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**Wildfires reach the townsite of Jasper**

by Dana McArthur

July 25, 2024: Despite wildfire crews' best efforts, at approximately 6:40pm Wednesday evening, portions

of the South Fire reached the Jasper townsite after being driven by strong winds gusting from the south and southeast. The air quality had deteriorated to the point that

wildland firefighters and others without self-contained breathing apparatuses needed to evacuate to Hinton. Multiple structure fires have been reported including homes

and businesses and confirmed reports that Maligne Lodge was destroyed by fire as well as unknown damage to Jasper Park Lodge.

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Airtankers lined up at the Edson Airport headed to the Jasper wildfires on July 23. Although these planes have been the mainstay in Alberta's aerial firefighting fleet for years they were of limited aid due to dangerous flying conditions. After a record-breaking 2023 wildfire season, the province plans to upgrade the fleet. photo Deanna Mitchener

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# Wildfires reach the townsite of Jasper

*continued from front*

In an emotional speech at 11:30am on July 25, Premier Danielle Smith thanked responders for their bravery and dedication. "Alberta stands ready to assist in any way we can." Initial estimates of the structural damage to the townsite are 30 to 50 percent.

Jasper Mayor Richard Ireland stated, "The news this evening [July 24] that the fire has entered our town has rocked us all. The pain and heartache that you feel is shared by each one of us."

Structural firefighters remained in town and are working to save as many structures as possible and protect critical infrastructure including the wastewater treatment plant, communications facilities, the Trans Mountain Pipeline, and others.

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara stated, "Edson stands in solidarity with Jasper and will do whatever we can to help and support your community in the days, weeks and months ahead. We are all heartbroken by this loss."

An evacuation order was issued for Jasper National Park and the Town of Jasper which took place between 10pm on July 22 and 3am on July 23. Residents of Jasper and visitors to the national park were forced to evacuate after a wildfire spread into the area late Monday night.

Fires threatening from the northeast cut off highway access east to Edmonton. Another fire travelling up from the south forced the closure of the Icefields Parkway.

Evacuees were told to head west on Highway 16 towards British Columbia with little notice over dark mountain roads amidst soot and ash. Travelers heading to Jasper National Park were directed to travel back the way they came.

The Town of Valemount, with limited services, offered to accommodate evacuees at the community hall, but it quickly filled up. Prince George opened an evacuation center for evacuees at their CN

Center.

Emergency Info BC advised evacuees travelling from the Municipality of Jasper and Jasper National Park to continue on Highway 16 through B.C. (after resting) and select a route back to Alberta to designated reception centres opening in Grande Prairie and Calgary.

The fire is in Parks Canada's jurisdiction, however, Alberta Wildfire said it has been asked to help and on Monday night was currently responding with ground and air resources. Other agencies are supporting wildfire suppression efforts and evacuation support.

The federal government stated their priority is to protect the town and community of Jasper, limiting wildfire growth towards the town, Highway 16, and critical infrastructure. Jasper National Park and the Town of Jasper have mobilized all available resources, with federal, provincial, and municipal agencies all dedicated to supporting firefighting and protecting the town.

Structural protection crews and specialists installed structure protection sprinklers and hose lines throughout the community. Another high-volume system was being established at the southwest perimeter of the town.

The wildfire danger in the Edson Forest Area is extreme. This means that forest fuels are extremely dry and pose a very serious fire risk. Fast-spreading, high-intensity fires are likely, which may be very difficult to control.

The smoke settling over Yellowhead County, Hinton, and Edson is not produced by a wildfire in our forest area. Smoke columns from the wildfires in Jasper may be visible from some regions in Yellowhead County.

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara stated on July 23, "As we know all too well, wildfire situations can escalate quickly and that's why we always have to be prepared. The Town of Edson has been in regular contact with our colleagues in Jasper since the start of the emergency and have offered whatever support we can. As the evacuation route was west

instead of east, we have not had to open a reception centre, but we are fully prepared to if required."

"Moving Edson provided busses to support evacuation efforts last night. Other resources have been offered and will be deployed upon request. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Jasper as they deal with this difficult situation. This situation is a reminder to be prepared for an emergency at all times with a 72 hour emergency kit and plans in case a situation arises," Zahara added.

On July 23, Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams stated, "I just want to let the folks in the Jasper area know that our thoughts and prayers are with them as they are experiencing fire very close to Jasper and evacuations are in progress. I would just like to mention to the residents of Yellowhead County, we are in an extreme fire hazard situation. My advice is, it doesn't matter where you live in this county, have an evacuation plan ready, have your belongings packed up and ready to go so that you can escape within a few minutes."

In a public statement, NDP Emergency Preparedness and Climate Change Resilience critic, Richard Cannings, said, "New Democrats, local firefighters, and 75 per cent of Canadians have been urging the Liberals to create a National Wildfire Fighting Force so that Canada has the resources it needs to support people. We need to extinguish wildfires as quickly as possible, before they grow into monstrous blazes that destroy communities."

A fire ban is in effect as of July 10 in the entire Forest Protection Area of Alberta, including the Edson Forest Area, due to hot and dry conditions.

Check Alberta 511 on their website or download the app for road conditions and closures. Additional information is available on the Jasper National Park social media page and Municipality of Jasper page.

(story last updated July 25 at noon)

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Smoke filled the air as Jasper residents and visitors were told to evacuate the park on July 22, due to the threat from nearby wildfires.

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# Splashes and fun at County's Bear Chase Triathlon

by Niki Luymes

The sun was bright and the day was perfect for Yellowhead County's Bear Chase Triathlon on July 18. Families flocked to Bear Lake Park to watch and cheer on their young racers.

This year there were heats for kids ages 6 all the way to ages 13. The first of the races began at 5:30pm, signaling the start to an evening of fun.

The race course began in the lake and then a bike loop around the campground. It ends with a final sprint to the finish. The length of the races changed to fit the age group running. The longest race was 3.36kms —60m in the water, 2km on bike, and 1300m running. The shortest distance was 915 meters for the youngest kids —15min in the water, 600m biking, and 300m running.

The race did require pre-registration and those who registered early received a t-shirt. This year over 90 kids signed up for the race. Racers were broken up into different heats organized by age. Some heats ended up being combined near the end of the day in order to avoid an oncoming thunderstorm.

All races were completed around 6:30 pm. Upon completion each racer received a

medal to commemorate their achievement.

"The goal of the event is actually a few things," said Stefan Felsing, Communications Coordinator with Yellowhead County. "Its to bring the community together for a family friendly event, and it's a great event to get people outside and exercising. It also showcases one of our really nice Yellowhead County campgrounds."

There was a free BBQ for all in attendance. Trail Tire was running the BBQ and handing out burgers, chips, and lots of water. After the races were finished the County set up a jumpy castle for more fun. Kids and families could also enjoy the park amenities such as the lake and playground.

This is the eighth year that the Bear Chase Triathlon has run. Every year the county continues to improve the process and make it more fun for the kids and families involved. This year they moved the older racers a little further into the lake to give them a bit more of a challenge.

"It's turned into quite a tradition for some the families, and with new families coming in, it's quite fun," added Felsing. "It was definitely a successful event and we're looking forward to next



The Bear Chase Triathlon starts off with a dash through the water. The first heat of ages 5 and under started off their mad race to the finish. photo Niki Luymes.



Racers head for their bikes as part of the Bear Chase Triathlon on July 18. photo Niki Luymes



The beach at Bear Lake Park was full of racers and onlookers on July 18, for the annual Bear Chase Triathlon. Over 90 kids were registered for this year's race. photo Niki Luymes

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On July 15, a group of youth and Elders from the Edson Friendship Centre took part in a journey to Jasper. The day started with transportation from Edson to Jasper by Sundog Transportation and Tours. They spent the morning at the Palisades. Then there was a quick stop in the Jasper townsite for goodies and ice cream while waiting to catch the Via Rail Train ride back to Edson. It was a fantastic trip making some unforgettable memories. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener

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## Town of Edson Council highlights for July 16

**Emergency Management Advisory Committee.** Council heard an annual update presented by the Director of Emergency Management.

**Community Care Foundation of Edson and District.** Members of the Community Care Foundation of Edson and District presented information regarding the newly formed Physician Attraction, Retention, and Recruitment sub-committee. The presentation included a request for a Council or Administration representation on the committee and a funding request of \$10,000 to support their initiative.

**Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaw.** Council passed the first reading of Bylaw 2306. Bylaw 2306 amends the Town of Edson and Yellowhead County Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaw to reflect a revised Plan Area for the Bench Creek Area Structure Plan (ASP). The IDP provides a framework for the subdivision and development of single detached dwellings and is required by the Municipal Government Act (MGA). A Public Hearing has been set for Tuesday August 20, 2024, at 7:00pm, at the Edson Civic Centre.

**Municipal Development Plan Bylaw.** Council passed the first reading of Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 2307 which amends the Town of Edson's Municipal Development Plan Bylaw to reflect a revised Plan Area for the Bench Creek Area Structure Plan. A Public Hearing has been set for Tuesday August 20, 2024, at 7:00pm, at the Edson Civic Centre.

**Bench Creek Area Structure Plan Bylaw.** Council passed the first reading of Bench Creek Area Structure Plan Bylaw 2309. An Area Structure Plan (ASP) provides direction for long-term land use and infrastructure planning of a defined area within a municipality. It is approved by a municipal council and is prepared in accordance with Section 633 of the MGA. A Public Hearing has been set for Tuesday August 20, 2024, at 7:00pm, at the Edson Civic Centre.

**Intermunicipal Subdivision Development Appeal Board Bylaw.** The Town of Edson has been invited to join the Town of Hinton to establish an Intermunicipal Subdivision Development Appeal Board (ISDAB). Council passed all three (3) readings of the Intermunicipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Bylaw No. 2305 and Amending Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2308. Council directed Administration to enter into the agreement with the Town of Hinton. To align with the Town of Hinton and ensure consistency across municipalities, Council approved adjusting the fee schedule for filing an appeal with the Town of Edson from \$200 to \$250.

**Meeting Procedures Bylaw.** Council has passed all three (3) readings of Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 2281. The re-write of the former Council Procedural Bylaw No. 2230 uses clear language and best practices to allow to accurate and precise meetings while streamlining processes.

**Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).** Council directed Administration to proceed with the Opt-Out Service Model with Circular Materials for residential recyclables, allowing Circular to manage the contracts and services required under EPR. This process will allow for Circular Materials to negotiate an agreement with Edson and District Recycling Society to provide depot recycling services for designated materials.

**Strategic Plan Progress and 2024-2025 Priorities.** Council approved the Strategic Plan Progress and 2024-2025 Priorities.

**Year-To-Date Budget vs Actual - Variance Analysis 2024.** Council accepted the June 30, 2024, quarterly variance analysis and financial report as presented.

*Next meetings – The next Town Council Meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in Council Chambers.*



### Public Notice

Canfor's Whitecourt and Fox Creek 2024 Vegetation Management Program has been approved by Alberta Forestry and Parks. The application of glyphosate will take place on cutblocks located within our Forest Management Area and timber licenses in the Whitecourt, Fox Creek, Fort Assiniboine, Swan Hills and Edson areas. A maximum of 4500 hectares will be treated throughout the following locations:

Township	Range	Meridian
50	10,11,12	W 5M
51	11,12	W 5M
53	11	W 5M
58	13,14,16,17,21	W 5M
59	13,14,15,16,17,18,22,23	W 5M
60	11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18	W 5M
61	12,13,14,15,16,18,19,21	W 5M
62	14,15,16,18,19,21,22	W 5M
63	6,7,8,9	W 5M
64	6,7,8,9	W 5M
65	6,7,15,16	W 5M
66	6,7,8,12,13,15,16	W 5M
67	12,13	W 5M
68	10,11	W 5M
69	10,11	W 5M

This treatment, part of our forest renewal program, will temporarily control herbaceous, shrub and deciduous competition, to improve the growth and survival of tree seedlings and saplings. Herbicide will be applied through either aerial or ground-based application.

Application of herbicides is scheduled to begin on or around August 10, 2024, and completed prior to September 15, 2024.

**For more information, please contact our Silviculture Supervisor at (780) 778-2221 Ext 2164, or WCTSilviculture@Canfor.com**



# TOWN OF EDSON

## Public Information & Notices 2024

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### Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar

Transportation and Economic Corridors

August

**New drivers**



- Cycling
- Alcohol and drug impairment
- Aggressive drivers
- Motorcycles

September

**Back to school**



- Cycling
- Alcohol and drug impairment
- Speed

The Town of Edson aligns its Traffic Safety Priorities with the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, with an aim to reduce road traffic fatalities.

Each month the Alberta Safety Plan has a specific focus for information and enforcement activities. August's focus is New Drivers, Cycling, Alcohol and Drug Impairment, Aggressive Drivers, and Motorcycles. For more details on the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-traffic-safety-plan.aspx>.



## Become an ISDAB Member!

Interested in a paid public service opportunity, working in a decision-making capacity? Want to learn more about municipal subdivision and development processes and legislation?

The Town of Edson is currently seeking passionate individuals for the Intermunicipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board. Members must be 18 years of age or older and be current residents of the Town of Edson.

The ISDAB listens to appeals on decisions made by the Town's Subdivision Authority and Development Authority in both the Town of Edson and the Town of Hinton. Board members are responsible for issuing decisions based on evidence presented by the parties at a hearing, while also adhering to any applicable and current legislation.

To learn more, and submit an application, please visit the Town of Edson Website, [www.edson.ca/boards](http://www.edson.ca/boards)



### PHOTO ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS FOR AUG 2024



For more information on photo enforcement, including a list of frequently asked questions and stats, visit [www.edson.ca/photo-enforcement](http://www.edson.ca/photo-enforcement).

August 1st.	HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
August 2nd	48 STREET NEAR PARKLAND SCHOOL
August 3rd.	4 AVENUE NEAR 43 STREET
August 4th.	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
August 5th.	46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
August 6th.	56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
August 7th.	HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
August 8th.	4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
August 9th.	2 AVENUE NEAR 58 STREET
August 10th.	48 STREET NEAR PARKLAND SCHOOL
August 11th.	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
August 12th.	49 STREET NEAR 12 AVENUE
August 13th.	2 AVENUE NEAR 48 STREET
August 14th.	12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
August 15th.	46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
August 16th.	2 AVENUE NEAR 53 STREET
August 17th.	HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
August 18th.	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
August 19th.	56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
August 20th.	49 STREET NEAR 12 AVENUE
August 21st.	13 AVENUE NEAR POPLAR PLACE
August 22nd.	2 AVENUE NEAR 58 STREET
August 23rd.	4 AVENUE NEAR 54 STREET
August 24th.	HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
August 25th.	2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
August 26th.	48 STREET NEAR PARKLAND SCHOOL
August 27th.	46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
August 28th.	56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
August 29th.	49 STREET NEAR 12 AVENUE
August 30th.	12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
August 31st.	4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET

- Additional locations may be photo enforced on the above dates.  
- Photo enforcement may not operate on all dates above.



## NOTICE



A reminder that outstanding property tax balances must be paid by July 31st. The next penalty run is August 1st, 2024.

Please note the following important dates for taxes this year:

- Taxes Due - June 30, 2024
- Penalty Run - July 1, 2024
- Penalty Run - August 1, 2024
- Penalty Run - January 1, 2025
- Appeal Deadline - July 22, 2024

Please ensure payments are received by the Town of Edson prior to the deadlines. Late payments are subject to a 6% penalty.

\* All assessed property owners are deemed to have received their tax notice 7 days after it is mailed as per the Municipal Government Act. Tax notices were mailed out May 15, 2024.

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### NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Recent Development Permits approved by the Development Authority, under the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw 2070 as amended, can be found at <https://www.edson.ca/business/planning/development-permit-applications>. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or [planning@edson.ca](mailto:planning@edson.ca).

Any person who is deemed 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**. 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. **Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.**

SCAN ME



**Guest Editorial/Column**

**We deserve a summer gas tax cut**

by Kris Sims and Gage Haubrick

Thousands of people are hoping to hit the open road this summer and head to Drumheller to see the dinosaurs or to the Western Development Museum to learn about the olden days.

There's just one problem: sky-high taxes on gasoline and diesel.

Before we blame Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his carbon tax that costs us 17 cents per litre of gasoline, folks in Alberta and Saskatchewan should cast a withering glance at their provincial capitals.

Yes, that's right. The governments of both Alberta and Saskatchewan are currently nailing drivers with the full cost of provincial fuel taxes.

In Alberta, drivers are paying the full 13 cents per litre for fuel. In Saskatchewan it's 15 cents per litre.

Premiers Danielle Smith and Scott Moe are right when they put the boots to Trudeau and tell him to scrap his carbon tax.

But both premiers have the power to provide immediate provincial tax relief at the gas pumps in their provinces.

So why aren't they?

In Alberta, Smith did the right thing back in 2022 when she fully suspended the provincial fuel tax for a year. That saved drivers about \$10 every time they filled up their minivans and about \$15 for pickup trucks.

But as of Apr. 1 of this year, Alberta's fuel tax is back up to full freight at 13 cents per litre.

In Saskatchewan, Moe made a good move when he refused to collect Trudeau's carbon tax on home heating, but he hasn't reduced the fuel tax at all, not even once.

Now, compare the two fiercest premiers pushing for lower taxes from Ottawa, Smith and Moe, to the guy in the orange jersey in Winnipeg.

NDP Premier Wab Kinew fully suspended Manitoba's fuel tax on Jan. 1 this year.

That move saves drivers 14 cents per litre on gasoline and diesel, so families packing up the minivan to visit the grandparents will save more than \$10 filling up their tank. A family with two cars has likely saved about \$300 over the course of the cut.

And Kinew has gone even further. Manitoba's fuel tax cut was

originally supposed to last six months, but he recently extended it another three months. That's going to help a lot of Manitoba families afford that summer road trip.

Even drivers in Ontario are getting a break at the gas pump. That's because Premier Doug Ford recently extended his own fuel tax cut.

Going further east, Liberal Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Andrew Furey recently extended his own eight cents per litre gas tax cut for the entire year.

And Smith and Moe can afford to offer relief to drivers without impacting their budgets and with only an ounce of spending restraint. In Alberta, the fuel tax only brings in about 1.9 percent of the province's revenue. In Saskatchewan, it's about 2.6 percent.

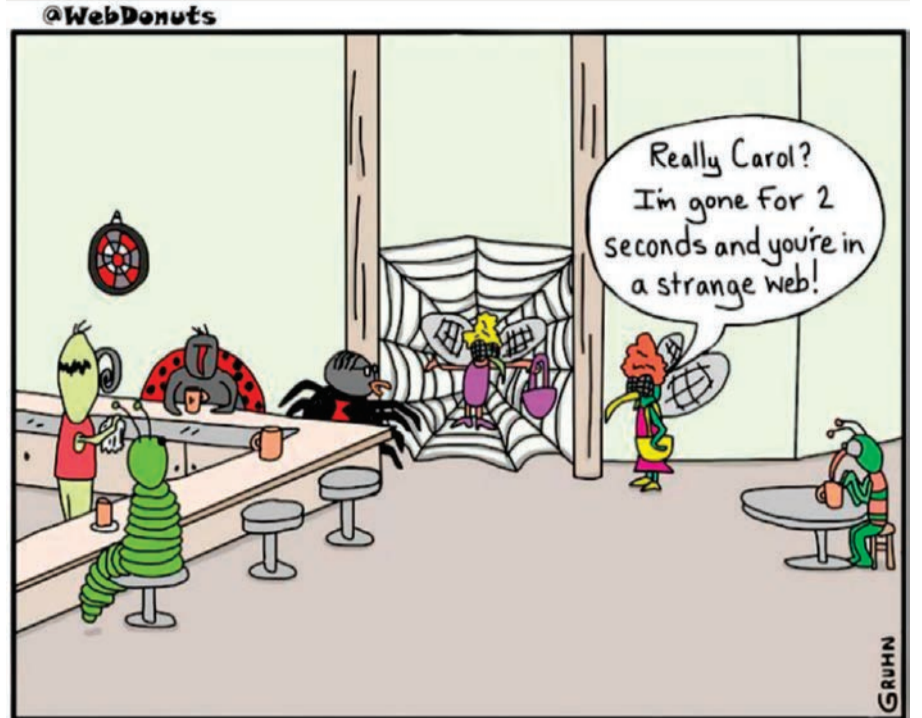
The governments of both provinces need to trim some fat. In Alberta, Smith could start by halting the \$330 million she's earmarked to help the billionaire owners of the Calgary Flames build a new rink. Or it could wind down the Alberta Enterprise Corporation, a corporate welfare machine sitting on about \$330 million worth of assets.

In Saskatchewan, Moe could pull back on the up to \$3.7 million handout the government is offering WestJet. The government of Saskatchewan also needs to reduce its spending wholesale. This year, it is spending more money per person than any other province in Western Canada, including the NDP governments of British Columbia and Manitoba.

Both premiers know that people need help affording the necessities, especially with the burden of the federal carbon tax. They need to dig a little deeper, find some savings, and offer their taxpayers fuel tax relief.

Kris Sims is the Alberta Director and Gage Haubrick is the Prairie Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. - © Troy Media

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### Edson RCMP Occurrences

**For the week of: July 15 to July 21, 2024**

Traffic Violations calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 19 calls. Other investigations included: Assistance Calls 07; Abandoned Vehicles 01; Alarms/False Alarms 07; Animal Calls 06; Assault 02; Cause Disturbance 06; Fail to Comply with Conditions 02; False/Abandoned 911 Call 07; Family Orders and Agreements 01; Fraud 01, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 0; Lost or found property 04, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 0; Information File 01; Mental Health Act 1; Mischief or Damage 08; Municipal Bylaws 0; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 3; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 0; Suspicious persons 17; Theft Complaints 08; Traffic Complaints Trespassing 04; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 05.

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## KID'S CORNER

Meet Alexander (Xander) from the Edson Early Learning and Childcare Center Out of School Program.

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# WE ARE CELEBRATING THE 46th ANNUAL PEERS GOLD DUST DAZE August 2-5, 2024

**Beer Gardens**

**Horseshoe Pits**

**Camping \$60/trailer  
\$20/tent  
for the weekend  
Gates open Thurs. Aug. 1  
@ 6:00 p.m.**

**Pets on leash are  
Welcome**

**Ranch Rodeo  
Info. call Brian @  
780-712-3540 or  
Cory @ 780-712-5749**

**Free Admission**

**Chicken Bingo**

**50/50 Draw**

**Concessions Available**

**River Events Registration  
at the river**

	START	EVENTS	END
<b>Fri. Aug. 2</b>	7:00 p.m.	Slo-Pitch	9:00 p.m.
<b>Sat. Aug 3</b>	8:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast at Peers MultiPlex	9:45 a.m.
	8:00 a.m.	Slo-Pitch	8:00 p.m.
	10:00 a.m.	Parade in Peers	10:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.	Show and Shine	2:00 p.m.
	Noon	Opening Ceremonies	
	12:15 p.m.	Horsepulls	2:00 p.m.
	1:00 p.m.	Kidz Daze	3:00 p.m.
	2:00 p.m.	Mounted Shooters	5:30 p.m.
	3:00 p.m.	Silent Auction	6:00 p.m.
	5:00 p.m.	Steak Fry	7:00 p.m.
	5:30 p.m.	Ranch Rodeo	
	9:00 p.m.	Dance 18+ Live Band	1:00 a.m.
<b>Sun. Aug 4</b>	8:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast at McLeod Valley Grounds	11:00 a.m.
	8:00 a.m.	Slo-Pitch	8:00 p.m.
	11:00 a.m.	Raft/Canoe/Kayak Race	5:00 p.m.
	11:00 a.m.	Horsepulls	1:00 p.m.
	12:30 p.m.	Slo-Pitch Kids Game	2:00 p.m.
	1:00 p.m.	Kidz Daze	3:00 p.m.
	1:00 p.m.	Mounted Shooters	4:00 p.m.
	5:00 p.m.	Steak Fry	7:00 p.m.
	4:00 p.m.	Ranch Rodeo	
	7:00 p.m.	Family Dance	9:30 p.m.
	Dusk	Fireworks	
<b>Mon. Aug 5</b>	8:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast at McLeod Valley Grounds	11:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.	Tube Race at Old Bridge	Noon
	11:00 a.m.	Slo-Pitch Finals	2:00 p.m.
	11:00 a.m.	Ranch Rodeo/Ranch Broncs	
	Noon	Duck Race	



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



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### Junior Project Engineer/Technologist

Location: EDSON, AB  
COMPETITION NO. 24-036

Reporting to the Director of Public Works, the Junior Project Engineer/Technologist will assist the Director in managing the County's engineering and construction program, and will be responsible for the oversight of the delivery of assigned infrastructure projects including the County roadway infrastructure, bridge structures, Jasper/Hinton Airport, the County drainage system, water treatment and distribution systems, wastewater collection and treatment systems, and solid waste management.

The salary range is currently \$86,711 - to \$107,522 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

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

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

The competition closes August 9, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Human Resources  
Yellowhead County  
Email: [jobs@yhcounty.ca](mailto:jobs@yhcounty.ca)

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



### safeTALK Suicide Alertness for Everyone

A half-day workshop to learn the signs and how to get help for someone at risk of suicide.

Learning objectives:

- Move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss, or avoid suicide
- Identify people who have thoughts of suicide
- Apply the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen, and KeepSafe) to connect a person with thoughts of suicide to suicide first aid intervention caregivers

September 5,  
2024

1 pm-5 pm

Yellowhead County Wildwood Office  
53404 Rge Rd. 92A  
Cost: \$25  
Contact: Wendy Robinson  
780-325-3782



Centre for Suicide Prevention  
T 403.245.3900  
csp@suicideinfo.ca

suicideinfo.ca  
@cspyc



Register online at  
[www.yhcounty.ca/registration](http://www.yhcounty.ca/registration)



### Wildfire Smoke

WILDFIRES OUTSIDE OF YELLOWHEAD COUNTY IMPACT OUR AREA.

- SMOKE SETTLING OVER YELLOWHEAD COUNTY MAY NOT BE PRODUCED BY A WILDFIRE IN OUR FOREST AREA.
- 9-1-1 CALLS ARE FOR IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY.
- IF YOU SEE SMOKE OR FLAME AND SUSPECT THAT IT IS A NEW WILDFIRE, CALL 310-FIRE (3473).
- YELLOWHEAD COUNTY AND AB WILDFIRE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO INFORM RESIDENTS ON WILDFIRES IN OUR REGION.
- YOU CAN VIEW SMOKE DRIFTS FROM THE FIRESMOKE.CA WEBSITE.
- FIRE BAN INFO IS AT ALBERTAFIREBANS.CA
- DOWNLOAD THE ALBERTA WILDFIRE STATUS APP.



## Yellowhead County COMMUNITY PAINT PARTY

### Peers McLeod Valley Grounds (Gold Dust Daze) August 3, 2024 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Help make a Mural!**  
Help create a mural that showcase our region's spirit & strength.

**All ages welcome!**  
Please wear painting clothes.  
Refreshments provided.

## DO YOU NEED TO PURCHASE FALL DUST CONTROL?

### Application Deadline July 31

To apply for Fall Dust Control (Calcium Chloride), submit payment and application before the deadline. The application form is available online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca) or at the Wildwood or Edson office.

1. Applications for Dust Control can be made at our Wildwood and Edson offices.
2. Each ratepayer is entitled to an application of Calcium Chloride, 200 metres in length, for a fee of \$242.00.
3. The fee must accompany the application.
4. Fall Applications must be received by July 31.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.

(This fee represents approximately 55% of the total cost for the dust control application. Full application costs will apply for any requests over 200 metres.)

\*Dust Control Policy #3200.02



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

### At Home Alone



Safety Course

This course is designed to teach children to make safe choices when they are at home alone. Includes a safe food prep activity!

MARLBORO COMMUNITY HALL

Friday, August 23, 2024

From 10 AM - 1 PM

\$5.00 Ages 9-13

To register visit [yhcounty.ca/registration](http://yhcounty.ca/registration).

Registration deadline is August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pre-registration is required.



New Broadband Opportunities Coming to County Residents!

### Marlboro & Evansburg Speed Tests Needed!



Yellowhead County needs household internet upload and download data to determine areas lacking access to reliable internet connectivity.

- Households in Marlboro and Evansburg are asked to run speed tests on their home internet.
- Run several upload and download speed tests and take a screenshots to capture the result.
- Please email screenshots of the speed tests to: [ycfdadmin@yhcounty.ca](mailto:ycfdadmin@yhcounty.ca)
- It's recommended to use a reputable third-party online speed test. A search online will show several options. It's recommended to use several speed tests other than a speed test from an internet service provider.

For more information, contact Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800.



### ASK OUR RESIDENT EXPERT!

#### DO YOU HAVE TREE & GARDEN QUESTIONS?

Yellowhead County has a new seasonal Horticultural Technician to answer your tree and garden questions and concerns.

TREE & PLANT IDENTIFICATION

TREE PRUNING ADVICE

GARDEN SOIL TESTING

- Testing for the upcoming season:
- Garden Soil sampling provides a basic range report for pH, Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium.
  - Limit of 1 garden soil sampling per household.
  - Testing is on a first come, first serve basis and is subject to availability of testing supplies. Priority is given to gardens that are exhibiting growth concerns.

TREE & PLANT DISEASE ID

Disease or pest identification and recommendations or referrals

Contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services Department at 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782 for inquiries or to set up an appointment with our Horticultural Technician.



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-099	Plan 1023164 Blk, Lot 25 NE-24-50-26-w5 Seabolt	Short Term Accommodation	Jul 12/24	Permitted Use
D24-100	Plan 1222415 Blk 4, Lot 3 SE-32-51-24-W5 East River Road	Sign - Variance for Size & Front yard Setback	Jul 17/24	Aug 7/24
D24-096	Plan 76222415 Blk 2, Lot 22 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick Resort	Fence- Variance for Height	Jul 17/24	Aug 7/24
D24-098	SE-2-54-10-W5 Chip Lake Area	Accessory Building (Shop) -Variance to Side Yard Setback	Jul 17/24	Aug 7/24
D24-101	Plan 8220331 Blk 1, Lot 4 SW-30-50-25-W5 Seabolt	Accessory Building (Workshop)	Jul 18/24	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca). The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's and Property Rights Tribunal dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$500.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision.

Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

### DEADLINE EXTENDED! Enter by July 29!

### Yellowhead County's 2024 VIRTUAL GARDEN PRIDE CONTEST



### GREAT PRIZES!

### Yellowhead County is once again hosting its annual County Pride Garden Contest

and we're looking for YOUR garden photo submissions!

### Enter by July 29!

Get your camera and start snapping pictures of your beautiful yards! Vote for your favourite yard to determine the winners for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual County Pride! The contest will be hosted on our website and Facebook page.

Visit [www.YHCounty.ca](http://www.YHCounty.ca) for more details!

### VOTING STARTS JULY 30.

Contest Submission Rules:

1. Submissions: July 12 - July 29  
Voting: July 30 - August 2  
Winner Announced & Virtual Tour: August 12
2. Open to residents only (county-wide).
3. Maximum 4 photos can be submitted.
4. Photos must be of your own yard.

Prizes:

- 1st - \$100 gift card to your favourite local green house
- 2nd - \$75 gift card to your favourite local green house
- 3rd - \$50 gift card to your favourite local green house

\*In your email you must include your full name, phone number, and the legal land description or physical address of your property. Please include a couple of sentences about why you're proud of your yard/garden, or why you love gardening or living in the county. Your personal information will only be used for staff to verify your residency.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS TO:  
[communications@yhcounty.ca](mailto:communications@yhcounty.ca)





# Lions Community Garage Sale set for August

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Lions Club is hosting their first community garage sale, so mark your calendars for August 9 and 10th

The Lions are hosting the garage sale from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on August 9 and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 10. It will take place inside the Lions Community Hall located at 4139 - 3rd Ave.

For those unfamiliar, The hall is located in the Lion's Campground, north of the Chevron and near the overpass as you come west into town.

The Lions Club of Edson is a nonprofit service organization that supports local charities.

They have been operating in the Edson community since 1957. The club runs the Lions Campground and Lions Community Hall. The group donates money each month to different

organizations such as the Food Bank and Reflections, along with many others.

If you have items you would like to sell and would like to book a table, you can reach out to local members Janet Wilkinson at 780-712-9875 or Travis James at 780-72-0805 to help assist you.

If you are in search of a certain item you may just find it among the treasures going up for sale. The group will be having a concession as well, so you can quench your thirst and satisfy those hunger pains while browsing.

Like many local organizations, the Lion's Club is looking for new members to join their group. If you like to help in the community and can volunteer a few hours a month, this group may be what you're looking for. You can speak to Janet or Travis on how you can sign up to become a valued volunteer.

# Trudeau Govt's Dishonest NATO & Military Spending Plans



Gerald Soroka  
MP Yellowhead

**Justin Trudeau was the laughingstock at the 2024 NATO Summit for promoting his weak defence policies on the world stage.**

While announcing an official statement to an empty room in Washington, D.C., Trudeau said that Canada will reach the minimum 2-percent NATO defence spending target by 2032 presently at 1.37 percent.

This will certainly be another failed promise as he has not presented any plan to reach that objective. If the Trudeau Liberals were serious about this commitment, they would have disclosed new investments and funding plans in their 'Defence Policy Update' three months ago.

The real issue behind the lack of defence spending is that the Trudeau Liberals do not care about our military. Since Trudeau rose to power, our Canadian Armed Forces have been underfunded and ignored by this government. Recruitment is falling behind with the military being almost 16,000 members short, procurement of proper resources is absent, and our serving troops are neglected at home and abroad. The Liberal government recently cut \$1 billion in the defence budget for operational funding after eight years of providing \$10 billion dollars with no progress to show for our military.

Like millions of Canadians, our service members are also struggling in this affordability crisis caused by this Liberal government. They have been sent overseas and forced to pay for their own meals and buy their own equipment. Our forces are short over 6,700 housing units, and military families are using food banks to get by. Even some serving members are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

The Trudeau government is recklessly spending on every matter except for properly funding our military. Due to his lack of leadership, the Canadian Armed Forces' worldwide reputation has decayed just like the outdated equipment that our troops still use to serve our country at home and abroad.

Only a Common-Sense Conservative government will restore our military to its former glory and effectively support our troops in their fundamental responsibilities. Conservatives will make real efforts to meet our NATO spending requirements and reinvest in our defence sector.

We honour our Canadian Armed Forces and will ensure our military have the equipment and resources they need to perform their duties here and overseas.

## Miracle Treat Day

DQ Canada and Stollery Children's Hospital encourage Edson residents to buy a Blizzard on Miracle Treat Day to help improve the lives of local children.

Net proceeds from every Blizzard Treat sold on August 8 will go to Stollery Children's Hospital, improving the lives of children receiving healthcare treatment

Miracle Treat Day returns for the 22nd year on Thursday, August 8. DQ fans in Edson can support children receiving care through the simple act of purchasing a Blizzard Treat at their local DQ on Miracle Treat Day. The funds raised locally stay local—net proceeds from every Blizzard Treat sold at participating DQ locations in Edson will be donated to Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, one of 12 Children's Miracle Network hospital foundations across Canada.

This year DQ Canada celebrates a milestone 40th anniversary of the partnership with Children's Miracle Network (CMN). Since 1984, DQ has become a top contributor to CMN with over \$52 million raised in Canada to date through Miracle Treat Day and other year-round fundraising initiatives. Every dollar donated from DQ stores goes toward medical research, innovations in treatment and care, child-centred healing spaces and more.

"Every kid deserves a childhood. Thanks to the generous support of DQ Canada over the past 40 years, we've made significant strides in advancing children's healthcare in Canada," said Adam Starkman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada's Children's Hospital Foundations, the not-for-profit organization running Children's Miracle Network in Canada. "The funds raised on Miracle Treat Day allow local children's hospitals to directly impact the lives of kids. Your support has helped to reduce wait times, implement life-saving treatments and invest in advanced medical equipment that accelerates recoveries. Together, we're making a real difference, so kids can spend more time just being kids."

"For over two decades, our hardworking DQ franchisees and the incredible generosity of our Canadian customers have been the driving forces behind the success of Miracle Treat Day. In Canada alone, participating DQ locations raised over \$2.89 million for Children's Miracle Network on Miracle Treat Day in 2023," said Candida Ness, Vice President of Marketing, DQ Canada. "The combined efforts of our franchisees and customers have the power to create a lasting, positive change in the lives of countless Canadian children and their families, ensuring they receive the critical care and support they need during challenging times."



### Pembina Timberlands

#### Herbicide Application Notice

Weyerhaeuser Company Limited has received approval from the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry for the application of triclopyr (Garlon XRT) aerial application and Imazapyr (Arsenal) ground application.

Application on mixed wood and conifer plantations to control grass and other competing vegetation in the locations listed below:

#### Pembina Forest Management Area

<b>Twp. 50 Range(s): 16</b>	<b>W5M</b>
<b>Twp. 51 Range(s): 19,10</b>	<b>W5M</b>
<b>Twp. 49 Range(s): 16,</b>	<b>W5M</b>
<b>Twp. 47 Range(s): 11</b>	<b>W5M</b>

Operations to commence mid-August finishing by mid-September.  
Aerial application using helicopters.

**Should you have any questions please contact:**

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Drayton Valley, Alberta

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# Long-time volunteer retires from Thrift Store



Dianne Dyksyra retired from her volunteer position at the Edson Thrift Store after 44 years.

by Deanna Mitchener

Dianne Dyksyra has volunteered with the Edson Thrift Store for 44 years. That's a very dedicated volunteer, and the store was very fortunate to have her that long.

Volunteers are getting harder to come by these days, so to have them stay on board that many years is absolutely amazing.

Dyksyra said, "I enjoyed sorting articles and volunteering my

time in the store to help sell the clothes. The best part was just getting to meet lots of interesting people and working with ladies from all the different denominations."

"The Thrift Store has nine different churches that help run it. They include the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Christian Reformed, Alliance, Pentecost, Lutheran, Mennonite, and the United. Each church is responsible to provide their own volunteers when it's their turn to look after the store," Dyksyra explained.

"When I started we also had the Russian Orthodox and the Mormon Churches involved. Anyone can volunteer through a church; they just need to inquire by going to the Thrift Store on a Tuesday morning."

"I am getting up there in years now being 83 years old. So I have decided it's time to give up the volunteer work. I am having a hard time

standing and walking now —that aging thing has gotten in the way," reflected Dyksyra.

The Thrift Store is a Registered Charity and Not-For-Profit offering its service to the community. They have a good supply of gently used clothing for men, women, teens, children, and infants. They also have shoes and bedding.

Hours of operation for

shopping are every Wednesday and Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. they are located at 5112 - 3rd Avenue in Edson and their phone number is 780-723-4545.

On behalf of the community, Thank you very much Dianne for all your volunteer work over the years. You will be missed by many.

## Notice to Creditors and Claimants

Estate of **Charles Henry Davis**, who died on March 22, 2024

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by: August 30, 2024

**With: Patrick Dolphin Professional Corporation, Attention: Patrick Dolphin, at #833, 4445 Calgary Trail NW, Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5R7**

If you do not file by the date set out above, the estate property may be lawfully distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

## Drought Livestock Assistance program does not fairly reflect what rural producers experienced

by Dana McArthur

"In 2023, the impacts of drought within Alberta were far reaching and in response to the situation, Canada and Alberta partnered on a one-time funding initiative called the Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance initiative," said Jennifer Benson, Agricultural Services Supervisor, during the Yellowhead County council meeting on July 23.

On October 20, 2023, the province announced the inclusion of 41 rural municipalities in the program, leaving a further 28-member rural municipalities out of the program.

On January 25, a further 20 rural municipalities were announced as additions to the funding. Oddly, Kananaskis, Calgary, and Edmonton were included in the January 25 announcement.

This left eight rural municipalities, including Yellowhead County, out of the funding program.

"Letters were sent to the federal and provincial governments asking for explanation and the response provided was that these municipalities had received average to above average precipitation over the course of the 2023 growing season," said Benson.

A review of the Canadian Drought Monitor revealed that the eight municipalities are comprised of large areas of forested crown lands with relatively small zones of privately held agricultural lands.

Further analysis suggested that while these agricultural areas experienced significant drought impacts, when balanced against moisture in the crown lands, the municipalities only appeared to receive adequate moisture.

"GIS mapping proved more definitive when the map of crown lands were excluded. Precipitation patterns are highly variable between

white and green zones. If entire areas are being aggregated in the Canadian Drought Monitor assessments, it is not a fair reflection of what is being experienced by producers in white zones that are adjacent to green zones," said Benson.

Moisture that falls within forested crown lands does not address moisture deficits experienced in privately held agricultural lands.

The draft resolution was created jointly by the eight municipalities that were left out of the second inclusion. It's main statement reads: "That Alberta Agricultural Service boards advocate to the Federal government to re-evaluate the current weather mapping program and the Drought Monitoring System to include and more heavily weigh data from weather stations within agricultural lands, better acknowledging municipalities straddling the transition from agricultural white zone into forested Crown green zone, coupled with making efforts to capture in these maps the extreme weather events that are now a reality."

The finalized resolution will be brought forward to the fall Agricultural Service Board (ASB) North West Regional Conference which will be held on October 30, 2024 in Parkland County.

It will also be brought forward to the Peace Regional Conference by the Municipal District of Greenview. If passed at both regional conferences this resolution will be amalgamated and presented as one by both municipalities at the Provincial ASB Conference in January of 2025 in Edmonton.

After several questions from councillors, council voted all in favour of accepting the Drought and Livestock AgriStability Resolution as information.



## PUBLIC NOTICE BLUE RIDGE LUMBER INC. Vegetation Management Program

Blue Ridge Lumber Inc., on approval from Alberta Forestry and Parks, will be conducting our vegetation management program on or after August 10, 2024, until September 10, 2024. Approximately 1200 hectares of harvested area will be treated with Vision Max via aerial or ground operations. The purpose of the chemical treatments is to manage competing vegetation.

All treatment locations are listed in the following townships:

### Legal Locations of planned Herbicide Treatments

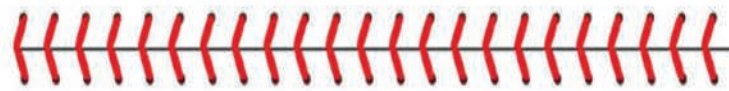
Township	Range	Meridian
69	9,10	5
67	9	5
66	8,9,10	5
65	10,11	5
64	8,10,16,17	5
63	9,10,11,16,24	5
62	9,15,16,17	5
61	10,11	5
60	11	5
59	19,20,21	5
58	19	5
57	18,19	5
56	17,18	5
51	12	5

Access to all areas will be posted with signs and all applications will be conducted in accordance with Alberta Forestry and Parks regulations. For more information regarding our Vegetation Management Program, please contact us by email at [brl-woodlands-tending@westfraser.com](mailto:brl-woodlands-tending@westfraser.com) or call 780-648-6266.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## To Our 2024 Edson Prospects

What a fantastic year for these players our 13U team brought home SILVER & our 11U team brought home GOLD! Congratulations



This past weekend July 19-21, 2024 Edson Prospects Baseball Society hosted the 18U Tier 1 Provincial championships. We hosted 5 teams and completed 10 games. It was a fantastic weekend for these players winning GOLD - on the home diamond.

Congratulations to all the players this season

We wanted to thank all of our sponsors & the families that made this event happen - We cannot host these events without the support of EDSON!



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 Mark Staves  
 Edson Photography Club

*We appreciate all our sponsors. We couldn't do this without you!*



# Edson Prospects win gold as they host 18U Tier 1 Provincial Championship!



## 18U "A" Tier 1 Provincial Roster 2024

Caleb Staves, Carter Little, Ethan McMorran, Jared Williams, Justin Thronson, Kian Switzer, Lincoln Williams, Nathan Aslin, Tayson Hallock, Tyran Gauchier, William Gosse, Xander Plante, Zach Plante

Coaches: Elizabeth Plante, Randy Aslin, Marc Chamberland, Kaidance Gauchier

Official Bat Boy: Breyson Plante



## 13U "A" Tier 1 Provincial Roster

Kale Turner, Camille Cole, Kooper Hughes, Kaelum Martin, Colton Martin, Emerson Carroll, Jace Aslin, Taylor Eldstrom, Knox Kehler, Ryan Eldstrom, Jettah Gardiner, Huxley Kehler, Parker Phillips & Jaxon Meek

Coaches: Randy Aslin, Ryan Eldstrom, Blair Martin, Joff Kehler



## 11U "A" Tier 1 Provincial Roster

Cieren Brown, Krew Kehler, Jase Cunningham, Noah Stevens-Brunet, Liam Starkevich, Danny Labrecque, Jacob Walton, Addison Permann, Graham Carroll, Chasen Lee, Kolby Gardiner

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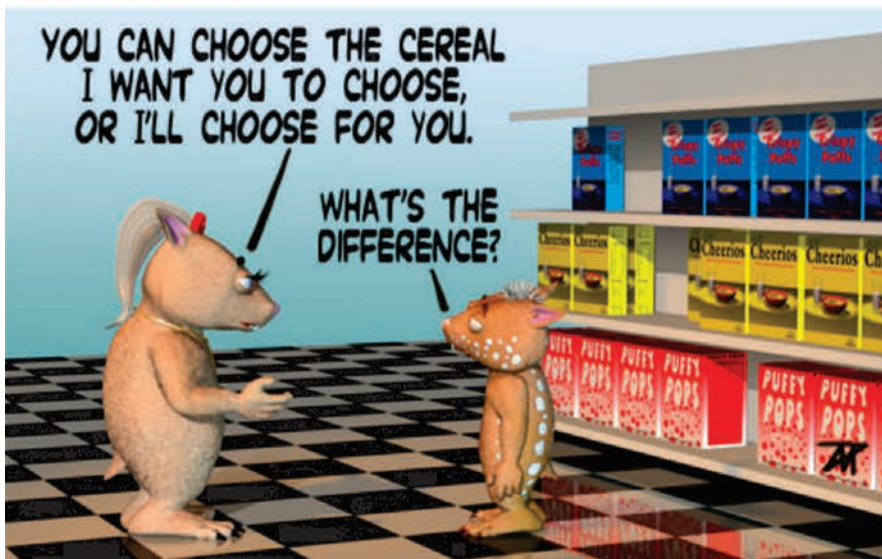


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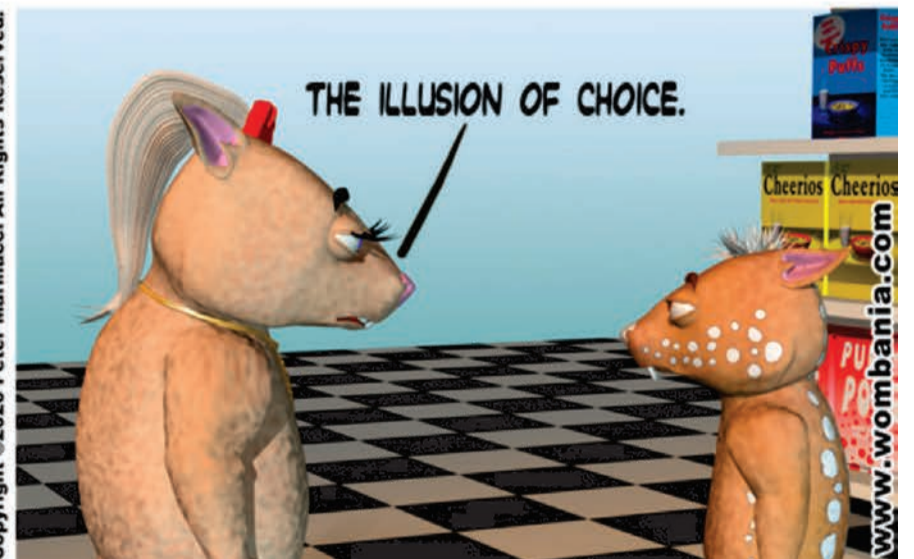


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# Canola prices floundering

**There are several factors affecting canola prices and constraining a significant price rally**

“Canola prices eroded from last August to a February low,” explains Neil Blue, provincial crops market analyst with the Alberta government. “Following a seasonal pattern, canola prices rose during the spring, gaining over \$100/tonne from those February lows.”

However, during June, canola prices again moved lower and have traded around in a lower range, coming close to but remaining above the February lows near \$600/tonne for the November futures contract. These price levels are historically strong, although much below the record-high prices of June 2022.

There are several factors affecting canola prices and constraining a significant price rally. Despite the dryness in much of western Canada last summer, 2023 canola yields were close to average and much above the drought-reduced yields of 2021.

Canadian Grain Commission data shows that 11 months into the 2023-24 crop year, producer deliveries of canola were 16.6 million tonnes, just below the year ago level. Domestic use of 10.25 million tonnes, mainly canola crushing, is

900,000 tonnes above year ago at the end of June and is on pace to set a crop year record.

Conversely, Canadian canola exports to June 30 are 1.35 million tonnes below last year's pace. The lower total Canadian canola use will lead to a further increase in canola carryover, although still not as high as in 2018 and 2019.

Canola prices are closely related to world vegetable oil prices. For example, U.S. soybean oil prices have had a similar price movement as canola during the last year as shown in the chart below.

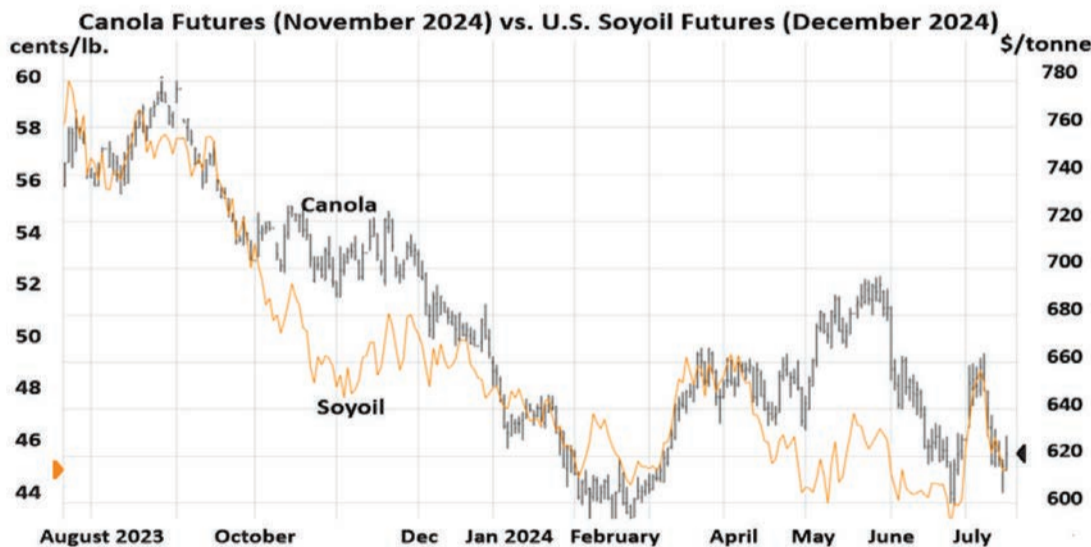
Regarding 2024 crop prospects, canola crops in the Canadian Prairies and the U.S. are in overall good condition to mid-July. The U.S. soybean crop is rated as 68% good to excellent condition, higher than last year's 57% rating in mid-July. South American soybean production, despite being reduced in Brazil due to dryness, was high overall and is currently being marketed to the world.

“Subject to a major crop threatening weather development, market action indicates expectations

of average or higher production of northern hemisphere oilseed crops. Mediocre western Canadian canola basis levels indicate complacency among buyers,” says Blue.

Another factor affecting markets is the speculative fund position, which is reported to be record short in U.S. soybean futures. Development of a weather threat could lead to funds buying back some of those short positions and that could cause the canola price to rally. That happened in early July and, although the price rally was temporary, it did provide a brief pricing opportunity.

“Following crop markets is a year-round activity, even when there are no crops in the bin,” says Blue. “Although prices have moderated from those of 2022, it is potentially profitable strategy to have target prices in mind and keep at least in casual contact with the markets to be able to take advantage of pricing opportunities when they arise.” -AgriNews



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