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Three talented young referees from U11 step up to help ref some games

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Edson & District Leisure Centre had a busy weekend on March 12 and 13. Not only did the U15 Sabres host their NAI playoff weekend, but the U9

Sabres held their home tournament as well.

The U9 Tournament had three Edson teams participate: Edson Beaupre Bus Sabres, Edson Happy Camper Sabres, and the Edson Jensen's Sabres.

Visiting teams included the Whitecourt Wolverines, Barrhead Thunder, Drayton Valley Markhoe Polos, SW310 Zippin' Biscuits, Fairview MEP, SW310 Comets, St. Albert Stars, Grande Cache Rockies, and the

Cochrane Sparks.

The U9's held a 50/50 over the weekend that got up to \$3,415 (winner got approximately \$1,708) as well as hosted a raffle table on Saturday, March 12 that

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Coach Darren Switzer and Assistant Coach Bryan Labrie handed out medals at the end of the U9 Tournament to the Edson Jensen's Sabres. photo Shaylyn Thornton

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had tons of great prizes to be won. All of the prizes were donated by local businesses and individuals and included a Nintendo Switch Lite, an iPad Mini, Oilers tickets, and more.

One very “exciting” moment of the weekend came about when there was a referee shortage for the tournament. To fix the problem, three very talented young referees from the U11 age group were asked to step in and ref some of the games.

The three youngsters that stepped up were Kadyne Geist, Ryan Starkevich, and Carson Lenyl. As the U11 age group requires face cages on their helmets, the three actually had to get the cages removed so that they could properly blow their whistles. They did a great job and helped the tournament run smoothly.

At the end of each U9 game, a shootout was held that gave each kid the chance to score. The players and parents enjoyed seeing each kid have their moment. Coaches also handed out awards after every game: an MVP trophy, a Heart and Hustle t-shirt and dog tags, and a Holy Moly, What A Goalie mini stick. At the very end of the tournament, every player received a medal.

The weekend was made possible by all of the amazing volunteers, excited players and refs, and generous donors and sponsors.

It was a fun tournament for all and it also marked the end of the hockey season for the U9 team. They held a pizza and bowling end-of-year party at the Edson Bowling Alley on March 13 to commemorate a great season.



The Edson Happy Camper Sabres (light blue jerseys) took on the Edson Beaupre Bus Sabres (green jerseys) in one of the U9 Tournament games over the weekend. The game was hosted by two U11 referees (dark blue) named Kadyne Geist and Ryan Starkevich. photo Shaylyn Thornton

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Local man nominated 'Professional Tank Truck Driver of the Year'

by Dawn Olsvik

Dean Hansen has been driving trucks since he was a young man and was recently nominated for Professional Tank Truck Driver of the Year. He is the only Canadian to make it to the final group of eight selected by the National Tank Truck Carriers safety committee. Hansen and his wife Susan travelled to Washington DC along with the other finalists where the eight nominees were judged by a panel of industry professionals on their knowledge of the tank truck industry, dedication to safety, ability to communicate the industry's messages, overall safe driving record, and their positive community efforts outside of their driving responsibilities.

"You cannot think of this as a job. This is a lifestyle. You need to have the right attitude and aptitude for the job," said Hansen in an earlier interview. "You need to be 100% focused on what you are doing at all times in order to be successful. In the early days there was very little safety. It's come a long ways but I do believe there is lots of room for improvement in different aspects of it but we have definitely made a lot of inroads in the safety end of things."

Hansen started his career in 1976 in a business partnership with his parents, recognizing early on that

this would be his path. He credits an uncle for letting him get behind the wheel at the age of 15 and he was hooked. In 1991 he and his wife started their own business as owner operators contracting to larger companies. Hansen estimates that over his 45.5 years in the industry, he has personally driven in excess of 3 million miles. During his career he was involved in mentoring, training and assisting peers and employers as well as collaborating on developing processes and safety procedures in the industry. His company, Emerald Carriers Ltd, is currently contracted to and was nominated by North American company Trimac Transportation.

In a nominating letter, colleague Neil Carruthers states, "Dean's career began as a teenager driving tank truck hauling from remote oil wells in a largely undeveloped, frontier area of North Central Alberta. At that time, the industry was largely unregulated, lacking formal training courses, safety rules, logbooks, or restricted hours of service." He continued, "Dean learned much about trucking through the school of hard knocks by navigating rough terrain and isolated areas, often hauling on cutlines where roads were nonexistent. His commitment to getting the job done safely and without incident has always [been], and still is a testament to his



Local driver Dean Hansen has been nominated for 'Professional Tank Truck Driver of the Year'. submitted

professionalism."

Hansen says, "I'm inspired by driving and as long as I can do that, I think I probably will. I've seen some pretty beautiful country over the years. I love driving. I love looking out the windshield everyday and seeing something new and different." He adds, "Support

from my wife, Susan, sons Logan and Myles, and their families has allowed me to do what I love."

The Grand Champion will be announced at the National Tank Truck Carriers 2022 Annual conference in San Diego in April. Good luck Dean.

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Evansburg Legion makes requests of Yellowhead County

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Evansburg Royal Canadian Legion Branch 196 has requested that Yellowhead County purchase their Legion building or help fund their operating deficit. CAO Luc Mercier presented this request at Council's March 8 meeting.

Originally, Mercier planned to recommend denying the request because it would likely inadvertently result in the County receiving similar requests from other groups. As well, "although Legions provide an invaluable service to the communities that they reside in, they do not fall under a municipal mandate, and therefore, such a request would be outside that municipal mandate."

However, after hearing from some of the Councillors as well as receiving over 100 letters from Evansburg-area residents that were "very well written and well respected", Mercier had other thoughts.

Mercier learned that the Legion building also houses the only community hall in Evansburg, therefore "the community aspect of this hall in Evansburg is exactly what Yellowhead County wants to provide in each hamlet of the community." He said that, because of the community aspect, "We don't want to just say no."

Mercier suggested that Council direct Administration to review options with the Evansburg Legion and bring those options back to Council. He hoped to find "some sort of fix for this going forward" but noted that, at this time, he doesn't know "exactly what that means." "I say that with respect to the community, with respect to the Legion, and with respect to Council," Mercier added.

"Today's times have changed, and we should just take a look at this. It doesn't mean that we should say we're going to buy the building or to increase our operational funding, it just means that we should at least discuss the particulars because of the fact that this is a community hall – not specifically a Legion – but because it's a community hall," Mercier said.

A motion was made to direct Administration to review these options, and discussion was opened amongst Council.

Councillor Patrick Soroka (Division 1, Evansburg and area) noted that both he and Mayor Williams had received "a lot of emails" regarding the issue, with another concern being how Cadets will be affected.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux voiced her concerns regarding potentially creating "financial inequities." "I recognize the value that the Legion provides for the community, but I also acknowledge that the pandemic has been very hard on many of our non-profit organizations," she said. "I think we have to be cautious in how we proceed, because I can not support inequities among our non-profits."

Lemieux also brought up the fact that there are a number of other Legions in the County, and supporting only one would not be fair to the others. "I'm so willing to listen to what Admin's options are going to be and go forward from there, but I will not support operational funding to a Legion."

Councillor Anthony Giezen said that "the way the motion is presented is 100% acceptable. I think that it gives some leeway to Administration to bring back all of the options." Councillor Penny Lowe agreed, saying, "I think we need to look at all of the options here."

Councillor David Russell also agreed with allowing Administration to "do some background work."

Councillor Shawn Berry voiced his concern for supporting a Legion in terms of helping with operational funding because there is a bar and liquor sales involved. "I will not be in favor of funding a liquor establishment, I don't care who owns it," said Berry.

However, Berry did note the importance of community halls in the County and exploring options related to that. Berry said that the County had previously purchased the Wildwood Legion's building for \$1 and were then responsible for all repairs and maintenance, etc. "So it's not unusual for Yellowhead County to take over a facility,"

Berry said, noting that the Evansburg building is "very old" and "in need of an enormous amount of work" and would likely cost hundreds of thousands of dollars just to get the building "up to code."

Councillor Ken Groat echoed Berry's concerns regarding liquor sales and also agreed with Giezen as far as the importance of "exploring every opportunity." "I think if we direct Administration to come up with a plan, it will be the kind of plan

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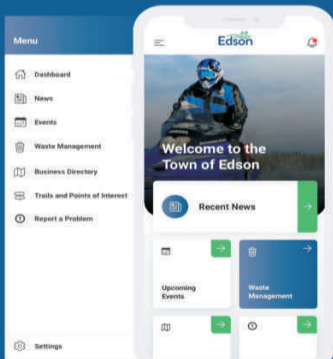

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Record high gas prices in Alberta signal need for carbon tax relief

by Kevin Lacey
Alberta Director
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If you've had to drive your kids to hockey, go grocery shopping or commute to work, you've likely cursed every time you saw the price at the pump.

Gas prices have now reached a high of over \$1.63 per litre [Mar 15, 2022]. That's the highest level since Statistics Canada started tracking this data in 1990.

Higher gas prices have a bigger impact on Albertans than people in the East or British Columbia because we burn more fuel than the average Canadian.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told the House of Commons the whole world is experiencing high energy prices, and there is little control the government has over it. But Trudeau's response misses the mark. Government policies have a huge impact on prices.

On April 1, the carbon tax will increase from nine cents per litre to 11 cents. That's Trudeau's third carbon tax hike during the pandemic.

By 2030, Trudeau wants to increase his carbon tax to nearly 40 cents per litre. He's also bringing in a second carbon tax through fuel regulations that could add an extra 11 cents to the pump price. That means Trudeau's two carbon taxes could soak a family for nearly \$40 bucks every time they fuel up their minivan by the end of the decade.

Increasing carbon taxes are just one factor in raising prices. There is a wack of other taxes too.

Each individual tax may cost just a few pennies a litre, but they quickly add up. In addition to the carbon tax, Albertans pay a federal gas tax of five cents per litre and a provincial gas tax of 13 cents per litre. Then, a seven per cent GST is added on top of those fuel taxes.

Charging the GST on other taxes costs you about 1.7 cents per litre or about \$1 when filling up that same

minivan. The annual cost to Albertans of this federal tax-on-tax is over \$100 million.

Added together, taxes make up about 25 per cent of the total price of gas or about 41 cents litre. That's about \$28.70 in tax on a 70-litre sedan.

If you think there are no winners with high gas prices, you'd be wrong. Politicians get to spend more money as you pay the higher price.

For every one cent gas price increase, the federal government collects \$3 million more annually from Albertans just from the GST. So far, the average gas price is up around 33 cents over last year, so that's a big chunk of change that is being transferred from the pockets of Albertans to Ottawa politicians.

We can't let provincial politicians off the hook, either. In 2015, the Prentice government raised the provincial gas tax from 10 to 13 cents per litre. Premier Jason Kenney was right to fight Ottawa on the carbon tax, and he is right to drop Alberta's provincial gas tax starting April 1.

In the long term, the solution is under our feet. It's time for Ottawa to get out of the way and allow our energy sector to build more capacity, approve pipelines and stop roadblocking new projects. That would help increase domestic energy supply and provide government revenues, jobs and investment. Since 2014, \$215 billion worth of Canadian resource projects have been stalled or cancelled in part because of governments, according to Secondstreet.org.

Enough with the political excuses and inaction. Experts say gas prices will continue to go up and Albertans can't afford more pain at the pumps. It's time for politicians to provide relief and cut taxpayers a break. © Troy Media

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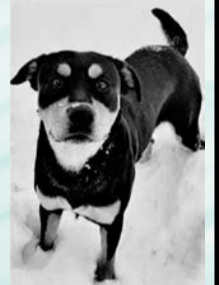


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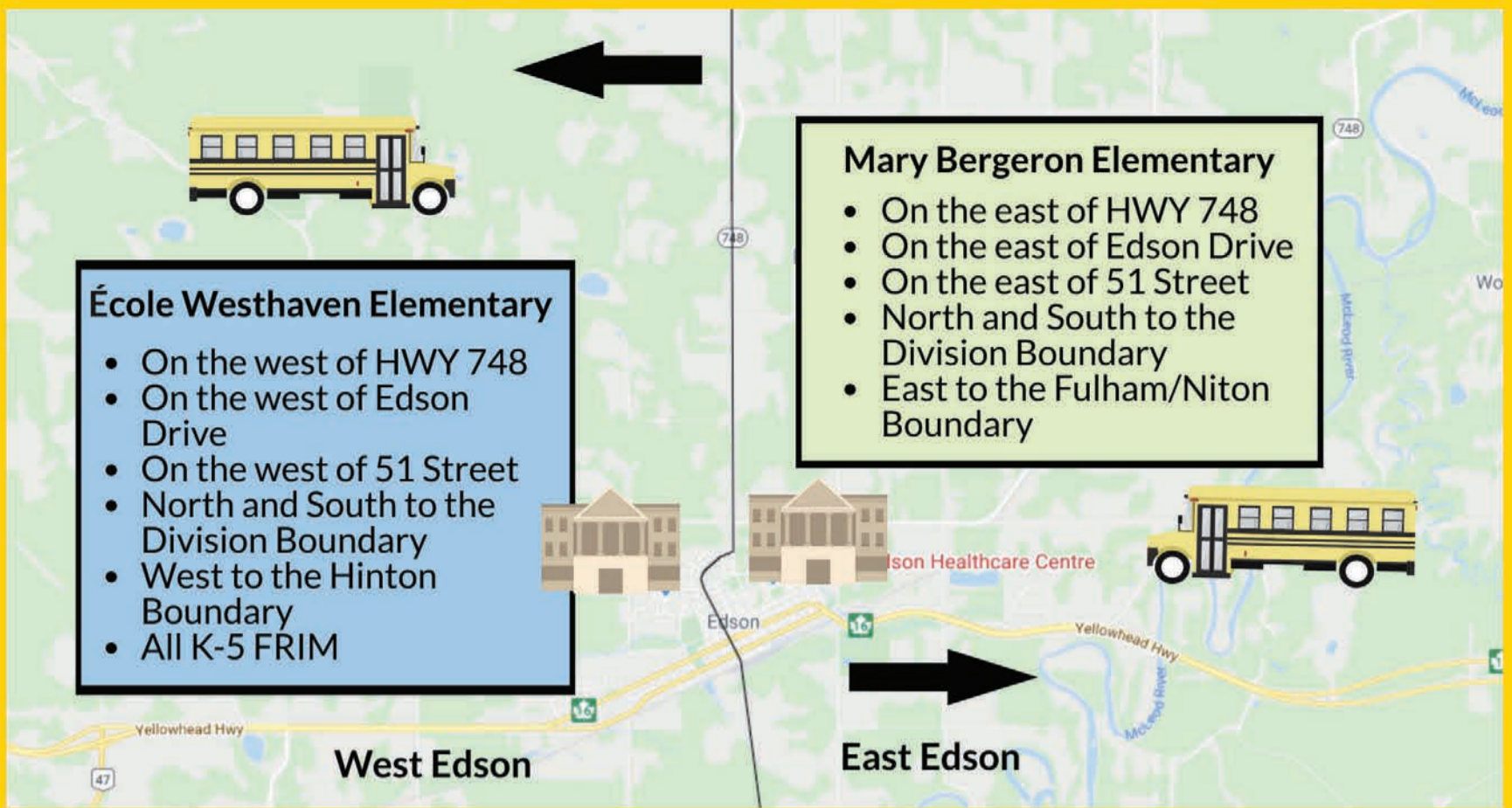
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- Beginning September 2022, the designated school for the transportation of all FRIM K-5 students, and K-5 students residing in the west half of Edson and the rural areas west of Edson is École Westhaven Elementary School.
- Mary Bergeron Elementary is the designated school for the transportation of all K-5 students living in the east side of Edson and the rural areas east of Edson.

At the Public Board Meeting on January 26, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved an update to the Edson Elementary Transportation boundary. Please note that the boundary was updated:

- based on parent feedback to resolve an unequal attendance boundary not completed with the closure of Evergreen Elementary in 2017
- to allow for a more fair population distribution between the elementary schools which may address future programs and classroom space concerns
- to ensure that a student’s designated school is the one closest to their primary residence
- to align with the provincial funding received for eligible transportation based on the Student Transportation Regulation requirements for designated schools, and
- please note, that parents do **not** have to change schools.

To meet provincial transportation requirements, the boundary update affects a small number of families. Impacted families have been informed of the update by Transportation Services and invited to discuss busing options and any potential fees, including support processes, to access unfunded services.

Parents can check their designated school for funded busing services for September 2022 by visiting the Division website at www.gypsd.ca.

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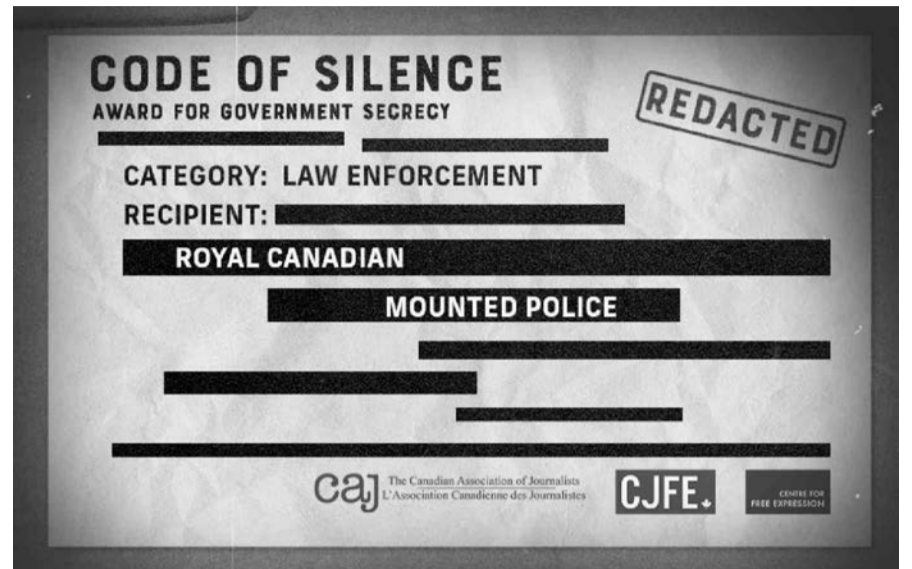
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This past year saw the creation of a Bantam football team at Holy Redeemer. The squad is made up of students in grades 7 to 9 as they begin to learn the skills needed to be successful at the sport. That said, it took a lot of money to get the program started, but thanks to a number of local businesses donating funds, the program was able to begin. Here, Jody Costall presents a cheque to Head Coach Mike Bachinsky in the amount of \$4000 on behalf of one of the major sponsors, Tourmaline Oil Corp, to help kickstart the Bantam football program. The outstanding football program is just one of the many reasons to attend school at HRH.

RCMP's efforts to impede journalists and evade public transparency wins Code of Silence Award



Canadian Association of Journalists: For its persistent efforts to impede the free flow of information to the public, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has been selected as the 2021 recipient of the Code of Silence Award for Outstanding Achievement in Government Secrecy in the law enforcement category.

The Mounties received an unprecedented double-citation from this year's jury. The first citation was bestowed on the RCMP for their efforts to impede journalists from covering public opposition to the logging of an old-growth forest at Fairy Creek, on Vancouver Island. In particular, the jury took note of the RCMP's efforts to obstruct journalists' access to the area through the use of illegal exclusion zones and other methods of obstruction.

"This summer multiple journalists, equipped only with pens, notebooks and camera equipment, were treated like criminals by the RCMP as they did their job, which was to document police activities and to tell a story of significant public interest," said Brent Jolly, president of the Canadian Association of Journalists (CAJ).

"This year's Code of Silence jury agreed that the efforts demonstrated by the RCMP to suffocate press freedom and the public's right to know about events taking place at Fairy Creek deserves the spotlight."

Late last year, Fairy Creek surpassed Clayoquot Sound as the largest act of civil disobedience in Canadian history, as nearly 1,200 arrests have been made. Reports from December 2021 reveal the RCMP has spent nearly \$9 million enforcing a court injunction at Fairy Creek — enforcement which saw journalists erroneously obstructed from accessing the area to report on the story.

In July, the CAJ, in partnership with a coalition of news organizations, applied to modify the injunction instructing the RCMP not to interfere with journalists' access absent a bona fide operational reason for doing so. The request was granted by the B.C. Supreme Court, with the presiding justice reminding the RCMP of the media's "special role in a free and democratic society, and the necessity of avoiding undue and unnecessary interference with the journalistic function."

This year's Code of Silence jury also awarded the RCMP a second citation for its outstandingly poor performance with respect to adhering to the rules of Canada's federal Access of Information Act.

According to the materials provided to this year's jury, the RCMP performed among the worst federal agencies in fulfilling access to information requests in accordance with mandated timelines. In its deliberations, the jury reviewed multiple examples of requests that exceeded the legislated 30-day time limit and where the agency failed to provide notice of time extensions, in direct contravention of Canada's Access to Information Act.

"The unwillingness of the RCMP to meet basic requirements of transparency—to which they are legally obligated—is sadly nothing new," said Jolly.

The force was recognized for its excessive secrecy in 2017, after failing to respond to a single request for information filed under the Access to Information Act.

"The opportunity that lies at the feet of users, however, is to work together to re-imagine what a better, functional, and more transparent system, with teeth, would look like — and to push those plans forward is long past due," said Jolly.

The Code of Silence Awards are presented annually by the Canadian Association of Journalists (CAJ), the Centre for Free Expression at Ryerson University (CFE), and the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE). The intent of the awards is to call public attention to government or publicly-funded agencies that work hard to hide information to which the public has a right to under access to information legislation.

This award completes this year's Code of Silence program. In addition to the RCMP, Stratford City Council (municipal), the provincial government of British Columbia (provincial), and Indigenous Services Canada (federal) headlined this year's winners.

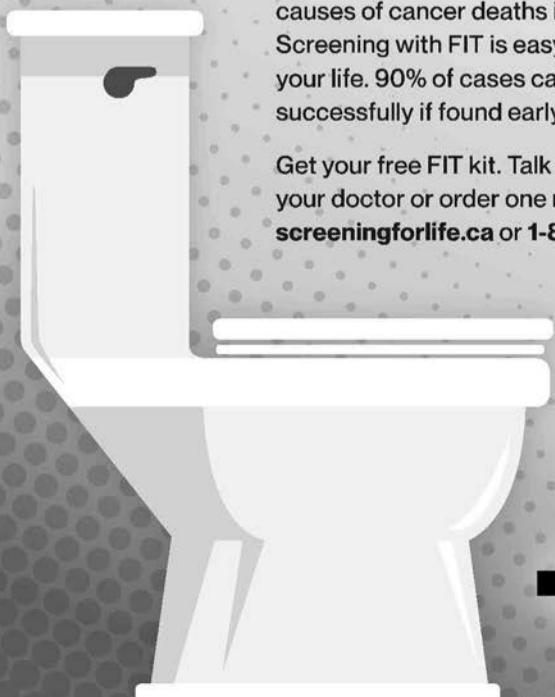
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 Alberta Health Services

Reinventing Glenwood Park

by Adrienne Tait

Residents in Glenwood, and all those in Edson and surrounding area, who enjoy spending time at the Glenwood Park will soon see some major improvements.

Senior Manager of Community Services Tanya Byers told Council on Tuesday evening that \$326,2350 in funds have been secured via government grant to revitalize the park upgrading and/or replacing the existing arena.

The new outdoor arena will provide year-round recreational opportunities. The arena will have a cement base making it easier to flood the rink and during the summer can be used for activities such as basketball, fitness classes, and pickle ball.

The project is budgeted for \$465,000 with \$108,750 coming from the Revenue Sharing Reserve.

Groundwork for the project is expected to begin in April and completed in September.

2022 Tax Assessments coming soon

by Adrienne Tait

The Town has seen a modest 2.42% growth in tax assessment according to the 2021 tax assessment report from Compass Assessment Consultants Inc.

Residential assessment increased by 1.59% and includes new builds, market changes, and demolitions. Non-residential (or commercial) based assessments saw a 1.24% increase over the previous year.

Property assessments are based on the market value of the property as of July 1 the previous year and takes into consideration the condition of the property as it stood on December 31st of the previous year.

The sales data used in the assessment process is taken directly from Alberta Land Titles. The assessors then review similar properties both in use and construction to help determine market value.

Once sent, combined tax notices allow 60 days for residents to inquire about or object to their assessment.

There were 151 residential and 11 commercial sales between June 2020 and July 2021 that were compiled and used in the report.

Aaron Steblyk, of Compass Assessments, said the hotels and motels are "starting to see a little bit of light" with slightly increased occupancy rates since the lifting of restrictions and the oil and gas industry showing signs of recovery in the area. Hotels and motels in Edson reported a 25-30% loss in last year's assessment while this year shows a 10% increase.

Steblyk predicts it will be 2024 before the industrial sector fully recovers.

The data from the 2021 Assessment report will be used for the 2022 taxation notices. Residents can expect to see their property tax notices, which include not only their assessed value but also the Senior's foundation and Provincial Education tax levies, in May.



The Holy Redeemer Basketball Program brought home another medal at a Zone Championship to cap off a very impressive season. This time it was the Senior Girls team that was the recipient of a medal, which was silver in colour, after a very competitive final game at Zone Championship on March 12th. Here, the team celebrates the end of their season showing off their silver medals. submitted

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1. Applications for Dust Control can be made at our Wildwood and Edson offices.

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*(This fee represents approximately 33% of the total cost for the dust control application. Full application costs will apply for any requests over 200 metres.)**

3. The fee must accompany the application.

4. Spring Applications must be received by May 15, 2022.

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

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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
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 Cadinon	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
D22-017	SW 28-53-16-W5 Pine Shadows	Manufactured Home Community - Expansion (33 New Lots in Two Phases) - Discretionary	Mar 10/22
D22-029	Plan 2122734, Blk 1, Lot 1 SW 15-53-08-W5 Evansburg Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Rear Porch, Covered Front Porch & Attached Garage	Mar 14/22

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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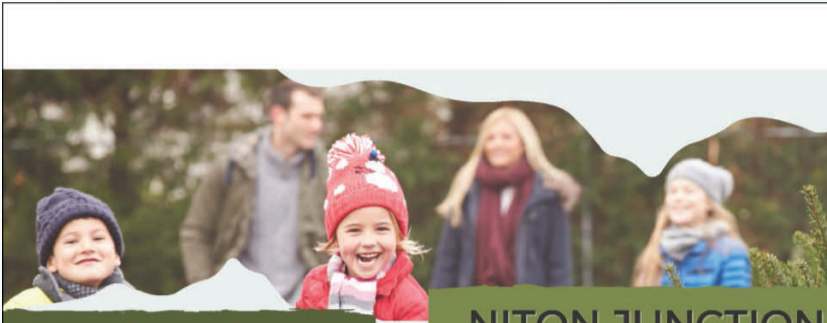
Completed Quote Sheets may be submitted via email, mail, hand delivery, or fax to:

Jennifer Benson, Agricultural Services Supervisor
Yellowhead County
2716 1St Avenue
Edson, Alberta T7E 1N9
Phone: 780-325-3782
Fax: 780-325-3783
jbenson@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca

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



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Yellowhead County Community Recreation Grants



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 - Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating a community hall
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 - Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating an outdoor amenity. Amenities include: playgrounds, ski trails, outdoor skating rinks, ball diamonds, soccer pitch, riding arena, hiking trails
 - Grant Deadline: March 31 (reviewed once annually)
- Community Hall/Outdoor Amenity Capital Assistance Grant**
 - Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding assistance with capital projects which could include renovations, repairs, furniture & equipment purchases, new facility, new outdoor amenity, etc.
 - Grant Deadlines: September 30, December 31, March 31, June 15 (reviewed quarterly)
- Recreation Program & Event Grant**
 - Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding up to \$2000 for programs and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport and/or other recreational opportunities to the community
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- Art & Recreation Initiatives Fund**
 - Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding for new initiatives in recreation and culture facilities, programs and services that will have ongoing benefits to the community
 - Grant Deadlines: September 30, December 31, March 31, June 15 (reviewed quarterly)

Applications can be found at www.yellowheadcounty.ab.ca or picked up at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood. For more information contact Crystal McNemie at 780-723-4800.



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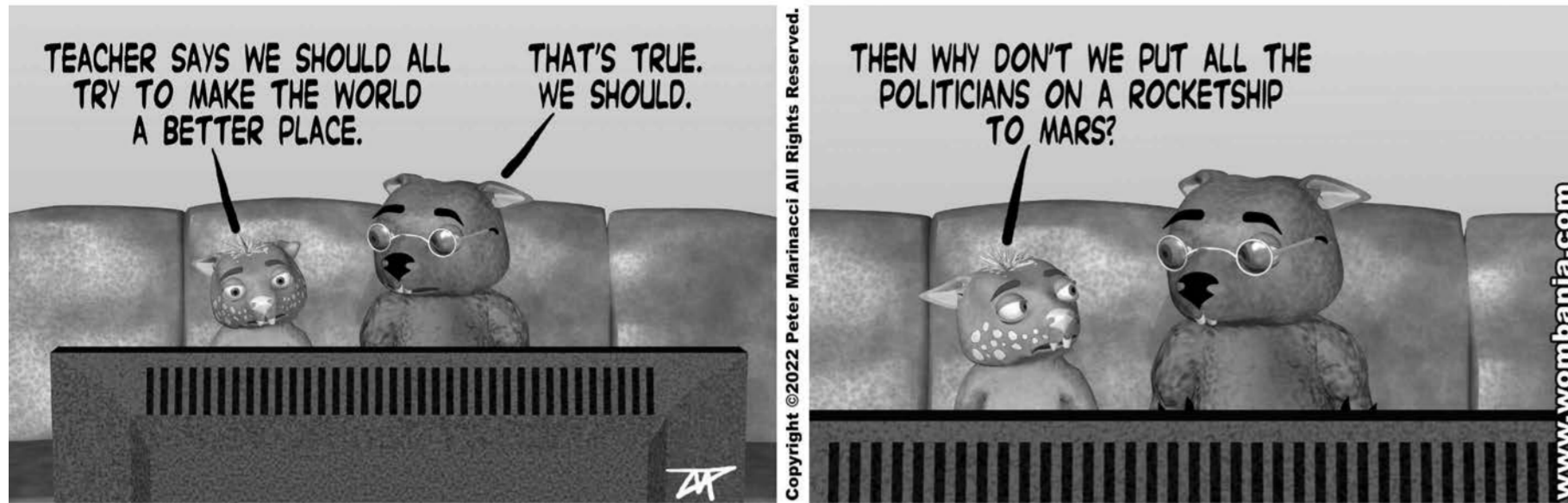
For more information or to register your equipment, call the Infrastructure Services Department at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.



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by Gary Clark



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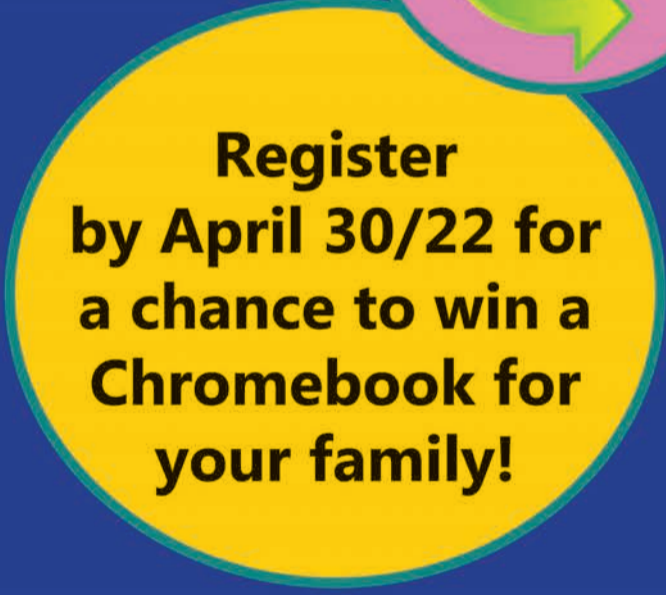
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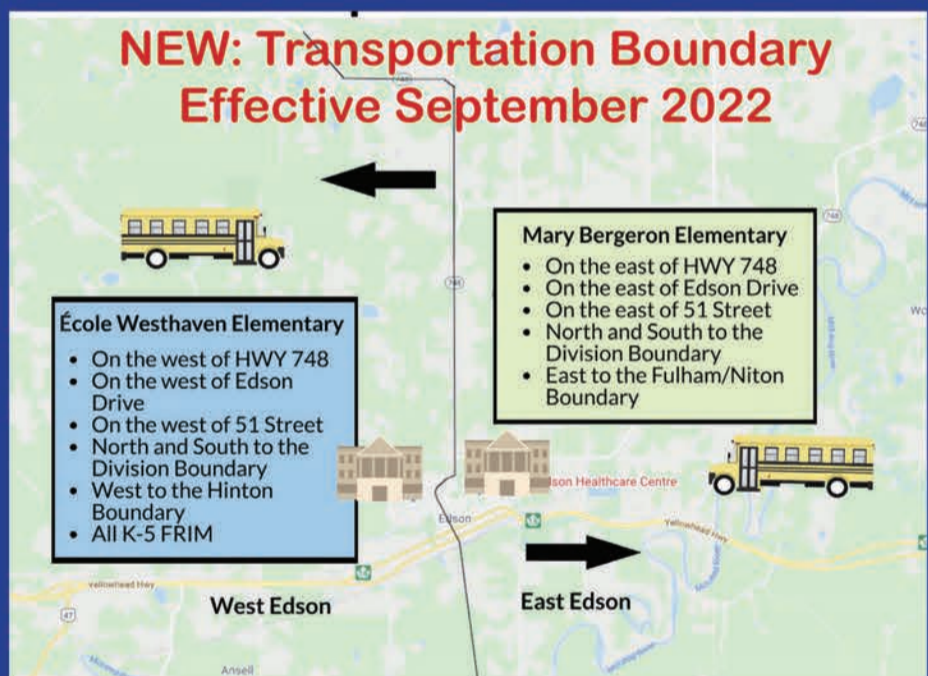
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As the industry booms, rural municipalities continue to face mounting unpaid property tax bills from oil and gas companies

(RMA) The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) has conducted a member survey identifying that as of December 31, 2021, approximately \$253 million in property taxes currently owed to rural municipalities by oil and gas companies have gone unpaid. This represents a 3.3% increase from the unpaid amounts reported for the 2020 tax year, a 46.7% increase from 2019, and a 213.2% increase from 2018. This growth indicates that some oil and gas companies continue to ignore their tax payment obligations even as

Alberta's economy improves, oil prices skyrocket, and new oil well drills increase substantially. While most oil and gas companies pay taxes on time and in full, the industry and the Government of Alberta have previously made excuses for companies choosing not to pay property taxes, arguing that due to low commodity prices, payment of property taxes would lead to insolvency for such companies and result in lost jobs and negative economic impacts. This was clearly inaccurate, as the industry is now booming, yet property taxes continue to be at the bottom of the to-do list for some companies.

“As the oil and gas industry's fortunes have improved over the past year, both oil and gas companies and the Government of Alberta have benefitted tremendously. Companies are reporting record profits, and the province has turned a projected large deficit into a budget surplus, nearly entirely due to an increase in resource prices and energy industry investment in the province. Meanwhile, rural municipalities, which play a critical role in providing access to oil and gas resources, are left behind, still unable to collect the taxes required to fund core infrastructure and operations. Not only is this unfair to municipalities, it is unfair to every rural taxpayer who must pay more or receive fewer services to off-set those taxes not being paid by the oil and gas industry. It was unfair when the industry was struggling, and it's even more unfair now.” – Paul McLauchlin, RMA President.

This issue persists due to a lack of action on the part of the Government of Alberta to hold industry accountable. The province made some modest progress in the past year by restoring the ability of municipalities to place special liens on oil and gas properties, as well as allowing the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) to consider payment of property taxes when reviewing energy licence approval and transfer applications. However, both changes have significant limitations and neither has addressed the issue.

While the special lien powers may work in some situations, the complexities of seizing or restricting access to oil and gas properties will often outweigh the tax recovery benefits. As such, municipalities require more support and guidance from the Government of Alberta on how to exercise the powers safely and effectively.

The AER's new ability to consider municipal tax payments appears as a positive step, but it is under no real obligation to consider property tax payments, or report on if and how it has utilized this power. Additionally, despite requests from the RMA, the AER has chosen to rely on industry self-reporting of property tax payment performance rather than collaborate with municipalities to gather and update property tax data.

“While the province has taken some steps related to this issue, none solve the problem. If the political will was there, this issue could be solved quickly and simply through the AER. If companies want to profit from Alberta's oil and

gas resources, they should be required to pay all property taxes in full and on time,” McLauchlin said. “Building this into the industry's regulatory system would be simple, transparent, and effective, but the AER and Alberta Energy seem unwilling to stand up and actually regulate industry during a period of record profits.”

Payment of property taxes is a matter of survival for many rural municipalities. RMA members are responsible for over 70% of Alberta's roads and 60% of Alberta's bridges. The revenue needed to manage this critical transportation network is almost entirely derived from property taxes. If municipalities are unable to depend on taxes being paid, they may be unable to manage roads and bridges at a level required by the oil and gas and other industries. The industry's boom means more strain on municipal roads and bridges from drilling rigs, more maintenance activities at older wells, and more of a need for new or upgraded municipal roads and bridges to reach previously untapped resources. This action means profit for industry, but costs for municipalities. Without access to tax revenues, many municipalities have had no choice but to reduce service levels, increase tax rates on other property owners, and in some cases even lay off staff. These decisions impact all rural residents and businesses, and often cancel out the local economic benefits that oil and gas industry growth should provide.

McLauchlin said, “What some in the industry and government don't understand is that without rural municipalities, the oil and gas industry would be nowhere near as successful in Alberta as it currently is. Property taxes are not collected for fun. They are needed to pay for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges for the oil and gas industry to access resources, as well as to provide everything from

water to waste collection to recreation and many other services to rural residents, many of whom work in the oil and gas industry. Ignoring property taxes doesn't just hurt the municipality, it hurts rural communities as a whole and places an unfair burden on other rural businesses and residents.”

It is also important to consider that not only are rural municipalities dealing with unpaid taxes, they have absorbed many other downloads and losses in revenue recently, all based on the need to help the oil and gas industry or the province address fiscal challenges. This includes a three-year property tax holiday on newly drilled wells for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 tax year; the elimination of the Well Drilling Equipment Tax; a 25% reduction in the Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant program in 2021, 2022, and 2023; as well as increased responsibilities (and costs) associated with policing, affordable housing, and other primarily provincial services.

“To say that municipalities have made sacrifices to support the industry and the government is a huge understatement. Currently, oil companies will not be required to pay property taxes on newly drilled wells until 2025. Last year, the number of new wells increased by 135% compared to the previous year, and this growth is likely to continue. Every new well brings new infrastructure strain and municipal costs. Not only will municipalities be required to absorb those costs using existing revenue streams, but they are unable to collect taxes that are owed to them. As industry and the province celebrate their new wealth, it is frustrating to see such incentives remain in place, plus little action being taken to address the lack of payment of taxes that are owed.” – Paul McLauchlin, RMA President

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that he has received the below notice/article from the

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta. Following the decennial census, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer establishes an independent commission for each of Canada's ten provinces. The role of these independent commissions is to review that province's districts and to make the necessary changes to reflect growth and shifts in the population, balanced by consideration of communities of interest, since the last decennial census in 2011.

The Commission is commencing its work the week of February 14, 2022. The notice/article reads:

“The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta begins its review of the province's federal electoral districts following the 2021 decennial census. The Commission is composed of three members: the Honourable Justice Bruce McDonald, Chair, and two other members, Donald Barry of Calgary, and Donna Wilson of Edmonton.

“The Alberta Commission will use the 2021 Census population counts, made available by the Chief Statistician of Canada on February 9, 2022, to revise the boundaries of the province's 37 federal electoral districts. This number includes the three new electoral districts that

Gerald Soroka
MP Yellowhead



have been added to Alberta. The Commission will draft its redistribution proposal, expected in a few months, to reflect growth and shifts in the

population—balanced by consideration of communities of interest—since the last decennial census in 2011.

“The proposal will then undergo a broad public consultation process during which the Commission plans to travel across Alberta to hear from those who wish to express their views.

“To involve the public as soon as possible in the process of readjusting the electoral map, the Commission invites anyone who wants to submit comments and suggestions for it to consider in preparing its proposal to do so by mail or email no later than June 30, 2022.

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta,

PO Box 45062,
Calgary, AB, T2G 4X3

By email:

AB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

The Commission thanks everyone in advance for their interest in its work. To learn more about the current redistribution process, visit redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca “

ATA to Education Minister, Just Stop!

(Release) ATA President Jason Schilling says the move to phase in new curriculum implementation is a desperate move to salvage a critically flawed curriculum. Instead, he says Education Minister Adriana LaGrange should completely halt implementation of all grades and subjects to save students and teachers from the inevitable chaos of implementing this damaging curriculum.

“Enough is enough. The proposed curriculum does not enjoy public support, and the consensus opinion of groups representing parents, teachers, school boards and education faculty is that it cannot be implemented in its current form. It has not been appropriately

piloted, and teachers do not have what they need to put it in front of students in only six months.” —ATA President Jason Schilling

The Association released opinion polling today that shows only 3 per cent of teachers believe that they have the supports and resources they require to successfully implement this curriculum in the fall. The independent poll of teachers and the public, conducted by Environics Research, also shows that nine out of ten teachers and half of Albertans do not feel the draft curriculum will provide students with the skills and knowledge they require for future success.

“Implementing new curriculum in one grade

and one subject requires a significant amount of planning, preparation and resource development on behalf of individual teachers. Expecting teachers and schools to implement curriculum in four grades and three subject areas all at once next school year is a recipe for chaos after two very exhausting years for teachers and administrators. Just stop!” —ATA President Jason Schilling

The Alberta Teachers’ Association, as the professional organization of teachers, promotes and advances public education, safeguards standards of professional practice and serves as the advocate for its 46,000 members.

Gerald Soroka
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

This year marks the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's ascension to the throne. As Queen of Canada, she has personified the traits of public service, dedication, and sacrifice. As Canada's longest serving monarch, the Queen has been a fixture of our society for seven decades. She has always made known her love for our country.

The Canadian Platinum Jubilee emblem was created to mark the 70th anniversary of the Queen's ascension. The emblem is a symbolic statement of the enduring relationship between Canada and the Crown.

The Royal Cypher of Her Majesty appears at the centre of the emblem. Below, is the number 70 in silver white to allude to the metal platinum.

These elements are framed by a seven-sided shape, along with seven maple leaves and seven pearls to mark the seven decades of Her Majesty's reign. The Royal Crown appears at the top of the emblem.

The emblem was designed by Cathy Bursey–Sabourin, Fraser Herald of Arms at the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

To celebrate this historic occasion, we will be awarding 70 Platinum Jubilee pins to deserving citizens of Yellowhead.

The past few years have been incredibly difficult, but there have been those in our community that have risen to meet the unique challenges we've faced. I believe these actions should be recognized.

The pins will be given to those who have demonstrated the qualities extolled by Her Majesty the Queen: public service, dedication, and sacrifice.

If you know someone who has gone above and beyond what has been asked of them and you believe is deserving of this award, I invite you to nominate them.

The nomination form can be sent postage free to the below address. Note: the cutoff date is May 15th.

MP Gerald Soroka
Box 7887, Station Main
119 – 50th Street
EDSON AB T7E 1V9

Please take note of the steps below and important details related to this contest.

1. To make a nomination, fill out the form on the right, cut it out, and mail it to the above address.

2. After May 15, all nominations will be given to an independent, non-political panel of judges who will determine the recipients.

3. Nominations are also welcome via email to: Gerald.Soroka.c1@parl.gc.ca or by calling: 780-723-6068

4. All personal information will be kept private and confidential

Evansburg Legion makes requests of County

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that we can agree on,” Groat said. Mayor Wade Williams pointed out that Council was basically looking at two different items. “One is the operation of the Legion and the other is the community hall aspect of this building,” he said. “The community hall is something that as a County, as a Council, have... agreed to have in each one of the hamlets. So we need to look at every possible scenario.”

“We need to get a lot of information, we need to look at every avenue, and

we need to bring this back to a GPC for a lot of further discussion,” Williams said. “This is going to affect a lot of people and I think we need to take the time to get this right.”

Soroka amended the original motion for Administration's options to be brought back to either the April or May Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) meeting. Council voted unanimously to pass the motion.

Jubilee Pin Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Last name:		Given name(s):	
Street address:		Apartment/Unit #:	
City/Town:	Prov:	Postal Code:	
Phone:	Date of Birth:		
Email:	Are they a constituent of Yellowhead?		

Summary

Use this space to provide a brief summary of the nominee's achievements and why you are nominating them:

Nominator Information

Last name:		Given name(s):	
Street address:		Apartment/Unit #:	
City/Town:	Prov:	Postal Code:	
Phone:	Email:		
Relation to the nominee:		How long have you known the nominee?	

Most Successful Year for HRH Football

(HRH) Ask anyone and they will tell you that one of the main attractions to attending Holy Redeemer is the outstanding Football Program. Each and every year the team dazzles their fans and creates so much school spirit. And this past year saw them have their most successful season to date winning the bronze medal at the provincial championships.

"2021 saw a record breaking year for us," says Head Coach Mike Bachinsky referring to the bronze medal finish at ASAA Provincial Championship. "It was a hard fought season that saw many ups and downs, but what stayed consistent was the dedication by our student athletes."

The Rebels squad finished the year

with an impressive record of 6 wins and 3 losses. Their only loss in the provincial playoff championship came against Hanna in the hotly contested semi-final. Hanna had won the last six provincial championships and had never gone behind in a game in the past four seasons. That all changed when the Rebels scored a fairy tale first touchdown against them, and then HRH gave them a run for their money. In the end, the Hanna were too much for HRH and the Rebels were awarded the bronze medal based on their overall record in the season marking the team's most successful season in franchise history.

The team is ready to get started with the 2022 spring season, which

is evident by the excitement building in the hallways at HRH. "Our team is ready to take things to the next level," says Bachinsky. "So many of our athletes got a taste of what it is like to have a deep run in the playoffs and they want to do it again."

The team is currently looking for donations to help fund the cost of the team as they look to upgrade their helmets. "We have always had a focus on offering the highest safety rated equipment for our program," says Bachinsky. If any individuals or businesses are interested, please contact Bachinsky at HRH.

A huge addition to the Football Program this year was inclusion of a Bantam team to be played by grade 7 to 9 students. Bantam football acts as an initiation to contact football. It is played in full gear and at top speed with a focus on learning the

basics and having fun.

"This program was a long time coming and plans had been in the works for a couple of years," says Bachinsky.

The program was finally realized with the support from our football fundraising committee who collected many generous donations from local businesses such as Tourmaline Oil Corp who donated \$4000.

The school is now very excited for spring training to begin and to see the Bantam program really take flight.

Bachinsky concluded by saying, "A big thank you goes out to all of our sponsors, coaches and athletes for their time and support to make our entire football program a success at HRH!"

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 social media pages.

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Town of Edson invites County Council to Meet and Greet

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Town of Edson sent an invitation to County Council for a joint Council Meet and Greet. They would like to host a dinner at the Galloway Station Museum from 5-7pm with the supper being catered in. Council voted unanimously to direct Administration to accept the invitation to attend the dinner on March 22. Other items discussed during the Yellowhead County Council meeting on March 8 included:

Public Hearing – A Public Hearing was held for proposed Bylaw 01.22 (Edson/Yellowhead County Intermunicipal Development Plan amendment). No in-person, written, or virtual public presentations were made. With no issues raised, the Bylaw amendment will be moved forward to an upcoming Council meeting for deliberation.

FCM Conference and Trade Show – The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show 2022 is coming up on June 2-5, both virtually and in Regina. CAO Luc Mercier asked which members of Council would like to attend so that Administration can book accommodations and register for the FCM Conference as required. Based on which members wanted to attend, Council voted to direct Administration to book accommodations and register Mayor Wade Williams, Councillor Patrick Soroka, and Councillor Dawn Mitchell for the FCM Conference in June.

Equipment Replacement, Agricultural Services – On December 29, 2021, a Kubota ATV (Unit YCE 61) was damaged while clearing snow in Wildwood, and the dealership repair center determined that the frame of the ATV was irreparable. After filing an insurance claim, the County was offered \$7,500 for residual value of the unit. County Director Juch noted that the Kubota was eight years old and had an estimated 1,000 hours per year put on it.

Administration stripped the supplementary equipment from the machine in anticipation of a

replacement unit, if approved. In summer, this Kubota works in the Fence Line Program and Custom Herbicide Application Program (CHAP) and is operated by two seasonal staff members. The programs are essential parts of weed control work in the County, so Agricultural Services has already obtained two quotes for replacement. A replacement unit is expected to cost between \$30,500 and \$31,272 depending on how quickly the County wants to receive it.

Re-installation of all attachments and on-board equipment that has been salvaged from the old unit is estimated to cost an additional \$2,300 based on 2021 costs for the same work. Juch recommended that Council add this project to the 2022 Capital budget with a budget of \$33,572 to allow Agricultural Services to continue the same level of service in 2022. The funds would come from the Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve. Council voted unanimously to pass Juch's recommendation.

2022 Summer Gravel Program Contract Award – Councillor Penny Lowe excused herself for this item due to a conflict of interest. The Tender closed for Contract #2022-794 2022 Summer Gravel Program on March 2, 2022. The tender requires approximately 374 kilometers of summer road graveling within Yellowhead County with 105,100 tonnes of Owner supplied crushed gravel from five (5) different stockpile sites. Tenders were received from a total of three (3) bidders for the project. Those were: Jones Trucking & Backhoe Services Ltd. at \$1,044,134.60, McLeod Valley Sand and Gravel Ltd. at \$1,061,089.64, and Associated Aggregates Ltd at \$1,712,414.56.

The lowest bid submitted by Jones Trucking & Backhoe Services Ltd. was reviewed and was found to have met all requirements of the tender. The 2022 interim budget was sufficient to execute the project this year. Council voted unanimously to award the 2022 Summer Gravel Program contract to Jones Trucking & Backhoe Services Ltd. in the amount of \$1,044,134.60.

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~ Obituary ~

Oshvalda, Irene

It is with sadness our family announces the passing of our mother, Irene Oshvalda of Wildwood, Alberta on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at the age of 85 years.

Irene will be remembered and forever loved by her three daughters, Laurie (James), Marilyn, Patty (Paul); her grandchildren, Coltin (Nicki), Tyrell (Chyna), Wyatt, Jeremy, Laura, Luke, Jenni, Jaci, Jonathan (Erin), Daniel (Dina) and David (Lucy); 17 great grandchildren; sister, Mable (Floyd) and brother, Lloyd (Eileen).

Irene was predeceased by her son, Jim (Sue); grandson, Daniel; sisters, Nellie (George) and Esther (Joe); brothers, George and John (Joyce).

A Funeral Service will be held for Irene at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 25, 2022 at Parkland Funeral Chapel, 3502 – 44 Avenue, Stony Plain, AB with interment to follow at the Mewassin Free Methodist Cemetery, Duffield, AB.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Irene's memory may be made to The Salvation Army:

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Horticultural ventures are high

value, high intensity operations, with crops having very specific requirements for successful production. Getting off on the right foot with the right location that is suitable for your plans is

absolutely critical. It is a process that involves gathering as much data as possible from 10,000 feet above to 2 feet below the surface of the soil. It is also important to assess other factors, like climate, to ensure the greatest opportunity for success.

Spencer's presentation includes general site requirements for a range of fruit and vegetable crops along with steps and online tools that shed light on soils and site suitability. Using example scenarios to demonstrate the processes, you will learn how to find the information you need to assess your own site or a prospective one. Speaking about the potential for horticulture crops in this area, Spencer said "The demand for quality, locally-grown produce has been increasing steadily. The past couple of years has highlighted the value of our Alberta-grown products."

This session will benefit new

producers looking to buy or rent land as well as established farmers looking to expand into new ventures. Presented online via Zoom on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 P.M. The 80-minute webinar includes time for questions. Participants have access to the recorded session for 30 days following the presentation. For more information and to register visit Lac Ste. Anne County's website at www.LSAC.ca or contact Lorraine Taylor, County Horticulturist, at LTaylor@LSAC.ca or 1-866-880-5722.

This is part three in a series of extension events designed to take interested growers from planning to production and marketing of commercial horticulture crops. Hosted in partnership with the counties of Barrhead, Greenview, Lac Ste. Anne, Leduc, Woodlands, and Yellowhead.

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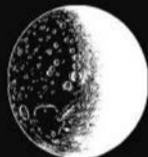
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COMPETITION NO. 22-021

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The salary range is currently \$80,055 - to \$101,350 per year.

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

The competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

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Transportation Labourer
LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE
COMPETITION NO. 22-020

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The salary range is currently \$48,181 - to \$60,984 per year.

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female arrested: possession of stolen truck

(RCMP Edson) On March 4, 2022, at approximately 2 a.m., Edson RCMP received a report of stolen pickup from a business located around 50th Street and 1st Ave in Edson, AB.

A short time later police were then notified of the location of the stolen truck from the on-board GPS system.

RCMP attended a location in Peers and arrested one suspect in relation to the theft of the truck. The suspect

was also in possession of stolen property. She was taken into custody.

A female (22) of no fixed address has been charged with:

- Possession of stolen property under \$5000
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Recreation Program Coordinator
 (Term Position – up to 18 months)
LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE
COMPETITION NO. 22-022

Reporting to the Parks and Recreation Supervisor, the Recreation Program Coordinator is responsible for the development of recreation/leisure activities, programs, services and special events throughout the County. This includes: direct and/or collaborative service provision, community development and community facilitation within the Community Services Department.

The salary range is currently \$66,182 - to \$83,790 per year.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply please submit resumes online at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until **Friday April 8, 2022.**

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March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**Colorectal cancer screening saves lives**

(AHS) If you're between the ages of 50 and 74, the Alberta Health Services (AHS) Alberta Colorectal Cancer Screening Program team wants to remind you about the importance of getting screened for colorectal cancer.

Colorectal cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer deaths in Alberta. Most cases of colorectal cancer are in people age 50 and older with no family history.

Most colorectal cancers begin as small growths called polyps. Not all polyps turn into cancer, but some polyps can turn into cancer if they're not removed early.

Why is screening important?

Getting screened regularly can find colorectal cancer at its early stages when treatment is more effective. Ninety per cent of cases can be treated successfully when the cancer is found early.

Screening can also prevent colorectal cancer by finding and removing polyps early before they turn into cancer.

It's important to remember that screening is for people who do not have symptoms. You should get screened even if you feel healthy.

What is FIT?

The Fecal Immunochemical Test, or FIT, is the recommended screening test for everyone age 50 to 74 who are at average risk for colorectal cancer. This means people who have no symptoms and no personal or family history in a first-degree relative (your parents or siblings).

FIT is an easy test you can do right at home. It looks for blood in your stool (poop) that you can't see. Plan to get screened with FIT every year starting at age 50.

How to Get Your FIT Kit

There are two easy ways for you to get your free FIT kit in Alberta. Choose what works best for you.

Talk to your doctor or regular healthcare provider. They will give you a form that you take to the lab to pick up your FIT kit.

Or order online at screeningforlife.ca or by calling AHS Screening Programs toll-free at 1-866-727-3926 to have your FIT kit mailed to you.

Once you complete your FIT, drop it off at the lab closest to you for testing. You'll receive your results in the mail within a few weeks. Talk to your doctor if you have questions about your results or any next steps.

If you're 50 to 74, make colorectal cancer screening part of your regular health routine. Getting screened can save your life.

Visit screeningforlife.ca to learn more about colorectal cancer screening and FIT.



The Holy Redeemer Rebels Football team show off their provincial bronze medals from their most successful season yet. "This team not only exceeded our expectations for this season," says Head Coach Mike Bachinsky. "They absolutely demolished our expectations. It was amazing." The team took on some of the best teams in the province and made an absolutely impressive fairy tale run to the provincial semi-final. Now, the squad gets set to start spring training in the hopes of continuing that success. submitted

What's happening, when and where in the community**Community Events**

Good Neighbor: Snow Shoveling Program. Nominate a Volunteer forms available at Yellowhead County office in Wildwood or Edson office or call 780-325-3782 or Email Karen at kschatz@yhcounty.ca

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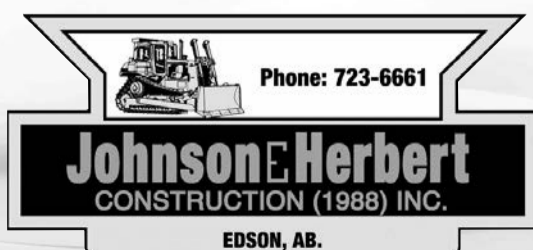
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March 26: Eat Your Yard Workshop at the Red Brick Art Centre & Museum Join Marsha Shack 1-4pm ages 16+ to register visit www.edson.ca/cdprograms

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Edson Legion Hall seats 350 for dinner and dance,

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Outstanding First Year Teachers Nominated for 2022 Edwin Parr Award



GYPSP Finalist, Aimee Allers

Board Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence



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GNS: Good News Story

Congratulations to teacher **Aimee Allers** of Grande Cache Community High School – this year's finalist as GYPSP'S nominee for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), Edwin Parr First Year Teacher Award.

As part of the Board's selection process, three first-year teachers in GYPSP were first nominated by their principals and then invited to present to the Board of Trustees at the Public Board Meeting on March 9th.

Ms. Allers was joined by Edson nominees, Becca Harrison from Mary Bergeron Elementary, and Ms. Samantha Bunes from Parkland Composite High School. The three nominees shared their most successful lesson, student learning challenges, greatest success in teaching since joining GYPSP, and how they each have grown as an educator this year. All three teachers provided an excellent presentation and the Board had a difficult decision in only choosing one of these passionate and dedicated educators.

Six Edwin Parr Teacher Award winners will be chosen from across Alberta including two from Zone 2/3 - where GYPSP is located. The provincial ASBA Edwin Parr Teacher Awards will be presented to the winners at the ASBA 2022 Fall General Meeting.

Congratulations!

One Vision One Team One Goal

Recognizing Albertans who preserve our heritage

(AB) Nominations are now open for the 2022 Alberta Heritage Awards.

The Alberta Heritage Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of Albertans engaged in heritage preservation, protection and promotion. Seventy awards have been presented since the program was reintroduced in 2005.

“From Fort McMurray to Fort MacLeod, our province is rich with resources that speak to Alberta's history and culture. It is important to protect and preserve our

history for future generations. These awards are a wonderful way to thank Albertans who put their time and effort toward preserving our history. I am very excited to see who Albertans nominate this year.” — Ron Orr, Minister of Culture

Albertans can be nominated in three categories:

- Heritage conservation
- Heritage awareness

- Outstanding achievement

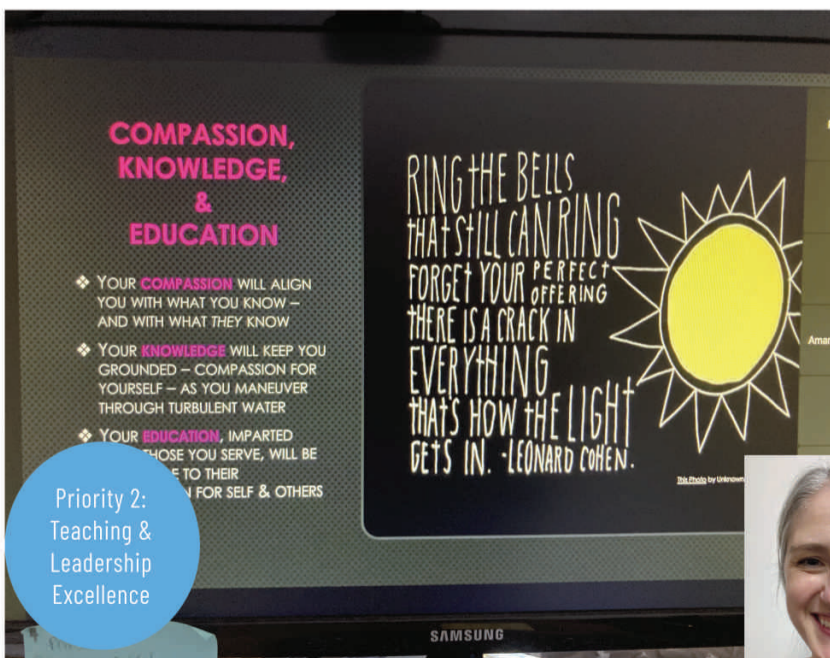
Individuals, organizations, corporations and municipalities can be nominated for an award. The guidelines and nomination forms can be found on the Heritage Awards web page.

The deadline for nominations is June 1. The 2022 recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony in September during Alberta Culture Days.

March 14, 2022



Trauma Event Systems Training for GYPSP Staff



Priority 2: Teaching & Leadership Excellence



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GNS: Good News Story

GYPSP staff and community partners had the opportunity to take the Traumatic Event Systems Model training (TES) training with Bonnie Randall from the North American Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma response. The TES model looks at trauma through a systems lens rather than an individual lens.

TES is responsive in nature and provides VTRA Level 2 trained professionals and leaders with the necessary tools to intervene, prepare and support communities in the aftermath of a traumatic event.

While emergency responders focus on the physical aspects of trauma, TES trained professionals address the more complex and lasting effects of how trauma impacts individuals and systems if left untreated.

According to GYPSP's Divisional Psychologist, Crystal Virtanen, "the training helps staff identify trauma within systems and offers how to support and move forward with positive change in the system that has experienced trauma."

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