial uses.

All coal development projects will

continue to be considered through the existing rigorous Alberta Energy Regulator review process. This review is based on each project's merits, including its economic, social and environmental impacts.

The original intention of the Coal Policy was to ensure that there were appropriate regulatory and environmental protection measures in place before new coal projects were authorized—this objective is being met by today's modern regulatory, land use planning and leasing systems.



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As a family we have been living in Edson for about five months and we have enjoyed acclimating ourselves to the community and the area overall.

We like the small-town feel, we also have enough local amenities to get what we need. We also do like that we are close to the mountains, and Jasper is not that far away. We can still manage a day trip and

enjoy the beauty of the area.

Edmonton only being a couple hours away is also convenient when we want to go in and do some other activities. There are also many other qualities in the area that we enjoy.

In reflection of the place, we now call home I wanted to take this time to simply say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. To all the people who work hard at their jobs to help all of us, and people who make a difference by simply saying hello.

For those folks who grind each day to support their families and the community. To the faith community, for trying to serve in practical ways. For teachers and students who are trying to persevere under some difficult circumstances, including homeschoolers. Our town leaders, public workers, private business owners, hospitality services, first responders, doctors, nurses, volunteers, moms, dads, and kids alike. I know there are many more. You are making a difference, in the things you do that are seen, and the things you do in your work when no one else is watching. Keep up the great work, you are appreciated.

As we walk together and live in this area, let us take extra time to say thank you, well done, keep it up, you are amazing, keep going, because all of you and all of

Thank you...

us are essential. I commend all of you for your time and heart invested into the community.

My family and I look forward to what is ahead as a town and county as we continue to come together.

Thank you for making Edson and Yellowhead county a place we and many others call home, and we

say this with a grateful heart. May these words from the Bible encourage you today.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you peace. [Numbers 6:24-26](#)

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Now thru January 8:** The Good Stuff. Submit your entry telling Yellowhead County about the best thing that happened to you or your family in 2020 (Picture or drawing may be included if you wish). Send submission to [jmateri@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca](mailto:jmateri@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca). Submissions can be named or anonymous, and they'll all be included in a keepsake book of submissions.

**Now thru January 11:** Winter Bingo. The Galloway Station Museum and Travel Centre encourages you to explore Edson and area through their Edson Bingo: Winter Edition! It will take you on a special winter adventure through Edson and Yellowhead County, with stops at local businesses and plenty of opportunities to cross some winter activities off your bucket list! Every 'bingo' (five in a row) earns you an entry into their

prize draw, which will take place on January 11, 2021. For more info call the museum at 780-723-5696.

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

**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](http://edson.ca)

**January 20:** Transform You Stress: The Resilience Advantage Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times. Free Wellness Webinar. 1pm to 3pm. Presented by Jocelyne Deville, Adictions Councilor at AHS. Register by calling 780-325-3782.

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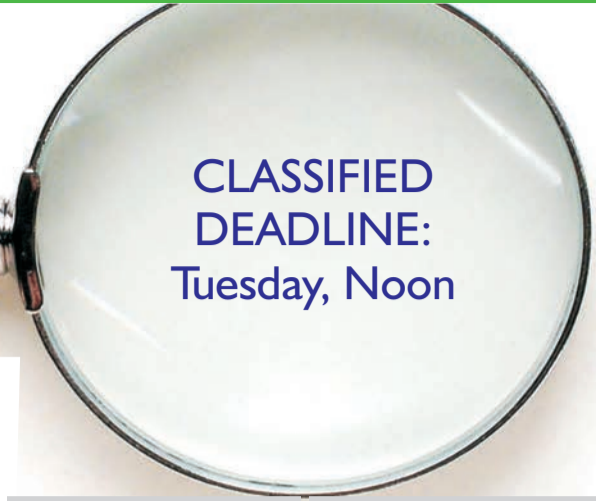
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# Farm & Field

## News and Views



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# Stepping up to help prairie farmers

**Op/Ed by:** Hon. Jim Carr, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South Center, and Prime Minister Trudeau's special representative to the Prairies

Farmers face many risks these days – the impacts of a global pandemic on the supply chain, the trend towards protectionism in trade, and the increasing frequency of extreme weather events, to name a few. Solutions on how to deal with those risks vary considerably, depending on who you ask.

As the Prime Minister's special representative to the Prairies, I know there is one solution that farmers overwhelmingly agree on: improving the Business Risk Management programs. These BRM programs are a farmer's financial safety net and, overall, they currently support Canadian farmers to the tune of about \$1.6 billion in an average year.

Agriculture is a shared jurisdiction in Canada.



Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and Hon. Jim Carr at a meeting with Prairie grain farmers in Saskatoon, SK. submitted

For the last 20 years, federal governments of all stripes have shared the cost of the BRM programs with provinces and territories, with the feds paying 60% and provinces paying 40%.

Foremost among these programs is the insurance-style program, AgriStability, which essentially gives payments to a farmer if their incomes drop significantly.

Since the program was cut by the Conservative government in 2013, it no longer pays out enough, or with enough predictability, for farmers to see it as worthwhile.

The fact that less than 30% of eligible farmers enroll for the program, clearly shows that immediate improvements are needed.

Last Friday, my colleague Marie-Claude Bibeau, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, shared our Government's proposal to make immediate improvements to the AgriStability program, so that it pays out 50% more to farmers.

This will be achieved by removing something called the "reference margin limit", which, as its name implies, limits the amount a farmer could be paid from AgriStability if they experience a significant decline.

Bill Campbell, president of the Manitoba

farmer group Keystone Agricultural Producers, calls the reference margin limit the "sticking point" that hampers farmers when they do their annual paperwork and need the help of the program to stabilize their farms.

On top of removing the reference margin limit, our Government wants to increase the amount the programs pay out to farmers through its "compensation rate", raising it from 70% to 80%. This increase, which has been a key request from producer groups, will mean the support will go to the farmers who need it most.

Taken together, these changes should help reverse the trend of low farmer enrollment, and mean farmers might start to see the benefit of participating in this vital program once again.

I won't beat around the bush. These changes simply can't happen unless we can get the elected officials at the provincial level onboard with their fair 40% share.

Throughout COVID-19, farmers and everyone in the supply chain has stepped up to feed Canadians. It has been Team Canada effort. In order to make these changes that farmers have been calling for, let's bring that same spirit of cooperation and action to help our farmers better manage the risks they face.

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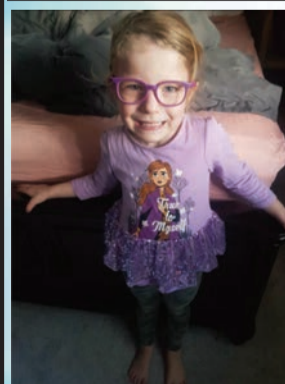
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