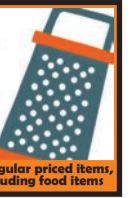


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Edson Mayor speaks out about proposed Provincial Police Force

by Adrienne Tait

On November 9, 2019, Premier Jason Kenney established the Fair Deal Panel. The panel consulted tens of thousands of Albertans through

a variety of methods including in-person town hall meetings, online surveys, and stakeholder interviews.

According to a letter from the Premier to the panel, "The panel's mandate is to listen to

Albertans and their ideas for Alberta's future. The panel should focus on ideas that would strengthen our province's economic position, give us a bigger voice within Confederation, or increase

provincial power over institutions and funding in areas of provincial jurisdiction."

The panel was directed to explore nine specific points, including the idea of

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Kayla Kaluza and Stacy Kidner with the Daycare Society of Edson had their youngsters from the Blue Room out on an adventure on March 11. The youngsters are between three and five years old. With the warmer temperatures it nice being able to get moving outside with some fresh air again. photo Deanna Mitchener

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Edson Mayor speaks out on proposed Provincial Police Force

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“Establishing a provincial police force by ending the Alberta Police Service Agreement with the Government of Canada.” The current agreement is set to expire in 2032.

In May 2020, the Fair Deal Panel released their report, including their recommendation to “create an Alberta Police Service to replace the RCMP.”

In September 2020, the government of Alberta commissioned PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to undertake the “Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study” and established the Alberta Provincial Police Services Transition Secretariat for a two-year term. The PwC study is expected to be completed by April 30.

Historically, Alberta had a provincial police force which was established on March 1, 1917 when the North-West Mounted Police left the prairie provinces due to lack of resources and a reluctance to enforce prohibition law. The Alberta Provincial Police (APP) remained active until March 31, 1932.

The cost of policing rose from \$75,000 annually under the NWMP to approximately \$125,000 annually by 1922 under the APP. When the province faced fiscal challenges during the Great Depression, an agreement was reached with the federal government for the RCMP to police the province, thereby reducing costs by nearly 50%.

Today, the federal government funds 30%, or approximately \$112.4 million, of the RCMP costs within the province each year. The provincial government contributes \$262.4 million annually under the Alberta-Canada Provincial Police Service Agreement. A wide variety of the assets used by the RCMP, including at our local detachment, are federally owned or funded. This includes the buildings in which the RCMP are stationed, equipment, vehicles, the IT system, and training programs.

In December of 2019, the Alberta government announced that municipalities, which currently receive funding under the Alberta Police Service Agreement, would be required to contribute 10% of the province’s costs to support additional RCMP officers and administration staff. That contribution

is to increase to 30% in 2023.

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara said there are several factors that need to be considered should the government choose to move forward with a provincial policing strategy. “Are they going to be renting from the federal government? Are they going to be building a new building? Because that’s millions of dollars,” said Zahara, adding that questions surrounding equipment to be purchased, training costs, and cost of an entirely new IT system all have yet to be addressed by the province.

Mayor Zahara pointed to difficulties encountered in Surrey, B.C. as a cautionary tale. There, the transition from RCMP to the Surrey police force cost 40% more than originally projected, growing from \$45 million to \$63.7 million. The IT system alone for the municipality was \$27 million. This resulted in the city proposing a 2.9% property tax increase (approximately \$200 per household) to cover the costs.

“In the community of Edson our policing budget is \$3.5 million. That pays for 17 officers, 4.5 municipal admin support staff (and a few other things) but the majority of that is for the actual officers,” said Zahara. “An additional \$750,000 cost to the Town of Edson would mean an immediate 5% tax increase for no additional resources. I don’t see how any of this makes any sense.”

Edson currently does not pay for some of the services offered through the local detachment, such as special services and the Traffic Unit.

“The concern is the provincial government has a big part to play in policing but it’s municipal governments that end up paying for it. All municipal governments in Alberta are paying for policing, so additional costs would trickle down to the municipalities,” said Mayor Zahara. “Which is convenient for the provincial government because then they can blame local mayors and councillors for increasing taxes, when in fact it’s their policy

decisions that are driving this.”

“RCMP officers, as of 2017, were making 14% less than comparable police officers across Canada, so moving to a provincial model will mean that you are likely going to have to pay more for those officers and now no longer have the resources of a national force. Here in Edson, we have benefited from having the RCMP when we have had major incidents. They are able to draw on resources from across the province and can bring in resources from other provinces if they need to. You will lose that under a provincial police force,” said Zahara.

Mayor Zahara also said a provincial police force would be unlikely to resolve any of the current frustrations within the system. “It wouldn’t change anything when it comes to the justice system and that’s where all our issues are coming from. With repeat offenders, with revolving doors in our courts, which don’t take things such as property crime and petty theft seriously. That’s where the problem is and that’s what needs to be fixed. It’s not the policing aspect,” he said, acknowledging that challenges exist within the police force as well. “In any police force there are going to be issues and situations that need to be addressed, but that’s not going to change in a provincial model.”

Mayor Zahara said he is concerned that if the province decides to pursue the transition, the move could come at a large financial cost, a loss of resources, and the possibility that the RCMP would simply stop filling vacant positions or transfer members out in the meantime.

Mayor Zahara also said that while no decision has been made yet, he is asking the public to pay attention. “On the surface it may seem great, but there will be some very real consequences,” he said.

It is possible that the transition could be posed as a referendum question during this fall’s municipal elections.

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Provincial changes to Disaster Funding model Municipalities will have to cover 10% of uninsured losses

by Shaylyn Thornton

In an effort to reduce provincial spending on disasters in Alberta, changes to the Disaster Relief Program (DRP) are in the works to begin in the 2021 Disaster Season (Fiscal Year 2021-22).

According to MLA Martin Long, the DRP “is used for extraordinary events not covered by typical average insurance policies and which have caused widespread damage to property. An event is considered widespread if the disaster has caused damage to property over multiple areas and/or jurisdictions, extending over a large area or number of people.”

While some details of the disaster recovery funding are still in the process of being evaluated by the province, known changes include cost-sharing arrangements and funding caps.

Cost-sharing arrangements for all DRP eligible costs include a 90:10 cost-share between the Government of Alberta (GoA), municipalities, and Metis Settlements, as well as a 90:10 cost-share between the GoA and all private sector applicants with funding caps and repeat assistance limitations.

For homeowners, a \$500,000 funding cap will be introduced, as well as a one-time assistance limit

per property. The one-time limit begins in 2021 and will not be applied retroactively.

According to Municipal Affairs and Community and Social Services, “Disasters are becoming more expensive, creating increased liability for the Government of Alberta.”

In fact, six of the top ten costliest Canadian natural disasters for insurance payouts have occurred in Alberta. In the last five years, the cost of insurance payouts was \$7.5 billion. The Fort McMurray wildfires in 2016, the floods near Calgary in 2013, and the Slave Lake fire in 2011 are some of the biggest causes. Since 2010, the average annual DRP cost per year of uninsured losses is \$240 million – a number that continues to rise.

The provincial government says that these changes to disaster funding programs will bring Alberta in line with most other provinces and will help to encourage provincial-municipal cooperation to reduce costs. The province of BC has an 80:20 cost-share program in place with their municipalities.

“Until now, Alberta was the only province that did not share the financial risks and liability of unexpected disaster expenses. The cost and frequency of disasters in Alberta are increasing, and the

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Provincial changes to Disaster Funding model

Municipalities will have to cover 10% of uninsured losses

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province needs a more sustainable approach to disaster recovery," said MLA Long. "By implementing a stronger framework to deal with emergencies and disasters, these changes help ensure the DRP can continue to be available for Albertans when they need it most."

"The standard practice of cost-sharing that has been established across the country also helps incentivize municipalities and homeowners to improve risk management by purchasing appropriate insurance, reducing property development in high-risk areas, and mitigating or relocating to less disaster-prone areas," Long added.

For communities like Edson and Yellowhead County, covering 10% of the uninsured losses of a natural disaster could have a major effect on already vulnerable local budgets. County Mayor Jim Eglinski said, "Unfortunately, this is a reality that we have to deal with. The costs of disasters can have a significant impact on a community in terms of financial and social costs, and that can have long-term consequences both emotionally and financially on our community."

"We understand that this new model is in line with other provinces' disaster recovery assistance programs. We may be required to help shoulder the cost for our residents and businesses," said Eglinski. "However, we are

concerned about the financial impacts this could have on our municipality and taxpayers and that these potential costs could be substantial."

Eglinski noted that the changes are "downloading of what was previously entirely a provincial responsibility." "Still, it's something we have to deal with and will have to work with the province on moving forward," he added.

Regarding being incentivized to improve risk management, the County has already been focused on reducing risk. "As a county, we try to be as pro-active as possible in terms of disaster prevention," said Eglinski. Programs that the municipality has in place include FireSmart, the removal of trees affected by the Mountain Pine Beetle, restricting development in potential flood zones, as well as various strategies and resources for both structural and wildfire firefighting.

"Some of these programs are funded through provincial grants, and others are financed directly by the County, and these programs will vary from year-to-year," explained Eglinski. "For example, we've received provincial assistance over the last several years to improve the pine beetle issue in our area."

Of the one-time assistance limit and \$500,000 funding cap for homeowners, Mayor Eglinski said, "We understand that some restrictions

have to be put in place and that these limits may negatively impact some property owners. However, that has to be balanced with the financial burdens from a major disaster that could have significant long-term financial impacts on the County's and province's budget stability moving forward."

MLA Long noted that "the Alberta government's \$500,000 funding cap for residential homeowners is the largest of any province in Canada."

"It is our goal to protect both lives and livelihoods and that includes Albertans facing unforeseen disasters," Long said. "Despite the financial challenges we've had to absorb during this global pandemic and economic crisis, our government remains committed to protecting Albertans. These new measures will also help us keep taxes low, hold the debt-to-GDP ratio below 30 per cent and gradually bring spending in line with other comparable provinces."

For homeowners looking to reduce some of their risk, Mayor Eglinski encouraged taking part in the FireSmart program. "Residents can also get in touch with a FireSmart Community Engagement Specialist for their property, as there are several resources available for implementing FireSmart safe practices for their house and property," he said.

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ramping up...

The Canadian Covid-19 vaccination rollout so far has been a harrowing combination of

major delays and limited access.

This includes logistics issues like the shipment of the Moderna vaccine that was expected to arrive in Alberta early in the week of March 15, that was grounded outside of the province due to mechanical issues with the plane. Alberta's chief medical officer said the delay meant that 43 pharmacies participating in the vaccine rollout program would get those doses "a few days later than expected."

Notwithstanding these unforeseeable delays, vaccine distribution has finally begun to ramp up with the start of phase 2A of the province's Covid-19 immunization plan.

By March 15, about 8,000 eligible Albertans had already booked their appointments.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) says they have booked appointments for more than 200,000 Albertans since public immunizations began in February.

Phase 2A expands the immunization eligibility to people born between 1947 and 1956, and First Nations, Inuit and Métis people born in 1971 or earlier.

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Dana McArthur
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able to book appointments through participating pharmacies which includes Shoppers

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People born in 1947 or earlier and First Nations, Métis and Inuit people born in 1962 or earlier are able to book through the AHS online booking tool (ahs.ca/covidvaccine), or through Health Link 811.

Another positive milestone is that community physicians will soon begin administering Covid-19 vaccines.

Alberta Health has been working with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) to incorporate community physicians into the vaccine distribution plan as the vaccine supply increases.

The physicians and clinics that have signed on so far will create an additional vaccination capacity of approximately 14,000 doses per day. The first community physicians are expected to begin administering vaccines in their clinics by April.

Many Albertans look to their family physicians as their trusted and primary source of health care, so this certainly comes as welcome news.

As of March 15, 368,124 doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta, with 91,593 people fully immunized with two doses.

Edson RCMP Occurrences
for the week of
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Between March 8-14, 2021, suspicious persons topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations. Other investigations included: 3 Alarms/False Alarm; 4 Assault; 14 Assistance Calls; 1 False/ Abandoned 911 calls; 2 Harassment/Criminal Harassment; 8 Mischief or Damage; 16 Suspicious Persons or Vehicles; 9 Theft Complaints; 7 Traffic Collisions; 1 Trespassing; and 5 Wellbeing Checks.

Letter to the Editor:

The countryside is not a garbage dump

I, as well as many other people in Edson, have spent much time this winter skiing on the McLeod River. One of the places I frequently ski involves skiing under the Repsol Bridge.

This afternoon my husband and I spent quite a bit of time picking up the garbage that people driving over the bridge have thrown down onto the ice. We picked up a couple of dozen beer and pop cans, plastic

utensils, a broken tail light, a used firework, and general paper trash.

I would like to say to the people that drive down that road - the countryside around Edson is not a garbage dump.

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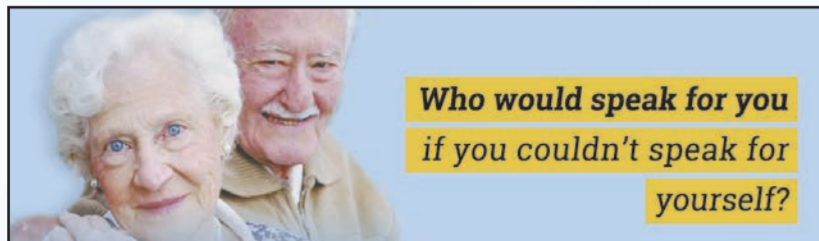
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Session can be viewed online or heard over the phone. Registration is required. Call 780-325-3782 or email kschatz@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca.



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Jenna (Yellowhead County FCSS): jtruemner@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca or call 780-325-3782. Chris (Wildwood Public Library): cbilznicenko.wildwoodlibrary@yrl.ab.ca or call 780-325-3882.



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Burn Permits now required.

BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL EXISTING OR NEW BURNING OF ANY BURN TYPE (EXCEPT CAMPFIRES).

Starting March 1, fire permits are required for any new or existing burning (except campfires), in the Edson Forest Protection Area and the Yellowhead County Fire Permit Area.

Fire permits help track what is burning on the landscape. If you're burning without a fire permit or outside fire permit conditions, your fire is considered a wildfire.

Contact Yellowhead County or the Edson Forest Protection Area office for more information.

LAND USE BYLAW Survey Part III

Have Your Say!

Yellowhead County is rewriting our Land Use Bylaw and we're looking for **YOUR** input!

We're cutting red tape and making development easier.

But we still need your feedback on:

- Secondary suites
- Gravel pits
- Additional residences
- Storage containers
- Home-based businesses
- Other considerations

Fill out our third survey here: www.bit.ly/LUBSurvey3

For more information on the project and to see previous survey results, visit www.yhcounty.ca.



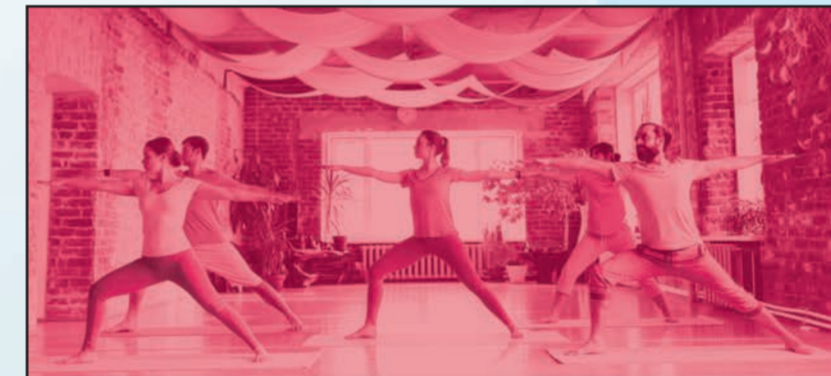
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Yellowhead County Community Recreation Grants

Community Hall Operational Grant

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

Grant Deadline: March 31 (reviewed once annually).

Outdoor Amenity Operational Grant

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

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 purchases, 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.

Grant Deadlines: September 30, December 31, March 31, June 15 (reviewed quarterly).

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.yhcounty.ca or picked up at county offices (Edson or Wildwood). For more info, contact Crystal McNernie at 780.723.4800.

REGISTER YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR 2021 WITH YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2021.

All equipment hired by Yellowhead County **MUST** be registered annually by the deadline. Yellowhead County will select equipment that is the best suited for the work to be done and provide the most cost effective level of service.



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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Evansburg's Thrive Community Garden is now accepting garden box bookings!

Boxes cost \$20 to book. One per family only (2021 season).

Bookings will be open until April 2, 2021.

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March Is Pharmacist Awareness Month: Here's How We Can Help

Shawna Whipple, Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacist/owner

COVID-19 has drastically changed our healthcare landscape, changing how we access our healthcare professionals and seek health advice. Over 650,000 Albertans don't have a regular health care provider, and COVID-19 has only put our health care system under further strain while making it made it harder for Edsonites to know where to go for health care advice.

As a frontline health care worker and your front door to the health care system, I'm here to support you. This Pharmacist Awareness Month, I'm sharing some of the many services pharmacists can provide to support your health that you may not be aware of.

Treating minor ailments – Did you know that your local pharmacist can prescribe medications for common health conditions like acne, contact dermatitis (poison ivy), heart burn, eczema, hemorrhoids, and ringworm? From cold sores to UTIs, your local pharmacist can save you a visit to the doctor or clinic when it comes to treating minor ailments. For many issues, an over-the-counter medication will work, but sometimes a prescription



medication is needed and your pharmacist can develop a treatment plan that's right for you.

Let's hear it for heart health - Pharmacists can provide advice beyond medications on how to improve heart health – which is good news for our hearts and blood vessels! On top of helping you understand and manage your medication, pharmacists can help monitor your blood pressure with easy-to-use, in-store machines. They can also help you understand the readings and what they mean for your health.

Rx renewals – Did you know medication non-adherence causes 69 per cent of medication-related hospitalizations? Many people don't realize that when appropriate, pharmacists can renew your prescriptions over the phone or in-person – which saves you a visit to the doctor or clinic.

Your local pharmacists are here to help you

navigate your health on your terms. Visit your local pharmacist and ask us about how we can support your healthcare journey.

Shawna Whipple is the pharmacist and owner of your local Shoppers Drug Mart in Edson. Visit ShoppersDrugMart.ca to find a store near you.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of **CLAYTON OTTO BERG** who died on May 23, 2020.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by April 22, 2021, with the Lawyer for the Personal Representative:

JOSHUA ALLEN, MAIN STREET LAW LLP
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and provide details of your claim.

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.



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INVITATION TO TENDER 2021 East Vegetation Mowing for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2021-790**
Project: **2021 East Vegetation Mowing**
Will be received until: **1:00 P.M., March 31, 2021**
At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 – 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: **Approximately 549 kilometers of Vegetation Mowing of local roads throughout Yellowhead County as well as 2 Lagoons.** Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after **12:00 P.M., March 17, 2021** at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a **ten percent (10%) Bid Security** as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact **Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services** for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



INVITATION TO TENDER 2021 West Vegetation Mowing for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 20210-788**
Project: **2021 West Vegetation Mowing**
Will be received until: **1:00 P.M., March 31, 2021**
At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 – 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: **Approximately 550 kilometers of Vegetation Mowing of local roads throughout Yellowhead County as well as 1 Storm Pond, 1 Lagoon, 1 Freshwater Pond and the Hinton / Jasper Airport.** Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after **12:00 P.M., March 17, 2021**, at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

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For further information, please contact **Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services** for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
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
D21-027	Plan 0627780, Blk 1, Lot 1 SE 30-53-07-W5 Evansburg	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage & Accessory Building (Detached Garage)	Mar 10/21
D21-029	Plan 9321785, Blk 1, Lot 35A NE 05-47-23-W5 Cadomin	Accessory Building (Garage) – Variance for Height and Front Yard Setback with Secondary Suite External – Discretionary	Mar 16/21

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



INVITATION TO TENDER 2021 Central Vegetation Mowing for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below:

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2021-789**
Project: **2021 Central Vegetation Mowing**
Will be received until: **1:00 P.M., March 31, 2021**
At the office of: **Yellowhead County**
2716 – 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: **Approximately 567 kilometers of Vegetation mowing of local roads throughout Yellowhead County as well as 1 Storm Pond and 3 Lagoons.** Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after **12:00 P.M., March 17, 2021** at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a **ten percent (10%) Bid Security** as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact **Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services** for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.

Have Your Say: Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Survey 3

Yellowhead County is inviting residents to fill out our third Land Use Bylaw (LUB) survey and provide some valuable feedback before a draft is presented to council and open to a public hearing.

A LUB regulates how land can be used, what can be built, and where it can be built. It also sets out the rules for subdividing land, applying for development permits, or applying to change a land use district.

To date, we have launched a steering committee to oversee the rewrite process and have facilitated two surveys and two focus groups to better understand our residents' needs. But we still need more feedback on the following topics:

- Secondary suites
- Additional residences
- Home-based businesses
- Storage containers

- Gravel pits

Have your say about these important topics and more online at www.bit.ly/LUBSurvey3.

Even if the LUB isn't on your radar today, think about how an unusual land development on a neighbouring lot might affect your property and your family in the future.

The current LUB was adopted in 2013 and the rewrite is slated to reach a first draft this April. The new LUB reflects input from residents and stakeholders and aims to balance landowners' rights with the broader interests of the community. It also removes red tape and some previous land use limitations.

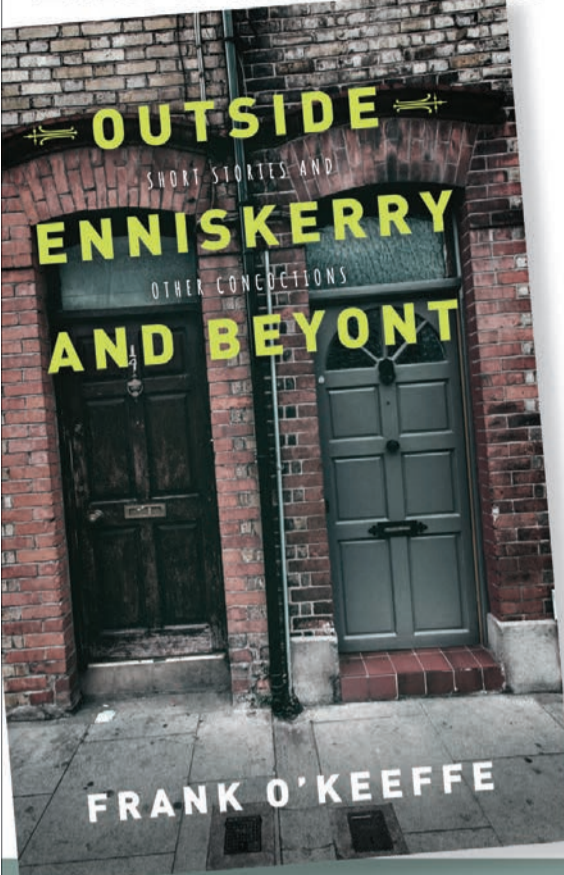
Don't miss your chance to have your say! For more info For more info and to view the previous survey

results report, visit <http://yhcountylub.udconnect.net>.

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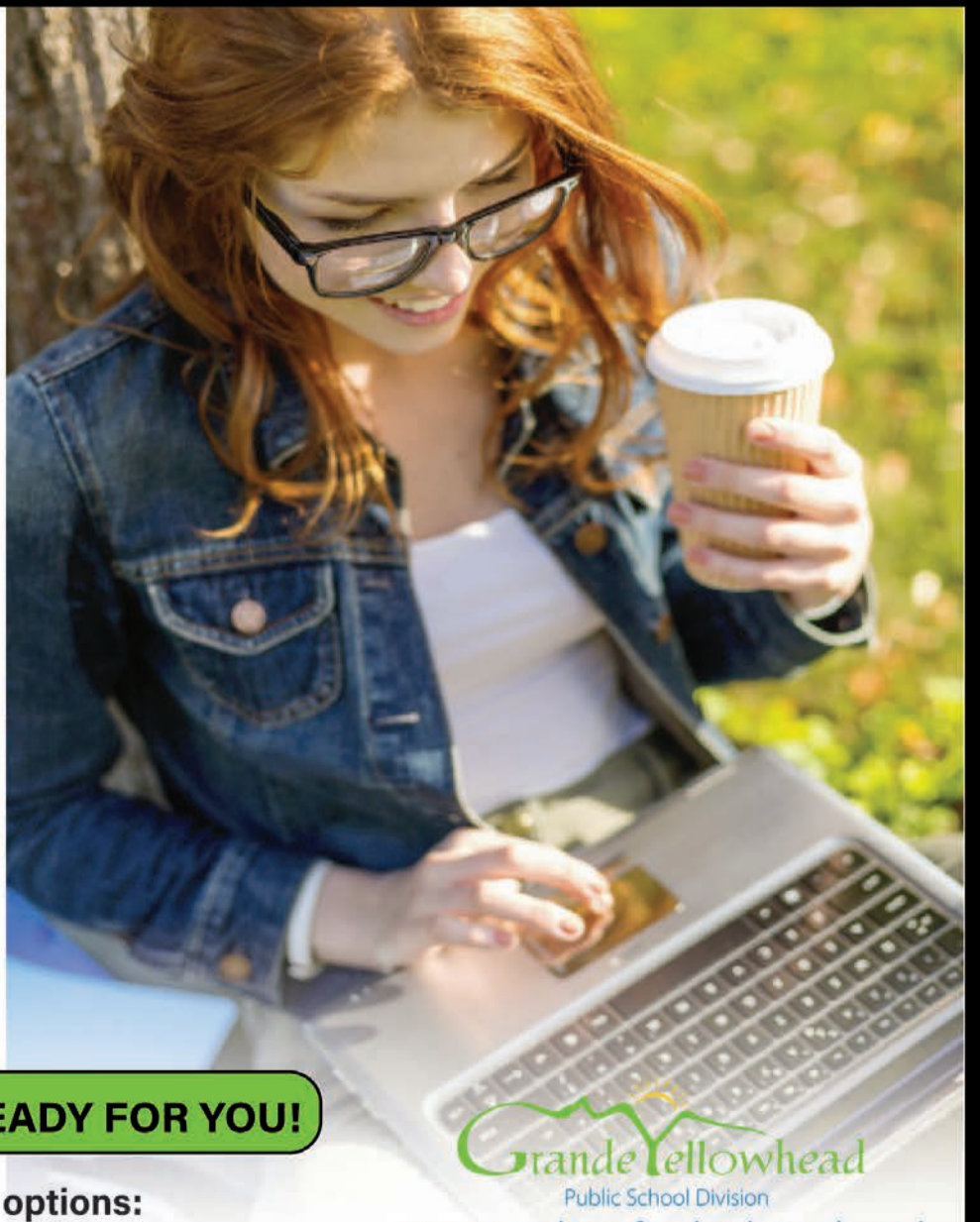
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Dr. David Evans discusses COVID with Business Support Network

by Shaylyn Thornton

On March 11, a presentation about COVID-19 was given by Dr. David Evans at the West Yellowhead Business Support Network Meeting. More than 30 people attended the meeting, which was held virtually.

Dr. Evans has been a virologist for more than 30 years and is a professor and Vice-Dean (Research) in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Evans began the presentation stating that he is personally “sick of hearing from experts” and gave a “word of warning” regarding his potential status as an expert.

“As Malcolm Forbes once said, if you're truly an expert you should know what you don't know. There's lots of things we still don't know about this disease and this virus,” explained Dr. Evans. “Some of the answers that people may be looking for, we still maybe don't have answers to them.”

Dr. Evans discussed the three main types of virus detection and testing that are currently being used. The first, virus culture, is typically done in research laboratories and is used to support “certain kinds of special investigations in the healthcare system.”

Dr. Evans said the “one that you've heard of all the time” is the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. It is the method AHS uses for COVID-testing. The PCR detects the RNA of the virus, regardless of infectiousness. “It is a very, very sensitive

technique,” explained Dr. Evans. “It can detect vanishingly small quantities, in fact, probably down to one infection unit.” The PCR test takes 1-2 days, plus any delays including transport and workup time.

Rapid tests are the third type of testing done for COVID-19, with some detecting antigens (virus proteins) and others detecting antibodies. Dr. Evans noted that you'd have to have a high viral load in order for this test to detect the virus as they are “much less sensitive than PCR” but they can be done in about an hour.

Regarding spread, Dr. Evans noted that infectious virus and virus RNA can be recovered from saliva, spit, and mucus from COVID-19 patients. Virus RNA can also be detected by PCR in feces and aerosols, however so far infectious virus has not been found in these places. Dr. Evans stressed that wearing a mask and washing your hands can help stop the spread.

Regarding vaccines, Dr. Evans said there are two types that have been approved by Health Canada. Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech are the mRNA-type vaccines. The vaccine works by introducing a molecule to cells, known as messenger RNA. This molecule teaches cells to make a protein from the virus that causes COVID-19. The body detects this protein and triggers an immune response. For maximum protection, two doses are required.

The other type of vaccines are “more traditional” and are adenovirus vaccines. The ones approved in Canada are AstraZeneca which requires two doses, and Janssen which only requires one dose. These vaccines work by injecting a COVID-19 spike protein into an adenovirus. Again, the body will then detect the protein and trigger an immune response.

Dr. Evans said all of these vaccines deliver the

same antigen to your system, which is the COVID-19 spike protein, and all take about two weeks to induce immune protection.

Dr. Evans noted that many people talk about “choosing the best one” when it comes to vaccines, but that there really isn't a reason to do so as “judging by real world evidence, both strategies are effective at preventing severe disease and death.”

“So just get it right now, if you can,” said Dr. Evans. “I'll take any one, myself.”

The issue of variants was also discussed. Dr. Evans noted that the concern by healthcare systems is valid. For example, the UK variant's disease tends to “hang on longer” and holds a greater risk of death (~1.6 fold), and the South African variant is more resistant to vaccine sera. The Brazil variant, along with both the UK and South African, have increased infectivity and transmissibility.

Dr. Evans also discussed the potential future of COVID-19. “Vaccines rarely are, and don't need to be, perfect. Beware of people throwing around numbers relating to efficacy,” he said. “We'll see a very positive impact of widespread vaccination by late 2021.”

Dr. Evans also said that, based on history, new pathogens generally decline in impact/virulence over time. “Over decades, COVID-19 might become another cold,” he explained.

“People will forget the lessons learned about the value of public health over the same few decades,” Dr. Evans added. “There will be more pandemics.”

Participants of the West Yellowhead Business Support Meeting thanked Dr. Evans for his presentation, with one viewer noting it was “very informative.”



Ledcor recently donated \$250 to the non-profit Edson LEAP Society. The donation was presented by Jeremy MacKnott and accepted with much appreciation by LEAP Society Treasurer Katie Holden. This donation will go directly to support families in accessing support services. submitted

Hay Permits

Along Provincial Highways (2021)

Attention Land Owners

Ledcor Highways Ltd. along with Alberta Transportation advises that anyone interested in cutting hay along the highway right of ways will need to apply for a permit. For Contract Maintenance Area (CMA) 504 and 508 submit application to Ledcor Highways Ltd. Adjacent landowners will have until July 1st to apply. All other applicant permits will be issued within 14 days of receiving the application. There is no fee for the permits.

At the time of application, all persons wanting to cut hay MUST provide proof of \$2,000,000 liability insurance.

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

<p>CMA 504 (Beaverlodge, Grande Cache, Grande Prairie) PH: 780-514-0363</p>	<p>CMA 508 (Entwistle, Whitecourt, Edson, Hinton) PH: 780-740-3908</p>
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KID'S CORNER

This is 2 year old Nathan Arlidge, who will be turning 3 soon. Nathan enjoys playing with superheroes, painting with his friend Myra, and colouring pictures. Nathan's favorite toy is his Paw Patrol fire truck, and his favorite colors are green and light blue. His favorite movie is Shazam. When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, Nathan said, "A fireman because they put out fires." With Spring on the way, Nathan says he is looking forward to playing with his trucks outside.

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Local resident has “wonderful experience” receiving vaccination

by Shaylyn Thornton

As vaccinations ramp up all over Alberta, one local resident reached out to the Weekly Anchor to share her recent experience.

Edsonite Joanne and her husband, received their first doses of the Pfizer vaccine on February 25 at the Edson Wellness Center. Joanne said she had a “wonderful experience.”

At the time, Joanne had read complaints about large crowds at Edmonton sites, with some people arriving for their vaccinations an hour early. She was happy to find out that was not the case here in Edson.

“It went so smoothly, I was really impressed with the staff,” she said. “The protocol went very smoothly. You went into the sanitization station and changed into one of their masks, and entry into reception was quick.”

Joanne noted she only waited about five minutes before getting called in for her vaccination, and her

husband followed shortly after. After receiving their shots, they had to wait for fifteen minutes. They only saw one other person in the waiting room.

“Everybody was as kind as could be, it was clean and nice and well-marked,” Joanne added. “The friendliness of all of the staff was a positive note.”

Joanne said she felt it was important for a person to be complimented on a job well done and gave a “shout out” to all the healthcare workers working hard during this time.

Joanne and her husband expect their second dose of the vaccine sometime around April 6. Neither reported any adverse effects to their first dose.

While specific local statistics were unavailable, Alberta Health's Assistant Communications Director Sherene Khaw said that, “As of March 15, 2021, there have been 32,139 doses administered in total in the North zone, and 379,882

doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered across Alberta. There are now 91,868 Albertans fully vaccinated with two doses.”

Alberta Health says that, “Albertans are being vaccinated as fast as supply allows. This is happening in phases so people most at risk get it first. More groups will be eligible as we get more doses.”

At first, vaccination was offered to key populations, with a focus on acute care sites with the highest COVID-19 capacity concerns in Edmonton and Calgary.

Then during Phase 1, vaccinations were opened to more key populations, including a variety of healthcare workers, seniors born in 1946 or earlier (ages 75+), First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people born in 1956 or earlier (ages 65+) living in a First Nations community or Metis settlement, and all residents of long-term care and designated supportive living, regardless of age.

On March 15, Alberta entered

Phase 2A, with Albertans born in 1947 to 1956 (ages 65 to 74) being eligible to book their first dose of the vaccine. FNMI persons born in 1971 or earlier (ages 50+) are also eligible.

On March 16, one newly eligible local resident booked her vaccine online, and the first available appointment was ten days later.

Albertans born in 1957 to 1971 (ages 50-64) are currently eligible for the AstraZeneca vaccine, with the Alberta Health website noting that “people with serious chronic health conditions should consult their doctors first.” FNMI persons born in 1972 to 1986 (age 35 to 49) are also eligible. The website also noted that there is “limited supply remaining” of the AstraZeneca vaccine at this time.

More information on the upcoming phases, how to book, and information on the vaccines themselves can be found at www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.

Grand Trunk High School teacher Beth Johnson finalist for teaching award



Grand Trunk High School teacher Beth Johnson finalist for Edwin Parr First Year Teacher Award.

(GYPSD) - Congratulations to teacher Beth Johnson of Grand Trunk High School (GTHS) in Evansburg - this year's finalist as the GYPSD nominee for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA),

Edwin Parr First Year Teacher Award.

Ms. Johnson is currently teaching high school Math, Chemistry, junior high Health and Wellness and electives, and was excited to be offered her first teaching

position at GTHS as she grew up in the neighbouring community of Whitecourt. As part of the selection process, Ms. Johnson presented to the Board of Trustees at the Public Board Meeting on March 10th sharing one of her most successful lessons, her teaching philosophy, her greatest success in teaching since joining GYPSD, and how she has grown as an educator.

Six Edwin Parr Teacher Award winners will be chosen from across Alberta including one from Zone 2/3 - where GYPSD is located. The provincial ASBA Edwin Parr Teacher Awards will be presented to the winners at the ASBA Fall General Meeting, November 14-16, 2021.

ASBA established the Edwin Parr Teacher Award in 1964 to honour Edwin Parr, a respected and loved teacher from the Athabasca area, who had instituted an

“Annual Teacher Award” in his school system. All school boards may nominate a first-year teacher along with supporting evidence to demonstrate how the

nominee meets the criteria for the award. One nominee from each zone will be selected by the ASBA Award Selection Committee. Congratulations Beth!

~ Obituary ~

Fred Kicia



Fred Kicia was born on May 4, 1938, to Pelagia and John Kicia; the 7th of 8 children. He was born in Bonneyville and raised in the Willow Trail district on a mixed farm. Fred attended school in Willow Trail, LaCorey and high school in Glendon.

The Kicia family moved into Edmonton in 1956 and Fred worked for various companies until he settled down to work for Fabricare Dry Cleaners where he worked for 8 years. He married Anne Holub (deceased in 1985) in 1959 and they had 3 children; Wendy, Ken and Wayne. In 1967 Fred and Anne moved their family to Hinton AB, where Fred serviced Hinton, Grand Cache, Jasper and Valemount for Fabricare.

Fred loved baseball and when the town of Hinton approached him to see if would get a minor league going, he eagerly volunteered. With the help of an assistant, Louise Karlowich, he rounded up donations and sponsors and got the league started. He fondly remembered his time with Hinton minor baseball and the kids he coached. Fred went to work for Cardinal River Coal in 1973 and worked there until 1986. He then worked for Lindsey Thompson on the CRC mine site doing environmental reclamation. Fred and his crew did the reclamation of Sphinx Creek; building dams, constructing gravel beds, and planting hundreds of trees and shrubs. He was very proud of this work, as they were able to entice trout to re-enter the creek with weed beds they started on the benches. The trout spawned in the gravel beds and populated a lake that was once an old coal pit. In 1990 Fred returned to work at CRC as a driller and worked there until he was injured on the job in 1999.

In 1992, Fred met Janet Bachelder and they married in 1994. Fred and Janet enjoyed time together horseback riding throughout much of the back country around Hinton, Grande Cache and Jasper. Between them they have 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Fred was predeceased by his parents John and Pelagia; 2 brothers – Peter and Cornell; 3 sisters – Anne, Emily and Lucy; and grandson Brandon.

Fred leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife Janet, daughter Wendy (Ron), sons Ken (Rhonda) and Wayne (Keverly); Stepchildren Marsha, Clint (Janette) and Cindy (Scott). He is also lovingly remembered by all his wonderful grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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The Weekly **ANCHOR**

Faith

Now may not be the time...



Pastor Bryan Walter

As we acknowledged the first anniversary of this massive change to daily life, I've been reflecting quite a bit on how it's affected myself, and those around me. People have had all sorts of different reactions, and I'm not the one to judge which are valid. But I believe the one truth that is universal to all of us, is that this

season of life has been traumatic on some level. We're all going through something that has been distressing, and even a little scary. Some of us have lost loved ones, lost jobs, or battled depression. All of us have longed for a resolution that feels too slow in coming.

Every time I've sat down to write one of these articles over the last year, I've tried to avoid the topic because I'm tired of thinking about the ways it still impacts my daily life. And yet, it seems the subject is as unavoidable as our ever-changing weather.

So here's what I've been trying to learn lately: whenever a person is going through some form of trauma, the sound advice is to not make any major decisions if they can be avoided. Life is not what it used to be, and hopefully, not what it will be again soon; so neither is the way we're seeing the world right now. So, unless circumstances force the issue, now may not be the time to be making serious changes.

I don't know your circumstances, but I humbly

suggest that this may not be the season to make big financial decisions, to change jobs or careers without need, to end relationships, or even jump into new ones too easily. We're just not seeing the whole picture at the moment. In the Book of

Proverbs King Solomon wrote, "Desire without knowledge is not good—how much more will hasty feet miss the way!" (Prov 19:2 NIV). The time will come to grow again; but now is the time to seek good advice and stand strong in hope.

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

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March 17: Rural Mental Health Project Wednesday March 17, 2021 12:00 PM Zoom platform. Contact Ali to learn more 780-723-8616

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MARCH 25 - APRIL 6: Spring Break Lego Challenge online event for ages 8-14. For more info contact mgagne@edsonlibrary.ca

March 31: Grow your own Oyster Mushrooms Workshop. Online class 6PM-8PM Call Yellowhead County Wildwood office to register

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Release Alberta Wheat Commission

March 15, 2021 – Starting today, for the first time in its history, FarmCash is accepting spring advance applications from all western Canadian producers. This announcement follows the multi-provincial expansion of the FarmCash program made public on February 17, 2021. While funds cannot be released until the official Advance Payments Program open date on April 1, producers can complete their online

application today and explore new account features including a designated FarmCash account manager and an online account dashboard. These features provide a cash advance experience tailored to the unique needs of agriculture producers.

Western Canadian producers of over 50 agriculture commodities including crops, livestock and honey, can apply for up to \$1 million with the first \$100,000 interest-free and the remaining balance at a competitive interest rate of TD prime minus 0.75 per cent.

“The uptake of FarmCash as a business management tool continues to grow and we are excited to open up the enhanced program to producers in additional provinces,” says Todd Hames, Alberta Wheat Commission chair. “Because of the knowledgeable customer service team and excitement for FarmCash within the industry, producers are becoming increasingly aware of its year-round uses including mitigating the risk of unexpected weather or operational bills during the growing season.”

The new online account dashboard will provide producers with their current account information at-a-glance, and the designated account manager system will give customers an enhanced and personalized experience.

“FarmCash is committed to constantly improving the program experience for our customers,” says Syeda Khurram, chief operating officer of FarmCash. “Producers have questions on how FarmCash can improve the long-term profitability of their operation and we continue to take a leadership role in educating producers on the Advance Payments Program offered by the federal government.”

FarmCash features that producers have come to rely on will continue to be provided, such as the convenient online application and quick application turnaround times with access to funds in as little as three to five business days.

Producers can learn more about the benefits of FarmCash and apply online at FarmCashAdvance.com or call 1-855-376-2274 to

speaking with a FarmCash representative.

The Advance Payments Program is a federal loan program administered by the Alberta Wheat Commission. It offers Canadian farmers marketing flexibility through interest-free and low interest cash advances.

Mobile mammography service to visit Evansburg

EVANSBURG — Women ages 50-74 — the group most at risk of developing breast cancer — will have local access to mammography services when the Alberta Health Services Screen Test program arrives in the community.

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Evansburg Baptist Church at 4804 48 Avenue on March 30, 31 and April 1, 2021. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for hundreds of women in Alberta communities where mammography is not readily available.

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast and has proven to be the most effective way to detect breast cancer. Early detection allows for a greater number of options for treatment and a better chance of survival.

Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking a number of precautions to ensure the safety of our clients and staff. Details will be shared when you call to book your appointment.

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