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Town's Rural Renewal Stream Program reviewed

by Niki Luymes
During the March 7, 2023 Town Council meeting, Kundiso Nyambirai, Economic Development Officer gave an update to council on the Rural Renewal Stream Program. During the September 6, 2022 Town Council Meeting, Council approved an endorsement letter for the Town of Edson to become a Designated Community under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP), Rural Renewal Stream. In his report to council, Nyambirai stated that across a multitude of industries, many rural businesses are being challenged and constrained by the need for skilled and unskilled labor. To that end, the Rural Renewal Stream initiative seeks

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Ms Terry, Program Facilitator with the Edson and District Public Library, instructing the kids at the first gathering of the library's new Saturday Youth Club on March 4. photo Niki Luymes

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Town's Rural Renewal Stream Program reviewed

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to empower rural communities, in partnership with settlement providing organizations and local employers, to recruit and retain newcomers to live, work and settle in their communities.

Since being approved as a Designated Community under the program on November 8, 2022, the Town of Edson has sought to recruit, attract and retain newcomers to the community as a means to address the job vacancies encountered by local employers. The process would be employer driven, with those interested in using the program having to apply to begin the process. All application forms will go through the Town of Edson before going to the Province.

Through a partnership with the Edson and District Community Learning Society (EDCLS), a settlement service provider, the Town has been working with employers within the community to facilitate this recruitment process while adhering to the guidelines set out by Alberta Immigration. There is also a support network in place to help new-coming workers integrate with and thrive within the community.

To date, the following outcomes have been achieved under the program: 20 employers have expressed interest in the program. 11 employers in total have taken part in the program. 16 employer applications have been submitted. 8 endorsement letters have been issued. 55% of the employer applications come from the food service industry, with the second largest being gasoline stations and convenience stores at 18%.

Nyambirai stated that participation in the Rural Renewal Stream would, “attach and retain newcomers to our community, as well as address our needs for skilled and unskilled labor shortages, and lastly to bolster economic development and growth.” Also that the program supports the local business community while promoting the town as a place to live and settle.

During the discussion, Councillor Gean Chouinard asked, “When we’re employing people though the Town, will the Town be holding any liability if things go wrong? Because what I’m seeing is similar to Immigration or Canada Centre helping.”

“All we do as a municipality is review applications,” answered Nyambirai. “From there they would move on to the provincial government and then, later on, to the federal government when they make their applications. Having said that, I don’t see ourselves being liable for any of these things that can take place, as we are merely a facilitator.”

“In the past, when we’ve had immigrant workers come to Edson, sometimes the employers have had to provide accommodations, does this apply in this instance?” asked Councillor Krystal Baier.

“Within the application that they submit to us we do ask specifically what they will do when it comes to accommodating newcomers that come to the community. That is one of the things that we check when approving and endorsing them. So it all does end up on what employers are willing and able to do, and if it meets our standards of being adequate enough to allow them to continue with the process,” answered Nyambirai.

Councillor Baier asked, “Is there a contract for the employee to remain with that company, or is there a contract that the employers have to keep that employee?” Nyambirai replied that the Town is not involved in the contract. However, newcomers will be under a closed visa until they receive permanent residency. Which means they will not be able to leave that employer until that point. “Once an employee has permanent

residency, we have no way of telling them whether to stay or leave the community,” he explained.

Nyambirai added that they are working with employers to make sure that they provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for employees.

“What other communities have similar programs?” asked Councillor Ed Moore. Nyambirai responded, “To date there are about 38 other communities that are participating in this program. The program is specifically for rural Alberta municipalities.”

Councillor Trevor Bevan asked if employers are mostly looking for skilled or unskilled workers with their applications. Nyambirai responded, “It’s definitely a mix right now. We are seeing that it’s almost an even split. There are some positions that require certain certifications for the candidate to be allowed to come into that job. Overall for the program, you have to have a minimum of high school education to participate. Some industries may require a bit more.”

“Given that it is a bit of a cumbersome process, what is a rough time in which employers can expect to see their workers?” asked Councillor Baier. Nyambirai responded, “The rough time I would give them is about two weeks. Within those two weeks we just basically go through the rigorous process of making sure that whatever they have given to us is good enough for us to approve, so that when things go on to the provincial government everything is in order.”

Mayor Kevin Zahara added that there is a great need in Edson for new employees. He then asked, “Do we know which countries the applicants are coming from?” Nyambirai responded, “Through the application process we do ask for candidate information. I don’t have the stats right now to present, but they come from all over. Some are in Canada already on a temporary visa and are looking for something more permanent.”

More information on the Rural Renewal Stream Program can be found in the business section of on the Town of Edson website.

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New Saturday Youth Club at Edson's Library

by Niki Luymes

Edson Public Library kicked off a brand new program. The new Saturday Youth Club held its first event on March 4.

The club will be gathering every Saturday from 1pm to 3pm at the Edson and District Public Library to take part in fun crafts and games. The group is open to anyone ages 8 to 15.

The club was created to specifically fill a void in the library's programming. "I do story-time during the week for the toddlers and the preschool kids, and I wanted something for this group, this age group is seemingly always left out, so I decided to start the Saturday Youth Club," said Ms Terry, Program Facilitator with the Library.

This week's activity was Morse code bracelets. Each youth planned out a message in Morse code, then

selected different colours to represent the 'dots' and 'dashes'. The end result was a colourful creation that also taught decoding and problem solving skills.

"Next week we're going to be doing a fun day of Minute to Win It games," said Ms Terry. So it's going to be a variety of crafts and other weekly activities for the kids, to get the kids to try something new they probably wouldn't on their own."

The program is still in its infancy. "Right now we are just trying it. I have March and April planned, but it is something that I hope to continue," said Ms Terry. "Plus, once we get into July we're planning on doing Summer Reading Program and Summer Camp Activities, so I'm using this as a jump off with these kids to ask, 'Hey, what are you interested in, what can I plan for camp?'"

Like all the library programs, this

one is free to the public. "It's absolutely free," said Ms Terry, "my only request is that people sign up, so I have a rough idea of numbers."

There is no limit in attendance as

long as the numbers stay manageable. Those who are interested can sign up at the library front desk, or if you want more information visit edsonlibrary.ca or call 780-723-6691.



Young Quinn McIver was one of the youth in attendance at Edson Public Library's first Saturday Youth Club held March 4. photo Niki Luymes



Kids were making Morse code bracelets from 1pm to 3pm on March 4, as part of the Edson Public Library's first Saturday Youth Club. photo Niki Luymes

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Town updates Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointments

by Niki Luymes

During the March 7 Edson Town Council meeting, council reviewed a change to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw No. 2290.

Tyler Robinson, Senior Manager, Protective Services for the Town of Edson stated that Edson's existing Peace Officer Bylaw No. 2059 is worded inconsistently with comparable bylaws of other municipalities.

In particular, other bylaws delegate the authority to appoint Bylaw Enforcement Officers to the Chief Administrative Officer.

Robinson stated that, "It's important to keep in mind the two categories of enforcement officers that are likely to be employed by most municipalities, including the Town of Edson, and how they may be appointed."

Community Peace Officer (CPO) Level 1 –

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Bylaw Enforcement Officer – This position has the authority to enforce Town bylaws but not Provincial statutes. This appointment does not require approval by the Province.

The Town of Edson currently has a Community Peace Officer (CPO) Level 1.

Administration presented a proposed update to the bylaw with the substantive change that the authority to appoint Bylaw Enforcement Officers, along with handling complaints and

addressing discipline, is delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer. Administration stated these changes are in compliance with the Municipal Government Act.

"Is the bylaw position a union position, and if so, does that change any of the disciplinary procedures within the bylaw?" Asked Councillor Peter Taylor. "Yes it is a union position," replied Robinson, "and as far as disciplinary procedures, they would have to take an oath and the authority to discipline is delegated to the CAO or a designate."

The update to the bylaw was then moved through first and second reading. The third reading of Bylaw Number 2290 was carried unanimously by council, bringing it into effect.

Ice fishing adventure for Parkland Lodge residents

by Deanna Mitchener

On March 2, residents from Parkland Lodge had the amazing opportunity to take in some ice fishing at Miller's Lake.

Amanda Mills with the recreation department said, "Thanks to some amazing people that volunteered their time and helped organize this for our residents. Six residents had an afternoon of fresh air and dangling a line in hopes of catching a big

fish. Everything was set up and waiting upon our arrival. We barbecued on the lake and enjoyed the afternoon of trying to catch fish."

"Special thanks to The Edson Fish and Game Association's Jim Toner, Dan Patten, Fish and Wildlife Officer Ben Biro, Bannister GM that donated the food, and our amazing bus driver Tama Plante, and everyone who helped make this possible," said Amanda.



Parkland Lodge residents on an ice fishing trip to Miller's Lake on March 2. submitted



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Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 2070

Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 — re-districting of SW-15-53-17-W5M from Urban Reserve (UR) to Heavy Industrial (M-2) on **Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm or as soon as practical thereafter through Zoom Meeting online and in-person in the Town of Edson Council Chambers (605 - 50 street)**

If approved, the amendment will change the districting of SW-15-53-17-W5M from Urban Reserve (UR) to Heavy Industrial (M-2).

To view details of the application, please see: www.edson.ca/bylaws

You may submit written comments by emailing: legislativeservices@edson.ca;

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Submissions must be received by the Town prior to the Public Hearing for Council's consideration.

Any person, group, or person acting on behalf of anyone who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw, may make representation during a Public Hearing. Oral presentations are subject to a five (5) minute time limit and any presentation materials must be sent one week prior to the Public Hearing.

If you wish to attend virtually please register by 7:00 pm on March 21, 2023.

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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 21st 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.**



A long way to go...

Mike Parker, President, Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA)



From the Publisher's Desk
Dana McArthur
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states that the recent update from the current government about the state of Alberta's healthcare system was both encouraging and frustrating.

In the release through Alberta Health Services, it stated that full-time paramedics, acute care staff and emergency department (ED) staff are being added to the frontline ranks of AHS, as part of efforts to reduce ED wait times and improve EMS response times.

"We are happy to see our call to hire more professionals is finally resulting in action. But the

government's plan goes nowhere near far enough. Just creating new positions is not enough when there is already an abundance of unfilled positions," states Parker in a release.

AHS stated that EMS response times are improving, despite a sustained 30% increase in call volume across the province. Comparing November 2022 with January 2023, EMS response times for the most urgent calls are shorter:

- 17 minutes in metro and urban areas, down from 21.8 minutes.
- 19.2 minutes in communities with over 3,000 residents, down from 21.5 minutes.
- 34.9 minutes in rural communities with under 3,000 residents, down from 36 minutes.
- 57.5 minutes in remote communities, down from 63.9 minutes.

AHS also stated the frequency of red alerts is also coming down:

- In January 2022, in the Edmonton Zone, there were 1,092 red alerts for a total of 39.7 hours, compared to 81 alerts and 1.8 hours in January 2023.
- In Calgary Zone, in January 2022, there were 328 red alerts for a total of 8.1 hours compared to 134 red alerts and a total of 3.2 hours in January 2023.

It is of note that AHS qualifies that these are the response times for 90% of activity.

Between November 2022 and January 2023, EMS added 39 front-line staff, including paramedics, emergency communications officers, and front-line supervisors. Overall, EMS hired 457 new staff members in 2022, including 341 paramedics.

Parker responds, "The government talks about performance measures

but doesn't explain the numbers. Are Red Alerts dropping because they stopped counting stacked calls? Why don't Red Alerts that happen outside Edmonton and Calgary get counted? Are response times still 'call to door' or is it now 'dispatch to door' as they signalled in past announcements? Is that how they got down to a 17-minute response time in the cities?"

Now, imagine attempting CPR on a loved one for 17 minutes or longer while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Or imagine being with your loved one that is in incredible pain while waiting 17 minutes or longer for help to arrive. That's simply not good enough.

A new research report by Parkland Institute — "Lights and Sirens: The Critical Condition of EMS in Alberta" — examines the current crisis facing paramedics in the province.

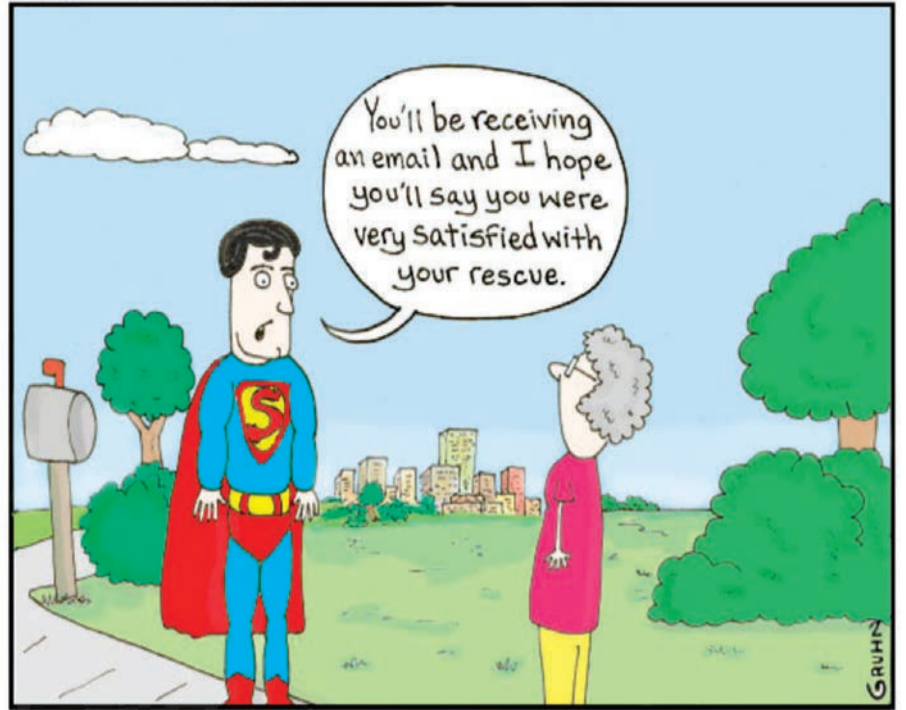
While the provincial government tries to blame the EMS failures on increased call volumes, the report argues that the problem—and its solutions—go beyond this simplistic view: "The current crisis was not simply the result of increased call volumes due to the pandemic," says the report author, medical sociologist Michael K. Corman. "The pandemic just exposed the weak foundation of a system that has been teetering on the edge for some time."

Problems identified by paramedics include, for example, an erosion of key work processes that are central to being a competent paramedic. "This was in large part brought on by a system that focused exclusively on efficiency, on the idea of 'doing more with less'." At the same time, some of the policies and practices adopted resulted in a lowering of standards and a toxic work environment that made providing good care nearly impossible.

The fact remains that the provincial government has a long way to go towards improving working conditions for frontline healthcare staff — and throwing money at the problems won't fix it.

"Our members aren't seeing these improvements. What our members tell me is that things are a bit better than they were at the worst of the crisis, but we are still far away from Albertans having the access to care they deserve and working conditions that will keep our members healthy..." states Parker.

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Local Army Cadet develops outdoor leadership skills

by Chief Warrant Officer Carmina Gismondi, 2850 2850 Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

Chief Warrant Officer Charlee Jackson, of 3070 Evansburg, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, in Evansburg,

joined 12 other army cadets from across the Prairies in Canmore, where they were challenged with back country snowshoeing, avalanche training and ice climbing all the while developing outdoor leadership skills under the guidance of professional guides and Cadet

Instructor Cadre officers.

“The best part of the expedition was getting to know everyone and building up my own confidence throughout the week. I really enjoyed ice climbing and the learning about avalanches,” said Jackson.

Jackson joined the Canadian Cadet Program in 2017, influenced by her aunt and grandfather, who both were cadets, and friends, who were also cadets. Since then, she has attended summer training in Vernon, B.C., and 4 Wing Cold Lake. She has also achieved a high level of fitness and the highest cadet rank.

“Joining cadets gives kids the chance to try new experiences you normally don't get to do in school, build confidence, and make friends from all over the country,” said Jackson.

“Cadets has definitely influenced my leadership skills and confidence in whatever I put my mind to,” said Jackson.

Expeditions are just some of the activities available to youth at local, regional, and national levels in the Canadian Cadet Program



Chief Warrant Officer Charlee Jackson, of 3070 Evansburg, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, in Evansburg, ice climbing in Kananaskis Park, AB, on February 17, 2023. Photo by Warrant Officer Jake Napier, 2850 Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

year-round. The Canadian Cadet Program is open to all youth between the ages of 12-18 years old and develops confident, self-sufficient leaders who form lasting friendships and are engaged in their communities. Army Cadets focuses on physical activity and the outdoors.

Adults are also needed to help train, administer, and supervise the local youth involved in the Canadian Cadet Program. Becoming part of the Canadian Cadet Program is easier than you may think, it's a lot of fun, and the skills you learn are likely transferable to your regular employment. No

previous military or cadet experience is needed.

To find out how to get in on the fun and learning in Evansburg call 780-898-3838 or email:

3070army@cadets.gc.ca. For air cadets in Edson, call 780-712-5735 or email: 874air@cadets.gc.ca.

Important Notice Dangerous Ice Conditions

Millers Lake

SW-08-053-19-W5M; West of Edson


Lake aerators create hazardous thin ice and open water. For your safety, observe these posted warnings at all times:

Lake Aeration in Progress Danger-Thin Ice and Open Water


Take these extra measures while on an aerated lake:

- Use at your own risk.
- Don't go beyond danger signs or approach the open water.

For inquiries or to report a problem, please call:
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Apply online at: <http://www.westfraser.com/jobs>

THANK YOU!

Pinedale Community Hall



Our Annual Valentines Supper & Dance was another fantastic success. We would like to say thank you to everyone who came out to support.

We would also like to say thank you to the Edson, Peers and surrounding community business members. Without all of you these events wouldn't be a success.

A special thank you to the following sponsors:

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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

TEENS ONLY! Wellness Day-cation

Come try out a variety of recreational activities to enhance personal wellness!

1-4 PM Thursday, March 23
Tipple Park Museum (Evansburg)
FREE! Ages 12-17 *Must pre-register*
For more details, visit yhcounty.ca

Ways to Register

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Park Playdate in Niton

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
12 PM - 2 PM

Join us at the park in Niton for an afternoon of outdoor fun!

Enjoy a hot dog roast, outdoor games, and more!



FREE EVENT

Please register your family in advance to help us determine how many supplies are needed!
For more info or to register, call 780-723-4800 or email ntarves@yhcounty.ca



Evansburg's Thrive Community Garden

Now accepting garden box bookings!

Boxes cost \$20 each.

One box per family for 2023 season. Limited boxes available. Bookings will be open until April 7, 2023 @ 4:30 PM.

For more information, contact 780-325-3782 or email khines@yhcounty.ca



AG SAFETY WEEK

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week is March 12-18, 2023
Commit to #FarmSafetyEveryday



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Help Canadian Farmers and the Yellowhead County Ag Services Board build an AgSafe Canada. Visit agsafetyweek.ca

Yellowhead County



Canadian Firearms Safety Course

(non-restricted)

AGES 12+
TIME: 9 AM - 6 PM

March 25:
WILDWOOD COMMUNITY HALL
March 26:
PEERS MULTIPLEX

INSTRUCTOR:
Dan Johnston

COST: \$140.00 per class

Register by March 17. Call 780.723.4800

Please Bring:
- Two Pieces of ID
- Address Verification
- Lunch / Snacks



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YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANTS

Grant Deadlines: March 31, June 15, September 30, December 31 (Reviewed Quarterly)

Community Hall/Outdoor Amenity Capital Assistance Grant
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding assistance with capital projects which could include renovations, repairs, furniture & equipment purchases, new facility, new outdoor amenity, etc.

Recreation Program & Event Grant
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding up to \$2200 for programs and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport and/or other recreational opportunities to the community.

Recreation & Culture Initiatives Fund
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding for new initiatives in recreation and culture facilities, programs and services that will have ongoing benefits to the community.

Grant Deadline: March 31 (Reviewed Annually)

Community Hall Operational Grant
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating a community hall.

Outdoor Amenity Operational Grant
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating an outdoor amenity. Amenities include: playgrounds, ski trails, outdoor skating rinks, ball diamonds, soccer pitch, riding arena, hiking trails.

Applications can be found at www.yhcounty.ca or picked up at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood. For more info contact Kevin at 780-723-4800.

TAX PAYMENT NOTICE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LANDOWNERS

New Title Holders:

If you have recently purchased property in Yellowhead County, Land Titles is four to five months behind in processing. Combined Assessment and Tax notices will be mailed in May so if you haven't received a tax notice by June 1, 2023, please contact the Yellowhead County Edson office. July 1st, 2023 penalty date still applies on any outstanding balances.

Municipal Address Changes:

Do you live in Niton Junction and have a T0E 150 postal code? Your address is **no longer valid** due to recent Canada Post changes. Call Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 to update your mailing address.

School Support Notice:

Alberta Education has expanded the Living Waters Catholic Separate School Division boundary under Ministerial Order 015/2021. If you are the owner of a property within the new boundaries and would like to direct your taxes to the separate school division, please contact the Yellowhead County Tax department at 780-723-4800. You can find the Ministerial Order through the following link: https://kings-printer.alberta.ca/Documents/MinOrders/2021/Education/2021_015_Education.pdf

For more information, please call 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800 or email info@yhcounty.ca

LOOKING FOR A GREAT WINTER ACTIVITY? CHECK OUT OUR Cross-Country Skis & Snowshoes Rentals



Weekly Rentals for Cross-Country Skis: \$30/pair (includes boots/skis/poles)

ENJOY WINTER IN THE COUNTY!

Weekly Rentals for Snowshoes: \$10/pair (includes poles)



Rentals must be reserved ahead of time by calling 780-723-4800 or emailing ntarves@yhcounty.ca
A valid credit card is required for rental



REQUEST FOR QUOTE 2023 HERBICIDE SUPPLY For Yellowhead County

Full details can be found at: www.yhcounty.ca or www.purchasingconnection.ca

Will be received until: April 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m. MST

General Description:
Yellowhead County invites suppliers of herbicide products to provide a quote for products listed on the below "Quote Sheet". The list of specific herbicide products and the approximate volumes that Yellowhead County will purchase in 2023 is a guideline only and no guarantee of purchase is implied by this invitation or by acceptance of any supplier's quote. Herbicide products are interchangeable and the price quote submitted by the preferred supplier will be used by Yellowhead County to analyse cost-benefits of purchasing specific herbicides to address needs as they emerge.

Completed Quote Sheets may be submitted via email to:
Jennifer Benson, Agricultural Services Supervisor
Yellowhead County
2716 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta T7E 1N9
Phone: 780-325-3782
Fax: 780-325-3783
jbenson@yhcounty.ca

If you have any questions regarding this Request for Quotes, please contact the above Yellowhead County representative.

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D23-016	Plan 9826339 Blk 1, Lot 1 SW-34-53-18-W5 Edson Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Veranda on Two Sides & Secondary Internal Suite (Basement)	Feb 23/23
D23-017	SE-30-56-13-W5 Shining Bank Area	Accessory Building (Pole Shop)	Feb 24/23
D23-020	NE-10-53-18-W5 Edson West Area	Existing Accessory Buildings (Quonset, Steel Storage Shelter Area, Shed, Storage Containers, and Shelter With roof and Storage Trailer)	Feb 27/23
D23-019	NE-13-53-18-W5 Edson Area	Existing Accessory Building (Shop including loft and covered front porch)	Feb 28/23
D23-018	Plan 9924919 Blk 1, Lot 1 SW-20-53-10-W5	Existing Recreational Cabin	Mar 1/23
D23-021	Plan 0627780 Blk 1, Lot 18 SE-30-53-7-W5 Evansburg	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage and Two Covered Decks	Mar 2/23

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at 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 0921 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 Land 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 \$300.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 days 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.

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April 20, 2023 from 9-10am Peers, AB**

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Prices effective Wednesday, March 15 to Sunday, March 19, 2023 in this area only.

¹Redemption of points against the purchase of alcohol as permitted in certain jurisdictions is subject to provincial minimum pricing regulations where applicable. Points apply to items sold as individual units and are not awarded per unit when the unit is part of a case pack or variety pack. PC Optimum™ points offers valid Wednesday, March 15 to Sunday, March 19, 2023. ¹¹Offer is only available to valid PC Optimum™ members who are of legal drinking age. ¹²Offer is only available at Real Canadian Liquorstore™ locations in Alberta to valid PC Optimum™ members who are of legal drinking age. Product availability may vary by store. We reserve the right to limit quantities. We are not obligated to award points based on errors or misprints. No adjustments on previous purchases. See in-store or visit pcoptimum.ca for full terms, conditions and redemption restrictions. We reserve the right to limit quantities to reasonable requirements. While supplies last. Prices do not include G.S.T or deposit and are subject to change. No rainchecks or substitutions. The product image(s) shown may represent the range and/or variety of this product for illustration purposes only, and may not be an exact visual of the product. Please refer to the product description for product details. ®/™ Trademarks of Loblaw's Inc. ©2023 Loblaw's Inc. All rights reserved.

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Alberta RCMP officer involved shooting in Evansburg

(RCMP) On Feb. 25, 2023, at approximately 11:50 p.m., an Evansburg RCMP Officer located a vehicle that was stuck and which had been reported to have been stolen, on Range Road 102 A, north of Highway 16, in Yellowhead County, Alta. The officer approached on foot and attempted to arrest the occupants, but the driver exited the vehicle and pointed a firearm at the officer. The officer discharged his firearm and the suspect retreated into his vehicle. Officers from neighboring RCMP detachments were called to assist and surrounded the suspect vehicle. Eventually the two occupants of the suspect vehicle surrendered to police and were taken into custody. One of the suspects sustained a minor injury during this incident, while no police officers were injured.

The Alberta RCMP believes in processes that seek the facts and it's important that processes taken to assess

the actions of all those involved, including the police, are fair, transparent, and defensible. This is why, as soon as we became aware of this incident, we immediately notified the Director of Law Enforcement and initiated our internal review process. The Director deemed the incident to be "in scope" for ASIRT, however assigned the investigation to the RCMP, with AISRT oversight.

Alberta RCMP Serious Crimes and General Investigation Sections have taken over carriage of the investigation. An update will be provided when available.

Independent of ASIRT, the Alberta RCMP's internal review process has been implemented to gather a full account of what took place during this incident. RCMP training, policy, police response, and the duty status of the members involved will be subject to review. The Alberta RCMP is, of course, fully cooperating with ASIRT.



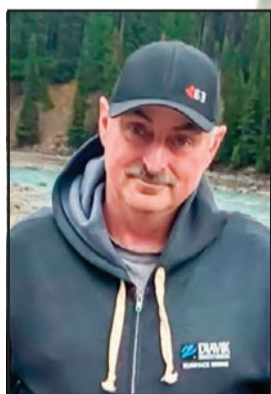
Holy Redeemer's March 4 A Cure event returns for another year. Over the past several years, this event has raised over \$120,000 for the Alberta Cancer Foundation, and this year the team has set a goal of \$15,000. Be sure to go to the HRH social media pages to find the links for the online auction with lots of great items available. submitted

~ Obituary ~

Robert Alan (Al) Smith

February 25, 1976 – February 27, 2023

Al passed away at the age of 47 at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton, with his family surrounding him, after a short battle with ALS. Left to mourn his loss is his loving wife of 23 years, Jeanine; his daughter Angelina and son Danny; parents Kenny (Patsy) Smith, Constance Davidson and Larry and Louise Tremblay; siblings Reggie (Natalie) Smith, Jennifer Tremblay (Dale Fosshiem), Richard (Nicole) Tremblay, along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces, as well as many friends.



Al is pre-deceased by his Poppy Kenneth Smith Sr., Nanny Irene Alexander, Grandma Helen McHugh, Granny Helen Tremblay and Grandpa Norman Tremblay.

Everyone who knows Al knows him as one of the hardest, strongest workers around. No matter the job, he always gave it everything he had. He loved spending his free time camping and fishing with Jeanine and his pup Daisy or hunting and quadding with the kids and friends.

Al loved traveling around to mud bogs and derbies as he enjoyed the mud and the noise of the cars and trucks. Birthdays and celebrations were not complete without a big feast that Al prepared whether it was a lobster feast or a BBQ/ Pig Roast.

As much as Al enjoyed doing all of these hobbies, the thing that brought him the most joy was putting a smile on everyone's face.

A Celebration of Life for Al was held Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Edson Legion.

In Lieu of flowers donations in Al's memory may be offered to STARS.

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The Galloway Station Museum is hiring!

The successful candidates will be responsible for:

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- Setting up for rentals and exciting local events
- Giving inspiring museum tours to youth and adults
- Potential for researching and reporting on our area's rich history
- Helping staff keep the facility tidy and adhering to health guidelines
- Assisting in other departments as needed

Term position mid-May to the end of August
35 hours/week \$17 to \$18/hour depending on experience.

Qualifications


- Knowledge of Edson & area or keen willingness to learn
- Exceptional customer service skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to lift a minimum of 25 pounds
- Must be willing to work weekends
- Must be enrolled in full time studies and be returning to post-secondary education in the fall

Please email resumes to:
manager@gallowaystationmuseum.com
 or drop off at the Galloway Station Museum,
 Travel Centre & Archives
 223 - 55th Street, Edson, AB T7E 1L5

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Galloway Station
Museum,
Travel Centre
& Archives
Edson, AB



NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO RELOCATE

The Beerland (Edson) Bottle Depot has applied to the Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) to relocate Beerland Bottle Depot currently located at 4920 1 Avenue, Edson, Alberta, T7E 1V8. The proposed new location is:

4914 3rd Avenue, Edson, Alberta, T7E 1X7

Pursuant to policies established by the BCMB, any person who is directly affected by a proposed relocation may submit their concerns in writing to: compliance@bcmb.ab.ca

Written concerns should quote "Beerland Relocation" and must be submitted by 12:00pm on April 13, 2023, to be accepted. Submissions must be detailed and must include the reasoning behind their support or objection of this relocation. Please note that any feedback received will be provided to the applicant for review and comment.




Figure 1. Map from existing site (A) to new proposed site (B), distance 0.3km

#100, 8616 – 51 Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta T6E 6E6
www.bcmb.ab.ca

Telephone 780 424 3193
Toll Free 1 888 424 7671

OBITUARIES

~ Obituary ~

Denise Pamela Fenske (Minta)

October 20, 1949 – March 2, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Denise Pamela Fenske (nee Minta), on Thursday March 2, at the age of 73.

Denise was born on Oct 20, 1949, in Nottingham England, to George and Doris Minta (nee Odams). She has a twin sister Diane (Ernie) Stefanik; brothers Haydn (Debbie) Minta and Trevor Minta (Jacquie). The entire family immigrated to Canada Apr 8, 1965. Arriving in Edmonton on a blustery day, and it was quite a shock.



In 1968 the family moved to Fox Creek (another shock) where Denise met the love of her life John Fenske. They were married Apr 10, 1970 in Valleyview. In the fall they welcomed their son, Jim and a few years later their daughter Janinne.

Denise spent many years in the Grovedale and Grande Prairie areas before retiring to Edson. While in Grande Prairie you could find her most days at Dunvegan Gardens up to her elbows in soil, surrounded by flowers, creating her custom works of art with all the plants. Denise loved to garden, and never broke her promise to her mom-in-law to keep the heritage red potatoes going.

Later in life she became a proud grandma to three grandkids. Jim and Allison had a son Ayden, then four years later a daughter, Kinley. Janinne and Layton had a daughter Kadri. Denise always said, if she knew grandkids would be this fun, she would have had them first.

Denise loved those grandkids fiercely and was the happiest when they were all together with her. She would never admit she spoiled them; they were just well loved. In Feb 2015, her and John took the whole family to Disneyland and she never stopped smiling the whole week.

Denise hated the cold and loved when they became snowbirds, going to Mesa Arizona for ten winters. Denise made many good friends down there. Denise also loved the ocean and salt air, and couldn't wait to vacation on Vancouver Island to visit family.

Denise possessed many traits: strong willed, stubborn as a goat at times, could be quite the sales lady, witty, stoic, and caring. She loved to cook, especially for her family and friends, loved to host gatherings and mentioned that is what she missed most.

Mom you are already missed beyond measure and loved beyond words.

A celebration of life will take place in Edson later in the summer.

John and the family would like to send a heartfelt thank you to Dr. R Sood, for all his care and compassion towards Denise.

If one chooses, memorial donations can be made to the Salvation Army, as this was mom's favourite charity.

Dennis

Companion and friend for almost 53 years.

Raised and proud of our two children, Jim and Janinne.

Defence attorney for three grandchildren, Ayden, Kadri and Kinley, who she loved unconditionally.

Loved flowers and baby red potatoes fresh from the garden, and the smell of fresh cut grass.

Supported me in my good and bad times.

Took pride and enjoyed cooking for her family and friends.

Went halloweening in Fox Creek, got drunk, and lost her car.

Very independent, proud, stubborn, and did things her way.

Thanks for everything you did for our family; you fought a good fight and in the end covid won.

Denise, I hope you are someplace where you can breathe again and smell the ocean air.

Love, John

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~ Obituary ~

Margaret Anne Sanders

November 20, 1934 - March 2, 2023

The family of Margaret Sanders sadly announce her passing on March 2, 2023, at the age of 88.

Margaret was born in Vermillion Alberta, to Walter and Agnes Hinchey. They moved to Edson when she was 3, to the acreage just north of town. In 1954 she married Jack Sanders. They moved further up the north road to the Sanders Farm where they raised their 4 kids. Jack passed away in 1995 from cancer and Margaret continued to live at the farm until she was 81. Margaret was a beautiful soul, gentle, kind, warm-hearted, welcoming to anyone, always smiling, never said ill about anyone. In her 88 years she loved gardening, knitting, quilting and baking, especially buns, they were something special. The things she enjoyed the most was spending time with her friends and family, kids and animals, they brought her so much joy. We were lucky to have her as a Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Friend. She will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

Margaret is survived by her children Robert (Faye), John (Julie), Sandra (Robert), Tim (Jayne); Her grandchildren Bobbi (Mike), Kyle (Andrea), Traci, Jackie (Braden), Hailey; Her 6 great grandchildren Laney, Tessa, Griffin, Sadie, Daxson and Casey; Her sister Betty Mathers who will be 100 in April.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband Jack and parents Walter and Agnes, her siblings Andy (Gwen) Hinchey, Bill (Bess) Hinchey, Jim (Lillian) Hinchey, Doug (Shirley) Hinchey, Marion (Tom) Cunningham, as well as brother in law Ove Mathers.

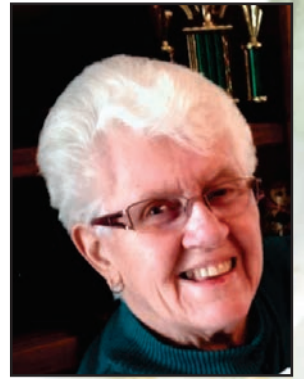
The family would like to express their gratitude to the amazing ladies and fellows at the continuing care (Birch unit). Your heartfelt caring of Margaret over the last 2 years was greatly appreciated.

Donations may be made to Edson Continuing Care - Birch Unit
There will be no service at this time.

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~ Obituary ~

Madeleine (Binda) Richardson

It is with great sadness that the family of Madeleine (Binda) Richardson passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Hinton Healthcare Centre on February 24th, 2023. She is survived by her children: Ray, Diane, Debbie, Brian and Linda (Mike); 7 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and her younger siblings: Colette Boucher, Jean-Rene, Gerald, Therese Cantin and Francoise Downey. Mom was predeceased by her husband George, her parents Alban and Dora (Paquette) Binda, her younger brothers Martial and Richard, and grandchildren Daryl and Damien Caldwell.



Mom was fiercely independent and stubborn - no doubt because of her French-Canadian/Italian roots. Mom lived a long and interesting life. She was born in Gatineau Pointe, Quebec on April 30th, 1930. She was raised and lived her early years in Ottawa. She was always hardworking. She worked as a waitress and as a stenographer until she met and fell in love with a young soldier, (our dad George), who was in the army stationed in Ottawa. Mom married in 1952 and quickly fell into the role of a soldier's wife. The young lady from Ottawa was now on an adventure of a lifetime as dad was posted to various bases from Torbay, Newfoundland in the east, to Calgary and Edmonton in the west, and a "few" stops in between. It was during this time that dad re-mustered from the army to the air force.

Way before women's liberation, mom was not shy about picking up a paint brush if she thought something needed painting, or putting up another shelf if she found an empty space and figured there should be a shelf there. As if being a wife, mother and homemaker were not challenging enough, as soon as Linda was old enough to go to school, mom started honing her secretarial skills practicing her typing on a manual typewriter at the kitchen table. Self-taught and determined, mom soon attained a position as a secretary in "The Hole" - NORAD's underground complex in North Bay, Ontario. All that moving must have had an effect on mom because once dad had retired from the air force and they moved to Hinton in 1976, mom was quite content to live in the same house until she passed. Moving anywhere else was not an option. Looking to keep busy, mom worked at Sears; the Valley IGA bakery; and then showing her creative side, she learned and then taught ceramics in her basement for several years until she "retired".

Foothills Memorial Chapel has been entrusted to fulfill mom's wish to be cremated. A private family Celebration of Life may happen later this year. We'd be remiss if we didn't thank Drs. Weninger and Findlay who went beyond the call of duty showing nothing but the utmost care and empathy towards our mom; Pharmacists Eric and Robert (and their staff) at King Drug who were most patient and professional in answering our questions concerning prescriptions and vaccines; and all the staff of Hinton Medical Clinic and Hinton Healthcare Centre for all their help whether mom was making a scheduled or emergency visit. Your consideration in looking after our mother meant the world to us. We are so fortunate to have such quality health care providers in Hinton. In lieu of any floral tributes or cards of condolences, any donations to the Hinton SPCA would be greatly appreciated. Mom never met a dog she didn't like or wanted to pet.

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Sign Painting Night at Marlboro Hall

by Niki Luymes

Residents of the Marlboro area came out for some creative bonding at Yellowhead County's Sign Painting Night. Starting at 6pm at the Marlboro Hall people could enjoy interacting with others in their community while also creating a one of a kind painted wood sign.

The Marlboro Sign Painting night was a part of Yellowhead County's

Community Recreation Programs. "Some of those programs include arts and culture programs," said Nicole Tarves, Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator with Yellowhead County. "The sign night was something we decided to offer based on feedback we received. We thought the Marlboro hall would be a great place for that."

Attendees were led through the sign making process by Inspired Designs by Rheanne. They provided the stencils, wood, and paints that participants were able to choose from. With a wide variety of colours, there was no shortage of ways to create a unique work of art. Everyone went home with a sign that was uniquely theirs.

The event was open to everyone. However, due to the amount of prep required, the class did require pre-registration. In total 12 people turned out for the event. "Which is pretty good number for a Friday evening of creating and visiting," said Tarves.

Yellowhead County runs multiple events every month for people of all ages and is always interested in ideas for what events people want in their area. To share those ideas you can reach out to the County on social media pages or email ntarves@yhcounty.ca.

Event Reminders

March 22: Growing Edible Mushrooms in your backyard. 7pm-9pm 2hr live workshop via zoom register by March 15 can learn more at www.yhcounty.ca

March 25: Niton Jam. 1:00pm at the Niton Community Hall. Join us for music and dancing. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Trudy at 780-723-0557 or Lorna at 780-397-3967

Alberta Municipalities:

Provincial budget focused on the 'now' not the future

The provincial government's 2023-24 budget clearly shows it has taken the political temperature of Alberta and decided to address many of the emergent issues Albertans face. It appears to be concentrating its spending on several important issues, including healthcare, education and public safety.

This is necessary and understandable, and Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) believes this spending will help. We look forward to watching the funding flow and we encourage the provincial government to honour its commitments beyond the next provincial election in late May.

Our association is pleased to see the Government of Alberta listened to us and others when it decided to fully index funding to municipalities so that local governments' funding increases and decreases as the provincial government's revenues wax and wane. In this respect, ABmunis' members feel more like full partners, rather than 'children' of the province.

Where this budget falls short is in the allocation of funding to address

Alberta's growing infrastructure deficit. Alberta communities face a \$30 billion infrastructure deficit. Put simply, Alberta's municipalities own 60 per cent of the infrastructure, but they received just 1.0 per cent of this provincial budget. Many Albertans will be surprised to learn that per-capita provincial funding to municipalities has declined by 61 per cent since 2011.

While numerous infrastructure projects will receive funding in the 2023 provincial budget – things like hospitals, schools, roads and bridges – these projects represent a small fraction of the infrastructure projects needed to build a province that attracts and retains talented people so that Alberta remains economically successful and prosperous.

Alberta Municipalities will continue pressing the provincial government to commit to additional strategic infrastructure spending in the coming weeks and months. We also plan to raise this issue with all provincial political parties in the run-up to the 2023 provincial election.



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Township	Range	Meridian
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48	18-21 & 23	W5
49	19, 21 & 22	W5
50	19, 20, 22, 25	W5
51	20-24	W5
52	22, 24 & 26	W5
53	23 & 24	W5
54	19	W5
55	18 & 24	W5
56	17-19, & 23	W5
57	17-19	W5
58	23	W5

For more information, please contact a Hinton Wood Products representative at 1-800-293-6955 or visit our open house on March 28 in Edson at the Galloway Museum or on March 30 in Hinton at the Parks West Mall.



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45	15-17	W5
46	13	W5

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Farm & Field

News and Views

Special ballot applications now open for voting by mail

Elections Alberta offers voting options for everyone.

“We are ready for everyone,” says Renwick. “And we are working hard to make sure as many sites as possible are convenient and accessible for electors. We have expanded the number of locations for advance voting to provide even more access to our Vote Anywhere Service, while maintaining our Election Day voting options in close proximity to electors.”

Providing access to voting for all electors is a priority and accessibility remains key to the election process. All advance voting and Election Day voting places are assessed for their suitability and Elections Alberta works to ensure that as many voting locations as possible provide or can be modified to provide barrier-free access. If barrier-free access is not possible, reasonable alternatives will be available.

To learn more about the voting options available in the 2023 Provincial General Election and to apply to vote by mail visit

<https://www.elections.ab.ca/voters/how-to-vote/>. To make voting easier, electors also have access to a new, short explainer video on how to vote.

Elections Alberta is an independent, non-partisan office of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta responsible for administering provincial elections, by-elections, and referenda.

Municipality of Jasper invites input from Canadians

Gerald Soroka
MP Yellowhead



Parks Canada seeking feedback

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that Parks Canada, upon a request by the Municipality of Jasper, is inviting input from Canadians on sharing responsibility with the municipality for the delivery of land use planning and development services, and whether a new model should be explored.

This includes determining who should execute what land use planning and development responsibilities within the Town of Jasper, and how the Municipality of Jasper and Parks Canada could work together in the delivery of these services. Following consultations, a 'What We Heard Report' will be published summarizing the feedback received and will outline the next steps for Parks Canada to respond to the Municipality of Jasper's request.

To read more about Let's Talk Mountain Parks and to complete the survey go to:
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March 22: Growing Edible Mushrooms in your backyard. 7pm-9pm 2hr live workshop via zoom register by March 15 can learn more at www.yhcounty.ca

March 23: Wellness Day-cation. Teens Only! 1-4pm at Tipple Park Free ages 12-17 variety of recreational activities to enhance personal wellness. Must register 780-723-4800 or email ntarves@yhcounty.ca

March 23: Park Playdate in Niton. Join us at the park for an afternoon of outdoor activities. Hot dogs and outdoor games and more. Free event please register your family in advance. 780-723-4800 or email ntarves@yhcounty.ca

March 25: Niton Jam. 1:00pm at the Niton Community Hall. Join us for music and dancing. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Trudy at 780-723-0557 or Lorna at 780-397-3967

June 17: Eddie's Big Run, Kids Fun Run, 3km, 3km, & 10km runs. Save the date.

June 23: Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament. Register now.

Every Tuesday: Winter Walking Group @ 5:15 pm. 60 min guided walk through the Town of Edson exploring the beautiful trails. Drop In no registration. Dogs & kids welcome. See facebook [@edsoncomserv](https://www.facebook.com/edsoncomserv) for updates and muster locations.

Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11 am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.

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