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# Province downloads more costs onto local municipal taxpayers

by Adrienne Tait

Approximately \$1M. That is the known amount Town Council and Administration needs to raise to cover recent provincial government cuts and funding changes in order to maintain current service levels.

The funding changes have been rolled out by the province as ways to reduce government spending, cut red tape, and show fiscal responsibility. Consequently, many of those funding changes mean the cost of programs, services, and capital funding must be either borne by the municipality or result in a loss of service.

The rule of thumb for the past number of years has been a 1% increase in property taxes by the Town results in an additional \$100,000 of funding. That number has shifted slightly and now a 1%

increase in taxes raises approximately \$110,000 in revenue. As the province alters funding models and downloads costs, which equally impacts both capital and operational funding, it appears the Town must find an additional \$1M which would (following the same taxes to funding ratio) represent a potential 9%-10% property tax increase.

What has changed? Grant funding in lieu of taxation on provincially owned property has been reduced resulting in a revenue loss of approximately \$90,000 this year. "They [the Province] tell us we have to get that from taxation. We must collect that money from the rest of the tax payers," said Sarah Bittner GM of Corporate Services.

Instead of paying the province 26% of all revenue accrued from fines issued in

the municipality (including provincial fines and photo radar) the Town is now required to pay the province 40% of the collected revenue. The result is an annual \$250,000-\$300,000 loss for the Town. As fine revenue directly funds policing costs, and contributions to emergency services such as STARS, this loss represents the salary for 2-3 local RCMP members.

The province does provide some small grants for municipal policing costs. Minister Madu has accurately stated that the province has not cut policing grants however, the eligible amount for those grants has not changed in more than a decade. The provincial government does not provide funding for bylaw or photoradar but now receives a larger portion of the proceeds. Additionally, municipalities

are now required to pay for any criminal lab work conducted in their area. As this funding cut was done with little notice or consultation the Town is unclear as to what the budget impact will be. However, the municipality has received a \$16,500 bill in 2021 – for one invoice.

The province has announced it will discontinue the current MSI (Municipal Sustainability Initiative) funding model and instead implement the new Fiscal Framework Funding. The change in funding model is expected to result in a further \$500,000 reduction in municipal funding.

Funding for the ParentLink program was cut in March 2020 which resulted in a \$110,000 loss in funding.

The province has eliminated the ability of a municipality to

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# Provincial download of costs onto municipal taxpayers

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require an additional 5% for municipal reserves on subdivisions over 30 units/hectare of developable land.

Those are the known costs and funding changes. There are unknown costs and cuts that the Town is aware will be coming but with little to no consultation the impact to the municipal budget is still unknown.

One such change on the horizon is the elimination of funding for the Household Hazardous Waste program currently run by the province. The cost to the Town has not been determined but is expected to be significant. The alternative would be to have household hazardous waste returned to the landfills which could result in waste leeching into the ground and streams.

“It is unbelievable, really, how much downloading they’ve done without consultation,” said

Councillor Baier, “Not only have they decreased the funding but with the household hazardous waste program I would love to ask the minister ‘Would you prefer that to go in the creeks and the rivers? Or how would you like us to deal with that - if you want us to take this on - if you want to take that financial obligation off yourself and put it onto us?’ Because, in my mind, it is completely unacceptable what the government has done.”

Mayor Zahara said the Town is looking at a 5% increase just to cover costs on the operational side. “These are back door government downloading policies,” said Mayor Zahara, “We get the hits and blame for tax increases when it’s coming from our provincial cabinet.”

The cuts and funding changes are split nearly 50/50 between operational and capital budget impacts.

Mayor Zahara and Council said they are thankful for area MLA Martin Long who they all agreed is engaged, listens, and is understanding and clarified that their frustration is directed at the provincial cabinet level.

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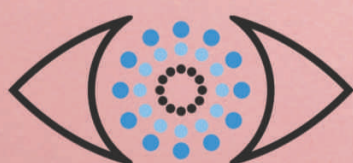
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**Step-2 "Open for Summer" changes for Edson**

(Town of Edson) June 9, 2021 – Step 2 of the Alberta Government's "Open for Summer" plan comes into effect June 10th. The following is how the changes impact the Town of Edson operations, as well as a detailed list of the overall Provincial changes.

**Repsol Place**  
Repsol Place is scheduled to open on June 14th. Hours and capacity will still have limitations as staff are brought back in and restrictions are eased. Monday to Friday the hours will be 6am to 1pm and 5pm to 9pm. Weekend hours are 9am to 6:30pm. For the full programming schedule and how to register, visit [www.edson.ca/repsol-place](http://www.edson.ca/repsol-place). Pre-registration will still be required for some programs.

**Other Edson Facilities**  
With great care for public safety protocols, other Town facilities will also be reopening to the public.

Starting June 10th, the Civic Centre, Public Works Building, and administrative area of the Protective Services Building (Fire Hall) will be open for walk-in customers, Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm. Pre-booked appointments, virtual meetings, and online payments are still the preferred options at this time.

**Outdoor Spaces**  
Residents are encouraged to get outdoors and enjoy Edson's many outdoor spaces and activities. Parks crews have been busy getting facilities open and ready for an increase in use over the summer months. Please help keep the spaces safe and clean for all residents to enjoy.

Vision Park is opening 12 diamonds for league/public use this summer and the Kinsmen Spray Park is now open for use.

**Alberta's Open for Summer Stage 2**

Stage 2: Two weeks after 60% of Albertans 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) have received at least one dose, and hospitalizations are below 500 and declining.

·Outdoor social gatherings – up to 20 people with distancing (indoor social gatherings still not permitted)

·Indoor recreation, entertainment and other settings (rec centres, arenas, casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, libraries, etc.) – open at 1/3 of fire code occupancy

·Gyms and fitness studios – open for solo and drop-in activities and indoor fitness classes with 3 metre distancing

·Funeral services – up to 20 people, indoors and outdoors (receptions permitted outdoors only)

·Wedding ceremonies – up to 20 people, indoors and outdoors (receptions permitted outdoors only)

·Places of worship – 1/3 of fire code occupancy

·Personal and wellness services – resume walk-in service

·Post-secondary – resume in-person learning

·Restaurants – 6 people per table max, indoors or outdoors

·Retail – 1/3 of fire code occupancy (must maintain ability to distance)

·Youth activities (day camps, overnight camps, play centres) – resume with restrictions

·Youth and adult sports – resume with no restrictions, indoors and outdoors

·Outdoor public gatherings (concerts/festivals) – up to 150 people

·Outdoor fixed seating facilities (grandstands) – 1/3 seated capacity

·Work from home order is lifted but still recommended

·Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect

The Alberta Government's Stage 3 is expected to go into effect 2 weeks after 70% of Albertans have received their first dose of vaccine. For more details on the plan, please visit:

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enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx

Please keep in mind that, while the Provincial restrictions are changing, Edson is still operating in a "Medium Risk" profile with 20 active cases as of end of day June 7th in our local geographic area. Edson has no additional restrictions, but we ask all residents and visitors to take extra care to follow

the provincial regulations, continue wearing your masks in all indoor public spaces, wash your hands often, and stay home when sick.

**Vaccine Information**

Anyone 12+ is eligible for their first dose now. 2nd doses have been opened up in a staged approach. Visit <https://www.alberta.ca/ovid19-vaccine.aspx>

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Holy Redeemer students in the Beyond the Classroom Program show off some of the letters sent to them by their pen pals in Ball, Louisiana. The class has been corresponding with students attending Tioga High School. In addition to receiving letters, the students also received a number of gifts from their American counterparts such as some meals to make and enjoy (Louisiana Rice), lanyards, and pencils. submitted

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Lane Swim	6:00 – 7:00am 7:00 – 8:00am					9:00 – 10:00am 10:15 – 11:15am
Parent & Tot Swim	8:15am – 9:00am 9:30am – 10:15am		8:15am – 9:00am 9:30am – 10:15am		8:15am – 9:00am 9:30am – 10:15am	
Water Fit	10:45 – 11:45 am					
Lane Swim	12 – 1 pm					
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Public Swim	5:15 – 6:15pm 6:45 – 7:45pm	5:15 – 6:15	5:15 – 6:15pm 6:45 – 7:45pm	5:15 – 6:15	5:15-6:15pm 6:45 -7:45pm	11:30 - 12:30pm 1:00 – 2:00pm 2:30 - 3:30pm 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Water Fit		6:45-7:45pm		6:45-7:45pm		
Lane Swim	8 – 9 pm					5:30 – 6:30 pm

**\*\*Schedule subject to change\*\* \*\*Please refer to reverse side for pool regulations\*\***

- Online registration @ <https://www.edson.ca/>
- **Registration for programs will open 1 week in advance. (Every Thursday @ 12:30pm) Registration REQUIRED for ALL swim programs.**
- Please check in at Guest Services upon arrival, except for morning & evening lane swim. Customers will check in at the pool during these times.
- Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a responsible person aged 13+.
- Please respect other guests and staff. Keep 2m distance.
- There are restrictions on how many people we can allow in viewing area, change rooms and pool at one time. Please be patient when coming to the facility. You may be required to wait before checking in and entering pool area.
- Guests should arrive no more than 5 – 10 minutes before reservation.
- Guests should arrive in swim wear and minimize time spent in change room.
- All toddlers under 3 must wear a swim diaper. All contaminations will result in a 12-hr. pool closure.
- Snorkels are not permitted.
- Lane swimming equipment will be available for use during Lane Swim.
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Notice is hereby given that the Development Authority has authorized the issuance of the following Development Permits in accordance with the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw #2070 as amended:

Permit #	Address/Legal	Development Type	Use	Date Issued	Zoning
<b>Week 1</b>					
052-2021	4139 3 Ave/Plan 4200 MC; Block 1; Lot 8	Temporary Change of use to Daycare Facility	Discretionary	June 9, 2021	CS
053-2021	5918 3 Ave/Plan 802 2726; Block 202; Lot 8	Sign, except Billboard - Fascia Sign	Permitted	June 9, 2021	C-2
<b>Week 2</b>					
049-2021	3507 22 Ave/Plan 5453 NY; Lot D	Accessory Building – Garage Addition	Permitted	June 1, 2021	UR
050-2021	4604 6 Ave/Plan 3364 AC; Block 61; Lot NE half 9 & 10	Fence Variance	Discretionary	June 1, 2021	R-1B
051-2021	5101 13 Ave/Plan 4467 NY; Block 4; Lot 1	Deck with set back variance	Discretionary	June 1, 2021	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. **Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.**



# The Weekly ANCHOR

## Comment



### 3,000,000 milestone

#### Many rural municipalities still lagging behind

As of June 4, Alberta Health Services, community pharmacies and



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physician clinics have delivered more than three million doses into the arms of Albertans. More than 67 per cent of eligible Albertans (12 and older) have now received at least one dose of Covid-19 vaccine, while more than 13 per cent are now fully immunized.

“Crossing the 3 million dose milestone means we are that much closer to being open for summer. As more Albertans continue to step up and get vaccinated, we can all look forward to brighter days ahead,” stated Premier Jason Kenney.

However, the dwindling demand for first doses could put the province's full reopening plans in jeopardy. A 70% threshold is needed to trigger the full Open for Summer plan, that the province hopes to maintain permanently.

As of June 8, province-wide there were 75,000 unfilled vaccine appointments and over 195,000 in the next two weeks. With the more virulent Delta variant now a growing concern in province there is an added urgency to move to second doses quickly.

Rural Alberta regions are still seeing fewer people receiving Covid-19 vaccine than their urban counterparts. Some areas of greater Edmonton have reached 79% of eligible people vaccinated —well past the established reopening threshold.

Alberta's immunization viewing tool helps to shed light on what areas of Alberta are ahead, and what areas are lagging behind when it comes to Covid-19 vaccinations.

As of June 6, the Edson region lags behind the 67% provincial average, with 53.8% of its eligible population vaccinated. The Westview region including the east side of Yellowhead County counted 48.5% of its eligible population vaccinated. Jasper counted 65.6%, Hinton 59.7%, Whitecourt 51%, and Drayton Valley with only 46% has one of the lowest vaccine rates in the province.

Although access and proximity to supply are major barriers for rural communities, in the Edson region vaccine supply is plentiful, yet many appointment slots here remain unfilled.

While AHS will not comment on specific communities, there are many different factors that can contribute to the current lower rural vaccination rates, including a younger population like in Edson who may not have had time yet to book, getting time off work, travel difficulties and more.

Vaccine hesitancy is also a factor, health officials state, and many will

ultimately decline to get vaccinated.

Several recent studies reveal that most of those who do

not intend to get vaccinated are the least fearful of contracting Covid-19. Most are convinced, for various reasons, that vaccines are dangerous, and the vast majority are distrustful of public health officials and the government.

AHS has begun walk-in vaccination clinics in Calgary, Edmonton, and 18 other smaller communities. These short-term clinics include Drayton Valley, but not the Edson area yet. Hopefully this will come and should help significantly increase access and uptake in this region.

“Alberta's vaccine rollout continues to pick up speed every day. Every day tens of thousands of doses are getting into Albertans' arms. This is a testament to the commitment each Albertan has to putting this pandemic behind us,” stated Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health, regarding the milestone of 3,000,000 Albertans vaccinated.

“Every person who receives their vaccine today will help us to prevent future transmission. If you have not yet received your first dose, please book an appointment. If you have, follow up with your second dose appointment when you are eligible to do so,” stated Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Second doses are now also available and will be administered as follows:

- Anyone vaccinated in March or earlier can now book their second dose.
- Anyone vaccinated in April can book their second dose starting no later than June 14.
- Anyone vaccinated in May can book their second dose starting no later than June 28.

Albertans can book appointments through AHS online or by calling 811, or through participating pharmacies.

AHS states that a single dose of Covid-19 vaccine offers at least 80 per cent protection against severe outcomes, including hospitalization and death. However, second doses are needed to get the best and most long-lasting protection against the virus.

Albertans who have received their vaccine are required to continue following public health guidelines, including physical distancing, practicing good hand hygiene, masking when in public, and staying home when sick. It can take two to three weeks after receiving the shot for it to build effectiveness, and two doses are needed for optimal protection against Covid-19.

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### Op/Ed

## Mass Grave in Kamloops BC containing remains of 215 School Children

Just days ago, the discovery of a mass grave in Kamloops, British

**Gerald Soroka**  
**MP Yellowhead**



face of this tragedy, words are not enough, and concrete action is

Columbia, containing the remains of 215 school children, was a heartbreaking reminder of the pain indigenous children, their families and their communities were subjected to through residential schools.

This is a dark reminder of the horrendous reality that was faced by many Indigenous Canadians. My thoughts and prayers are with all indigenous families as they mourn. It is our burden to carry, and we must start to ease the heavy load that has been carried by indigenous people for far too long. While communities and families grapple with this unthinkable revelation, it is time for all of us to come together and aid in the healing process.

For many indigenous people, although the discovery opened tremendously deep wounds, it was not a surprise. According to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, at least 3,200 children died while attending residential schools. We owe it to each and every one of them to redouble our efforts toward reconciliation and healing. In the

needed.

Canada's Conservatives have called on the Prime Minister to immediately implement the TRC's recommendations #71-76, which deal with missing children. We have also called for the following additional measures to be taken:

\*Funding the investigation at all former residential schools in Canada where unmarked graves may exist, including the site where 215 children have already been discovered.

\*Ensuring that proper resources are allocated for communities to reinter, commemorate, and honour any individuals discovered through the investigation, according to the wishes of their next of kin; and

\*Developing a detailed and thorough set of resources to educate Canadians of all ages on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada.

My sincere condolences to all of those who had to endure these residential schools. It is time to act NOW for the sake of all the children we lost. Words are not enough. Action must be taken.

## Edson RCMP Occurrences for the week of May 31 - June 6, 2021

Suspicious Persons topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 16 occurrences between May 31 and June 6.

Other investigations included: Assault 7; False/ Abandoned 911 call 4; Fraud 1; Theft complaints 8; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 4; Lost/Found Property 2; Mischief or Damage 5; Traffic Complaints 13; Assistance Calls 12; Traffic Collisions 7; Mental Health 3; Harassment 4; and Wellbeing Checks 5.

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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**  
June 15



If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, there are resources in your area to help.

Call 211 for information and referral.

**Learn the signs, break the silence.**



Take your practice off the mat and onto the water!

All classes are drop-in and will be held weather-permitting. A limited number of paddle boards are available to borrow, so please reserve your spot with the instructor at least 24 hours prior if you need a board.

**LOCATION:**  
Millers Lake, at the east end day-use area.

**DATES:**  
Mondays/Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Starting June 21 and running throughout summer.

**COST:**  
\$10 per class. Space is limited so please contact instructor Jeanine Chouinard at 780.712.3200 to reserve your spot.



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



Starting June 1st, follow along at your own pace: Come to Miller's Lake for a StoryWalk!

As you walk the trails, keep an eye out for the story book pages along the way. Enjoy this outdoor reading adventure!

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D21-090	Plan 5838RS, Blk 1, Lot 5 NE 15-49-21-W5 Robb	Bed & Breakfast – Discretionary	May 25/21
D21-091	Plan 0823155, Blk 1, Lot 8 NE 31-55-15-W5 Whitetail Shores	Single Detached Dwelling (Modular)	May 27/21
D21-093	Plan 1623355, Blk 1, Lot 4 NW 17-56-14-W5 Shining Bank Area	Single Detached Dwelling	May 27/21
D21-095	Plan 8420869, Lot 30 NW 30-55-15-W5 Bear Lake	Accessory Building (Garage) with Covered Patio and Including Secondary Suite – External - Discretionary Use – Variance for Height	May 28/21
D21-094	SW 29-54-09-W5 Chip Lake Area	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling	May 31/21
D21-096	Plan 7921035, Blk 13, Lot 6 NW 05-47-23-W5 Cadomin	Accessory Building (Shed)	May 31/21
D21-097	Plan 5251TR, Blk 2, Lot 16 SW 13-52-24-W5 Carldale	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Living Space & Garage)	Jun 2/21
D21-099	Plan 0826791, Lot 4 SW 11-51-26-W5 Juniper Ridge	Accessory Building (Greenhouse)	Jun 4/21
D21-100	Plan 0828903, Lot 18A NW 20-49-26-W5 Folding Mountain	Storage Building Residential – Discretionary	Jun 4/21
D21-102	SW 14-54-08-W5 Evansburg Area	Existing Accessory Building (Variance for Height), Manufactured Home - Additional (Discretionary) with Covered Deck	Jun 4/21
D21-101	Plan 749CL, Blk 2, Lots 11-12 NE 16-54-14-W5 Peers	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage	Jun 7/21
D21-103	Plan 2022565, Blk 1, Lot 2 SW 34-53-15-W5 Pinedale Area	Accessory Building (Shop) & Two Existing Storage Containers – Discretionary	Jun 8/21

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

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



**COUNTY KIDS**  
Awesome Adventure Camps

Plans are underway to run this program again! Stay tuned for details.

This program will be offered in several Yellowhead County communities. Note: This is an in-person program and will follow the most up-to-date public health measures.

**2021 COMBINED ASSESSMENT & TAX NOTICES**

Yellowhead County mailed the 2021 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices May 20, 2021. The deadline for paying taxes is June 30th, 2021.

**Payment Options:**

- Edson or Wildwood Yellowhead County Offices (drop box available after hours at Edson location only)
- At your Chartered Bank or Credit Union
- Telephone Banking
- Internet banking (Your Tax Roll Number is your Account number)
- Courier or Canada Post (postmarked on/or before June 30th, 2021).

A penalty will be applied to all 2021 tax levies that are outstanding after the due date of June 30th, 2021.

If you have further questions, call the Yellowhead County office at 780-723-4800 or toll free at 1-800-665-6030. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.



Corporate & Planning Services



**Supporting Farmers' Mental Wellness**

A Two Part Zoom Presentation: June 16 & 17

This FREE 2-part online presentation is for anyone who farms, knows a farmer, or has a general concern and interest in the mental wellness of farmers.

Come away understanding farming cultures, stressors, and learn how we can support each other.

Register by calling 780-325-3782 or email [slabrie@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca](mailto:slabrie@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca).

**Part 1: June 16**

Time Choices:  
Morning: 9 - 10:30 AM  
OR Evening: 7 - 8:30 PM

**Part 2: June 17**

Time Choices:  
Morning: 9 - 10:30 AM  
OR Evening: 7 - 8:30 PM



**LIFE SKILLS**  
BOOTCAMP

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This bootcamp aims to help youth build daily living skills—essential skills for youth looking to move out on their own. Skills include:

- Cooking
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- Budgeting
- Staying Healthy
- Basic Home & Car Maintenance
- Living on Your Own
- Post-Secondary Options
- Career Exploration
- And more!

For ages 14 - 18. Cost is \$20. Camps run 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM.

**Peers Camp (Multiplex):**  
July 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17

**Evansburg Camp (Museum):**  
July 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18.

Registration is required!



**Help Grow!**

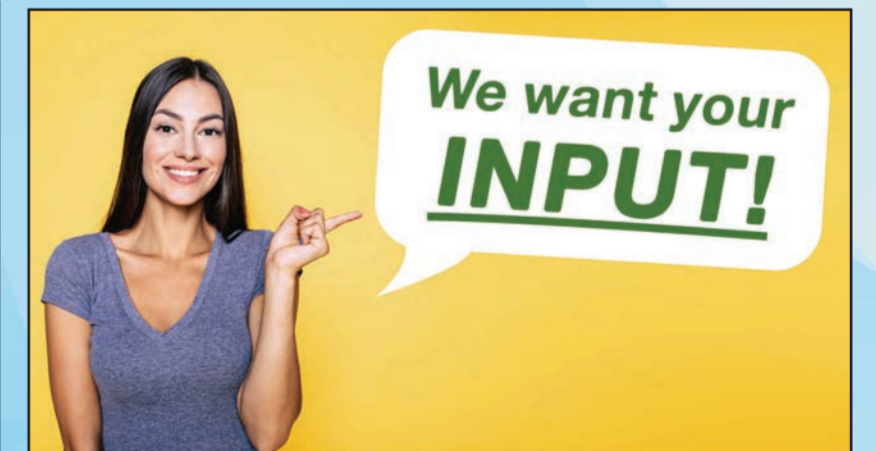
**Our Community**  
Rock Snakes!

Yellowhead County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is urging you to look out for rock snakes and to **HELP THEM GROW!**

(Robb, Marlboro, Peers, Niton, Wildwood & Evansburg) and we're asking you to add to the rock snake throughout the summer to see how long the snake will get.

We've placed the start of a rock snake in 6 county community parks

Keep your eyes peeled for this fun activity!



We want your **INPUT!**

Yellowhead County's Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Department wants to hear from you!

Fill out our quick and anonymous online survey to let us know what you think about our programs and services and how we can serve you best going forward. Survey ends June 21<sup>st</sup>.

[www.bit.ly/FCSS21](http://www.bit.ly/FCSS21)





**VOTE**  
**Wade Williams**  
**FOR MAYOR**  
**OF**  
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**Remember to Vote Oct. 18th**

I have spent a lot of time over the last few months thinking about the upcoming Municipal election to be held on October 18th, 2021. After much thought and consideration, I have decided to put my name forward for the position of Mayor for Yellowhead County.

Yellowhead County has seen significant changes over the last couple of years. The County has a new CAO, will soon have a new Director of Corporate and Planning Services and a new Director of Community Services. With the provincial cuts to the municipalities through the MSI and all the issues COVID has caused I strongly feel that the next few years are going to be challenging.

I have served the last four years as Councilor for Division 6, am now sitting as deputy mayor and have learned a lot about the Municipal government process. I feel that I have gained a lot of knowledge and experience and would like to take the next step to help guide the county for the next few years. I ask for your support on this new journey and will commit to giving it my all.

Please feel free to send me a message on Facebook messenger or email me at [willwade18@gmail.com](mailto:willwade18@gmail.com). If you want to chat message me and I will provide you with my phone number.

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The primary work location is based out of Edson with the majority of the time spent in the field managing controlled offsite warehouses in the region. A clean drivers license is required.

**Interested parties submit your resume to: [Matthews.ross@tftruckloadlogistics.com](mailto:Matthews.ross@tftruckloadlogistics.com)**



# EDSON, THE GMHL WANTS YOU!

The GMHL is honored that the Town of Edson has requested us to prepare a detailed plan regarding a GMHL West Division team to be placed in your community for the 2021-22 hockey season! This message is meant to introduce ourselves and tell you about what we have to offer as the BEST CHOICE for your JUNIOR A HOCKEY LEAGUE!!

Despite the challenges of the last 2 seasons, we continue to grow and thrive while others grow smaller or do not operate at all. We are THE ONLY JUNIOR A ORGANIZATION IN CANADA to have played through the entire season this year, including the completion of playoffs, and the handing our championship trophy, the *DYNALife™* Cup!! Other great things you can expect from having a GMHL Junior A organization in your community include:

- A professionally run 17-year-old Canadian owned and operated league that has sent over 900 players to every level of professional and collegiate hockey. Separate board of directors, safety board, disciplinary committee, etc.
- 25 outstanding young men from around the world who will become involved with the community at every level during their development!
- A National presence: Each year, the winner of the *DYNALife™* Cup will have a chance to attend the National Championship. Every second season, a West Division community will have the opportunity to host this prestigious event!
- Safety and Security: Every team member, manager, volunteer, etc. is required (not optional) to sign and adhere to codes of conduct and obtain BOTH criminal and vulnerable sector checks. League wide policy, process and procedure ensure that everyone is safe-always.
- Community involvement: Our successful model is based on our players and staff being available and in the community helping at schools, volunteering, community events, fund raisers for community groups, etc. By creating partnerships which help the community, we all benefit.
- All teams operate in conjunction with a community based board of directors which look out for the community's ongoing needs.
- Our teams do not come to any community looking for capital injection, and are thus never a burden to the taxpayers.
- 21 home games each year (plus preseason and playoffs), where fans are entertained both on and off the ice with mascots, raffles, intermission games, giveaways, games for kids, post-game coaches "hot seat", and much more!



"2020-2021 *DYNALife* Cup Winners; High Prairie Red Wings"

### Comments from some of our community partners:

*"The High Prairie Red Wings Junior A Hockey Club has been the best thing to happen to the youth in our community. Minor Hockey has benefited in many ways!" - Leonel/ Hamelin, President of the High Prairie Minor Hockey Association*

*"Not only have the Icedogs team been a boost to our community pride, but we have also been impressed that they have put that pride back into the community." - Tyler Warman, Mayor of Slave Lake*

*"They put together a great entertainment package with the on-ice product being supported by many promotions and activities. We look forward to our continued relationship with the Ice Kings ... They were an asset to our sporting community." - Jim Hailes, Mayor of Fox Creek*



**If you have any questions at all, or would like to join our already-growing number of business, community and future fan-base partners, please call or email Executive Director, Dr. Derek Prue at (780 ) 905-0447, or at [derek@gmhlwest.com](mailto:derek@gmhlwest.com)**

# GMHL

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# Vision Park Construction Projects

Town of Edson

June 9th, 2021 – A number of projects are getting underway in Vision Park over the next couple of months.

Surveyors are currently on-site preparing for work to replace the ball diamonds that were affected by Trans Mountain construction, as well as work to repair road and drainage issues on the west end of the park. Please do not move the survey stakes as they are critical to the work being done. It's anticipated that the diamond rebuild construction will begin this fall. Road and drainage work will begin immediately and take about six weeks.

Crews will also be replacing fencing around two diamonds and hope to do some minor fencing repair work on multiple others. The amount of work being done on the fencing will depend on the tender costs.

Painting and dugout repairs, as well as bleacher and picnic table repairs/resurfacing, are also planned for this summer. The focus will be on the



twelve diamonds currently in use.

Construction of the well/washroom/tournament facility is also scheduled to start this summer. When construction begins, the main front entrance into Vision Park will be closed to traffic and the only vehicle access will be from the southwest entrance.

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Trans Mountain's first priority will always be the health and safety of our workforce, their families and our communities. In response to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, Trans Mountain and our construction contractors for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project have been working diligently together to ensure adherence to all advice and direction from government and health officials both provincially and federally. More details about our specific actions can be found at [transmountain.com/covid19](https://transmountain.com/covid19).

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# Dedicated teacher inspires students with clay medium



PCHS Art student Jayme Rauch is learning the joy of working with clay as an artistic medium.

submitted Trish Day, PCHS

Arts students at Parkland Composite High School are learning the joy of working with a new medium for artistic expression, clay! Under the instruction of long

time art teacher Mr. Kevin Dye, students are learning techniques in both slab work and throwing on the wheel. This year the art department invested in a shiny new pottery wheel that students will work with for years to come. This is a great

new learning tool and opportunity for Parkland art students.

Mr. Dye is passionate about sharing his knowledge with his students and his art room is always full of excitement during class. The two week online learning period in May did not deter Mr. Dye and to ensure his students would have enough time remaining this semester, he labored to build each student a unique base structure (as chosen by each child) which they would then add detailing and fine tune the piece upon their return to in person learning. This required that the pieces were to be kept in wet paper towels and changed regularly to preserve the malleable nature of the clay. This required a great deal of time and energy and Mr. Dye demonstrated how much he cares about his students and his dedication to his amazing program by doing this for each student's piece without complaint.

This goes to show just one way PCHS is still meeting student needs even throughout a pandemic.

Senior art student Jayme Rauch, who created her piece on the wheel, is now adding detailing before the piece is fired in the school's kiln. Then the piece will need to be painted and covered in a clear coat. It will certainly look amazing upon its completion.

**West Yellowhead Pregnancy Care Centre**


**AGM**  
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**June 21, 2021**  
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The Weekly **ANCHOR**

Faith

**Hospitality Despite Our Differences**



Pastor Bryan Walter

Our culture is becoming an increasingly diverse landscape of personal opinions and world-views; and those differing perspectives on human purpose and flourishing are increasingly at odds in very public forums.

Generally, there are two popular approaches

to this reality: first you have the traditionalists who proclaim, "Everyone is wrong except those who agree with me." And second, you have the progressives who tend to proclaim, "Everyone is right except those who disagree with me." Honestly, neither of these is a productive approach to community.

Believe me, I understand how frustrating it can be when the world doesn't see things your way, and I agree that we can't all be right when we sometimes believe totally opposite things.

I think we could, however, respect the idea that your convictions might be as important to you, as mine are to me. And if I want you to respect my choice to live according to my conscience, I need to respect your choice to live according to yours.

This isn't an argument for universal truth, or even the idea of spiritual 'co-existence'. I'm not arguing that "all paths lead to enlightenment". What I'm talking about is hospitality.

Hospitality doesn't mean that I have to agree that you are right, and you don't have to agree that I'm right either. And yet, in empathy, we could actually serve one another, and maybe even engage in civil

discourse as though we were actually neighbours.

I don't have to feel threatened by you, and you don't have to feel threatened by me. Can we be confident enough to find a path forward where we can live alongside those whose opinions we might oppose?

For myself, I think the Bible is clear on this, Christians are to see themselves as foreigners in the land, in need of hospitality ourselves, and looking to share the hope that we have with gentleness and respect ( 1 Peter 1:17, 3:15).

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**EDSON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Call office for weekday Mass times.

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Pastors: Bjorn & Karin Bidell  
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.; Mid-Week Prayer: Thursday 7:30 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Family Fun Kits** Register to borrow a kit from FCSS Yellowhead County 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935

**Starting June 1** Story Walk at Millers lake. Look at Yellowhead County's ad inside the paper for details.

**Adult Lego Contest:** Ages 15+ Email photos of your entry to [LEXIA@EDSON.CA](mailto:LEXIA@EDSON.CA) Before Monday June 28. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 2 days call 780-723-4403

**YELLOWHEAD-OPOLY:** An interactive twist to one of your favorites. Register at 780-325-3782 or email [abarrett-hamilton@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca](mailto:abarrett-hamilton@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca)

**NEW Outdoor** activity challenge Pump Track

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**June 17:** Future Planning virtual presentation 11:00AM register at 780-723-8616 or email [alicjab@edson.ca](mailto:alicjab@edson.ca)

**June 19:** Eddie's Big Run. Location Repsol Place More details coming this month.

**June 24:** Canada Day Decorating Contest. Register by June 24. Judging June 28. Register at [www.edson.ca/canada](http://www.edson.ca/canada)

**July 20,27** August 3,10,17 Life Skills Bootcamp

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# Alberta approved farmers' markets now open

## Alberta approved farmers' markets are identifiable to the public by the Sunnygirl logo

'We have more than 130 approved markets serving about 110 communities around the province that are open throughout the summer,' says Eileen Kotowich, farmers' market specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF). 'This includes more than 20 markets that operate year round.'

She says Alberta's farmers' markets offer a diverse selection of goods.

'What you'll see in the markets right now are lots of greenhouse bedding plants and vegetables, early season vegetables, and lots of preserves, baking, prepared foods, and other year-round products like

meat, eggs and honey.'

Part of the success of farmers' markets is that consumers want to know where their food comes from and to make that connection with the producers.

'It gives you a feeling of trust when you can look the producer in the eye and talk to them about how they raise their animals, grow their crops or prepare their ready-to-eat foods.'

A minimum of 80% of vendors' products must be produced in Alberta to qualify as an Alberta approved farmers' market.

The markets will look a little different this year as they incorporate increased protocols and safety measures into their operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Vendor stalls and tables are separated within the market, increased cleaning and sanitizing of high touch point surfaces happens during the market. Crowds will be asked to use one

entrance and exit so that crowd numbers can be monitored to ensure physical distancing.

Customers are being encouraged to shop with purpose so that everyone who wants to attend a market has an opportunity to support their local makers, bakers and growers.

AF introduced a mobile app for both Apple and Android devices a few years ago. This app allows users to easily find any Alberta approved farmers' markets in their area or around the province, search by day of the week or type of market.

'It is especially important this year that customers check the information online,' Kotowich explains. 'Some markets have changed location, hours of operation and opening dates for the season in order to better implement the increased safety measures. We are updating the online information as we receive it so that customers are not disappointed.'



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(YC) June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. During this time, we are asked to consider the older people in our lives, and recognize that some may be experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, elder abuse.

Elder abuse is violence, mistreatment, or neglect towards older adults. The abuse often comes from individuals in situations of power or trust. It can come from close company, such as spouses, children, other family members, caregivers, or other service providers. It can also come from more removed individuals. The abuse can occur in either private residences or outside the home.

- Common signs of elder abuse can include:
- Confusion
- Depression or anxiety
- Unexplained injuries
- Changes in hygiene
- Seeming fearful around certain people

- Fear or worry when talking about money

If you suspect that an elderly person is at risk from a neglectful or overwhelmed caregiver, or being preyed upon financially, it's important to speak up. It is best to ask questions away from the place where you suspect the abuse is happening. The person may be afraid to speak up if there is a chance of being overheard by the abuser or someone who will relay the information.

If you or someone you know is being abused and you don't know how to help, please call 2-1-1. You'll receive confidential, prompt aid and a referral to resources to help you deal with an abusive situation. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, do not hesitate to contact 9-1-1.

Everyone deserves to live in safety, and to be treated with dignity and respect. These guidelines can help you recognize the warning signs of elder abuse, understand what the risk factors are, and learn how to prevent and report the problem.

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