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# December filled with fun and events

by Shaylyn Thornton

Now that we've experienced our first big snowfall, it's time to gear up for the holiday season and winter fun that can be found in Edson.

The Edson and District

Chamber of Commerce has announced that "Santa has dusted off his sleigh and is ready to ride in the 35th Annual Santa Parade." The parade will be on December 3 and will start at 6pm, using the "usual route" that starts at Parkland School

and ends on 6th Ave by the old Boy's and Girl's Club building.

The theme for the parade this year is "Superhero's Christmas." If you are interested in registering a float, you can contact the Edson Chamber at edsonchamber@gmail.com

for a form. There is no cost to register a float.

After your kiddos wave to Santa from afar, they can meet him up close the following day at the Galloway Station Museum! The Museum is

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There were lots of different vendors at the Not too Early for Christmas Market that was held on November 21 at the Royal Canadian Legion. photo Deanna Mitchener

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# December filled with fun events in Edson

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hosting “Santa at the Galloway!” from 1-3pm on December 4. Attendees will get a free photo with Santa and a take-home Christmas craft bag. Organizers say they “ho-ho-hope to see you there!”

Then on December 5, you can go out and do some local holiday shopping at the Fresh Finds Market hosted by New Elevation Yoga at 4903 2nd Ave. The local vendor holiday market runs from 10-4 and gives attendees the opportunity to

“support local and get some holiday shopping knocked off your list.”

December 12 offers more opportunities for local shopping with Edson's Local Artisan Market at the Edson Legion. The market will run from 11-4.

Between December 18 and 31, you can also participate in the Town of Edson's Holly Jolly Jog! The event challenges you to hit the trails and complete the 3km or 5km loop starting at Repsol Place with your family and friends over the Christmas Break.

You can take photos of yourself and submit them to the Town for potential prizes. There will be \$50 in Edson Bucks awarded to the Best Dressed (in Christmas attire), Best Jingle (record a song before/during/after), and there will be a Participation Draw (every picture entry will be entered into this draw). For maps and more info on submitting photos, check out [Edson.ca/cdprograms](http://Edson.ca/cdprograms).

The Town of Edson is also offering a Skate With Santa event on Sunday, December 19 from 3:30-6:30pm. Santa and Mrs Claus will be on ice, and the free event will offer ice carving, cookie decorating kits to go, and hot chocolate.

The Edson Youth Interagency also has some great activities going on for youth in December. On December 21 from 1-3pm, they are offering free Drop-In Glow Bowling for ages 11-17 at the Edson Bowling Alley.

The YIA is also going on a Ski & Snowboard Marmot Basin trip on December 29. Youth must be 12-17 to participate. Further details on the trip, including cost, can be found at [Edson.ca](http://Edson.ca) or on the Youth Interagency – Edson social media page.

These are just a few of the things going on in

our area this December. Remember to check what rules and restrictions are in place at any events before heading out.

Have fun out there this holiday season!

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# Pediatric Covid-19 vaccine rollout begins

(AB) November 23: With more than 394,000 pediatric doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine arriving in the province, Alberta began taking vaccine bookings for five to 11 year olds on Nov. 24.

The doses are being distributed to 120 Alberta Health Services vaccination clinics across the province and four pharmacies in communities where AHS clinics are not nearby.

Appointments will be required for all pediatric vaccinations and bookings opened at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24. Appointments for first doses began as early as Friday, Nov. 26. More details on locations where parents can book appointments will be available in the coming days.

“The wait is nearly over for Alberta families with children between the ages of five and 11. Now that there is a safe, effective vaccine approved for use for these youngsters, and with doses arriving in the province, we can start booking appointments. Within days, we will begin administering the first pediatric doses, helping to ensure even more Albertans are protected from COVID-19.” —Jason Kenney, Premier

“Provincial teams are quickly distributing the newly arrived Pfizer pediatric vaccine to more than 100 locations across Alberta. Our immunization program continues to be one of the best in Canada and we are ready to safely and quickly make these doses available for young Albertans.” —Jason Copping, Minister of Health

“The evidence is clear that the pediatric Pfizer vaccine is highly effective at limiting the spread of COVID-19. Parents who choose to have their young children vaccinated against this virus will

not only help to protect their kids but their families and communities too.” —Dr. Deena Hinshaw, chief medical officer of health

Booking a vaccination appointment for children aged five to 11

Pediatric vaccinations will be administered at Alberta Health Services clinics around the province. First-dose appointments must be booked through the Alberta Vaccine Booking System at [alberta.ca/vaccine](http://alberta.ca/vaccine) or by calling Health Link at 811. Walk-ins are not available at this time.

Children five to 11 years of age who live on a First Nations reserve will also be able to access doses through nursing stations or public health clinics on-reserve.

The recommended interval between the first and second doses for children aged five to 11 is at least eight weeks. It is also recommended that children should wait at least 14 days between receiving the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine and another type of vaccine.

Restrictions Exemption Program

Children under 12 years of age will continue to have access to businesses and venues participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program, regardless of their vaccination status. This will provide parents and guardians the time to decide if and when their young children will be protected against COVID-19.

Children aged 12 and under are able to access facilities with their parents or guardians who meet the program requirements, as well as participate in youth activities while following current public health measures.

To date in Alberta, for children aged five to 11, there have been about 30,700 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed since March of 2020,

with 78 of those cases ending up in hospital and 20 in intensive care.

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**NITE OWL SALE!**  
Thursday, December 2



**SHOP LOCAL GIFT IDEAS**  
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**The Edson and District Chamber of Commerce Proudly Presents:**



**Night Owl**

**Late Night Shopping**

**Thursday, December 2, 2021**

**35th Annual Santa Parade**

**Friday, December 3rd**

**Theme**

**“Superhero's Christmas”**

**Marshalling & Judging 5:00PM**

**Parade begins at 6:00PM**

**To register floats please email [edsonchamber@gmail.com](mailto:edsonchamber@gmail.com) by November 30.**

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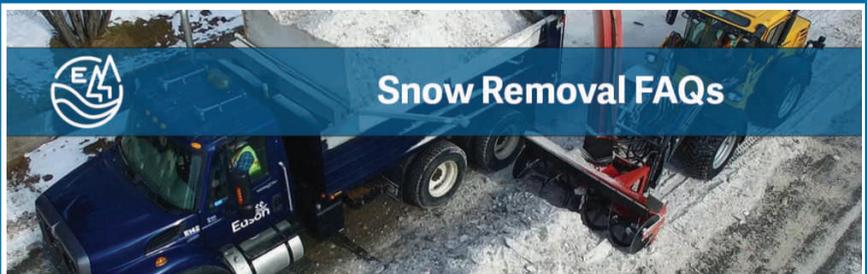
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Following the last snowfall we have had a number of questions about the snow removal process. We endeavour to be as open and transparent with the public as possible, and have answered some of the most common questions below.

For more FAQs, as well as priority maps and the snow removal policy, visit [www.edson.ca/snow](http://www.edson.ca/snow).

#### **FAQs**

##### **How do you determine the plowing priorities?**

The priorities have been set based on emergency vehicle access, school zones, downtown parking, and residential access. 49th Street and 6th Avenue are always done first to open up the Town to emergency vehicles. Once priority routes are cleared, commercial zones and high traffic areas are completed before moving into residential zones. The commercial zone criteria is based on access to food and medical supplies. High traffic areas include our facility parking lots, senior housing, and 10th Avenue.

##### **What triggers snow removal and what are the timelines?**

A snow event is defined as snowfall accumulation of at least 5 cm. This triggers the priority routes to be cleared once the snow has slowed down. Depending on the severity of the snow event, and the type of snow (heavy, wet snow can take substantially more time to clear) crews can generally clear priority routes, commercial district, and high traffic areas within 3-4 days. Residential zones take a bit longer as signage must be posted, and vehicles may be required to be removed from the working zones. Staffing and equipment failures could impact these timelines.

##### **Why do certain streets get down multiple times before residential streets are complete?**

If we receive another snow event following the clearing of priority routes, crews are currently required to start over. The system is designed this way to ensure emergency access to as much of Town as possible. Some streets also allow for the moving of snow into a ditch, making it a much faster process than streets that require snow to be hauled away.

##### **My street or cul-de-sac is near a priority route. Why can't crews do this while they are in the area?**

When dealing with priority routes, the main goal is to get them priority roads cleared for emergency traffic as quickly as possible. Cul-de-sacs may require special equipment to make the sharper turns and to haul away the snow. These are generally done while residential clearing is underway and the staffing/equipment is available.

##### **Why doesn't the Town of Edson run multiple snow removal shifts?**

Our snow removal schedules are based on available resources, which does have staff and equipment limitations. However, shifts are designed to maximize progress, including multiple shifts and weekends as required, as well as the hiring of contracted trucks/equipment.

##### **Some communities do overnight snow removal, can this be done here?**

While there can be a benefit to overnight shifts in some situations, in residential areas it becomes problematic with vehicles parked on the street and noise levels. Early morning and night shifts are often utilized when contracted to clear along the highway or when working in the downtown core because vehicles and noise are less of a concern.

##### **How do you let people know what areas are being worked on?**

The Town of Edson endeavours to keep residents informed at every step of the snow removal process. Notices are placed on the Town website [www.edson.ca/snow](http://www.edson.ca/snow), the Town of Edson mobile app, and Town social media channels. As well, signage is placed in each neighbourhood as crews work through the priority routes and residential neighbourhoods.

##### **What does the Town of Edson spend on snow removal each year?**

Actual costs can range anywhere from \$300,000 to over \$600,000, depending on the number of snow events we receive. This cost includes our staff labour, fuel, sand, and any contracted services. For example, 2019 saw 11 snow events (greater than 5cm accumulation) with a cost of about \$635,000, while 2020 only had 5 snow events with a cost of about \$315,000. A special reserve is set up to help cover costs for extreme circumstances.

## **REQUEST FOR TENDER**

### **FLEET VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Town of Edson is seeking pricing for a 2021 or 2022 Extended Cab 1-Ton 4x4 Pickup Truck with an 8-foot box.

We estimate that we will spend approximately \$65,000.00 on a new Fleet Vehicle.

Interested contractors should view the bid documents at <https://edson.bidsandtenders.ca> and submit a bid package on or before December 13, 2021, at 11:00am.

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Town of Edson is seeking suppliers and pricing to purchase Petroleum Product for the 2022 year.

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### **WASTE COMPACTION TRAILER**

Town of Edson is seeking contractors to haul the waste compaction trailer.

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# TOWN OF EDSON

Public Information & Notices 2021

**Town of Edson  
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**The 35th Annual Santa Parade is December 6th starting at 6pm! This year's theme is 'Superhero's Christmas'. The route (pictured below) is the same one as used in the past, starting from the Parkland School and ending on 6th Ave by the Griffiths Park Centre (old Boy's and Girl's Club). For more information, please contact the Edson Chamber at [edsonchamber@gmail.com](mailto:edsonchamber@gmail.com) or call 780-723-4918.**



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Permit #	Address/Legal	Development Type	Use	Date Issued Online	Zoning
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<b>Week 2</b>					
088-2021	4511 5 Ave, Plan 3364 AC, Block 58, Lot 12-14	Change of Use, Fascia Sign, x2 Barrier Free Ramps	Permitted	November 15, 2021	CS

Any person who deems to be affected by the issuance of any one of these permits may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Authority by **4:00 p.m., on the 21<sup>st</sup> day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website ([www.edson.ca/development](http://www.edson.ca/development))**. On Permitted Uses, grounds for appeal must relate only to interpretation, variance, or relaxation of Land Use Bylaw 2070. On Discretionary Uses, all aspects of the proposed development may be challenged upon appeal. Written notice of appeal, accompanied by the appeal fee as established by Town Council, must be filed through the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7. **Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.**

# The Weekly ANCHOR

## Comment

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### Shop local matters! Local Journalism Matters!

With the holiday season and a new year fast approaching, it's time to



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

bottom line.

The irony for newspapers is that we have

contemplate what shopping local means to a community. There are a whole lot of reasons why this makes good sense.

One of the biggest factors is that for every dollar spent locally, more than half goes back into the community to support local charities, programs, and the local economy.

The small business sector is also a major contributor to local employment and quality of life in the communities they serve. The donations small businesses make to local charities and non-profit groups are often the lifeblood of these organizations.

Newspapers also play a defining role, with local journalism that not only covers our municipal governments, but highlights the efforts, struggles, and successes of our local community groups.

The problem is that local shopping and the local advertising dollars are being continually sucked up by massive foreign corporations like Amazon, Facebook, and Google. Even our locally generated journalism is usurped without payment by these social 'media' giants to feed their

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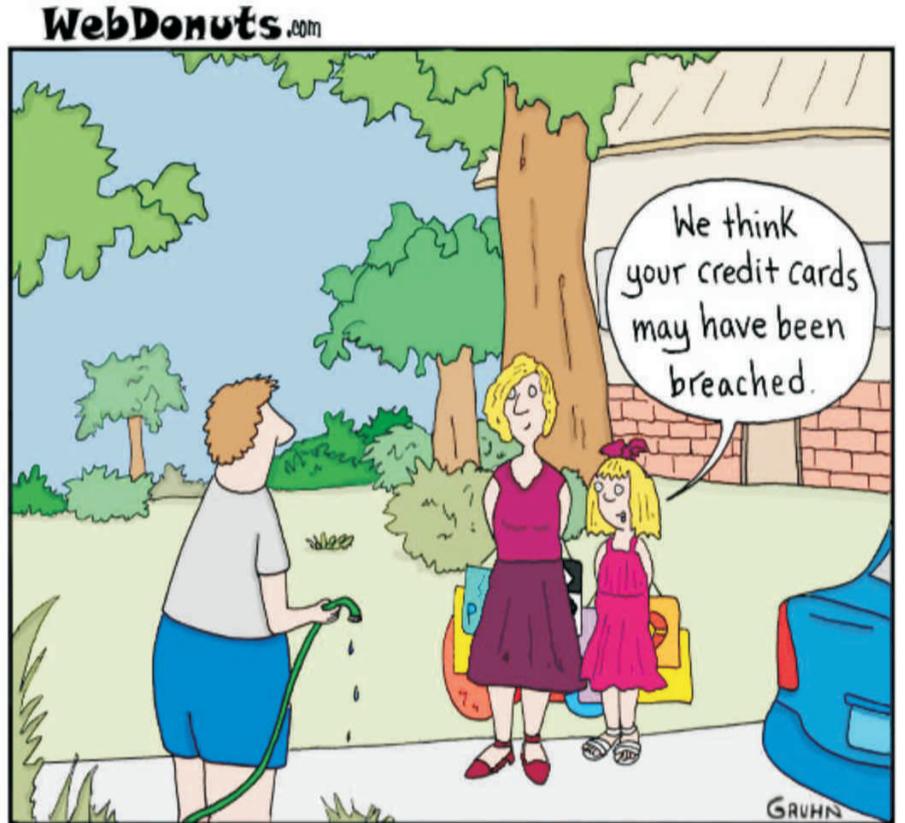
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Please remember that Google, Amazon, or Facebook are not going to donate to your local non-profit group or add to local employment —nor will they be spending money to send a journalist to our local council chambers or write local stories that benefit the whole community.

Simply put, a community cannot prosper and grow without the support of local purchasing.

By making deliberate choices to shop local, and reading local, you are not only helping to support local jobs and the tax dollars those businesses and their employers generate —you are also helping to support local journalism.

Shop local does matters —and local journalism matters— now more than ever!



### Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Nov 15 to 21, 2021

Traffic Collisions topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 22. Other investigations included: Alarms/False Alarms 3; Animal Calls 5; Assault 4; Assistance Calls 13; Causing a Disturbance 2; Fail to Comply with Conditions 1; False/Abandoned 911 call 5; Firearms Act 1; Fraud 1; Harassment 1; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 4; Information File 2; Liquor Act 1; Mental Health Act 1; Mischief 6; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 1; Suspicious Person or Vehicle 8; Traffic Complaints 3; Trespassing 3; Unlawfully in Dwelling 1; Unsafe Storage of Weapon 1; Uttering Threats Against Person 1; Unwanted Person 2; Wellbeing Check 3; and Traffic Violations 13.

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Thursday, December 2nd

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## Wildwood & District Agricultural Society

### AGM MEETING

Wildwood Complex  
Thursday, December 9, 2021

Annual Meeting  
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#### AGM

will start at 7.30 p.m.

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### YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANTS



**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  
- 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/grants](http://www.yhcounty.ca/grants) or picked up at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood. For more information contact Crystal McHernie at 780-723-4800.

#### Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D21-169	Plan 3781HW, Blk OT SW 18-53-18-W5 West of Edson	Accessory Building	Nov 16/21
D21-170	Plan 1620355, Blk 11, Lot 14 SE 30-53-07-W5 Evansburg	Neighbourhood Shop and Service (Gift and Flower Shop)	Nov 18/21

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.

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Part 1: Field Production  
Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm

Part 2: Protected Growing Systems  
Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm

\$20.00 Per Session

Questions? Contact Lac Ste. Anne County Horticulturist Lorraine Taylor at 780.785.3411 (toll-free 1.866.880.5722) or [LTaylor@LSAC.ca](mailto:LTaylor@LSAC.ca)

For more details and to register, please go to [www.lisac.ca](http://www.lisac.ca)

## INTERIM BUDGET MEETINGS

### 2022 Interim Budget

Each year Council adopts an interim budget before December 31<sup>st</sup> to allow the municipality to operate beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. Once the Seniors Requisition and School Requisitions are finalized by the province, Council adopts the final budget.

The Yellowhead County 2022 Interim Budget Meetings are:

- November 17, 2021
- November 29, 2021
- December 6, 2021

The meetings will be broadcast live online at [www.yhcounty.ca/join](http://www.yhcounty.ca/join)

You will need to download the Zoom application and set it up prior to joining the live stream. Please call 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 for more information.



# Yellowhead Agricultural Society requests funds from County

by Shaylyn Thornton

At their November 16 Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting, Yellowhead County Council were given a presentation and funding request proposal for a new facility by the Yellowhead Agricultural Society (YAS). YAS last presented on July 14, 2021, but with some new Council members and project progress, the Society wanted to provide Council with an update and share new information.

Christine Davis, Business Consultant and Bookkeeper for YAS, presented on behalf of Consultant Klay Dyer who could not attend the meeting himself due to road conditions.

Davis began with a brief overview of the Society, explaining that it was founded in 1975 and currently has over 250 active members who “consistently use the arena on a daily basis” – and this is on a “COVID year.”

“On an average year we have been up to almost 500 members at a time,” said Davis. “It’s a little slow right now only because there’s not as many big events happening out there that bring in a lot of new memberships.”

Davis explained that the Society’s mandate “focuses on agriculture-focused recreational, educational, and business events that emphasize community involvement and sustainable economic impact.”

The group is currently 100% debt free with capital assets valued at over \$1 million. Of the group’s members, 76% self-identify as being from Yellowhead County and 7% self-identify as being from Edson.

Over the past 26 years of operation of the current indoor riding facility, the Society has successfully managed many agriculture-focused events and clinics including lessons and training, 4H shows, equine shows, canine shows, trade shows, and drop-in opportunities for riding, jumping, dressage, etc.

Unfortunately, the current facility has reached the end of its projected lifespan. The wood-framed facility requires reinforcement of the sinking wood infrastructure, mitigation of condensation and hazardous mold issues, replacement of the ceiling, and a full re-insulation of the building.

Even without these challenges, the current facility has some big limitations when it comes to what events the YAS can offer. It only has a permanent seating capacity of 30, there is no onsite potable water or indoor plumbing, and the group has to rent sea cans for operational storage.

These issues have led to a loss of business, including not being able to run the following events at their site: Rocky Mountain Futurity Derby (3 days, 300+ participants), the Edson Bullrama (2 days, 50 participants, 300+ spectators), the Edson Stampede (3 days, 250 participants, 500+ spectators), and the MJ Memorial Barrel Race (3 days, 300 competitors).

The project’s proposed facility would be a steel building that would be 49,000 sq ft (as opposed to the current 16,000 sq ft facility). It would have full onsite services including potable water, indoor toilet facilities, and growth-ready electrical, and would offer a permanent seating capacity of 500+.

The facility would also offer designated operational and event storage, a full warm-up arena, a variety of meeting rooms, a rough stock area, and a state-of-the-art concession with its own designated seating area.

Should the facility move forward, the YAS is confident that their current facility revenue of \$35,000 will “increase substantially.” They project that by year five, their annual net revenue could be as high as \$677,288.

“We will be drawing hundreds if not thousands of more people to the community and to the area, so we will of course be helping the economic growth not only for Edson but for Yellowhead County as well,” added Davis.

The estimated overall project cost for “the first phase of usable building space” is \$2,648,000. Davis explained that certain items, like the concession, would not be implemented right away as the focus is getting a usable building up-and-running. Once a building is in place the Ag Society would then be able to access grants to complete other parts of the project.

Of the total project cost, the Town of Edson has committed \$400,000 and the Society is prepared to contribute \$495,000 in organizational funding. They also have a confirmed \$123,000 in sponsorships from local businesses and have pending grants and sponsorships worth \$130,000. They are requesting \$500,000 in funds from the County.

Another large portion of the funding (\$1 million) is hoped to be in the form of a CFEP grant from the government of Alberta. The grant decision will be made in mid-December, and Davis explained that the more confirmed funding they have in place, the more likely their application is to be successful.

The group also completed a feasibility study in July, surveying Edson and Yellowhead County residents. 100% of respondents agreed that a new facility is needed.

“We have finished every single step – the geotechnical, the environmental studies, the building design, the surveying, everything has been completed,” explained Davis. “The only thing we need is the funds and start digging and we are ready to go.”

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux commended Davis and the Society on their “many, many years” of work on the project and asked some questions regarding the numbers presented in the funding request, including whether the \$400,000 from the Town of Edson had been recently re-confirmed.

Davis explained that she had checked with the Town of Edson this summer and confirmed that the funds were still theirs as long as the remaining 80% of the project gets funded.

Councillor Shawn Berry thanked Davis for the presentation. “I’ve always wished you the best in being able to push this project forward. I still approve of the project. I really approve of your children’s programs... that’s a real big plus for me to stand behind it,” he said.

Berry asked about operational costs if the facility goes forward, and Davis explained that between government grants, funding, casino fundraisers, and facility revenue, their operational costs will be “well covered.” “We’ve never been in an operational loss at any time,” said Davis.

Mayor Wade Williams thanked Davis for the presentation and funding proposal. “We will be discussing this at later meetings and we will be getting back to you,” he said.

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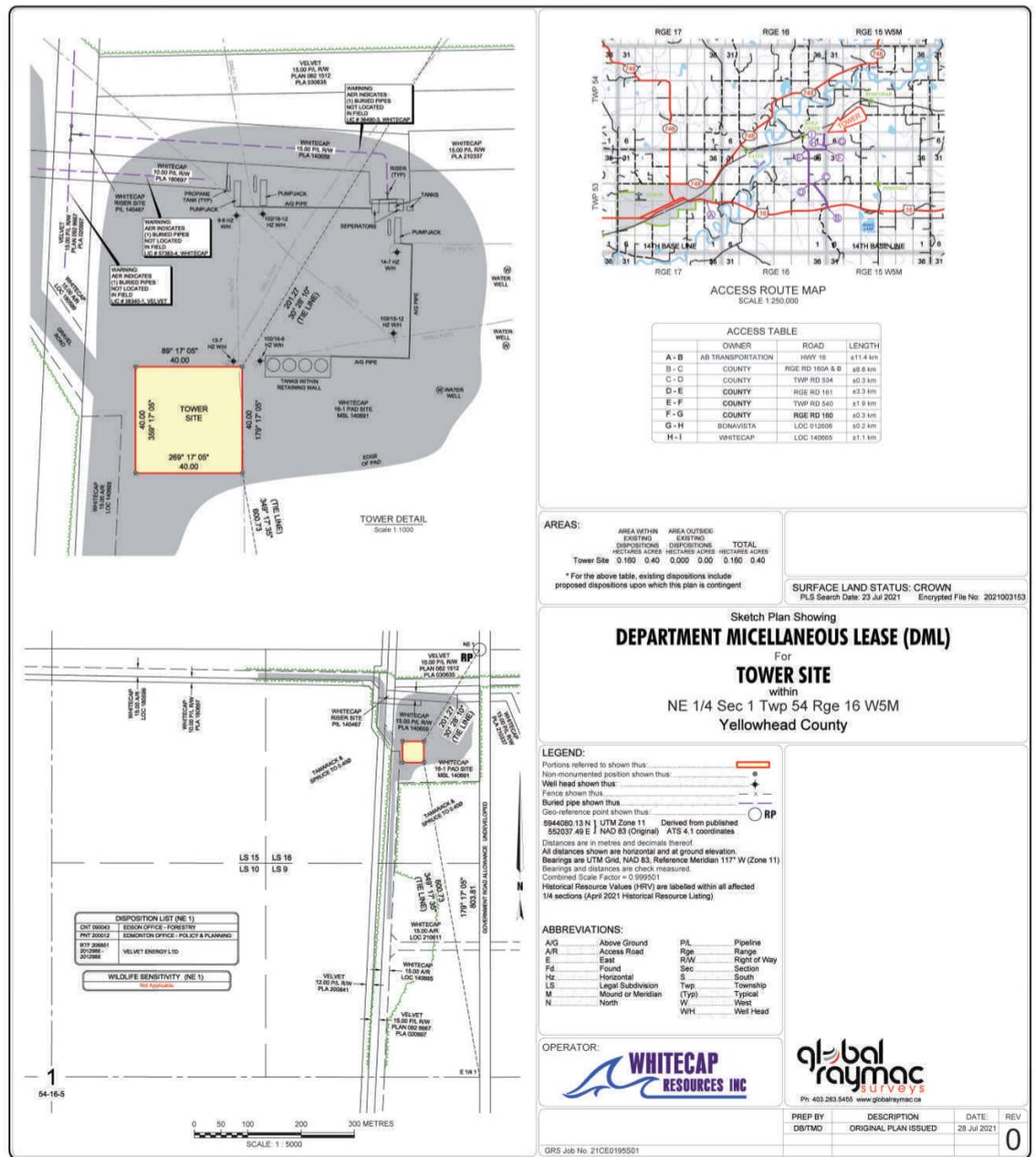
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General information regarding telecommunications systems are available at the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada website at: <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/eng/home>



# The Edson LEAP Society - Who are they?

Submitted by Katie Holden

The Edson LEAP Society is a new non-profit society in town that was created to support local families of children with diverse needs. September 2021 marked the one-year anniversary of the Edson LEAP Society being active in Edson. We hosted a Covid friendly Halloween event in 2020 and decided to do it again this year. We couldn't have been happier with the turnout! We were pleased to see so many young families attending our event as we work to expand awareness of the LEAP Society in our community in order to reach families who may be in need of our services. Support from the community has really helped our society take off this past year. Special thanks goes to Jeffrey Ramirez, Colleen Lameroux, Tim Hortons, the Edson LEAP Centre and all those

who attended LEAP into Halloween to make it a success.

This past year our society has set in motion a financial assistance program. Through this program we are able to assist families whose children need specialized support services and may not have the financial means to access these services. We have also been able to offer community family focused indoor and outdoor programming through grants we've received from Alberta Blue Cross and Edson FCSS. We are so excited to see families getting the support they need and we look forward to helping even more families in the coming years. The society welcomes anyone interested in becoming a member. You can reach the Edson LEAP Society through email at: [edsonleapsociety@gmail.com](mailto:edsonleapsociety@gmail.com).



Edson LEAP Society hosting it's annual Covid friendly Halloween event. submitted

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# MP Soroka comments on Speech from the Throne

The 32-minute Speech from the Throne was more or less a repeat of the Liberals' major platform promises focusing on the economic recovery from COVID-19, reconciliation, and climate change, reiterating the Liberals' electoral promises. The political priorities announced by the Liberal government do nothing for Canadians worried about the cost-of-living crisis pricing families out of homes and driving the cost of everyday essentials up, businesses crippled from supply chain constraints, and workers whose wages are stagnating.

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## Gerald Soroka MP Yellowhead



recovery and strengthen it should have been highlighted in the Speech from the Throne.

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~ Obituary ~

# Denis Lindy Strand

1948 – 2021

Denis Lindy Strand passed away peacefully at the age of 73 in Red Deer, Alberta on November 20th, 2021. Denis was born to Emma & Albert Strand in Edson, Alberta on September 5th, 1948. He was loved by all who knew him including his siblings John Strand (Yvonne), Lorraine Brazel (Paul), Doug Strand (Fran), Linda Ice (Ted) & Dave Strand (Lorraine), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.



Denis loved to colour, sing Johnny Cash songs, as well as Jesus Loves Me and Amazing Grace. During his visits with family, and while joking with workers, Denis's smile could light up a room.

Denis was predeceased by his mother Emma, brother Doug, father Albert, brother John, and sister-in-law Yvonne. A graveside service will be held at the Edson Cemetery on December 4th at 2:00 pm.

Denis's family would like to thank the Red Deer Michener Services staff for the years of wonderful care and love they showed Denis.

Denis, you will be missed here on earth but the celebration in heaven will be full of crayons that don't break, never-ending coffee and music that will keep that smile wide forever.

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~ Obituary ~

# Cordell Maclellan

Cordell Maclellan, 44, tragically died on November 4, 2021, while at work. He was born on June 12, 1977, in New Waterford, Nova Scotia. His parents are Susan Parrott and Jim Maclellan.



Cordell grew up in Ontario and moved to Edson, Alberta, in 2012. He was a Crane Operator in the oil field for almost 10 years and then found his dream job at Indominous Sports.

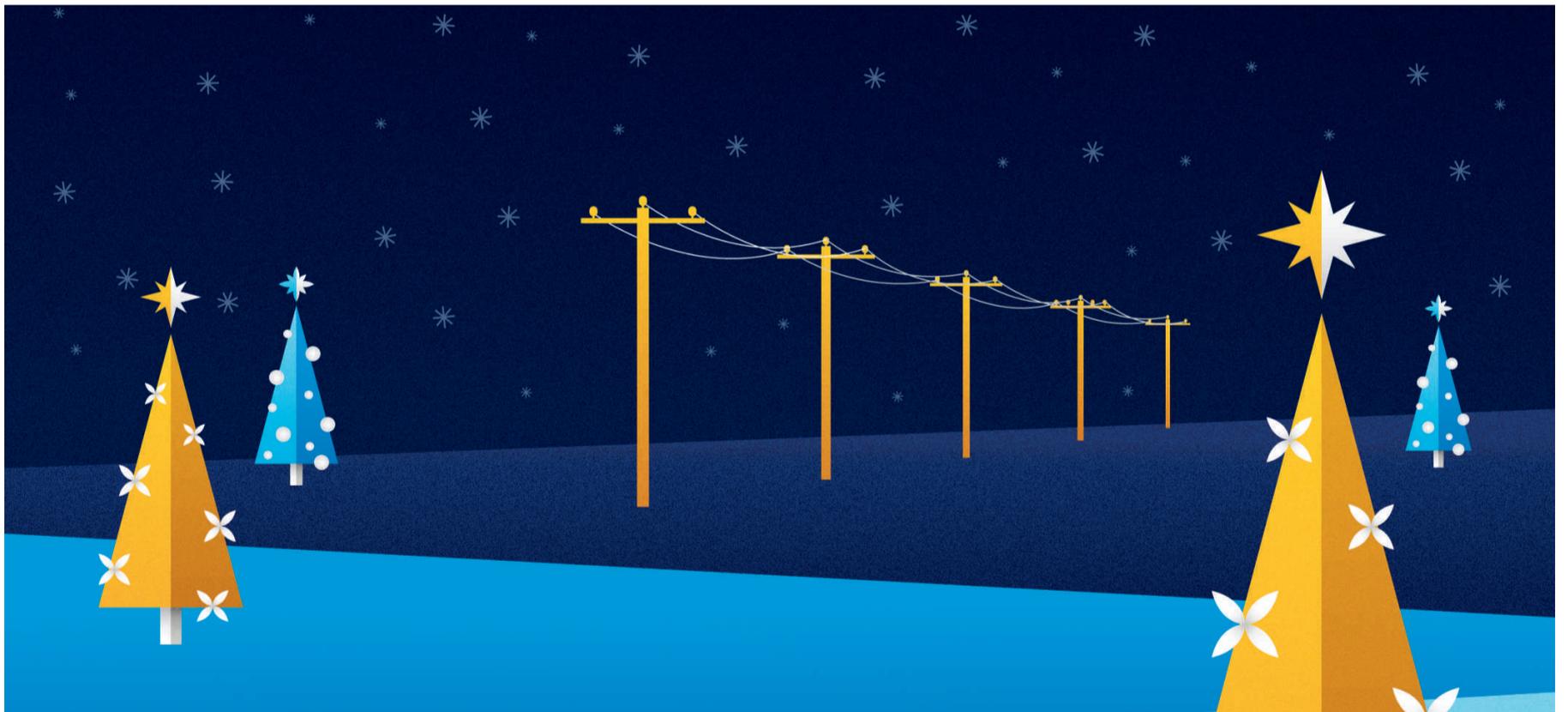
Cordell loved fishing, hunting, and long-range shooting. He lived in the moment and never took life too seriously. Cordell was funny, caring, and spoke with his mind with others.

Cordell was a proud father of his newborn son, Grayson Maclellan. He is survived by his daughters, Alexis Maclellan and Alexis Lavallee; his partner, Melissa Boudreau; his mother, Susan Parrott; his stepfather, Dave Parrott; his father, Jim Maclellan, stepmother, Yvette Maclellan; grandson, Liam Pryor; and granddaughter, Willow Tkachuk.

Cordell was predeceased by his brother, James Maclellan and granddaughter Scarlet Tkachuk.

A ceremony of celebration of life is scheduled for November 28, 2021, at the Edson Legion. A luncheon will follow for family and friends at 1217 63rd.

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This watchful deer was spotted in the Edson area recently. photo Deanna Mitchener

~ Obituary ~

**Marie Helen Adrienne Newbury**

February 11, 1925 – November 19, 2021

Helen Newbury passed away on November 19, 2021.

She was born February 11, 1925, in Radville, Saskatchewan.

She is survived by her 3 children, Terry Newbury, Barry Newbury and Brenda Bauman. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

She was pre-deceased by her husband Dennis.

There will be no Funeral Service.

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~ Obituary ~

**Catherine Lawrie Sexauer (McAskill)**

May 26, 1936 – November 17, 2021



It is with sad hearts we announce the passing of Catherine Lawrie Sexauer on November 17, 2021. She leaves her husband, Marlin Sexauer, of 65 years, her sons Todd Sexauer and Robert Sexauer, as well as daughter-in-Law Jill.

At this time there will not be a Memorial to Celebrate her life.

In lieu of flowers please offer donations to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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**November 4, December 9:** Farmers

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**November 23:** Work Well online

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# Farm & Field

## News and Views



**PATTERSON'S PART SUPPLY**  
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OpEd:

## Helping drought-stricken Alberta farmers bounce back and beyond

by Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

It's been a tough year for many Prairie ranchers and farmers who have suffered through the worst drought in 70 years. Last summer, I visited some of the hard-hit regions of the Prairies during the peak of the drought. It was heartbreaking to see the sun-scorched

fields and to meet farm families forced to send the majority of their breeding herds to market, selling genetics developed over generations at a fraction of their worth.

Farmers needed their governments to act, and fast. Working closely with each of the affected provinces, the Government of Canada rapidly deployed programs that would deliver

a total of up to \$825 million in shared disaster relief funding under the AgriRecovery framework. In Alberta, more than 12,500 ranchers have already received nearly \$170 million to help cover extraordinary costs, and there is more to come. We also changed the crop insurance program so that grain producers could offer their damaged crops for animal feed and still be eligible for crop insurance payments. And we got more money into the pockets of farmers through larger advance payments under the AgriStability program.

This week, I came back to the Prairies in my first outreach since being re-appointed Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to hear how producers are overcoming the immense challenges and what more can be done to help them bounce back from this tough year.

The drought was a stark reminder that farmers and ranchers are among the hardest hit by climate change. And we are now seeing the devastating effects of natural disasters in neighbouring British Columbia. My heart goes out to our farm families as floodwaters wreak immense destruction on their lands, livestock and livelihoods.

As we respond to catastrophes now, we must also look to the long term.

Extreme weather events like this are adding more stress and unpredictability to farm businesses. How are we to build a sustainable sector that ensures clean water, air and soil for the next generation of producers? Farmers have made great gains in sustainable agriculture, but now is the time to double down to improve our resilience to the effects of climate change and reduce greenhouses gas emissions within the sector. Because without continued sustainability, we compromise our competitiveness. Canadian and international consumers are asking for more efforts, and this is where our trading partners are moving. That's why this year the Government of Canada launched over half a billion dollars in new programming to help farmers adopt sustainable practices and clean technologies. We're also working together with provinces to shape the next five-year, multi-billion dollar agricultural policy deal with a shared vision that prioritizes the sustainability of the sector.

The sky is the limit for Canada's agriculture and food industry. We will have a huge role to play in feeding a growing world population. Alberta's farm families can rest assured that we will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them to support their growth, resilience and sustainability.

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