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Former Edson hockey coach terminated from coaching job after investigation

by Dana McArthur

The Fort Frances Lakers Hockey Association in northwestern Ontario issued a press release following an investigation into what they deemed inappropriate emails

and texts that their [former] head coach Bernie Lynch sent to one of his players. Lynch spent two seasons as coach of the Edson Aeros which is owned and managed by Axel Axmann. Under Lynch's coaching the team won

two division titles before he moved to Ontario.

The Lakers organization says it was made aware of the incident on January 1, 2021. The board took immediate action to suspend Lynch without pay and ordering him

not to have any further contact with players or other members of the team.

Following an investigation by the Lakers and Hockey Canada, Lynch's contract was terminated.

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Reverend Kimberly Roy, Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara, and West Yellowhead MP Gerald Soroka cut the ribbon to officially open the Edson United Church Community Pantry on March 10. photo Dawn Olsvik (see story page 9)

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Former Edson hockey coach terminated from coaching job after investigation

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The statement from the Fort Frances Lakers Hockey Association (FFLHA) included that, "On January 1, 2021, the FFLHA was made aware of inappropriate communications from Mr. Lynch to a player. Our board took immediate action and, on January 2, 2021, we suspended Mr. Lynch from his coaching duties without pay, ordering him not to have any further contact with players or other members of our organization."

Hockey Canada assisted the FFLHA and their league in reviewing the concerns and conduct at issue. In light of the findings of that effort, Lynch's contract with their organization was terminated. "Mr. Lynch's conduct demonstrated a clear breach of the applicable codes of conduct," the FFLHA stated.

The statement went on to say, "Members of our organization and the Fort Frances community have been deeply distressed by these events. The FFLHA prioritizes the safety, healthy development, and emotional and mental well-being of our players. We undertook a thorough hiring process and reviewed all available information on the qualifications and personal suitability of candidates for this position. No past misconduct was evident from any candidate during that process, including through any criminal record or vulnerable sector checks."

While Axmann stated that his organization considers the safety of team members his primary concern, he took exception with the national news stories that were done. "We would like to take this opportunity to discuss Mr. Lynch's employment as Head Coach of the Edson Aeros and the recent news story by CBC, which I feel was misleading on many fronts."

"Mr. Lynch had a two year contract with the Edson Aeros with a team option for an additional two years. Mr. Lynch's contract ended in March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the balance of the 2019-2020 WSHL season and end of his contract," Axmann said, adding that Lynch's conduct played into the decision to end his contract.

On Jan. 29, 2020, while Lynch was still the Edson Aeros coach, a letter of complaint addressing multiple concerns was sent to Ron White, the commissioner of the Western States Hockey League. "The letter was sent to me by Commissioner White and the names of the individuals that sent the letter were not disclosed to me. The letter was unsigned and undated. I immediately took action and spoke with Mr. Lynch and the player who I believe was the subject of the letter, as the player was not identified. I followed the discussion with written documentation to Mr. Lynch about his conduct and changes that need to be made," stated Axmann.

The complaint letter included allegations that Lynch would often scream and yell at the players. Concerns were also raised that Lynch was spending an inordinate amount of time (up to 12 hours a day) with one particular 19-year-old player. Included in the concerns was the description of

an incident on a team bus trip where Lynch "karate chopped" a player in the neck and an altercation ensued when the player responded in defence. Reference was also made to players struggling to come forward with their stories of repeated abuse by Lynch because they felt the coach would negatively impact their future in the WSHL.

Axmann provided documentation to the Weekly Anchor showing that he was made aware by White of the letter and the copy he received of the complaint was unsigned, out of fear of reprisal, but making it difficult to follow up on. Axmann also provided the Anchor with a copy of his written reprimand to Lynch which stated that the coach cease any such behaviours immediately. "With respect to the player that you are assisting with his TOEFL and SAT test preparation. There is a concern about the amount of time that is being spent with this player and his mental wellness. Going forward the amount of time spent with the player will be reduced accordingly."

In regard to the bus incident, Axmann's reprimand letter included, "There should be no physical contact with the players other than what is permissible under the Safe Sport guidelines." The letter also stated that Lynch was to refrain from excessive yelling at players and/or using foul language at or towards them.

Lynch responded to the letter stating, "I assure [sic] this matter involving me will be taken very seriously and enforced immediately."

In a subsequent statement to the Anchor on March 10, Axmann said, "Furthermore, I spoke to a player that I believe was the player in question, as no player was identified in the letter, as well there were no parents identified in the letter. We had a private conversation along with my wife on more than one occasion. He advised that there was nothing inappropriate happening with Mr. Lynch. Mr. Lynch was helping him study for his college entrance exam. When pressed, he denied that there was any inappropriate behaviour taking place. It should be noted that although the player's conversational English was good there were some concerns about his written English comprehension and written English work."

"I also held a meeting with the entire team. No coaching staff was present at a "Safe Room" and we had a lengthy conversation about the team, Mr. Lynch, and the rest of the coaching staff. All players agreed that Mr. Lynch was a demanding, but good hockey coach, and that nothing inappropriate was taking place. I also offered to the players to engage with me privately either by in-person meeting, phone, text message or email if they did not wish to speak out in a large group setting. Not one player engaged us in a conversation," stated Axmann.

In regard to the Aeros' vetting of Lynch before his employment, Axmann stated, "During our interview with Mr. Lynch, he was forthcoming regarding a police investigation that took place in Saskatchewan involving

him. We were advised that the investigation did not yield any information that would lead to any further action and that it was subsequently dropped. I also spoke with one of the owners of his previous team and there was never any mention of any inappropriate behaviour."

"We had a criminal records check completed and an RCMP member vet Mr. Lynch. Nothing came from the background check. Also, as required by the WSHL and our sanctioning body the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), Mr. Lynch completed a Safe Sport program which is required by all team staff, billet families, and anyone that will be associated as a member of the WSHL League. Safe Sport screens all applicants. If there are any allegations of inappropriate behaviour with respect to any AAU member ie: coach, billet, director, and there is direct communication or at the very least identifies persons involved that brings about any concerns with respect to the allegation then that event is turned over to Safe Sport to address," stated Axmann.

In regard to work references for Lynch, Axmann said, "The Fort Frances Lakers did not reach out to me with respect to a reference for Mr. Lynch nor did I provide any blanket reference letter at the end of the contract."

Axmann stated that the Aeros will cooperate fully with any future official

investigation into Lynch's conduct. "We take the safety and well-being of the players as our primary concern. During the season, we had the local RCMP attend a players-only meeting to talk about their role in the community and a resource for the players should they need the help of local police. The member made it very clear that they could contact the RCMP should they have any concerns."

"Players also had access to a therapist should they need to discuss any issues or problems that they may have with being away from home and also had access to a school advocate. This individual made sure that they were successful in school and were always supported should the school-aged players encounter struggles or issues."

"We have always maintained an open-door policy to players should they have any issues that they wanted to address," concluded Axmann.

The FFLHA stated that they commend those who have come forward to share their experiences of abuse and misconduct in sport. "We hope their courage will empower others to do the same. As we focus our efforts on supporting those who may have been impacted by the local events described in recent media reports."

The CBC report can be found at www.cbc.ca/news/canada/coach-allegations-junior-hockey-alberta-1.5942327

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Step 2 of reopening plan now fully in effect

Alberta Health Minister Tyler Shandro announced that with case counts and positivity rates continuing to decline, along with deaths and hospitalizations, it is now safe for the province to complete Step 2 of its reopening plan.

As of March 8, retail stores and malls were allowed to increase their capacity to 25 per cent of fire code occupancy. The change applies to stores and to common areas such as hallways and food courts.

Youth sports teams and activities are also allowed to resume with up to 10 participants.

Performers are allowed to rehearse for films or live-streams in groups not exceeding 10 people, as long as they wear masks and keep a physical distance of three metres. No audiences are allowed.

Post-secondary athletic programs can resume practices, however, games are not allowed. Training can include up to 10 people including

staff. Physical distancing is to be maintained during practice and masks must be worn at all times, except during actual practice.

Shandro reminded Albertans that easing restrictions does not mean that people can be less vigilant. "When we continue to follow all measures in place, we protect one another, we protect our health-care system, and we protect the progress that we have made thus far."

Step 3 will be considered on March 22 at the earliest.

AstraZeneca: Older adults and more Indigenous people in Alberta who don't have a chronic illness can now sign up for the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, which started March 10.

Vaccination appointments are open by birth year, one year at a time, for adults aged 50-64, as well as First Nations, Metis and Inuit people aged 35-49 for the first 58,500 doses.

Booking on March 10 started with anyone

born in 1957, or 1972 for Indigenous peoples. Other birth years will be announced one year at a time as long as supplies last.

Appointments can be booked on [Alberta Health Services' website](#) or by calling 811

Town Council likely to let Mandatory Mask Bylaw expire

Masks will still be required under Provincial Mandate

by Adrienne Tait

At the March 9 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Edson Town Council discussed whether they should extend the Mandatory Facial Covering Bylaw until December 31, 2021 or let it lapse at the March 31, 2021 expiry date.

Mayor Kevin Zahara said, "I am of the opinion that we do not need a municipal bylaw for mandatory masks

anymore, with the provincial government stepping up and doing their responsibilities. All along it should have been a Health decision not a Municipal decision."

Councillor Jacqui Currie agreed. "Health is in the Provincial mandate, not the Municipal mandate," she said, before asking whether the bylaw needed to be in place for enforcement purposes.

General Manager of Community and

Protective Services Al Schram said that, regarding enforcement, the Town has never really had to use it as they have focused more on information and education.

Zahara added that "there is a lot of confusion right now" regarding mask mandates. He has fielded questions from the community such as why people still need to wear masks and why the Town has not lifted the mandate with the current lower case numbers.

Council was unanimous in expressing their support for letting the bylaw expire now that the province has a plan in place and with the vaccine roll out underway.

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RCMP encourages public to reach out

by Adrienne Tait

Staff Sergeant Christian Delisle provided Edson Town Council with the year-over-year stats from Edson's RCMP Detachment, as well as his 2021-2022 policing priorities at the Town's Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 9.

Along with the numbers and statistics, Delisle also provided context and explanations to some of the changes.

Overall, there was a decrease in crime in Edson in 2020 including a 45% decrease in drug related offenses. S/Sgt Delisle speculated that, while some of the decrease may have been due to policing efforts being focused on other matters, the legalization of marijuana has resulted in less calls and complaints.

Other notable decreases included a 48% decrease in theft of motor vehicles, a 28% drop in motor vehicle collisions, a 31% decrease in missing persons cases, an 83% drop in kidnapping/hostage/abduction files, and a 41% decrease in other criminal code offenses such as weapons and failing to comply with a court order.

2020 saw increases in the persons related categories including homicide and offence related to death files, sexual assault and other sexual offence cases, as well as in assaults, criminal harassment and uttering threats cases.

S/Sgt Delisle said some of the increase in the sexual assaults and sexual offences category was driven by historical assaults coming to the attention of the RCMP as well as an increase in family related incidents. The increase signified that people are more comfortable coming forward which Delisle pointed out was a positive even if it does increase the numbers.

The RCMP responded to 254 calls for service regarding assaults, harassment and threats in 2020. Of the 141 assault files investigated Delisle pointed out that, along with some serious incidents, many were family related. Delisle cited examples such as family disputes over a bonfire or a

brother/sister shoving match.

2020 saw a 42% increase in break and enters. Of the 152 cases reported to the RCMP (up from 107 in 2019) approximately 60 were residential and of those 26 were in sheds and garages. Delisle said he would like to see those numbers down and is looking at everything from increasing patrols to public education on how to make your home "crime resistant."

Delisle offered to host a Town Hall meeting to help get the message out.

Delisle said there was a 5% increase in reports of suspicious persons. According to Delisle, this category is a bit of a "catchall." "This is people reporting that things are just not right," he said.

Councillor Janet Wilkinson asked how Council could help the

RCMP, to which Delisle responded that they could drive the message to the community to please call and report crimes. "We might not be able to solve every one, but it points us in the right direction," he said. The RCMP is aware of some prolific/reoccurring offenders and Delisle noted that, "It can be hard to keep tabs on them and it helps when people call so we have that info."

Mayor Kevin Zahara commended S/Sgt Delisle for his community engagement and agreed that reducing the break and enter incidents in the Town should be a priority. Zahara encouraged Delisle to share success stories and to make sure the RCMP are engaged with the community when possible.

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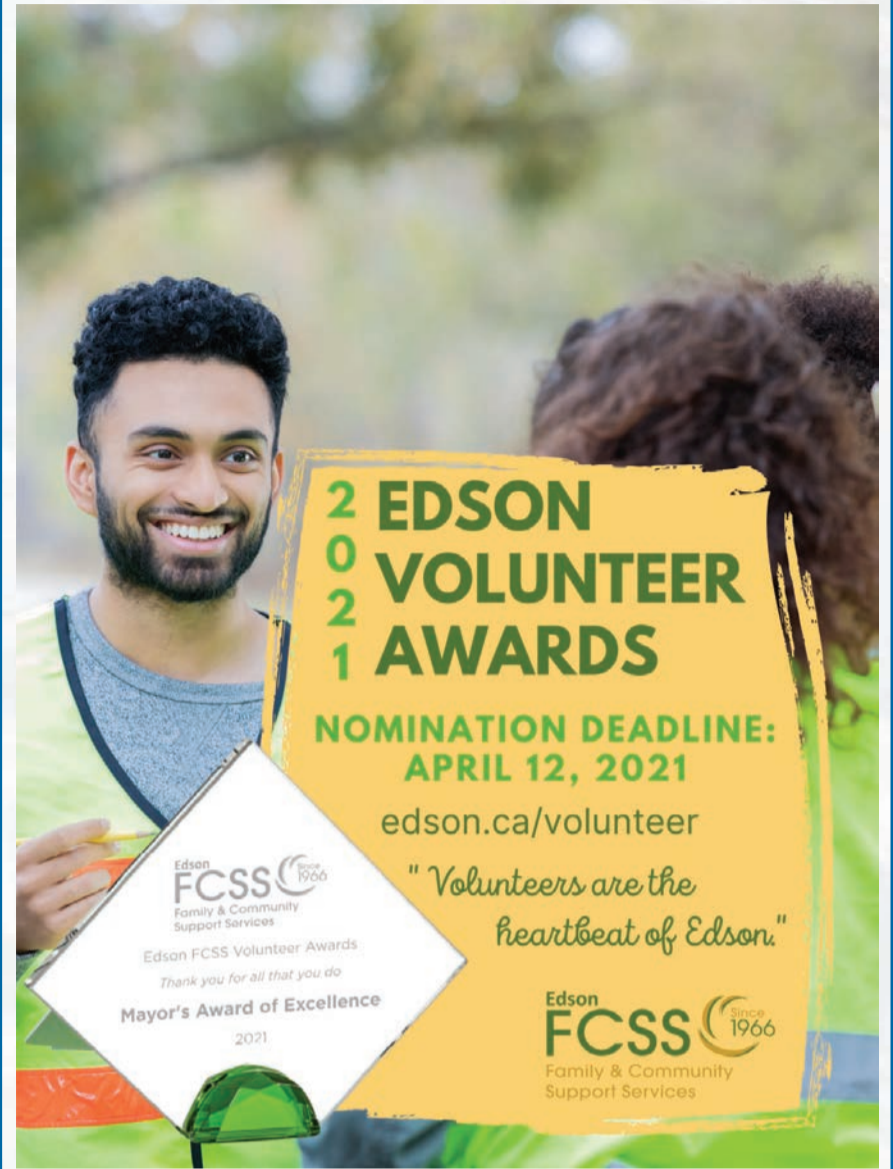
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Guest Editorial/Comment

Why America shouldn't cut off Canada's energy supplies

by Mark Milke and Lennie Kaplan
Canadian Energy Centre

In a world where Russian President Vladimir Putin is widely assumed to be behind the poisoning of opposition leader Alexei Navalny, liberal democracies should stick together. This should be especially relevant on matters related to energy.

Russia has been using energy exports as a weapon for more than a decade. In 2009, Russia cut off the natural gas supply to Ukraine in mid-winter, ostensibly over a pricing dispute but in reality it was an attempt to control Ukraine.

That example and others are why some German lawmakers, including the head of the parliamentary committee on foreign affairs, want to cancel Russia's nearly complete Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline that deadheads in Germany.

German politicians want the pipeline killed because they fear their country will become overly reliant on an autocracy that targets political opponents.

In contrast, some American politicians are targeting pipelines from a friendly nearby liberal democracy – Canada.

One of new American President Joe Biden's first acts was to cancel the presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline. Meanwhile, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has been trying for months to kill off Enbridge Line 5, a pipeline that has delivered oil and natural gas liquids since 1953.

In reality, Americans and Canadians are better off continuing policies that have served both countries well since at least the 1973-74 energy crisis.

Historically friendly and complimentary Canada-U.S. policy is in part why total energy flows between the two nations have been worth nearly \$2 trillion since 2000. Canadian oil helps keep the American economy humming and natural gas helps keep American homes warm. To a lesser degree, U.S. energy exports to Canada do the same for Canadian homes and businesses.

Multiple energy products make their way across the border, including electricity, coal and nuclear power. But it's mostly the transborder trade in oil and natural

gas (worth over \$1.6 trillion between 2000 and 2019) that powered economies on both sides of the border and kept homes warm.

For example, as the Michigan-based Mackinac Center for Public Policy think-tank points out, Line 5 provides nearly 65 per cent of the propane needed to heat 330,000 homes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The Mackinac Center notes how, without Canadian natural gas through Line 5, those 330,000 Michigan households would each have to spend US\$25,000 to convert their home heating from propane to electric. After that, they'd pay US\$3,500 in extra heating costs annually.

Out of \$138 billion in energy products shipped in 2019, roughly four-fifths were from Canada to the United States (about \$112 billion). American exports to Canada tallied about \$26 billion that year.

Texas and North Dakota respectively shipped \$9.6 billion and \$3.5 billion worth of oil into Canada in 2019. Michigan sent nearly \$1.5 billion in natural gas north to Canada and New York sent gas worth \$517 million north.

Whether measured in dollars or homes heated, U.S.-Canada energy trade is significant. It takes place between two liberal democracies whose last war took place over two centuries ago. It's not as if Canadian companies are going to shut off natural gas supplies to the United States in mid-winter, as Russia did to Ukraine, or cut off oil shipments to Americans, as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) did in 1973.

Friends – especially friendly liberal democracies – don't let their politicians attack each other. All that does is help our non-liberal competitors.

Mark Milke and Lennie Kaplan are with the Canadian Energy Centre, an Alberta government corporation funded in part by carbon taxes. They are authors of the report *Nearly \$2 Trillion in Energy Trade Flows between Canada and the United States: Trends from 2000 to 2019*. - © Troy Media

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Alberta RCMP reminds motorists to buckle up this March

(AB RCMP) The best defense against serious injury in the event of a motor vehicle collision is wearing a properly fastened seatbelt. The simple practice of buckling up before putting your vehicle in drive can be the difference between life and death. This month, the Alberta RCMP reminds motorists of the importance of seatbelt safety.

In 2020, 3,184 motorists were pulled over for seatbelt-related offences in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions; 3,047 adults and 137 children were found to be improperly restrained while in a vehicle.

The Alberta RCMP encourages both motorists and passengers to practice the following seatbelt safety tips:

- Ensure the lap belt is positioned low across your hips and the shoulder belt is always sitting securely 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).

- 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.

"Every time you get into a vehicle, as a driver or passenger, common sense and the law dictate that you must buckle up. Whether your commute is five minutes or five hours, you should be wearing a seatbelt," says Supt. Gary Graham, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services.

"It's one smart decision that you as a motorist can make to significantly minimize the risk of death or serious injury for yourself and your passengers."

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AHS recognizes local volunteer with 40 years of service

by Shaylyn Thornton

Volunteers are the backbone of many communities, and that is certainly the case in the Edson area. Many charitable organizations have dedicated volunteers who spend their free time making life better for others.

One such volunteer is being recognized by Alberta Health Services with a Long Service Award certificate. Evelyn Linford, a kind-hearted and compassionate Edson resident, also received a pin recognizing the many hours of work she has put in over the past 40 years.

Michele Heathcote, Coordinator for Volunteer's Resources with AHS, wanted to thank Evelyn directly. "I would like to take this opportunity in congratulating Evelyn Linford for her 40 years of volunteer work for Alberta Health Services," she said, before detailing the work Linford has done.

"Evelyn has contributed many hours in Edson Continuing Care, volunteering her time in hair care, the Recreation Department, Flu Clinics, Breast Cancer Screening Clinics, the Car Seat Rental Program, decorating the hospital, and visiting residents," said Heathcote. "Evelyn also has many hours of fundraising."

Linford said she first got involved with volunteering once her three sons were all in school. "I was looking for something to do outside the home," she said. "I was always interested in healthcare, and I was invited to an Auxiliary meeting. It all went from there."

Linford spoke highly of the people she has worked with during her time with AHS. "I have special memories of all the good people I met over the years – patients, residents, and staff, and of course the many dear Auxiliary members – we always seemed to find some fun moments in our activities and projects," she said. Linford also served in all positions on the Executive including being the Treasurer for 19 years.

Edson RCMP arrest two people for theft of copper wire

Edson, Alta – On March 9, 2021 at 12:10 a.m., Edson RCMP responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle near Range Road 172 and Township Road 540 in Yellowhead County, Alta.

Police located a vehicle in the area and conducted a traffic stop locating a significant amount of copper wire cable in the bed of the truck. As a result of the investigation police determined the copper wire to be stolen and the two occupants were arrested. A 50 year old woman and a 54 year old man, both of Edson, Alta. have been charged with possession of stolen property over \$5000.

The two have been released from custody on an Appearance Notice and are scheduled to appear in Edson Provincial Court on May 4, 2021.

The Edson RCMP were able to return the stolen cable to the rightful owner.

Traffic complaints topped list of Edson RCMP investigations

Between March 1st-7th, 2021, traffic complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations.

Other investigations included: Alarms/False Alarms 2; Assault 5; Assistance Calls 10; False/Abandoned 911 call 3; Fraud 3; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 2; Lost/Found Property 1; Mischief or Damage 9; Suspicious Persons or Vehicles 5; Theft Complaints 9; Traffic Collisions 9; Trespassing 1; and Wellbeing Check 2.



Evelyn Linford was recognized by Alberta Health Services for 40 Years of Volunteering. Pictured is AHS Coordinator for Volunteer's Resources Michele Heathcote (right), handing Evelyn her certificate and pin. photo submitted

Linford's favorite part of volunteering is interacting with the patients and the residents. Sadly, she noted, that hasn't been able to happen for the last year due to strict COVID rules and restrictions.

With 40 years under her belt, Linford hopes to continue volunteering, as long as regulations will allow her to do so. "With new rules and regulations in place, it's not quite the same as it

used to be," she said.

Linford also had a message for those considering becoming a volunteer, for any organization. "Choose something you're interested in," she said. "Volunteering can bring you a lot of joy."

Congratulations to Evelyn on your incredible 40 years of service.

United Trinity looks to expand meal program



photo submitted

by Deanna Mitchener

For close to three years the Edson United Church has been providing free nutritious hot meals to anyone who wants them. "Some of the people are hungry physically, spiritually, emotionally and are just lonely.

Last year they received a grant to help with the cost and delivery of hundreds of meals; almost 100 each and every week. Holy Trinity was a huge part of making this happen.

Today, United Trinity, both communities of faith working together, cook and serve about 100 meals every second week. They have applied for another grant in hopes to once again serve meals every week and possibly bump it up to 200.

"This is important because there are many people in Edson who are struggling to pay rent and provide food. No one should have to choose shelter or food," says Kimberly Roy, executive officer.

No concerns heard from County residents regarding Edson West Area Structure Plan Bylaw amendment

by Shaylyn Thornton

At the March 9 Yellowhead County Council Meeting, a public hearing regarding Bylaw 05.21 was held.

The bylaw involves amendments to the Edson West Area Structure Plan, which is a joint plan between Yellowhead County and the Town of Edson that provides a framework for future redistricting, subdivisions, and land development in Edson and Yellowhead County.

The properties in this area are a mix of estate residential, natural areas, rural industrial, and business commercial/light industrial.

The meeting and public hearing were chaired by Councillor Wade Williams who acted in his capacity as Deputy Mayor, as Mayor Jim Eglinski and Councillor Anthony Giezen were needed elsewhere for another meeting.

Williams opened the floor to concerns, however no members of the public attended the hearing. County Administration had also not

received any written letters of concern, so the public hearing was closed, and readings of the bylaw will be held at future meetings.

Council was also asked to officially appoint Luc Mercier as the County's new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to begin on April 5, 2021. Administration noted that Mercier has over 30 years of municipal experience, including 19 years as a CAO for multiple municipalities.

As per section 206.1 of the Municipal Government Act, Council was required to vote to appoint the new CAO, pursuant to the terms and conditions of his employment agreement with the County.

Councillor Shawn Berry shared his thoughts on the appointment of Mercier. "I'm looking very much forward to Mr. Mercier coming on board as our CAO. I'm looking forward to learning and working with him in the future," Berry said. "I think we've chosen a great candidate and I'm confident that everything is

going to go very positively when he comes on board."

Council voted unanimously to appoint Luc Mercier as the County's new CAO.

Lastly, Council was asked to adopt the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Landfill Authority's 2021 Operating and Capital budgets.

The regional landfill authority includes the municipalities of Hinton, Edson, Jasper, and Yellowhead County. The budget was reviewed and recommended by the regional landfill authority and is presented to all four councils for its formal adoption.

With no impact or change to the County's 2021 budget, Council voted to adopt the Authority's 2021 Operating and Capital budgets as approved by the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority. This will enable the Authority to continue their operating and capital plans in 2021.

Edson United Church Community Food Pantry

by Dawn Olsvik

On March 10 the Edson United Church Community Food Pantry officially opened.

Reverend Kimberly Roy spoke about the initiative's goal to serve the community. "Edson United Church is more than Sunday service. We are a service-based congregation. We are called as Christians to live out our faith," she said.

"Food insecurity is one part of poverty. Inadequate nutrition all too often is associated with inadequate shelter, lack of health care, and poor education, and poverty is at the core of all," Roy explained. "Children can't learn with poor nutrition and adults don't make good employees if they are hungry." She also noted that the new outreach is fully supported by the Edson Food Bank.

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara cut the official ribbon at the opening and spoke highly of the initiative. "Rural communities such as Edson have limited resources and a small volunteer base, so it is important that initiatives not overlap or compete but rather compliment each other. It is great to see the Food Bank and the United Church work together to increase food security in our community and provide more options for those that require the service," Zahara said. "This, along with the Shelterpod project and other initiatives, will help the most vulnerable in our community. On behalf of the Town of Edson and Council, I'd like to express our sincerest gratitude to all the volunteers, non-profits, churches, and businesses for their work in supporting those most in need."

Yellowhead MP Gerald Soroka was also in attendance. "It's a shame that today we still rely on food banks but good for the church group to take this initiative to help their community with their hot meal program as well as food at a moments notice," Soroka said. "People can come and access the food at times when the food bank is not open or in an emergency when they need some assistance. I want to commend the church and congregation for taking the initiative when they saw a need."

Roy spoke further about that need. "We think that all people should have access to nutritious food, but the reality is, whole nutritious foods

are expensive. There are no easy answers or quick fixes especially when so many people are struggling to make ends meet."

All we can do is work together to support our neighbors... and our neighbors are all the people around us. Edson United Church folks have a long history of caring for Edson people. Through tough economic times, fires, and family tragedies we are here to support Edson and area as best we can," Roy said. "If you can provide any amount of food for the Community

Pantry, we are thankful. If you have a need for food, we are here to support you."

The Pantry is located at the Edson United Church at 1214 Edson Drive. It will be open Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Thursdays from 12-4pm, and Saturdays from 11-2pm. The Pantry is also looking for volunteers to help with organizing and picking up donations. Questions/inquiries can be sent directly to The Reverend Kimberly Roy @ 780-723-3418 or kimberlyroy@hotmail.com.

Province approves GYPSD capital plan

The Province announced that Grande Yellowhead Public School Division's number one priority on their Three-Year Capital Plan is one of five capital projects approved for design funding during today's announcement. The Board's number one priority on their Three-Year Capital Plan for the last three years has been the consolidation of Grand Trunk High School, Evansview School in Evansburg, and Wildwood School in Wildwood, into a K – 12 school with a 500-student capacity at Grand Trunk High.

The amalgamation of all three schools was approved at a Public Board meeting on September 27, 2018. Multiple engagement sessions provided opportunities for community and stakeholder input regarding future programming for students of Wildwood and Evansburg, considering the infrastructure, student enrollment, and resources available. A timeline of the process to determine the Board's number one capital priority included:

March and April 2018 - A facility review, or (Value Scoping) session facilitated by Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure in the spring of 2018. Participants included representatives from school councils (parents), school administration (Wildwood School, Evansview School and Grand Trunk High School (GTHS)), municipal elected officials, GYPSD's Board of Trustees and senior administration, Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure, architects, and cost consultants. The session centered around informative

discussions on the different options and possibilities for school facilities in both Evansburg and Wildwood, communities located in the division's east end, Lobstick Zone.

September 13-22, 2018 - A series of community engagement sessions were held to discuss the options that were discussed at the value scoping sessions including an online survey for stakeholders unable to attend in-person.

September 27, 2018 - The Board passed a motion to revise the Three-Year Capital Plan (2019-2022), placing the Grand Trunk Amalgamation option as its number one priority. The new option amalgamates all three schools into one fully modernized 500 student facility from kindergarten to Grade 12 on the Grand Trunk High School site in Evansburg.

April 3, 2019 - The Board approved the transfer of the Wildwood junior high program (Grades 7-9) to Grand Trunk High School for the 2019/2020 school year.

Next Steps

Now that design funding approval has been announced by the Province, the Board will move forward with further discussions with Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure over the next few months to determine the full scope of the project, including the facility's design and funding to ensure that it meets the future learning needs of the communities of Wildwood and Evansburg.



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Permit Number	Location	Proposal	Notice of Approval
D21-018	Plan 9621026, Blk 1, Lot 2 NE 30-53-17-W5 Edson Area	Existing Home Business Minor (On-line consignment sales) Discretionary	Feb 25/21
D21-004	Plan 1821493, Blk 1, Lot 6 SW 19-53-07-W5 Evansburg Area	Discretionary Use – Agricultural Service facility	Feb 26/21
D21-016	NW 35-54-23-W5 Eccles Road Area	Discretionary Use – Work Camp	Feb 26/21
D21-017	Plan 1295ET, Blk 11, Lot 2 SE 30-53-07-W5 Evansburg	Sign – Variance for Non-frontage Location	Feb 26/21
D21-019	Plan 9825237, Blk 1, Lot 1 NW 32-53-16-W5 Edson Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Mar 2/21
D21-021	NW 14-49-21-W5 Robb	Public Utility – Telecommunications Tower	Mar 4/21
D21-020	Plan 6625MC, Blk 4, Lot 4 NE 05-53-26-W5 Gregg Lake	Single Detached Dwelling & Accessory Building (Change of Use from Cabin to Workshop)	Mar 8/21
D21-013	SW 36-53-12-W5 Niton Junction Area	Existing Single Detached Dwelling, Existing - Additional Single Detached Dwelling – Discretionary, Existing Accessory Building (Garage/Workshop/Barn) & Existing Accessory Building (Barn/Storage) with Covered Veranda	Mar 9/21
D21-022	Plan 1320729, Blk 1, Lot 2 SW 25-52-08-W5 Evansburg Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Veranda, Attached Garage and Screen Room & Accessory Building (Shed)	Mar 9/21
D21-024	NE 17-56-14-W5 Shining Bank Lake Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Deck & Attached Garage	Mar 9/21
D21-025	NE 34-53-18-W5 Edson Area	Manufactured Home with Addition (Porch)	Mar 9/21
D21-026	Plan 0424208, Blk 2, Lot 1 E 31-54-16-W5 Edson Area	Accessory Building (Shop) with Lean To	Mar 9/21

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

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Notice is hereby given that all Public Hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on **March 23, 2021**, in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Ave, Edson, AB. The purpose of this hearing is to allow persons to make known their views with respect to the proposed Bylaw 04.21 being a Bylaw to amend the Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw No. 16.13, as follows:

That the land use designation for the North-East Quarter, Section Thirty-One (31), Township Fifty-Three (53), Range Sixteen (16), West of the Fifth Meridian and Plan 902 0512, Block 2, Lot 1, be changed from RD Rural District to CR - Country Residential District in the Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw No. 16.13 as per Schedule A.



To view the details of Bylaw 04.21, please see the Planning and Development section on our website (www.yhcounty.ca).

All written submissions will become public information upon receipt by the Yellowhead County Council. Copies of Bylaw No. 04.21 are available for public inspection during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Yellowhead County office located at 2716 1st Ave, Edson, AB. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at 723-4800, or 1-800-665-6030.

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HRH's March 4A Cure goes Online



Holy Redeemer's 11th Annual March for 4A Cure campaign is in full swing! The dedicated group of students, seen here, have been busy preparing for the event for several months. Due to COVID protocols, the campaign is focusing on a major Online Auction scheduled for March 16th to 23rd. See the link for the auction in the article and on the HRH website: holyredeemerhigh.ca. There are tons of great prizes to be won and all of the proceeds will go to the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

(HRH) Holy Redeemer's March 4A Cure campaign is back for its 11th year! But, as with all things lately, things will be different this year.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly had an impact on how we run our campaign this year," says March 4A Cure Organizer Mike Bachinsky. "But the students were determined to still have an event as it has become a tradition at HRH."

Over the past ten years, HRH's March 4A Cure has raised over \$100,000 for the Alberta Cancer Foundation. Each year, a dedicated group of students work together to run a variety of events to raise funds including a bake sale, basketball free-throw competition, and a live and silent auction. "Due to all of the COVID protocols this year we knew we would have to get creative," says grade 12 student Jaci Knight who mentioned that the group had to even meet virtually as they were not

permitted to meet face-to-face. "Things were certainly different this year, but we were committed to doing something, so we focused our attention on two fundraisers."

The first one was a sausage and pierogi fundraiser that ran during the first few weeks of March.

The second, and far more lucrative event, is an online auction run through Patterson's Auctioneering Service. "This event will run from March 16th to 23rd and all the items will be up for bid online," explained Knight. "Lots of businesses have contributed to the auction and there are number of great things people can win." Some of the items include a chafing dish, Samsonite suitcase, socket and tool set, and much, much more.

Everyone is encouraged to go to <https://hibid.com/catalog/268178/holy-redeemer-charity-auction/> to look at the items and place a bid. This link

can also be found on the HRH website, holyredeemerhigh.ca and the HRH social media pages.

Even though the group is only focusing on two events, their goal is to raise \$5000. "It's such a worthy cause," says Knight. "Everyone has been affected by cancer in one way or another. If these fundraisers help to fight cancer, then they are all totally worth it."

The students are now busy promoting the event anyway they know how. "We have the link to the auction on the school website under March 4A Cure and under latest news," says Bachinsky. "We plan on doing a major social media blitz, and we encourage everyone to share the link and look into placing a bid or two on some items."

Those who win bids are asked to pick up and pay for the item on March 24th or 25th, 1 pm to 6pm, at

the Sacred Heart Parish.

Individuals are also encouraged to make a donation to March 4A Cure (payable to the Alberta Cancer Foundation). All donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

When asked about the commitment of the students, Bachinsky could not be prouder of the young group that has stepped forward this year. "They are really trying to make things work during these uncertain times," he says. The group is made up of Danielle Bittner, DJ Fawcett, Shanyce Fawcett, Mekha George, Allison Giroux, Andi Giroux, Jaci Knight, Delaney Kuilboer, Lauren Leslie, Neha Paul and Janaye Wright.

On top of this, the campaign would not be possible without the incredible generosity of the business community. A full list of businesses will be made public on the HRH social media pages in the coming weeks.

KID'S CORNER



This is 6 year old James Hofmann of Entwistle, who is a Grade 1 student through Connections for Learning. James says his favorite activities are school, helping babysit, and hockey. When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, James said, "A mechanic, like my Dad." His favorite movie is Transformers and his favorite thing to eat for dinner is cereal. James says his favorite animal is a porcupine. He also said that the best thing he has done so far this winter is make giant snowballs with his sister, Jaidyn. James was asked where he would choose to go on a vacation, and he answered, "I would go to our cabin in the Okanagan because it's quiet there."



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Exploring Career Pathways in Agriculture!

(GYPSD) Youth and young farmers are the future of Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector. GYPSD has many students interested in pursuing an agriculture-related field and Grand Trunk High School (GTHS) in Evansburg is one of our high schools proud to offer a suite of the Alberta Career and Technology Studies agriculture courses for students.

These courses give students the opportunity to

explore and gain an understanding of the diversity and significance of agriculture in Alberta.

Two GTHS students are doing Career Internships this year at Mayerthorpe Veterinary Services. Career Internship is a workplace-based curriculum designed to assist senior high school students in making informed decisions about their transitions from high school to post-

secondary and/or the workplace. Career Internship is for students who want to focus on learning about a specific career or occupational field that they have an interest in.

Ten GTHS students are also enrolled in the Green Certificate Program exploring Cow-Calf Beef Technician, Equine Technician, Poultry Technician, and the Sheep Technician programs.

The Green Certificate Program is an apprenticeship-style training program in the agriculture industry. Students select a specialization and under the guidance of their trainer, work towards mastering all of the skills within their training program.

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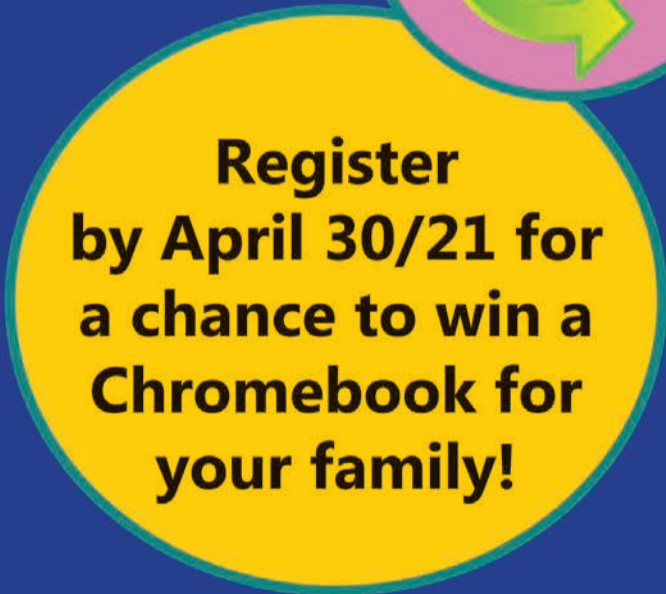
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Alberta RCMP creates Diversity Advisory Council with community members

RCMP release

Last month, members of the Commanding Officer's Diversity Advisory Council (CODAC) met for their first meeting. Keeping the important topics of diversity and inclusion central to this council, the Alberta RCMP is working to hear more directly from citizens and expand efforts to better serve and meet the needs of all Albertans. CODAC is both a forum to explore and better understand diversity topics in the context of police activities, as well as a partnership to develop initiatives that enhance police relations and communications with the diverse communities and citizens throughout Alberta.

CODAC is comprised of internal Alberta RCMP stakeholders and active members of communities across Alberta who are involved in diversity issues, and who will be able to provide an advisory role on matters related to community policing, diversity and inclusion. Deputy Commissioner Curtis Zablocki will host the meetings along with the Executive Director, Strategy, Business and Innovation, the

Executive Officer, District Officers and Commanders throughout Alberta, Community and Indigenous Policing Services, and key members of community who have been selected as advisors to the council. Members of the community advisory panel are: Adam Idris, Sadia Khan, Komal Kardar, Debonnaire Reid, Chevi Rabbit, and Ahmad Ali.

"I was excited to have held the first Commanding Officer's Diversity Advisory Council meeting last month. This is another

way we can work with community members to enhance trust with all of the many citizens we serve. The Alberta RCMP will work towards change through meaningful discussions with the Council members who all offer unique perspectives from their communities and experiences. Together, we will collaborate, share and listen." - Deputy Commissioner Curtis Zablocki, Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP.

The next meeting of the Diversity Advisory Council will take place towards the end of March.

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Positive signs of increased investment welcome news for oilfield services sector

PSAC Forecasts an Increase in Wells Drilled in 2021

In its first update to the 2021 Canadian Oilfield Services Activity Forecast, released recently, the Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) has revised the number of wells drilled (rig released) across Canada for 2021 to 3,350 wells. This is an increase of 750 wells which would be considered a modest amount based on historical activity, but is 29 percent over PSAC's original 2021 Forecast released in October 2020.

The updated forecast is based on a stronger commodity price outlook for the 2021 forecast with PSAC now expecting average crude oil prices 19

percent stronger at US\$50.00/barrel (WTI), natural gas prices of \$2.60 CDN/mcf (AECO) and the Canadian dollar slightly stronger averaging \$0.79USD.

PSAC Interim President & CEO Elizabeth Aquin commented, "The strengthened commodity price outlook today versus what was expected back in October is welcome news for our members who provide the service, supply and manufacturing for energy development. As expected global economic recovery gradually restores demand, it is helping to improve cash flows and balance sheets for our

members' oil and gas customers. Recent announcements by Canadian oil and gas companies of their 2021 investment levels show an additional \$3.36 billion to \$27.3 billion. Although these levels are still lower than the \$35.2 billion invested in 2019 and modest compared to the \$81 billion spent in 2014, it is an encouraging sign for the oilfield services (OFS) sector that PSAC represents. The downturn and pandemic have taken a heavy toll on the sector. This boost to investment in new activity is welcome news that the exploration and production (E&P) companies still see potential and opportunity in Canada."

January McKee, President of AMGAS Services Inc. and PSAC Board Chair, reports that, "PSAC and its members who work in all segments of Canada's oil field services sector acknowledge that there continue to be challenges facing our industry. However, we unite this industry and are all fighting hard together to illustrate how effective public policy from all orders of government can simultaneously enable Canada's OFS sector to innovate at home and reduce global GHG emissions abroad. When Canadian energy succeeds, Canada succeeds."

McKee further added, "In addition to renewables, global

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oil and gas demand is still forecast to grow. PSAC members include companies in the entire spectrum of oilfield services, supply and manufacturing that are needed to drill, complete, and close wells including wireline, drilling fluids, directional drilling, environmental, snubbing, hydraulic fracturing, safety, and others. PSAC is proud to be the united voice of these leaders in innovation, technology and responsible development. PSAC is fighting for members to ensure that Canadian public policy outcomes do not result in carbon leakage that allows other, less responsible countries with lower human rights, environmental, and regulatory standards to supply energy resources to the world and reap the jobs and economic benefits that should be Canada's."

Added Aquin, "The future holds promise and uncertainty. Government relief measures such as the emergency wage subsidy and the \$1.7 billion in closure funding which PSAC advocated for successfully have helped many OFS companies to retain workers and survive. The innovation and technology developed by this vital sector is needed to continue to lower carbon emissions and demonstrate continued progress on

our ESG record for investment. Increased investment will be required for opportunities to address the growing demand for natural gas for LNG and nascent blue hydrogen industry and to replace dwindling heavy oil volumes from Mexico and Venezuela to the U.S."

"Uncertainty lies with the additional environmental measures and costs expected from the federal government's new Environment & Economy Plan, Clean Fuel Standard, and Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act. What they will mean for competitiveness and capital investment in Canada remains to be seen even with the new Biden Administration in the U.S. signing onto the Paris Accord and forging a green agenda that may present a more level playing field. All of Canada's new measures will increase costs to industry and consumers alike. Increasing carbon taxes to \$170/tonne in such a short period of time will undoubtedly raise prices on everything from groceries, to heating homes, to consumer goods and all at a time when economic recovery is fragile, employment levels far from robust, and revenues are needed to continually develop new technologies necessary to meet climate goals."

Activity levels in the first half of 2021 are only expected to account for 47 percent

of the year's total versus 64 percent last year before the full impact of blockades, project cancellations, and COVID-19 was felt. We believe that the second half of 2021 will see increased activity year-over-year. The majority of drilling this year is expected to be focused on oil with 67 percent of total wells, and gas with 30 percent of total wells, with the balance being service wells.

On a provincial basis for 2021, PSAC estimates 1,632 wells to be drilled in Alberta and 1,189 wells for Saskatchewan, representing year-over-year increases of 184 and 111 wells, respectively. At 90 wells, drilling activity in Manitoba is expected to increase modestly from 83 wells in 2020, whilst activity in British Columbia is projected to increase from 367 wells in 2020 to 420 wells in 2021. At 19 wells for 2021, activity in Eastern Canada is expected to increase nominally from its 2020 figure of 16 wells.

About PSAC:

The Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) is the national trade association representing the service, supply and manufacturing sectors within the upstream petroleum industry.

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Edson & County Recreation Multi-Use Facility Update

Edson, March 5, 2021 – The Town of Edson, Yellowhead County, and Project Manger Turnbull Construction, are moving to the next stage of development for the Joint Recreation Multi-Use Facility.

Today, a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) was posted for Design Build Contractors.

The RFEOI is to gain interest and prequalify dedicated teams to provide Design-Build services for the new facility. Prequalified Design-Build contractors will then have the opportunity to go through a robust design process and to submit their work to be evalu-

ated by the partnership group.

The Design-Build method is meant to save time and cost, as well as to garner multiple designs for consideration. Teams with unsuccessful designs do receive a stipend for their participation.

This is an exciting step forward for this joint project and both municipalities remain committed to moving this project forward within the approved \$70 million dollar budget.

For more information on the project, or to view the Request for Expressions of Interest, please visit www.edson.ca/facility.



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A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

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MP Gerald Soroka Presents Petition on Oil & Gas and Another on Thermal Coal

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, was pleased to present two petitions to the House recently. The first petition was on oil and gas and the second on thermal coal.

He said:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to present two petitions today.

The first is regarding the fact Canada is still many years away from eliminating the use of oil and gas. Oil and gas produced in western Canada is produced with the highest labour and

environmental standards in the world. Using Canadian oil nationwide first before importing any oil from any other country would greatly benefit the economy.

Petitioners call on the government to eliminate all importation of foreign oil and

gas into Canada within the next five years, thus creating more jobs and building back a better economy.

Mr. Speaker, my second petition is on thermal coal.

Petitioners call on the government to keep mining thermal coal in Alberta because it has the highest environmental and labour standards, with very low sulphur content, thus giving China access to better coal to lower its environmental footprint.



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Alberta government introduces 2021 budget

February was a busy month for Alberta's government which involved the introduction of the 2021 budget. It includes historic spending on health and economic recovery efforts. February also saw the province investing in a pilot project to support veterans and responding to new federal firearms legislation that continues to target law-abiding gun owners instead of criminals.

Budget 2021 is squarely focused on protecting the lives and livelihoods of Albertans. That is why this budget saw an historic investment in health care and an increased emphasis on creating jobs, preparing for recovery, and maintaining responsible spending.

On top of the \$21.4 billion in non-COVID health care spending – nearly \$1 billion more than last year – Alberta's Government has set aside another \$1.25 billion in contingency specifically to fight the pandemic. This represents the most ever spent on health care by any government in Alberta's history.

The budget also saw record investments in the sectors that are vital to Alberta's economy. These investments include \$20 billion in infrastructure projects resulting in 90,000 new jobs starting right now, \$944 million towards agriculture, tourism, and technology, and another \$500 million in contingency to take advantage of economic diversification opportunities that come our way this year.

Lastly, this Budget doubles down on our promise to align our spending with that of other comparable provinces. Going forward, our spending will be anchored to sound fiscal

West Yellowhead MLA
Martin Long



principles that will put us back on a path to a balanced budget. We will keep our debt-to-GDP ratio below 30% which will allow us to gradually bring our spending in line with other provinces like BC, Saskatchewan, and Ontario, and while we have had to delay our timeline to eliminate the deficit in order to fight COVID-19, these solid fiscal principles will get us back on that path as soon as possible.

The province recently invested in a new pilot project aimed at supporting our brave veterans and their families as they transition from service to other careers. A one-time investment of \$714,000 over two years will fund a veteran-friendly campus pilot program at the University of Alberta. Many of our veterans have unique needs to support their learning. The pilot veteran-friendly campus initiative provides specialized support to help veterans achieve their educational goals. This investment complements and strengthens other supports, helping more veterans access the education they need to transition from military service to civilian career.

Recently, the federal government introduced new federal firearms legislation. While it may include some useful measures, it appears once again that the Ottawa Liberals are more interested in targeting law-abiding Canadians

rather than the criminals who recklessly endanger public safety while ignoring all laws. We don't see how made-in-Toronto calls for municipal gun bans make sense in Alberta. Those who perpetrate gun violence in cities won't abide by city gun bans – they already ignore the laws. Such a move by Ottawa would appear to be a violation of Alberta's jurisdiction over municipalities – jurisdiction that Alberta will vigorously defend.

When it comes to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no doubt it has changed everything about our lives. From whom we see, to how we work, shop and learn, every single one of us has been impacted in one way, shape or form. That is why Alberta's government has taken action to protect the lives and livelihoods of Albertans as we continue to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic. This March, we are taking time to evaluate our reopening plans. Recent increases in COVID numbers have the government taking a cautious approach. Indoor fitness facilities have been allowed to reopen for low-intensity workouts including weight lifting, yoga and some dance classes. Libraries have also been allowed to reopen at 15 per cent capacity. The Alberta government recognizes the importance of these services for the wellbeing of Albertans and they are making every effort to protect lives and livelihoods. In three-weeks, the province will re-evaluate where we're at and if we can ease more restrictions.

As always, it is my honor to service as our MLA.

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Faith

Christian life in one word...



Pastor Mesh Hit
Edson Baptist Church

If you were to boil the Christian life down into one word, I submit that the word would be "Relationships".

When Jesus was asked the most important commandment, He talked about one's relationship with God and our relationship with others. It's important to recognize the value of relationships. Loneliness is often cited as one of the contributing factors to depression. Being alone sets us

up to be more vulnerable to succumb to life's problems. The more time

people spend on social media, the more likely they are to feel socially isolated. According to psychologists at the University of Pittsburgh,

"Too much time on sites like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Reddit and Tumblr may elicit feelings of envy and the distorted belief that others lead happier and more successful lives".

If we are going to have healthy relationships, we need to encourage one another and come alongside to built community.

William Arthur Ward ...one of America's most quoted writers put it this way:

"Flatter me, ...and I may not believe you."

"Criticize me, ...and I may not like you."

"Ignore me, ...and I may not forgive you."

"Encourage me, and I will not forget you."

It's certainly not easy to build community; it takes time.

Comedian Yakov Smirnoff says that when he first came to the United States from Russia, he wasn't prepared for the incredible variety of instant products available in American grocery stores.

He says, "On my first shopping trip, I saw powdered milk - you just add water, and you get milk.

Then I saw powdered orange juice - you just add water, and you get orange juice.

And then I saw baby powder, and I thought to myself, What a country!"

True community does not happen overnight. But when each

person begins to wrestle with their own place in this world and takes small steps toward deeper relationship, slowly community will grow.

Our lives will have its challenge however when we acknowledge that we are all under construction, cultivating and investing in healthy relationships can make a difference.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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~ Obituary ~

Louise Caroline Tilby

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Left to mourn is her husband and companion of 58 years Ronald Henry Tilby and her 3 boys Ronald James (Lorena), Lyle Clifford (Lyndelle) and Lorne Anthony (Monique) Also left to mourn her sisters Jean, Carol (Gary) and brother James Jr. (Cori). Louise was blessed with 4 grand children (Ryan, Amanda, Janine and Brayden), 3 Great grand children as well as numerous brothers and sisters in law, nieces and nephews. Louise was predeceased by her parents James (2008) and Lillian (2011) Hinchey and in-law parents Geoffrey (Estelle) (2014) and Genevieve (1990) Tilby and brother in law Wayne Hannah (1997).

Louise had a distinguished career with the Yellowhead School Division for a number of years (Edson and Peers), she was administrative staff for the Edson Fish and Wildlife office and then administrative staff with the Edson RCMP detachment for 10 years until her retirement. Winters were spent in Arizona with Ron where she picked up the hobby of quilting that she excelled at producing beautiful pieces of art that many of her family and friends display in their homes with pride. Louise and Ronald went on many successful trout and salmon fishing trips over the years and many times family members would camp out and fish with them. When they weren't travelling mom loved to spend her days at home caring for her flowers, feeding the hummingbirds, Whiskey Jacks, deer and squirrels. Louise was also an active and proud member of the Eastern star in the Edson chapter. She supported her boys throughout their hockey, baseball and Air Cadet activities. Cheering from the stands with all the other hockey moms and being compassionate towards the refs as some of them were blind and required eye surgery or glasses. When the baseball coach wasn't coaching to all the mom's expectations, he up and quit and she was quick to switch from fan to coach and with another of the moms help, lead the team to a 1st place finish. Her sister Jean said "she was always there for all of us, she was the backbone of this family!" She always had a shoulder to lean on and was very supportive for every family member no matter what the situation was.

The Tilby family would like to thank the attending physician Dr. ODENDAAL and the numerous doctors, nurses and support staff at the Edson Hospital as well as the attending EMT's and Paramedics that showed the utmost care and compassion during this difficult time. There will not be a service held at this time, the family will plan a Celebration of Life in the summer season. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alberta Heart and Stroke foundation.

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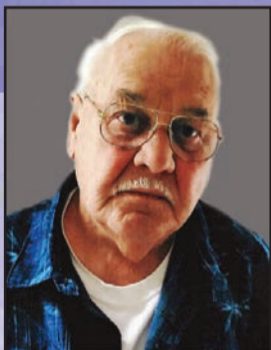
OBITUARY**John Nelson Jacobson**

March 15, 1942 – February 27, 2021

We are very sad to announce the passing of John Jacobson on February 27, 2021 at the age of 78 years. Born in Edson, John began his working history as an Industrial Radiographer, where he inspected welds on aircraft but then served mostly on pipelines. John then turned his interest towards logging and later operated a piling company. For more than 50 years, John enjoyed the beauty of Drayton Valley and it's surrounding areas. After the passing of his daughter Roxanne in 1986, John made it his purpose and mission to do something in her honour; from scratch, he developed and built Louie Lake. It is there that he created many life-long friendships and countless beautiful memories.

John will forever be lovingly remembered by his companion, partner and best friend, Sharon Blanchard; grandchildren, Francis Lightfoot, Nelson (Katrina) Lightfoot and Emma Lightfoot; sisters, Colleen Bodenchuck, Marion Berglund, Gail (Jerry) Van Kosky and Kathy (Arnold) Simmons; son-in-law, Frank (Shelly) Lightfoot; his special friend and buddy, Laura Campbell; his sidekick, Rod McLellan, as well as numerous extended family and many friends. John is predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Margaret Jacobson; daughter, Roxanne Lightfoot; parents, John and Mary Jacobson; sister Karen Schmidek; infant sister, Sonja Jacobson and 5 nephews. John's life was celebrated on Monday, March 8, 2021 from the Chapel at Affinity Funeral Service.

John's family would like to extend their great appreciation to Dr. Froud, as well as to the nurses and all staff at Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre for their contribution to his care. It is in this spirit of gratitude that the family would ask that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Drayton Valley Health Foundation for the Palliative Care Suite Renovation Campaign at dvhealthfound.ca or call 780.621.4914.



Arrangements in care of Joelle Valliere at:
Affinity Funeral Service
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~ Obituary ~

Gerard Antoine Chenard

April 13, 1936-February 11, 2021

Gerard (Jerry) Antoine Chenard, long time residence of Robb, AB, born April 13, 1936, passed away February 11, 2021 at the age of 84.

He was born at home in Tangent and died in his home in Robb, AB. He farmed in Tangent for a while then moved to Robb, AB. He started a job as a coal mine driller. Jerry did this for over 30 years before he retired. He always loved fishing, hunting and quading. He also loved sports, most of it on TV, in his later years.

He leaves behind two sons, Victor G. Chenard of Robb, AB. and Marcel R. Chenard of Hines Creek, AB. as well as Victor and Marcel's mother Lucienne (Lucy) Osborne of Hines Creek, AB. Three granddaughters, Stephanie, Amanda, Kristen Chenard; three great grandchildren Landon, Madaline and Sadie Chenard; three sisters Marie Jean (Emile) Laurin of Spruce Grove, AB., Lorraine Lavoie of Grande Prairie, AB., Lise Boisvert of Leduc, AB.; three brothers Aristide (Elizabeth) Chenard of Jousard, AB., Noel (Jeanne) Chenard of Tangent, AB., Rosaire (Rosie) Chenard of Grande Prairie, AB.; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gerard Chenard was predeceased by his parents Germaine and Joseph Chenard and a brother Lucien Chenard, all of Tangent, AB.

Gerard was cremated and will be layed to rest in the Tangent Cemetery this coming summer, 2021. Many thanks to all his friends that helped him and also the hospital staff.

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