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## RCMP calls increase by 15% in 2021

### Edson Detachment responded to 5,830 calls for service last year

by Shaylyn Thornton

Staff Sergeant Christian Delisle along with other local RCMP members gave a year-end review to Yellowhead County Council on March 8.

Staff Sergeant Christian Delisle (Edson's Detachment

Commander), Sergeant Graham Gurski (Hinton's Acting Detachment Commander), and Corporal Brandon Tobin (Evansburg's Acting Detachment Commander) were present at the meeting.

S/Sgt Delisle presented a 2021 Year End Report, explaining

that the numbers would be from April 2021-December 2021, based on the fiscal year for the RCMP.

The Edson Detachment responded to 5,830 calls for service in 2021, with 2,191 coming from Yellowhead County. "That's about 40%-ish

of our calls for service," said Delisle. "That's 316 more than last year so about 15% increase from [2020]. The year before in 2019, we had 2,463, so we can see that COVID did have a bit of an effect."

Compared to 2020, there was a

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# Local RCMP calls increase by 15% in 2021

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5% decrease in Person Crimes, a 1% decrease in Property Crimes, and Other Criminal Code Crimes remained consistent.

There was an approximate 5% increase in theft of motor vehicles. "It's a trend we've seen throughout the region, including in the town of Edson," said Delisle. He said that oilfield lease sites are also being targeted for the theft of metals, equipment, batteries, etc.

For 2021, the top five call-types that have provided the most workload for the Edson RCMP in Yellowhead County are motor vehicle collisions, theft under \$5k, traffic violations, the Mental Health Act, and abandoned vehicles.

The Mental Health Act saw a 6% increase, from 52 calls in 2020 to 55 in 2021. "I'll be curious to see if now that hopefully we're at the tail end of this pandemic we'll see the number going down, but it's something that's keeping us busy a fair bit," Delisle said.

One of the main goals for Yellowhead County in 2021 was to reduce crime, specifically thefts by 10%. "We unfortunately did not meet that goal, we reduced it by about 1%," said Delisle. He noted that, because so many of the thefts involve oilfield lease sites, his team is planning on liaising more and working with oilfield companies to find out how they can be more strategic in reducing this type of crime.

Another goal was to provide 1,000 Visibility Patrols in Edson and Yellowhead County combined. These patrols are done with the intent of being available and visible in these areas to deter crime.

So far, over 500 patrols have been done in Yellowhead County, and approximately 800 in Edson. "Those resulted in many things. Just a conversation with someone to finding firearms in vehicles and arresting people on warrants," said Delisle. "So we've had great success with this so don't be surprised if it comes back next year. It's very effective."

The Edson Detachment also hopes to improve community engagement, and one of the ways they

sought to do this in Yellowhead County was with a survey. 30 people responded to the survey.

"The number one thing that they would like to see is the presence, relations with the public, and patrols in the County. Number two was addressing drugs," said Delisle. "Number three was theft and vandalism, so kind of in line with our statistics, and number four was speeding."

Delisle also hopes to host more in-person community engagement sessions, with the next one coming up on March 16 at 7pm at the Edson Friendship Centre.

Some of the initiatives for the Edson Detachment in 2021 were the creation of the "Exchange Zone" in the RCMP building's parking lot for people to meet for purchases made online, the participation in creating and starting the Shelterpods, a safety screw program for license plates, check stops on Highway 16, and a Warrant Round Up in November and December. Approximately 30 people were arrested, and 50 warrants were executed.

Councillor Dawn Mitchell thanked Delisle for both his presentation and his work. "Your communication skills with the residents of Marlboro and Millers Lake, it has really turned things around there and I appreciate it," she said. "When the police are called, the residents now have confidence that police will show up and will protect them."

Councillor David Russell also thanked Delisle for efforts made in his local hamlet. "They've been effective, I'm going to say 95% effective," he said. "The business community there is very happy, so I'd like to pass that along."

Corporal Tobin also spoke about the Evansburg Detachment. He said morale in the Detachment is "quite high" and that his staff are putting a lot of effort into their work.

"Our biggest issues are false alarms, false 9-11 hang ups, persons reported missing [and] search warrants," Tobin said. "We have a small pocket of people in Evansburg area that commit a majority of

the crime, and I've got a bunch of guys that are absolutely gung-ho to getting these guys. A lot of them are in jail right now and we're going to try and make sure it stays that way."

The higher reports of missing persons in the Evansburg area are typically related to activity on the Pembina River, such as events, tubing, and "just more day use of the park."

"For us, our spousal abuse and Form 10 Mental Health warrants were another common police activity," said Tobin. "People are spending more time at home and there are more fights happening," he added regarding the increase in spousal abuse calls.

Regarding policing priorities, Councillor Shawn Berry asked if social media is being utilized by the RCMP. Cpl Tobin mentioned that there was a "completely member-generated file" from social media recently that resulted in two search warrants being granted. "There was no complaint... that was just my guys at home on Facebook noticing things," Tobin said.

With warmer weather approaching, Councillor Mitchell also brought up random camping and squatters in the County and asked if there could be a "focus" on that. Councillor Anthony Giezen also encouraged a continued focus on rural theft, specifically noting the rising cost of fuel.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux thanked the officers for "making visibility a priority in all three detachments." "I would also like to see engagement with our youth. I think that's where trust begins and carries on to adulthood," Lemieux said. "Yellowhead County has some amazing parks and pump tracks and I would just like to see if there's a patrol going, you know, around in Peers and there's kids - stop. And start to build those relationships early on."

Councillor David Russell spoke next. "I think you're on the right track, your statistics support," he said. "Continue what you're doing, as far as I'm concerned, because it's working well."

Council voted unanimously to accept the presentation as information.



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# Town reviews Land Use Bylaw rewrite

by Adrienne Tait

The extensive review and upcoming rewrite of the Town's Land Use Bylaw (LUB) was the main topic of discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday evening. The Bylaw, which was written in the 90s, is due for an overhaul.

Urban Systems has been contracted to review, consult with stakeholders, and draft the new LUB.

During their presentation to Council the group laid out their guiding principles for undertaking the project. These principles included (amongst others) making the new bylaw simple and concise, clear and easy to interpret, and allowing for increased flexibility.

Councillor Baier asked how the group plans to balance making the bylaw clear and concise to limit interpretation while allowing flexibility.

Clayton Kittlitz, General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning, said, "One thing to

recognize is our current Land Use Bylaw is very challenging to use. Even improving on that, taking one step in the right direction, you will find it easier to find that flexibility and conciseness. Poorly written Land Use Bylaws are very hard to deal with. We have a lot of uses that aren't defined in our Land Use Bylaw and that's a challenge. It's going to be very easy to improve on what we have."

The rewrite of the bylaw will include stakeholder and resident information and engagement sections. The entire process is projected to take until the fall of 2023.

Council further discussed rate and fee changes for 2023. Some of the most noticeable proposed changes include increases to the tipping fees at the land fill, increased fees at the airport, and an increased fee for sewer scopes. The item will return at a future date for further discussion and/or ratification.



This group of deer crossing a road in Edson are obviously Beatles Abbey Road fans ...but they were apparently having a few technical challenges with direction, crosswalks, and counting. photo Sue Ann Common.

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# Scam alert: Licence plate sticker scam

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Service Alberta is not offering

refunds due to elimination of licence plate stickers. Albertans who receive this message or any other electronic message claiming to offer refunds for licence plate stickers should not click any links or input any personal or banking information.

**Quick facts**

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### RCMP TOWN HALL MEETING

The Town of Edson and the Local RCMP Detachment are inviting you to a Town Hall Meeting on March 16th starting at 7PM at the Edson Friendship Centre. (5023 3rd avenue) Detachment Commander, S/Sgt Christian Delisle, will be presenting crime statistics for the region and discussing policing strategies with the community. There will also be an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide important feedback.

This meeting is open to all Edson and Yellowhead County residents. It will also be live streamed on the Town of Edson Facebook Page.

This event is being sponsored by the Town of Edson, Edson RCMP, Edson Friendship Centre, Bannister GM, and Citizens on Patrol.

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Here we go again...

## More divisive language

My column last week talked about expecting a much better example of civility and respect from our elected officials.

As if to emphasize that point, a week later Premier Jason Kenney decided to unleash some less than civil remarks toward an Alberta educator.

You'd think with only a month to go before Kenney's fate as leader of the UCP is decided in Red Deer on April 9, that avoiding controversies and building unity would be good ideas?

Guess not —as Kenney appears to have decided it was just the right time to publicly insult a member of the public! And not just any member ...he chose to insult a law professor of all people!

A screen-capture of a tweet posted by U of A Law Professor Ubaka Ogbogu was re-posted to Kenney's Facebook page. The professor stated, "I'm just going to wear a mask to spite Kenney."

Kenney's response was to call the law professor "deranged". This stigmatizing word, and others like it, were once commonly used, but are now (of course) considered unfair, insulting, and offensive to those living with mental illness\*. Stigmatizing words also create barriers to seeking professional mental health support.

"Sad to see how deranged the left has become. This NDP law professor will wear a mask "to spite" me. Why is everything always political to these lefties? And why is the NDP angry about getting life back to normal?" Kenney stated.



**From the Publisher's Desk**  
Dana McArthur  
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

Professor Ogbogu responded to the media that he is considering a defamation lawsuit. He stated that Kenney cannot claim that he's telling the truth because "I am not deranged, factually speaking. And I am not, in any way, affiliated with the NDP." This would become Kenney's second defamation lawsuit in as many months.

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Ubaka Ogbogu  
@UbakaOgbogu

I'm just going to wear a mask now to spite Kenney. Staying healthy and protecting my community are now secondary objectives.

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Jason Kenney  
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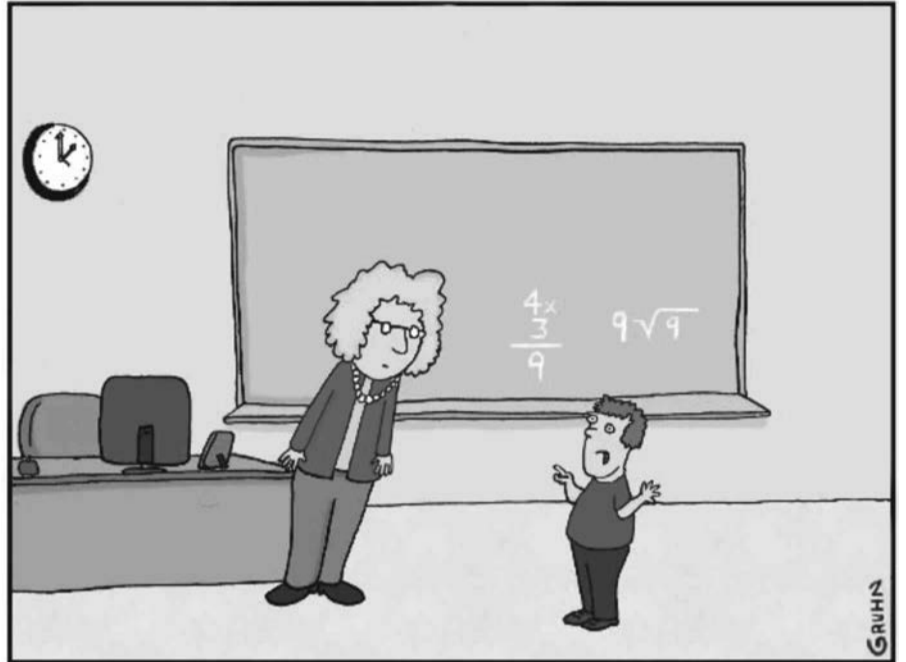
A new Angus Reid poll found that four out of five Canadians surveyed agreed that the pandemic has "pulled people further apart." And roughly the same number believe "the pandemic has brought out the worst in people."

Alberta needs unity in leadership more than ever. So it's one thing for elected officials to engage in respectful policy debates with members of the public, but it's completely unacceptable to fall to the level of personal attacks and divisive language.

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# Province limits local governments regarding public health bylaws

COVID-19 health policy will be consistent across Alberta, due to changes introduced by the provincial government to the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

The government states that Bill 4, the Municipal Government (Face Mask and Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Bylaws) Amendment Act, 2022 proposes changes to the MGA that will be very narrow and focused strictly on public health requirements related to COVID-19. Any municipal bylaws requiring masks to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, or relating to COVID-19 vaccines, will need to be approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs in consultation with Alberta's chief medical officer of health.

This approach will limit the ability of local governments to pass bylaws that contradict public health policies enacted by the province. For example, the proposed changes would prevent local governments from imposing masking or proof of COVID-19 vaccination bylaws on private sector operators such as grocery stores and retail businesses.

Local governments will continue to have authority to implement masking or proof of COVID-19 vaccination bylaws to municipal facilities, such as recreation centres, public transit and municipal buildings.

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association stated, "We are concerned that the Government of Alberta is setting a troubling precedent by amending the MGA – Alberta's principal piece of legislation governing municipalities – without prior consultation. Alberta Municipalities appreciates

that the provincial government kept the scope of these legislative amendments very narrow, but we continue to believe that the best public health

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# HRH to Perform first ever main stage show OUTSIDE

(HRH) Get ready, Edson. The Holy Redeemer Drama Department is set to perform the first ever full length production outside on the Pavilion stage at the RCMP Centennial Park!

“This marks another first for our program and for the community of Edson,” says Drama Teacher Peter Taylor. “With restrictions being lifted, we know many people want to get things back to normal and we are hoping to kick-off the spring and summer with an outside show that is sure to make you laugh.”

The Holy Redeemer Drama Department announced that they would be performing the show outside back in January. “We weren't sure of the direction of COVID protocols, and we knew we wanted to perform another show this year, but this time we wanted a live audience,” says Taylor, who commented that their first production this year, A Christmas Carol, was live streamed back in December. “We had a lot of fun performing the show, however this time around, we wanted to ensure we had a live audience.” Taylor added that hosting a show inside comes with complications if there is another COVID-19 wave. Hosting the show outside would bring a greater guarantee of having a live audience, which is something the students so desperately deserve.

“Once the province announced they were removing restrictions, people started asking if we would pull the show inside. I replied, no way! We think an outside show offers so many great challenges for us and offers students a different venue in which live theatre can take place. That, and the play itself is perfect to take place outside.”

The play that will be performed is entitled Village of Idiots. It is a hilarious Canadian play that showcases many stories relating to Jewish folklore. The main story

revolves around the small town of Chelm (in what is now Poland) in the 1800's and villagers known as Chelmnik's who are simple-minded, but have huge hearts. They are joined by an outsider named Yosef who carries with him a secret. What ensues is some very hilarious antics combined with a story with a whole lot of heart.

Playing the lead role of Yosef is grade 12 student Jesse Cesario. “This is such a fun show and we're looking forward to performing it in a different space,” he says.

Forty grade 7 to 12 students will be taking part in the show. Rounding out the major roles will be Dylan Watson as the Rabbi, Aisha Bartolay as Miriam, Cassie Pilon as Nina, and grade 12 students Ethan Toner and Katie Blue as the hilarious husband and wife duo of Zalman and Zlatch. “These two are so much fun,” says Blue who added the characters will be tasked with selling their own brand schnapps. “I'm most looking forward to having a live audience, especially for my last show at HRH. It's been far too long.”

The show is set to perform from June 1st to 4th. There will be nightly shows at 7 pm and a Saturday matinee at 2 pm. Tickets will be sold online via holyredeemerhigh.ca starting in May.

For now, the cast and crew begin rehearsals and get set to perform in a brand new space and in front of their first live audience in over two and half years. “We can't wait to see you there!” says Taylor.

If you would like more information on this article please feel free to contact the school at 780-723-7437 or holyredeemerhigh.ca. Feel free to visit our Facebook page, “Holy Redeemer High School” or our Twitter account: @holyredeemerhig.



The Holy Redeemer Drama Department will be making history in early June as they get set to present the first ever full length production outside at the Pavilion in the RCMP Centennial Park. The play, Village of Idiots, is a hilarious show that is sure to make everyone laugh. Tickets will go on sale in May. Here, some members of the cast and crew showcase their dramatic abilities for a photo. submitted

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### Alberta Transportation

#### Entwisle

- Hwy 16: West of Jct.753 to West of Wabamum
- Hwy 16A: Hwy 22 to Entwisle
- Hwy 22: Hwy 16 to Lac St.Anne Cty. Bdry
- Hwy 753: Yellowhead Cty. Bdry. to Hwy 16

#### Whitecourt

- Hwy 43: Eagle Tower Road to Hwy 658
- Hwy 32: Baseline Road(TR 570) to Hwy 43
- Hwy 32: Hwy 43 to 43km North of Hwy 43
- Hwy 33: Hwy 661 to TR 635B
- Hwy 751: Hwy 647 to Hwy 43
- Hwy 658: Hwy 43 to Hwy 33
- Hwy 661: Hwy 33 to RR 41A

#### Hinton

- Hwy 16: Jasper Park Boundary to Range Road 213
- Hwy 40: Pinto Creek Crossing to Hwy 734
- Hwy 47: Hwy 16 to Hwy 40
- Hwy 734: Hwy 40 to Yellowhead Cty. Bdry

#### Edson

- Hwy 16: Range Road 213 to Hwy 753
- Hwy 748: Edson to end of Pavement
- Hwy 748: Edson to Hwy 32
- Hwy 751: Hwy 16 to Hwy 647
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**\*At the time of application, all persons wanting to cut hay MUST provide proof of \$2,000,000 liability insurance.\***

Note: Some permits may not be issued due to weed infestation problems.

**CMA 504**  
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PH: 780-514-0363

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| Township | Range | Meridian |
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| 45       | 16    | W5       |
| 45       | 15    | W5       |
| 45       | 14    | W5       |
| 46       | 15    | W5       |
| 47       | 15    | W5       |

Access to all areas will be posted with signs and all applications will be conducted in accordance with Alberta Agriculture, Forestry & Rural Economic Development requirements. For more information, please contact Hinton Wood Products at 1-800-293-6955.



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| Township | Range       | Meridian |
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| 46       | 20          | W5       |
| 47       | 18,21,22    | W5       |
| 48       | 18-20,22    | W5       |
| 49       | 18-21,24    | W5       |
| 50       | 18-20,22    | W5       |
| 51       | 22,24,26,27 | W5       |
| 52       | 22 & 23     | W5       |
| 56       | 22 & 23     | W5       |
| 57       | 23          | W5       |
| 58       | 23          | W5       |

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# Join us for our Annual Open House

**Thursday, March 24**  
2:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Parks West Mall (Hinton)

**Monday, March 28**  
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Galloway Museum (Edson)



**West Fraser Mills Ltd.**

- Review our 2022/23 General Development Plan for the Edson and Hinton Forest Management Areas– these plans outline future harvest and road-building areas.
- Review our 2022/23 Stand Tending Plan, including the 2022 plan for herbicide applications.

- Learn more about mountain pine beetle and their status in the region.
- Provide our staff with feedback, concerns, or questions.

For further information or to review/discuss the General Development or Stand Tending Plan, contact Yolandi Steenkamp (780) 865-8978 (yolandi.steenkamp@westfraser.com) or Ryan Lanning (780) 865-8931 (ryan.lanning@westfraser.com)



## Alberta Municipalities voice opposition to provincial police service

More than 300 representatives of Alberta Municipalities member-communities met on March 3, to determine the Association's position on the possible creation of a provincial police service.

Executive Committee members Angela Duncan, Trina Jones and Tyler Gandam led members through a detailed presentation on the Government of Alberta's \$2 million PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) feasibility report. Following the presentation, members asked questions related to federal funding of provincial police services in Ontario and Quebec, options for preventing crime, and comparator

police services.

A Request For Decision (RFD) statement was presented, discussed, amended, and voted on. In all, 144 representatives voted in favour, and 34 voted against.

Alberta Municipalities' policy position on the PwC proposal for an APPS is as follows:

THAT Alberta Municipalities oppose the APPS models proposed in the PwC study and develop an advocacy and communications strategy to advance our position.

Further, THAT Alberta Municipalities urge the Government of Alberta to invest in the resources needed to:

- Address the root causes of crime (i.e., health, mental health, social and economic supports); and

- Ensure the justice system is adequately resourced to enable timely access to justice for all Albertans.

Further, THAT prior to issuing formal notice to terminate Alberta's contract with the RCMP, the Government of Alberta will put this question to all Albertans in the form of a clear referendum.

Should significant new information be forthcoming on the proposal, Alberta Municipalities may choose to revisit this position.

## Vibe Cycle offers exciting new Spin Classes

by Lisette Martinez

Vibe Cycle is an exciting new Spin Class business created by Shauna Dirksen and her husband Jaz Kahlon.

Why Spin you say? "I love group fitness classes and have tried all kinds of different workouts, but spin has always been my favourite," said Dirksen.

"Jaz and I moved from Edmonton to Edson about three years ago, but before we moved, you would find me at my favourite spin studios at least three or four times a week," said Dirksen. "Over the last few years I've really enjoyed living in Edson and love the community, but I was still missing those local spin studios! And you know what they say, if you wish something existed —create it yourself."

And create it she did, but with an avid Spin veteran's twist. "All five of our Indoor Cycling (Spin) instructors have been extensively trained by a certified Master Spin Trainer from Edmonton. While doing this we also created our own methods to bring an extra element to our clients."

"One thing I've noticed since moving to Edson is that we have a really strong, dedicated fitness community," said Dirksen. "I wanted to bring another option that people could add to their fitness routines. Spin classes are also a great way to get into fitness. I know for myself, I didn't get consistent with fitness until I found spin. It is a fun, achievable workout for all fitness levels. You control the resistance on your bike, so you can make your workout quite challenging, or you can ease it down. And if you're feeling a little shy about working out in a group setting, the room is quite dark and the music is loud, so you blend right in with the other riders!"

Dirksen explains that VIBE's Spin classes are performed on high-quality stationary bikes and are led by an instructor. "At VIBE, we offer rhythm-based classes where we ride to the beat of the music and add in fun choreography so riders are moving in unison. This creates an amazing energy in the class!"

"Like with any workout, the health benefits are great. You build both strength and endurance in a spin class. But I think the benefits that spin brings to our mental health and overall well-being are equally important," said

Dirksen. "Attending a spin class is an opportunity to let go of life's stresses and just 'be' for 45 minutes. You get to stay in the moment and focus on 'you' with no distractions, while also challenging yourself."

Besides the well-known cardiovascular, strength, endurance, and stamina benefits there is also something extra. "Going to a Spin fitness class is a special thing. It is so much more than the workout —it is being part of a little community. It's truly amazing how many friendships and connections are made within these classes. I think every town should have a spin studio!" said Dirksen.

Dirksen has thought about nearly every aspect of making a Spin Class atmosphere worry free. "We sanitize the studio daily and the Spin room gets sanitized after every class. There are cleaning kits by each bike." She has also made sure the studio itself is a relaxing space. "The studio has high-ceilings and it's a big open space that is welcoming to all."

"All you need to do to prepare for a spin class at VIBE is to make sure you have your water bottle (we have a water filling station for our clients) and be ready to sweat and have some fun!"

To create a truly inclusive experience, "We have everything you need from clip-in shoes for the bike, to towels, to locks for your locker," said Dirksen. "If it's your first time at the studio, arrive 15 minutes before your class time, and we'll show you around and help you set up your bike properly."

Vibe Cycle plans to include High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) classes in the near future. This full-body workout uses light weights and is fast paced. Please contact the studio to be put on a wait list.

Vibe Cycle also offers private group classes so your whole office can Vibe together. Private classes can be arranged for birthdays, girls' night out or stagettes. Team and group rates are also available as Spin is good for cross training.

VIBE Cycle's grand opening will be held on March 19 from 1pm to 4pm. Please drop by to say hello and check out this new facility located at Unit 5, 5023 3rd Avenue, Edson.

You can learn more about VIBE Cycle on their website, [www.vibecycleedson.com](http://www.vibecycleedson.com) or email [hello@vibecycleedson.com](mailto:hello@vibecycleedson.com).



Vibe Cycle is an exciting new Spin Class business now open in Edson. photo by Jordan Conarroe Originals

# VIBE CYCLE

## Grand Opening!

### Saturday, March 19

### 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Unit 5, 5023 3 Ave, Edson

### Meet the VIBE team!

- Check out the studio
- Get your personalized bike settings
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**Visit [www.vibecycleedson.com](http://www.vibecycleedson.com) for full details or to book a class.**

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# Yellowhead County

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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

## Caregiver Support Group

### \*In-Person & Online Group Sessions

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

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

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



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

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

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



## \*In-Person & Online Group Sessions

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**Free, drop-in basis.**

For more info call 1-800-814-3935.

The group meets in a safe and confidential environment once a month

March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15

**Location:** Yellowhead County Wildwood Office

**Time:** 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

| Permit No. | Location  | Proposal   | Date     |
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| D22-027    | Plan 9422864, Blk 3, Lot 1 NW 06-51-25-W5 Entrance Area   | Existing Covered Deck on Single Detached Dwelling & Four Existing Accessory Buildings (Sheds & Quonset)  | Mar 1/22 |
| D22-020    | SW 23-53-10-W5 Wildwood Area                              | Single Detached Dwelling with Breezeway & Attached Garage & Accessory Building (Shop)  | Mar 3/22 |
| D22-021    | NE 13-53-18-W5 Edson Area                                 | Accessory Building – Barn (Renovations to Historical Building)   | Mar 3/22 |
| D22-025    | NE 07-51-09-W5 Wildwood Area                              | Work Camp – Discretionary Use  | Mar 3/22 |
| D22-022    | Plan 1421082, Blk 1, Lot 2 SE 15-54-16-W5 Edson Area      | Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage (Additional)   | Mar 7/22 |
| D22-023    | Plan 8821844, Lot 5 NW 20-49-26-W5 Folding Mountain       | Short Term Accommodation   | Mar 7/22 |
| D22-024    | Plan 0828903, Lot 17A NW 20-49-26-W5 Folding Mountain     | Short Term Accommodation   | Mar 7/22 |
| D22-026    | NW 06-51-25-W5 West River Road                            | Single Detached Dwelling (Modular)   | Mar 7/22 |
| D22-033    | Plan 9525039, Blk 1, Lot 2 NW 30-50-25-W5 Maskuta Estates | Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Porch & Covered Deck   | Mar 8/22 |
| D22-031    | Plan 7921035, Blk 1, Lot 31 NE 5-47-23-W5 Cadomin         | Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Covered Deck including Porch), Accessory Building (Garage) & Existing Storage Container – Discretionary  | Mar 9/22 |
| D22-032    | Plan 0620053, Blk 2, Lot 2 SW 02-54-17-W5 Edson Area      | Accessory Building (Garage)  | Mar 9/22 |
| D22-036    | Plan 0326135, Blk 4, Lot 2A NE 15-49-21-W5 Robb           | Two Additions to Single Detached Dwelling (Extension of Covered Veranda on South & East Side – Variance for Front Yard Setback & Covered Deck) | Mar 9/22 |

Per the Public Notification Bylaw, the public is considered notified once approved development permits are posted online. Any person claiming to be affected by an approved development permit may appeal the development by filing a written notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The written notice must be filed within Twenty One (21) days after notice of the approval is given, and must be accompanied with a payment of \$300.00.

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- a friendly, safe space to share your loss
- connecting with others who are experiencing the same kind of loss
- developing friendships with people who understand what you are going through.
- Please join us in-person at the Yellowhead County Wildwood Office or for online Zoom sessions:

- March 22, 2022
- April 26, 2022
- May 24, 2022
- June 28, 2022
- From 6:30 - 8:00 PM



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



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## The easiest ways to avoid a scam?

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Why is the person pressuring me to act right now?
- ☑ **Learn what payment methods the Government accepts.**

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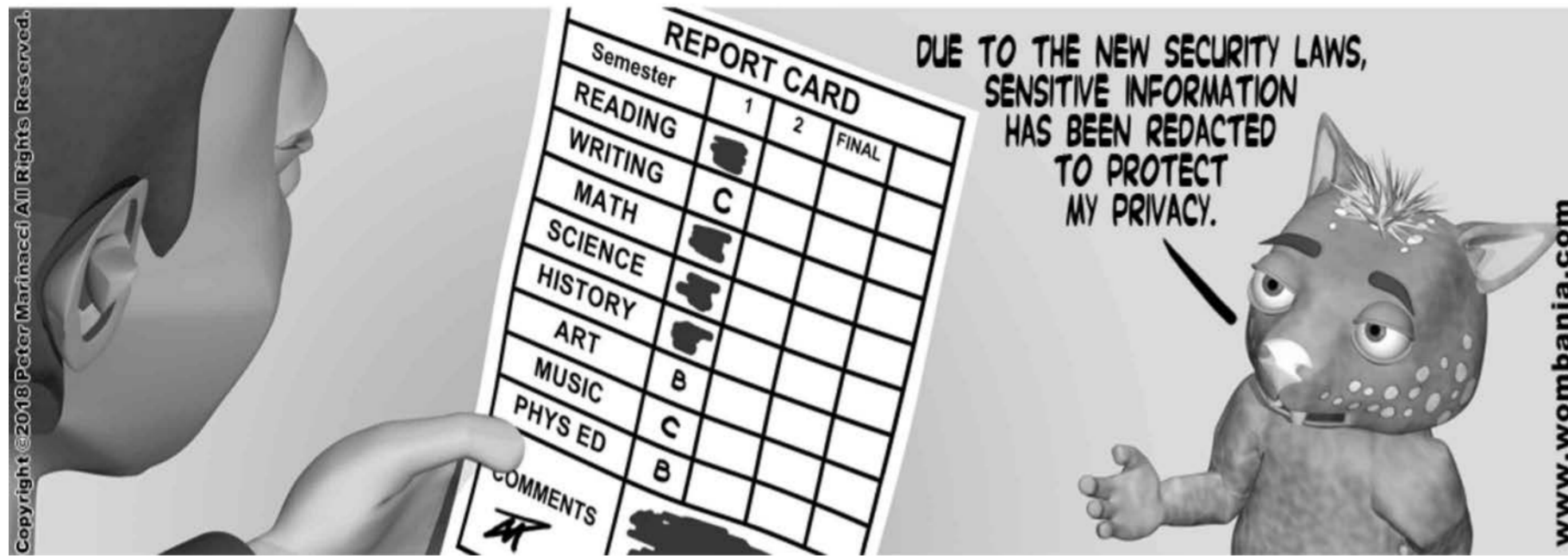




# The Weekly ANCHOR Comics & Fun

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**Q: WHY DID THE COMPUTER GO TO THE DENTIST?**  
**A: IT HAD A BLUE TOOTH.**

**Q. WHY DID THE BICYCLE FALL OVER?**  
**A: IT WAS TWO TIRED.**

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## SWAMP

by Gary Clark



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Evansview School



### Evansview's Staff Dives into New Curriculum Objectives

Priority 1: Student Learning



Priority 2: Teaching & Leadership Excellence



### GNS: Good News Story

Evansview teachers started comparing and contrasting the current Language Arts curriculum with the upcoming new Language Arts Curriculum during a recent staff meeting. Both curriculums were cut into pieces, the current document was glued onto chart paper and separated by outcome statements and the new curriculum was cut into knowledge statements and put into envelopes.

Teachers then looked for similar outcomes in both curriculums and where the new outcomes are added to inform their planning process over the next 6 months. This monumental task is focusing on Language Arts as well as the incoming Math Curriculums.

Prior to beginning the analysis, teachers were asked the question, "How do you eat an elephant?" The answer? "One bite at a time." Teachers will be focusing on this task for the remainder of the year during every staff meeting as well as the remaining staff Professional Development Days.

By looking at all of the grade levels, Evansview staff will develop a deeper understanding of the curricular objectives for the grades below and above what they currently teach. The focused conversations resulting from this work will ensure essential outcomes are established and maintained throughout all of the classrooms and grade levels in the upcoming 2022/2023 school year.

# Construction is underway in your area.



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As construction of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project progresses, we want you to be informed about potential activity in your neighbourhood so you can plan accordingly. On our website, you can view an interactive map of construction areas, sign up for notifications, track what's happening along the route and much more.

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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# MP Soroka asks the Minister to Stop Tax Increases

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, asked the



Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Lib.):

following during Question Period: "Mr. Speaker, my constituent, Darren, sent me the following message on how inflation is affecting his life. He said, "With payments, registration, repairs and fuel to drive to work, there isn't much motivation to keep working. Then the government takes two-thirds of my income for income taxes, CPP, EI and the carbon tax. I will have to soon borrow money to be able to stay working.

our government has been focused on affordability issues and issues around inflation. Since taking office in fact, it was our government that implemented a thorough poverty strategy that lifted 1.3 million Canadians out of poverty.

We are investing in programs like childcare that is going to lower the cost of childcare in B.C. by 50% by the end of this year. We are investing in the national housing strategy to make sure people can afford a place to live. These are all measures the Conservatives are not supporting, but we are going to get it done."

When will this Liberal government start listening to Canadians and stop these continual tax increases?"

Reply:

Terry Beech (Parliamentary



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EDITORIAL/OPINION

# Canadian oil and gas spend big on cleantech research and development

The industry's strong focus on R&D helps ensure that environmental performance improvements will move faster in the future...

by Deborah Jaremko  
Director of content  
Canadian Energy Centre

A new report shows that Canada's major oil and gas companies continued their steady

drumbeat of big spending on cleantech research and development in 2020, despite facing unprecedented challenges related to the global pandemic.

Together, Suncor Energy, Canadian Natural Resources, Imperial Oil, Syncrude and TC Energy invested approximately \$1.1 billion in research and development in 2020, according to the latest ranking of Canada's top corporate R&D spenders by Research Infosource.

That maintains a world-leading trend in place since 2012 of major Canadian oil and gas companies collectively spending more than \$1 billion a year on R&D, according to BMO Capital Markets. And it has paid dividends.

"The Canadian oil sector has meaningfully outpaced global peers in terms of R&D investment over the past decade, and this has been reflected in

vastly improved emissions intensity and other important sustainability measures," says BMO analyst Jared Dziuba.

The industry's strong focus on

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## Canadian oil and gas spend big on cleantech research and development

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R&D and technology development helps ensure that environmental performance improvements will move faster in the future, he says.

According to a recent report by IHS Markit, Canada's oil sands producers are on track to, for the first time, start reducing total greenhouse gas emissions within the next five years.

This follows more than a decade of producers consistently decreasing emissions per barrel, otherwise known as emissions intensity.

Driving R&D investment now will likely be work on carbon capture and storage projects to reduce total emissions, Dziuba says.

Over the last two decades, operating capture and storage (CCS) projects in Canada have removed more than 43 million tonnes of CO2 from the atmosphere, or the equivalent emissions from about 9.3 million cars. Additional R&D can reduce costs and enable storage development at a much larger scale.

“We think that the Oil Sands Pathways to Net Zero Initiative announced in 2021 by the top six oil sands producers will kickstart the next wave of major investment in R&D for the group, and commercial deployment of CCS to advance the industry's collective goal of net zero emissions by 2050,” Dziuba says.

“That said, there are several other key technologies in the oil sands R&D pipeline that are also awaiting rollout and could have a meaningful impact on sustainability initiatives in coming years.”

Deborah Jaremko is director of content for the Canadian Energy Centre, an Alberta government corporation funded in part by taxes paid by industry on carbon emissions. - © Troy Media

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**A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry**

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

## Alberta gov't expands coal restrictions in Eastern Slopes

(AB) March 04, 2022: Effective immediately, all new coal-related exploration and development activities in the Eastern Slopes are restricted. A new, expanded ministerial order will remain in place until direction on coal activities has been embedded in new or updated land-use plans to support the unique needs of the area. The reinstated 1976 coal policy also remains in place.

The expanded restrictions and enhanced land-use planning measures are a direct response to recommendations made in the Coal Policy Committee's final reports.

The Alberta government accepts the findings of the Coal Policy Committee and will look to address its other recommendations by updating, strengthening or reinforcing existing regulations and legislation in the future. Input received through Indigenous engagement will also inform the government's decisions related to coal.

"We're committed to protecting the Eastern Slopes. The Coal Policy Committee's reports and Indigenous engagement make it clear that modernizing Alberta's management of coal

resources is a complex undertaking and must be done with care. By keeping the 1976 coal policy firmly in place and halting coal activity in the Eastern Slopes, we are acting on the committee's recommendation and allowing for additional planning for this unique area." —Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy

"The Alberta government is providing additional clarity around land use in the Eastern Slopes for coal development, building on the province's strong regulatory framework for responsible resource development." —Jason Nixon, Stewardship Minister and Minister of Environment and Parks

### Coal Policy Committee reports:

"Coal is an important topic to Albertans, and it was clear from the start that the engagement process would be dynamic. The Coal Policy Committee embraced our responsibility as an independent voice. We were guided by the wide range of thoughtful input we received from Albertans and Indigenous Peoples – and that is reflected in our reports and recommendations." —Ron Wallace, chair, Coal Policy Committee

Recommendations from the committee include actions to modernize Alberta's coal policy, strengthen Indigenous involvement in land-use planning, review coal tenure and royalty regimes, and ensure any proposed projects are rigorously assessed using net benefit tests.

### Expanding restrictions in the Eastern Slopes:

A new ministerial order expands the halt of coal exploration in Category 2 lands to also include exploration and development in Category 3 and 4 lands, as defined by the 1976 coal policy. The restriction on activity on Category 2 lands has been in place since April 2021.

Under the new, expanded restrictions on coal activity:

- All existing legislation related to coal activities and Alberta's rigorous regulatory system remain in place.
- The 1976 coal policy also continues to apply across the province.
- Activities already in progress for active mines and advanced projects can continue, as can activities related to security or safety.
- Abandonment and reclamation activities can resume.

These new restrictions will remain in place until additional direction on coal activities can be embedded into new or updated land-use plans.



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# Providing relief for fuel and utility costs

## Albertans will see lower fuel and utility bills through action to address rising costs...

(AB) Alberta's government will stop the collection of the provincial fuel tax to offer Albertans relief from current high fuel prices. Currently, Albertans pay 13 cents per litre in fuel tax. This change will come into effect April 1.

The federal carbon tax rate on gasoline is set to increase again on April 1, from just under nine cents per litre to just over 11 cents per litre.

"We've heard Albertans' concerns about the rising cost of living loud and clear. While the federal government is set to increase the carbon tax April 1, Alberta's government is taking the opposite approach and stepping up to offer relief. Stopping the provincial fuel tax puts money back in the pockets of Albertans when they need it most." —Jason Kenney, Premier

"Many Albertans expressed concerns about increasing prices on everyday goods when I consulted with them ahead of this year's budget. The best thing government can do during inflationary times is to spend less, borrow less and tax less. That's why today we are introducing new measures to help with the cost of fuel by reducing the provincial fuel tax, providing much-needed relief to everyday Albertans." —Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

Alberta's government will also provide \$150

electricity rebates to help Albertans pay for the high bills they faced this winter. More than one million homes, farms and businesses are expected to receive a \$50 monthly rebate for three months. These retroactive rebates will help defray the high costs that many families and businesses paid in recent months.

Alberta's government will work with utilities and regulators to determine exact details, including rebate timing. This includes working to have the rebates applied directly to consumers' bills.

This rebate will combine with the Natural Gas Rebate program announced in Budget 2022 to provide real relief for Albertans.

"Utility prices are in part due to market conditions, and in part due to punishing policies from the former provincial government and the federal government. As our government works hard to responsibly manage system costs, we are also working tirelessly to increase generation investments to bring new supply on to the market. As this long-term work continues, a rebate to help offset these costs for Alberta families and small businesses will help provide support when they need it most." —Dale Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity

Collection of the fuel tax will be paused for:

- gasoline – \$0.13 per litre
- diesel – \$0.13 per litre
- marked gasoline and marked diesel – \$0.04

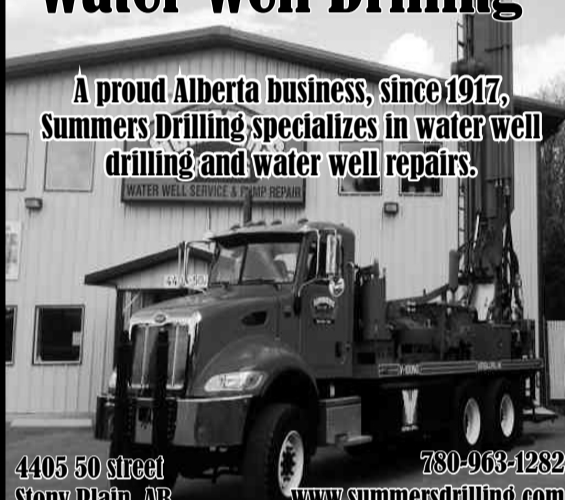
Because the GST also applies to provincial fuel taxes, the 13-cent reduction will also reduce the GST by 0.65 cents per litre, for total tax savings of about 13.6 cents per litre of gasoline and diesel.

The government will review the collection of the fuel tax on a quarterly basis and, if required, consider reinstating collection in stages, based on the average price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) over a number of weeks. The government will not start to reinstate collection before July 1.

Alberta's fuel tax is reported and remitted by refiners and large wholesalers and included in the price Albertans pay at the pump. The government will provide information for stakeholders, including fuel retailers, on the fuel tax pause.

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# Ready for 2022 wildfire season

Wildland firefighters and equipment have been deployed across the province in preparation for the upcoming wildfire season.

The legislated wildfire season runs from March 1 to Oct. 31 in Alberta. "Our priority is keeping Albertans and our communities safe. We continue to explore new technology and innovative wildland firefighting programs to evaluate what we need in Alberta's wildfire management tool kit. We're ready for whatever this summer throws at us." —Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development

### Human-caused wildfires

Nearly all spring wildfires are human-caused.

The wildfire hazard is highest in the spring when fuels like trees and grass can be extremely dry and flammable after the snow has melted.

Everyone plays an active role in preventing wildfires.

Whether it's an abandoned campfire, off-highway vehicle (OHV) exhaust or

agricultural burning, Albertans should use caution outdoors to help reduce the number of preventable wildfires.

Fire permits are free and are required during wildfire season for activities like residential, industrial or agricultural debris burning within the [Forest Protection Area \(FPA\)](#). Those living or operating a business within the FPA can call their local [forest area office](#) for a fire permit. Those outside the FPA can contact their local municipality to ask about fire permit requirements.

### Quick facts

- Up-to-date information on fire restrictions, fire bans and OHV restrictions is available at [albertafirebans.ca](#) or by calling 1-866-FYI-FIRE (1-866-394-3473).

- To report a wildfire, call 310-FIRE (310-3473) toll-free, from anywhere in Alberta.

- During the 2021 wildfire season, 1,308 wildfires burned a total of 52,955 hectares in the FPA.

- More than 60 per cent of 2021 wildfires last year were human-caused.



The Holy Redeemer JV Boys capped off their impressive 2021-2022 season with a silver at the Zone Championships. "This group of young men had to work really hard throughout the season," says Athletics Director Julie Rothwell. "In many tournaments, they had to play shorthanded, but that did not deter them and they were rewarded for their efforts." Many of the players plan to stay with the basketball program at HRH and hope to represent HRH by playing on the Senior Boys team next year. submitted

## ~ Obituary ~

# Fay Ellen Brady

August 6, 1952 - March 3, 2022



Fay Ellen Brady at the young age of 69 years was taken too soon from her family. Left to mourn her loss is Monty Brown; spouse of 39 years, Shawn and Pam Brown and grandsons Colten Brown, Cody Brown, and Austin Brown. Family was everything to Fay, she was the sister everyone loved; saddened are siblings; Linda (Stan) Larratt, Ronnie Brady, Jerry (Cathy) Brady, Barbara (Vince) Taylor, Kenny (Delila) Brady, Donna Kison, Carol (Eric) Goretski, as well as sister-in-law Linda (Brown) Garner. Fay had special relationships with all of her nieces and nephews, other family members and her large circle of friends. She had lifelong friendships with so many that were dear to her just like they were family. Fay's heart had room for everyone; from the stranger she just met to the lifelong friendships she maintained. Everyone was special in Fay's eyes and hugs.

Fay was born in Clearwater, BC and eventually the Brady family settled in the Niton area. Fay made friends in school, in her workplaces and really everywhere she went. Her smile was her most beautiful feature along with her love of everyone around her. Fay was a selfless lady, always putting others before her. Fay would always find the good in people, the light in the darkest of days and she would give the most genuine and comforting hugs. Fay settled with Monty in the Nojack area, a home that she filled with love, pictures and all of her cherished memories. Her presence will never be forgotten. Fay was predeceased by both her parents Tom and Doreen Brady.

Respecting Fays final wishes, she did not want a service as she did not want anyone to shed a tear, but we can reassure you we will remember and cherish our memories of our beloved Mama Fay and all that she symbolized.

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## EDITORIAL/COMMENT

# Quebec Doesn't Need (Even More) Extra MPs

Time for Alberta, Ontario, and BC to get the representation they deserve...

(Release) Fairness Alberta recently called on all parties in Ottawa to support Elections Canada's independent report on adding new seats in the House of Commons and not politically interfere to protect seats in Quebec.

Elections Canada's analysis showed that Alberta should gain three seats, B.C. and Ontario should gain one, and Quebec should lose one due to population decline. Quebec already gets additional seats due to the 1985 "Grandfather rule" and the 2011 "Representation rule" (which guarantees Quebec is the only major province that will always be over-represented).

"A vote in Western Canada or in Ontario should count as much as one in Quebec, but Friday's vote in the House to Commons is designed to make Quebec even more over-represented, at the expense of other provinces," said Fairness Alberta Executive Director Dr. Bill Bewick.

The group was responding to the motion in parliament by Yves-Francois Blanchet, leader of the separatist Bloc Quebecois, stating that any scenario for redrawing the federal electoral map that would result in Quebec losing one or more electoral districts must be rejected.

"Like Equalization and many other federal programs, the current seat distribution scheme already favours Quebec and guarantees they will always have more MPs than they should," said Fairness Alberta Executive Director Dr. Bill Bewick. "It's laughable to suggest Quebec needs even more special treatment in order to have its

voice heard in Ottawa."

Thanks to the existing special rules beyond simple population calculations, Quebec would remain over-represented even if it lost a seat; further political meddling unfairly harms the under-represented provinces of Alberta, Ontario, and B.C. These three provinces are also the major net funders of the federation (see background).

"Ottawa interfering with an independent calculation to make Quebec even more over-represented is the latest insult, and it is

unacceptable," said Bewick. "Alberta, B.C., and Ontario need to start standing up together in the federation – let's begin by not letting Ottawa hand Quebec seats it doesn't deserve."

Fairness Alberta is a grassroots, non-partisan, and non-separatist association of concerned citizens, aiming to increase awareness across the country related to Albertans' major contributions to Canada, while also providing clear, factual information on unfair federal policies that are anticipated to undermine the prosperity of Alberta and other contributing provinces further.

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If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by April 11, 2022 and provide details of your claim with:  
**Ann Reid at 1442 53 Street, Edson AB T7E 1H2 and provide details and documentation of your claim.**  
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Pastor Tyson Moerike (Call or Text 403-966-4705) Sunday Worship - 9:45 am Sunday School expected to resume in January, 2022

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# RCMP promotes seatbelt safety this March

(RCMP) This month, the RCMP wants to remind motorists that seatbelt safety saves lives. The proper use of a safety restraint significantly reduces the risk of serious injury and harm in the event of a motor vehicle collision.

The Alberta RCMP asks both motorists and passengers to keep in mind the following when buckling up:

- Seatbelts should be worn at all times by vehicle occupants and securely fastened before putting your vehicle into motion.
- Ensure the lap belt is positioned low across your hips and the shoulder belt is always sitting across the centre of your chest.
- Do not allow the seatbelt to

become twisted. The width of the belt is required to spread the force from a collision across the body (Alberta Transportation, 2017).

- Always use the seatbelts provided on off-road or recreational vehicles.

- Motorists are responsible for ensuring both themselves and passengers under the age of 16-years-old are using proper occupant restraints. The fine for seatbelt infractions in Alberta is \$162.

“In 2021, 5,279 motorists were pulled over for seatbelt-related offences in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction; 5,123 adults and 156 children were improperly restrained in a vehicle,” says Insp. Chris Romanchych, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services. “We want

Albertans to understand that the small practice of buckling up makes a big difference. Your seatbelt is the only thing keeping you safely restrained in a vehicle's engineered occupant life space during impact.

Unfortunately, there have been far too many collisions in Alberta in which the simple act of wearing a seatbelt could have prevented fatalities.”



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The Holy Redeemer Junior A Boys basketball team has all the reasons to smile after capturing the 2J Zone Championship on March 5th. The Rebels squad has been an extremely competitive team throughout the season and were considered one of the favourites to win Zones. The gold medal game had them face Neerlandia in an intense match, but HRH pulled out the win, 44-25. The gold medal ends their 2021-2022 season on a winning note, and all of HRH is proud of their work. submitted



The Holy Redeemer Junior A Girls had reasons to flex their muscles after winning the bronze medal at the 2J Zone Champion-ships on March 5th. The Girls played a number of competitive games throughout the tournament, however their fiercest opponent came in their bronze medal matchup against Evansburg. It was a nail biter of a game, but in the end the Rebels emerged triumphant with a 39-34 win. The bronze medal is just one of many medals won by Holy Redeemer's basketball teams during the 2021-2022 season. submitted



Russia attacked the Ukraine on February 24 thereby violating the sovereignty of an independent country. The raising of the flag in Edson shows solidarity with the Ukrainian people, compassion and recognition of their loss and distress, as well as condemnation of the Russian attack.