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**Memorial Wake and Reconciliation held in Edson**

by Deanna Mitchener

During the course of three days, starting on September 29, the Edson Friendship Centre welcomed the community to take part in a Memorial Wake

and Reconciliation at the Lions Park in Edson, as part of Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

A ceremonial fire that burned for 24 hours was a special part of the event, and drummers

from the Hinton area performed during the start of the fire. Near to the fire was a tipi (tepee), which are structures that retain culture significance and are constructed for special functions. A couple of canopies

were also set up for Indigenous Elders.

The fire-keepers build, maintain, and keep watch over the fire for 24 hours so it's never unattended. Fire is the element

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Peyton Belcourt, Danny L'Hirondelle, and Brooke Leptich sorting smoked fish into bags during the Wake and Reconciliation that was held by the Edson Friendship Centre. The three day ceremony was held at the Lions Park in Edson as part of Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. photo Deanna Mitchener

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We had a good turnout and thanks to all our sponsors we raised \$7787.30

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Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

# Memorial Wake and Reconciliation held in Edson



Local Indigenous Elders welcomed people to the Memorial Wake and Reconciliation at the Lions Park in Edson. The three day event starting on September 29, as part of Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. photo Deanna Mitchener



Drummers Bowdrie Roan and Grayson Roan during the Memorial Wake and Reconciliation at the Lions Park in Edson. photo Deanna Mitchener



A Round Dance was held during the Memorial Wake and Reconciliation at the Lions Park in Edson and hosted by the Edson Friendship Centre. photo Deanna Mitchener



# Memorial Wake and Reconciliation held in Edson

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that requires the utmost care and attention, since it can bring new life and take life away.

Fire can devastate land during times of drought but can also provide a natural cleansing of Mother Earth, Elder Jackie Whitford explained.

When asked the reason behind the ceremonial fire, Renay Woelfing said, "It is a memorial wake for all the children that are beginning to be found. For the ones that have been found, the ones that are still lost, our present children, and future generations."

"The fire is also open to the community for their own prayers. Once the fire is opened, all prayers are open to our creator. Anyone can come to the fire, we will have tobacco pouches, which are tobacco offerings that can be used," Woelfing explained. "So they can pray for their loved ones, as well as for anyone who may be sick or struggling, and even for their ancestors that have gone on."

Chad Dickson supplied all of the wood, providing enough for the 24-hour ceremonial fire as well as for a fish demonstration and for the making of Bannock.

September 30th began with a free community breakfast, where everyone was welcome to attend and enjoy. This was followed by a ceremonial smudging, prayer, and then the lighting of the fire. Out of respect, those in attendance refrained from photography.

Everyone that attended was offered the opportunity to take part in the ceremonial smudging, and the drums for the ceremony also were smudged. 'Smudging' involves the burning of sacred herbs used for ceremonies and rituals involving smoke.

Elder Jackie Whitford explained, "The smudging we did today was the opening of calling all our ancestors and little ones down to

join us. The songs that were sung are a cleansing. It's a prayer for all the little ones to join us."

Many individuals from all walks of life attended and took part in this special ceremony, which is significant. "Everyone is invited, it doesn't matter who," said Whitford.

The drummers, Bowdrie and Grayson Roan, sang while playing the drum. Drums are considered sacred amongst Indigenous people and represent the heartbeat of people, animals, and Mother Earth.

While it was hoped that a blanket exercise would be a part of the event, it was cancelled as not enough people signed up. The blanket exercise will likely be offered again soon.

Before heading into the Lions Park Hall for lunch, individuals took part in a round dance. Regardless of background, the Round Dance is a time when all members of the community can come together with family and friends to join hands. Round Dance is a community gathering of all people.

In Indigenous cultures, Elders are always given great respect as they are looked upon as leaders, teachers, role models, mentors, and healers. The Elders lead the way into the lunch.

The huge luncheon was offered to the community free of charge. There was plenty of good food to enjoy over the course of the ceremonial event. Between lunch, supper, and a breakfast before closing remarks, everyone was sure to leave satisfied.

Elder Jackie Whitford

explained the importance of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. "It is a learning for everyone about our culture. They need to know that we feel this still today. It is still going on and continuing," she said.

"So if we don't start helping people to understand us and where we come from, the racism will continue. It's from all cultures, not just one culture. If we don't stop and take the time to learn about each other, we are never going to understand each other," Whitford explained. "It's not about the 'poor me, poor me' anymore, that's all gone."

"It's time we share our culture, not just ours, but everyone's culture. It is so important to learn and understand each other," Whitford continued. "I've learned so much from other cultures, it's amazing. We need to teach our children... Be proud of who you are and not ashamed." Whitford stressed the importance of education and learning about not only your own culture, but the culture of those around you.

The three-day event was filled by many stories being shared, prayers, crafts, food, and new friendships being formed through teachings, listening, and the encouragement of opening your heart and mind to another's culture.

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**GUEST EDITORIAL/COMMENT**

**What say you Mr. Prime Minister, will you streamline approvals for all exports of our natural gas?**

*An opinion piece by Dale Nally, Alberta's associate minister of natural gas and electricity*

If Ottawa is serious about helping Europe and others overcome natural gas shortages, then it must streamline approvals for proposed projects across the country.

While liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices in Europe and Asia have shot astronomically high – spurring great concern about energy poverty and public safety this winter – prices have also spiked in the U.S. as demand for exports grows. Much of these U.S. shipments end up in Europe. Of the 30 LNG plants once planned for Canada, only one facility is likely to be operational by mid-decade with exports destined for Asia.

As European leaders look to Canada to solve energy security issues, I find it peculiar our Prime Minister would question the business case of exporting Canadian natural gas to Europe. I also find it odd that Justin Trudeau would commit to streamlining the regulatory burdens to encourage exports to Europe only, when our market potential for gas exports to Asia is also very real and very large.

The global system is interconnected. All projects matter. Had existing federal regulations worked as designed in recent years, we would have more Alberta gas flowing to Europe already and much more investment certainty for exports to Asia.

But, as the Liberal-NDP coalition does so well, we've seen Justin Trudeau promise a more business-friendly environment, while simultaneously shooting our energy sector in the foot with inaction and delays.

Let's reflect on what's happening in Alberta. As the Henry Hub trading price for U.S. natural gas dances around \$9 per gigajoule this

month, the AECO spot price has recently traded in the negatives, averaging around \$4.

Simply put, we have a lot of natural gas being produced, a limited export capacity, and an inability to get federal approvals to relieve our bottlenecks in a reasonable amount of time.

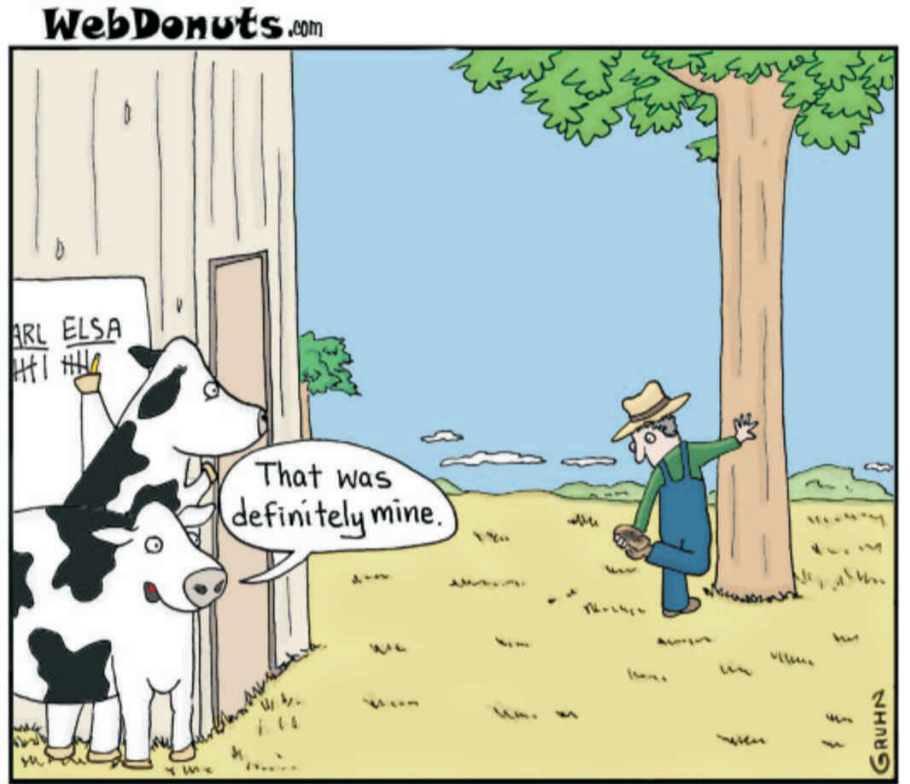
The current approval process is slow and unreliable. TC Energy, the owner of Alberta's federally-regulated gas transmission system, saw the business case for LNG exports to the Gulf and West coasts, and applied for several expansions in recent years. The Canadian Energy Regulator recommended some of these proceed, but in classic Liberal- Canadian fashion, our federal government allowed for ideological and out-of-jurisdiction interventions to slow-roll these approvals.

This must change. I am begging Ottawa once again to please abide by the regulations they designed, stop moving the goal posts for industry, and ensure these expansions are approved before Canada misses the global LNG opportunity entirely.

Any more delays will fall squarely at the feet of Justin Trudeau and will significantly harm Canadian taxpayers. After all, Asian investors see our bewildering federal regulatory landscape as the number one risk of investing here – and the business case for LNG exports to Asia could be improved right now with these approvals.

While I am pleased to see our Prime Minister promising to do whatever it takes to export gas to Europe, our federal government must do the same for the very real, and very important, expansion projects to Asia.

What say you, Mr. Prime Minister, will you streamline approvals for all exports of our natural gas?



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# Edson adopts new snow removal policy

by Niki Luymes

During the October 4 Town Council Meeting, Council discussed changes to Edson's snow removal policy and whether Main Street (50th) should be added to Priority 1 for snow clearing. The current snow and ice removal policy has been in place since February 2020.

General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Clayton Kittlitz and Pat Fisher, Senior Manager of Infrastructure presented the proposed changes to the policy.

Some notable changes include cemetery roads being included in Priority Route #1, parking lots added to Priority Route #5, along with additional equipment that will also be considered in the upcoming 2023 proposed budget. The new policy also gives the Transportation Manager the ability to divert resources to alleyways for items which can be addressed by town staff; and permits the CAO the ability to authorize additional funding if it is an emergent or safety related issue, which is more than previous policies permitted.

Council also agreed to an increase in the limit of how much snow constitutes a 'snow event' from 5cm to 10cm to allow crews to continue working longer on other priorities rather than starting over at the beginning when snow hits 5 new centimetres.

This presentation was a follow-up to the June 14 Committee of the Whole meeting during which Administration provided Council with information on how other municipalities deal with snow and ice control from a policy, staffing, and equipment perspective. Council was generally supportive of the proposed changes, but waited on voting until after a consultation survey with Main Street businesses.

The survey was created to capture the expectations and experience with the Town's clearing of the ice and snow on Main Street during the winter months. While survey comments varied, businesses generally requested that clearing be done after-hours and sooner than is currently being completed.

There was also a major concern for barrier-free residents, and general safety for all residents, as the ice and snow doesn't get cleared soon enough or some areas are left worse than others. There were also suggestions for tickets or warnings to be placed on vehicles that are blocking the street from being properly ploughed.

Concerns were raised by Administration that changing Main Street to Priority 1 may not give businesses enough time to move their sidewalk snow onto Main Street. Administration also advised that in order to learn how the current process is working, to resist the urge for council to make substantive changes on a yearly basis.

Councillor Bevan made the motion that council adopt the revised Snow and Ice Control Policy.

Mayor Kevin Zahara stated, "Personally, I would like us to move up Main Street to a higher priority. However, I am willing to give it a shot this season to see how things go."

Councillor Krystal Baier thanked the presenter for their work and praised the new policy, "It just seemed like it had a lot of common sense written into it that it gives some freedom for the administration to make adapting changes."

Councillor Trevor Bevan said, "I know there are some businesses who would like to use a contractor, but in the past they [the contractor] have said that would be a liability. So if now they are able to get a permit, what type of insurance would they need to cover that?" Administration stated that plans are still in the works on how to address requests from businesses regarding the hiring of local contractors to clear alleyways behind their businesses and what insurance etcetera would be needed. Plans would include if the business chooses to do the work themselves.

The motion was carried to adopt the revised Snow and Ice Control Policy.

The situation will be monitored during the coming year and any decision on moving Main Street to a

higher priority will be reevaluated before next winter.

**Business Licence Bylaw.** All three readings were given to Bylaw 2280, the Business Licence Bylaw. Some changes under the new bylaw include a simplification of the types of licences and corresponding fees, the removal of business licence regulation for taxi services, mobile home park operators, pawnbrokers, and second-hand dealers (to be dealt with under the Land Use Bylaw), flexibility to charge pro-rated fees, and more. The proposed new fees are \$100 for resident businesses and \$200 for non-resident businesses. Those fees will be reviewed during the update of the Fees, Rates, and Charges Bylaw later this year. The updated bylaw and proposed fee schedule can be found at [www.edson.ca/bylaws](http://www.edson.ca/bylaws).

**Auditor Appointment.** Council has appointed Mergaert, Barford, Williams, Joly & Starkevich as the Town's Auditor for the year ends 2022 and 2023.

**YCE Multi-plex Centre Project Condition Assessment.** The Condition Assessment and Conceptual Design Report has been accepted for information. The report outlines the current condition of the Edson and District Leisure Centre site and indicates that, while the pool space would likely need to be replaced, the building itself is structurally sound and can support continued use as part of the new project. The full report can be found at [www.edson.ca/facility](http://www.edson.ca/facility).

**Letter to Health Minister.** Council approved a letter to Health Minister Jason Copping as information. The letter includes an open invitation to the Minister to visit the Edson Healthcare Centre and to discuss opportunities moving forward. This follows a meeting with Minister Copping at the Alberta Municipalities Conference in September.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

- with files Dana McArthur

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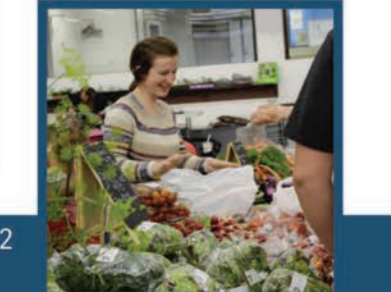
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Join us at the Marlboro Community Hall every Tuesday from October 18th through November 22nd for some Fall Yoga!

Please bring your own mat and water bottle.

Cost is \$50 for the session (6 classes) or \$10/class drop in.

## Fall Prevention Workshop

Raising awareness of the concerns of older adults.

Wildwood Community Hall Friday, October 21, 2022 at 1:00 PM

### FALL PREVENTION PRESENTATION FOR OLDER ADULTS

Deanna Marler, Health Promotion Facilitator with Injury Prevention, will give a presentation on information for reducing falls and exercises to build balance and strength.

### GROUP EXERCISES & STRETCHES

This workshop will include some chair exercises and there will be lots of resources through Finding Balance available.

Snacks and refreshments will be available.

Come out for a great afternoon!



Please register by calling the Yellowhead County Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or email Karen at [kschatz@yhcounty.ca](mailto:kschatz@yhcounty.ca)



## Yellowhead County is looking for COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS!



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Looking to volunteer in your community? Apply to be a Yellowhead County Board Member.

### LIBRARY BOARD

This five member management board is responsible for the provision of library services to county residents.

The board provides for the library services in the three rural libraries of Evansburg, Wildwood and Green Grove (Niton) as well as providing funding to the libraries in Edson and Hinton. Board members develop the annual budget, develop library policies and ensure provision of library services as per the Libraries Act of Alberta.

The Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM at the Wildwood Library.

### FCSS BOARD

This seven member advisory board provides advice to Council and administration for the provision of preventive social services under the Family & Community Support Services Act & Regulation.

The Board reviews programs for the volunteer community, seniors, adults, youth and children and reviews and approves grants to community organizations from funds budgeted by Council for preventive services.

This board meets 6-8 times per year on a weekday morning in Wildwood County office.

### HERITAGE BOARD

This five member board provides advice to Council with respect to the development and maintenance of a heritage program.

The board will advise Council on the development of policy, budget, short and long term strategic planning and guidelines for funding projects, museums, community groups, businesses and individuals.

This Board meets at the Wildwood county office at 9:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 4 times a year.

### SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

This board hears appeals of decisions from the Subdivision and Development Authority of Yellowhead County, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act. This board meets at the Edson office as required. This is a three-year term, ending October 31, 2025.

Training required. All SDAB training costs covered.

Apply at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca) Applicants must be residents of Yellowhead County.



Questions? Call us at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030





# Yellowhead County

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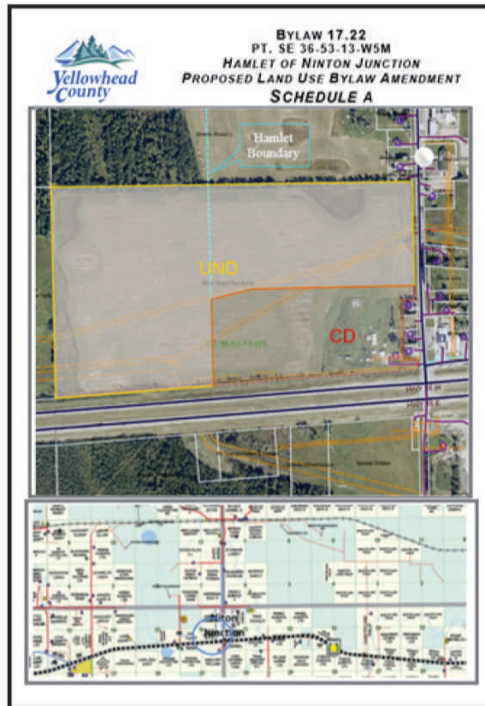
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## Notice of Public Hearing PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 17.22

PURSUANT TO SECTION 692 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, BEING CHAPTER M-26 R.S.A. 2000 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO:

Notice is hereby given that all Public Hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on October 25, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.



The purpose of this hearing is to allow persons to make known their views with respect to the proposed Bylaw 17.22 being a Bylaw to amend the Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw No. 09.21, as follows:

*That the land use designation for part of the South-East Quarter, Section Thirty-Six (36), Township Fifty-Three (53), Range Thirteen (13), West of the Fifth Meridian be changed from UND Urban Neighborhood District to CD - Commercial District in the Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw No. 09.21 as per Schedule A.*

All written submissions will become public information upon receipt by the Yellowhead County Council.

Copies of Bylaw No. 17.22 are available for public inspection during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Yellowhead County office located at 2716 - 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at 723-4800, or 1-800-665-6030.

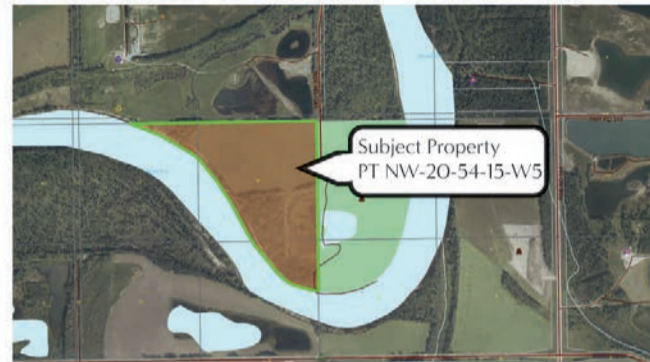


## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LEASE AVAILABLE FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSE

A lease on the subject property will be expiring on December 15, 2022. In anticipation, Yellowhead County Administration is seeking letters of interest for the 38 acres coming available. Lease pricing will be established by current Yellowhead County policy. Administration is requesting letters of interest for this opportunity which will be shared with Yellowhead County Council for evaluation and a decision. As such, prospective lessees should include statements as to why they feel they should be selected by Council for this opportunity.

If interested please submit request by November 4, 2022.



For more information contact Yellowhead County at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030, or email [planninginfo@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca](mailto:planninginfo@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca)



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

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D22-163	Plan 0326135 Blk 2, Lot 7A NE-15-49-21-W5 Robb	Single Detached Dwelling	Sept 22/22
D22-162	Plan 1623754 Blk 2, Lot 1 NW-32-55-15-W5 Shining Bank/Peers Area	Existing Recreational Cabin with Covered Deck	Sept 22/22
D22-166	SE-19-56-13-W5 Shining Bank/Peers Area	Accessory Building (Shop)- Discretionary for Development without residence on the property	Sept 27/22
D22-143	SE-33-52-08-W5 Evansburg Area	Accessory Building	Sept 27/22
D22-167	Plan 1524491 Blk 1, Lot 2 NE-07-54-14-W5 Shining Bank/Peers Area	Accessory Building (Garage)	Sept 27/22
D22-169	SW-36-53-09-W5 Wildwood	Accessory Building (Livestock & Hay Shed)	Sept 27/22
D22-157	15-12-50-21-W5 Hinton/Cadomin/Robb Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Sept 29/22
D22-170	NE-08-53-19-W5 Millers Lake	Existing Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage and Covered Veranda	Sept 29/22
D22-168	Plan 8022592 Lot 2 SW-08-53-22-W5 Obed Area	Existing Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Covered Deck) & Three Existing Accessory Buildings (Greenhouse and Sheds)	Sept 29/22

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca). The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw.

The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal** dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$300.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 day of the publishing of the Notice of Decision. Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

## Black Knot | Info & Pruning Guideline



### Black Knot - What Is It?

Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department has received numerous calls regarding black growths on residents' fruit trees.

These tar-like black swellings are a sign of Black Knot and will distort and stunt any tree species within the *Prunus* genus.

Black Knot reduces the aesthetic value of affected trees and, if left long enough, may result in eventual death of the tree.

The disease spreads in the spring, attacking new growth on branches. The spores released by the fungi can be carried by wind and splashing rain.

**The only reliable method of controlling Black Knot is pruning.**

### Black Knot - Pruning

1. Only prune between November and March.
2. Cleanly cut off at least 6 - 8 inches below the knot, better to prune back to a healthy collar, then leaving a stub.
3. For knots on branches or trunks that can't be removed, use a knife to cut away diseased tissue down to good wood and then 1/2 inch beyond the edge of the knot.
4. Cleaning your equipment properly is another good way to prevent the spread. Pruning shears should be dipped in a 1% bleach/water solution between cuts and once you are finished pruning ensure you run your tools under water for 10 minutes and dry thoroughly.
5. Treat pruned branches like hazardous waste, they can release spores for up to 4 months. Burn, bury, or wrap them in plastic and throw them in the trash. Do not compost.

**Questions? Call 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782.**





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## Tax Recovery Auction

**YELLOWHEAD COUNTY**

2716 - 1st Avenue

Edson, Alberta T7E 1N9 780-723-4800

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Yellowhead County will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Yellowhead County office in Edson at 2716 - 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta, on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., the following lands:

ROLL	Pt. of Sec	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	M.	Acres	C. of T.
029462	NW	1	54	11	5	156.98	002 359 476
302139	NE	27	53	9	5	2.0	182 101 013
304784	SW	27	53	9	5	10.49	182 294 934

ROLL	Lot	Block	Plan	Acres	C. of T.
029450	1	1	1424031	14.7	142 294 947
032452	9	6	3895KS	LOT	992 165 632
190102		A	2926CL	2.94	062 133 462 & 062 133 462+1
306413	10	1	8120712	LOT	182 195 381
308107	1	1	0524446	9.19	162 200 707
309311	1	1	1623355	19.6	182 194 302

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

The land is being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and Yellowhead County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, vacant possession, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser.

No bid will be accepted, where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions will be considered, other than those specified by Yellowhead County.

Yellowhead County may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.

Terms and conditions of the sale will be announced at the sale or may be obtained from Yellowhead County.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Jeffrey Morrison  
General Manager Corporate Services



Yellowhead County Corporate Services



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Utility Operator**  
**LOCATION: EDSON OFFICE**  
**COMPETITION NO. 22-036**

Reporting to the Utilities Supervisor, the Utility Operator is responsible to operate water and wastewater systems and is required to ensure general maintenance of Yellowhead County assets.

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](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until **Friday October 28, 2022.**

We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Payroll Department  
Yellowhead County  
Email: [jobs@yhcounty.ca](mailto:jobs@yhcounty.ca)

The personal information obtained as a result of this advertisement will be utilized for these employment opportunities only, and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.





## Rotary gives out three scholarships



Alyssa Vankonsky



Robert Preville

by Deanna Mitchener

Lorraine Symes, Youth Services Chair for Rotary for the past 14 years, handed out three \$1,000 scholarships on September 29, during Rotary's 25th Anniversary gathering at the Galloway Station Museum and Travel Centre.

Rotary started handing out scholarships back in 1998. To date they have reached \$55,000 in student scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to students that exemplify Rotary's motto which is Service-Above-Self. They need to show how they have volunteered for the betterment of the community.

Three scholarships are going out this year to Alyssa Vankonsky, Robert Preville, and Erica Heise. Unfortunately Erica was unable to

attend the presentation.

Robert Preville said, "I think it's great to encourage people to continue with their schooling to receive a post secondary education. I'm studying for my Bachelors of Commerce at MacEwan University. It will be a four year program."

Alyssa Vankonsky said, "It's an honour honestly, as there aren't many people that get them. It's very special to be from a small town and to be recognized. Moving to the city is a big change. The money helps and it gives you comfort knowing you are being recognized. I'm going to MacEwan University for my Bachelor of Commerce and I might major in finance or accounting. We started the beginning of September, so we are four weeks in now and things are going good." - photos Deanna Mitchener

## Raise A Fork For A Good Cause

by Deanna Mitchener

Mark those calendars for October 15 and join in for the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to raise funds for service dogs. The event will be taking place at the Edson Lions Club from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Janet Wilkinson says, "It's a joint effort between the Order of the Eastern Star and the Edson Lions Club. All proceeds raised will be going to the supports of service dogs. Both organizations help to support service dogs, so this is a wonderful way to come together, along with the community, to raise awareness and money." Tickets can be purchased at Patterson's Part Supply or by contacting Janet Wilkinson at 780-712-9875.

"There will be a bar for refreshments and a silent auction. Different kinds of spaghetti will be offered to meet dietary needs. Spaghetti and meat sauce, gluten free spaghetti, a meatless sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread and dessert," explained Wilkinson. "Many wonderful items to bid on have been donated, even a TV with a value of \$500. If you are a dog

lover there is a huge picture of dogs, sure to steal your heart. There will be gifts for adults to bid on as well items for children to bid on. You're sure to find something for the whole family."

If anyone has items they would like to donate you can contact Patterson Parts or Janet, who is a member of the Lions Club, as well as Worthy Matron of Eastern Star.

"Lynn Lambert who is a member of our chapter of Eastern Star, but now lives in Saskatchewan, is the international person for Service Dogs of Canada. She will be coming and speaking," said Wilkinson.

Service dogs help a variety of individuals of all ages. These dogs are specially trained to assist people with specific tasks relating to visible and non-visible disabilities, such as epilepsy, PTSD, diabetes, autism or mobility limitations.

The dogs are raised, trained and then matched with clients. The average cost of training can range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for one dog. So your support is greatly appreciated.

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### Pain Awareness Month: Local pharmacist discusses chronic pain and support options

Chronic pain is a critical health issue that can be physically and emotionally debilitating to those suffering from it. September is Pain Awareness Month, a month for raising awareness about chronic pain, and the effect it has on the estimated one quarter of Canadians aged 15 or older living with chronic pain. While chronic pain can be associated with other diseases, in recent years, the World Health Organization has recognized it as a disease in and of itself.

Many different factors can lead to the onset of chronic pain. Chronic pain can develop after an injury or illness, or it can occur without a known cause. Given its prevalence, it is important to raise awareness about chronic pain and increase access to treatments and support so those suffering are not doing it alone.

When it comes to taking charge of your health and wellness, as a pharmacist I'm here to help you access the advice and care you need, when and where you want it. To do so, I've put together some ways that we can support you on your pain management journey:

- Pain education and information – Pharmacists interact with chronic pain patients up to 10 times more than primary care providers. With a patient-centred approach to care, pharmacists are a great source to ask questions related to chronic pain. Pharmacists can also provide information about non-pharmacological resources that may help you, such as physical therapy programs, cognitive behavioural therapies, acupuncture, as well as self-management techniques like support groups.

- Opioid awareness and intervention – Opioid pain medications are an effective treatment for chronic pain when used as directed, especially when used in conjunction with other non-pharmaceutical treatments. However, misusing these medications can cause serious health effects, including addiction and accidental overdose. Pharmacists are an accessible and knowledgeable resource and play an important role in the safe use of pain medication. Anyone taking opioids could be at risk of an overdose. The effects of an overdose can be temporarily reversed by administering naloxone – this rescue medication can save a life. Naloxone is available at pharmacies as take-home kits without a prescription, and your pharmacist can teach you how to use it. Speak with your local pharmacist about getting a free Naloxone Kit. Restrictions may apply.

- Get connected to the care you need – Sometimes, those living with chronic pain may not feel up to coming in-store, which is where the PC Health app offers a different option. The PC Health app allows you to speak with a pharmacist in real time virtually, to get advice about both prescription and over the counter pain medication. Other healthcare providers, including doctors and massage therapists, are also available at your fingertips to help you on your path to wellness. Plus, you can try out different health programs for your well-being while earning PC Optimum™ points as you go. Download the app for free at <https://www.pchealth.ca/>

Pharmacist support goes well beyond medication dispensing, we are here to support you through your healthcare journey. Speak with your local pharmacist today for support in managing your pain.

Callen James Kenyon is a pharmacist and owner of your local Shoppers Drug Mart in Edson. Visit [ShoppersDrugMart.ca](https://www.ShoppersDrugMart.ca) to find your nearest store.

## MP Soroka's Statement On Affordability

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, gave the following statement in the House:

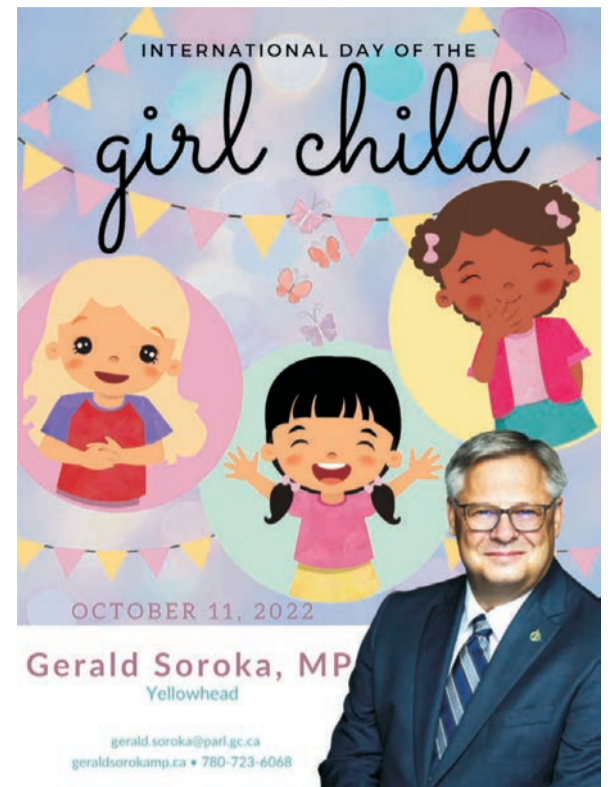
“Mr. Speaker, our new Conservative leader will put people's pay-cheques, homes, retirement and country first. Canadians have lost hope in this government due to the affordability crisis and service levels. By choosing to retain and increase the carbon tax, this government has failed to secure a brighter future for Canadians, much less remedy the ongoing affordability crisis. This gross mismanagement has resulted in long lineups at airports and passport offices, delays in processing immigration and firearms' applications, and the list goes on.

The Liberals have managed to hike the cost of everything, while offering nothing to serve Canadians' needs. Limiting farmers' fertilizer use and imposing the carbon tax will mean less food production and higher costs for Canadians who are already struggling to afford groceries. Why is the government choosing to decrease the availability of food altogether?

Gerald Soroka  
MP Yellowhead



This government can deflect, deny and blame all they want, but the facts remain – they have insufficiently addressed the cost-of-living crisis: too little, too late.”



## Taxes a good thing?

With all the political chatter out there it is hard to escape tax talk.

When I turn off all of that chatter and reflect on all of the wonderful things our tax system has allowed me to benefit from I find myself asking, "What's so bad about paying taxes?"

Scandinavians, with high tax rates, are rated some of the world's happiest people. Could it be that paying higher taxes may lead to healthier, happier, socially secure populations?

There is not a moment in your life that in some way you are not immersed in the tax system. From being born in a tax funded hospital, to the last trip in a hearse down a tax funded highway -you are immersed in it. It is not new, but it works.

Of all the money that comes out of your pocket, the money that comes out to pay taxes, especially property taxes, will have the biggest impact on life —yours, your children's, and their children's experience.

Don't confuse property tax with user fees. User fees are just rent payments. Property taxes imply ownership, responsibility, and equity in your community. I have driven through numerous communities and you do not have to get out of your vehicle to realize their property tax is above the average —barring the fact that not all resource revenue assessment in Alberta is shared equally.

The next time a politician tells you they will not raise property tax ask them why not? I sense the answer will be, election bait, taxes are bad, or the person does not have a vision of what it takes to lift the community to a higher level. To all you Anti This & Anti That out there, please don't tell me some online conglomerate or some foreign corporation will fix that pothole on Main Street or fund the fire department —because I don't believe you.

E. Karlzen, Edson

## Letter to the Editor

### ~ Obituary ~

## Garfield (Gary) Robert James Nichols

January 4, 1946–September 27, 2022

After a remarkable life, Garfield (Gary) Nichols passed away peacefully at age 76 at his home in Coldbrook, Nova Scotia, with his loving wife Valerie supporting him.

Everyone knew him as Gary, but he was very proud of his given name Garfield, especially after the cartoon cat became popular.

Gary was born in Toronto, Ontario. He was predeceased by his mother Mona and his father Hubert Nichols. His father was in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), so Gary's younger years were spent on military bases in Canada (including Edmonton and Cold Lake) and Europe. Gary was active in scouting in his youth, and one of his proudest achievements was earning the Queen's Scout Award as a teenager.

Gary is survived by his wife Valerie Smith-Nichols, the love of his life, whom he married on June 22, 2013. They were very happy together with the life they built together and shared. Gary did not have any children of his own but formed loving relationships with Valerie's children Joshua (Lisa) Smith, Daniel (Jackie) Smith and Timothy (Jen) Smith and her grandchildren Renn and Sophia.

He maintained a special relationship with his high school friend Bruce (Andrea Cross) Burnett since their days on RCAF bases in France and then college in Ottawa. He will be fondly remembered by his longtime friends Ed and Vera Wittchen, with whom he shared more than 50 years of friendship. Gary was affectionately known as “Uncle Gary” to Ed and Vera's children Tara (Jon Hutt) Wittchen and Jody (Nyles) Varughese and grandchildren Aurora, Erik and Ryan. Gary will be dearly missed by his faithful dog Maxine, who joined him and Ed on a cross-country moving adventure in 2018.

Nothing was more important to Gary than his education family and his community. He was a teacher and then principal at Fort Vermilion Public School. That was followed by many years as principal of Wildwood School in Grande Yellowhead School Division. He also served as an associate superintendent for Grande Yellowhead for three years. Generations of students benefitted from Gary's commitment to coaching school basketball teams. He was also instrumental in forming the Alberta Skipping Association and coaching the Wildwood jump rope teams.

After retiring, Gary took up scuba diving and enjoyed many trips to warm water destinations, such as the Cayman Islands where he spent time with the Orr family. Gary enjoyed curling with friends, working on his acreage and being involved in Royal Canadian Legion activities. One of his most enjoyable activities was playing Santa Claus—with his bushy white beard and jovial manner, he was one of the best.

Gary lived his life fully, and he endured his recent battle with pancreatic cancer with courage, dignity and his trademark sense of humour. As per Gary's wishes, he was cremated with arrangements made by Serenity Funeral Home in Coldbrook, Nova Scotia. A memorial celebration of Gary's life will be held at the Wildwood Community Hall on October 29 at 2 p.m. A luncheon will follow.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Gary's name to the Canadian Red Cross.





# Motivational Speaker Mike Shaw at HRH

by Deanna Mitchener

Holy Redeemer High School invited motivational speaker Mike Shaw to the school to speak with students, teachers, and guests on September 27.

Mike had big dreams like most people. One day he had an accident that brought his world to a stand still. Thankfully, due to his mindset and determination he didn't stand still for long. He worked hard towards his new goals.

Mike engaged with his audience from talking, listening, and showing clips of all the sports he loved and enjoyed doing along with a few short videos.

"From a young age I wanted to be an adventurer. I had a love for extreme sports and pushing my limits," Mike said. "By age 12 you would find me cliff diving, skateboarding, wakeboarding, mountain biking, skiing, or snowboarding in my spare time, taking on any sport that would push my personal limits. At age 14, I got my first pair of twin-tip skis and after only one season of freestyle skiing, I was hooked. I found my passion, and skiing competitively became my number one focus."

"The following winter, I joined the local freestyle club and began to take skiing to new heights, and my teammates were set on doing the same thing—becoming professional skiers and standing on the podium. I got my first taste of competition in 2003 and before long I was performing at the provincial, national, and international levels."

Of course, doing risky sports Mike paid a price by pulling major muscles and breaking bones, to the point of breaking both his ankles in 2005 and 2007. This derailed his dreams of skiing professionally. It was devastating. "I tried to push through the pain and compete, but my results suffered, the harsh realization set in and I was fully aware of my need to stop skiing to allow my ankles to heal fully. It was time to step back from skiing in competitions."

"My love for skiing kept me involved in freestyle. In 2010 after completing my business degree, I moved to Whistler, BC and fell in love with the coastal mountains.

"Once in Whistler, I got the job as head coach of the British Columbia Freestyle Ski Team. In my first high-performance coaching role, I worked with top athletes from all over. By 2012, I moved up the coaching ladder and started working with national development athletes from all over Canada. We traveled the world competing in North America, Europe, and New Zealand. In the summer months, I worked on the Blackcomb Glacier in Whistler for



Mike Shaw

Momentum Ski Camps as their Terrain Park Manager.

"I was living my dream, traveling the world, and skiing the best competition venues imaginable. I had figured out how to ski and survive and do it professionally."

On December 16, 2013 Mike was coaching his athletes in Colorado, he was just 27 years old. Mike was performing a routine trick he had completed numerous times in the past. On this particular day Mike miscalculated his jump causing him to land in such a way that dislocated his neck, instantly paralyzing him from the neck down. Before he had even stopped sliding down the mountain Mike says, "I already knew what had happened. I was wondering why I couldn't stop sliding down the hill or get up, when it hit me. I had a hard hit to the face followed by a sharp pain in my neck. I knew instantly I was paralyzed. I recall my instinct was to not make the jump. On the way into the jump, I had a gut-sinking feeling. My instincts were telling me something was wrong, I heard my inner voice telling me not to go, but I ignored it when I should have listened."

Mike was air lifted to Denver where he underwent surgery. Shortly after his surgery Mike entered intensive rehab at Vancouver's GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre where he made miraculous improvements. Mike went on to tell students, "During my recovery, despite being told I would likely never walk again. I was determined to get back on my feet, get strong and get back to my life,

to being independent and doing things that I love and on my own."

"The following two years post-crash were loaded with peaks and valleys of good times and hard times. My determination was ultimately my saving grace."

"I had to face my recovery like any other challenge in my life, only this time, I had a foundation of gratitude," recalls Mike.

A video was played of Mike's recovery.

Within four months, He was back on snow in a sit-ski. At the one-year anniversary of his crash, Mike was able to step back into the same pair of skis he'd been on just 365 days before. He was surrounded by friends and supporters.

17 months after the accident Mike participated in the Wings for Life World Run, as an ambassador for Spinal Cord Injury.

Mike told the HRH students, "Now I travel around North America working with students and athletes to help them improve their safety and performance. I speak to large groups or at many schools. I want to inspire the next generation of young people. If I can help prevent one accident like this from happening to someone else, I will be fulfilled."

"I am grateful everyday for my second chance at life. Life has given me the opportunity to share my story and motivate others. Today I am still faced with challenges from my accident. I can lose my balance, I can have tingling sensation throughout my body. Even sitting watching a movie in a theatre, if there is a certain noise, I lose control over my arms and they fly up into the air and I have popcorn all over."

"I believe healing through grief is important. That the practice of daily gratitude is an enormous part of healing. I'm grateful each day and try to find a purpose in everything I do," said Mike.

Mike then had everyone close their eyes for a little experiment. He had everyone visualize a place or thing that brings joy into their lives, a happy place. Then he got everyone to think of someone special in their lives. To think about how they may at times take that person for granted, or say some hurtful things to them. This was to show the sadness we can bring into someone's life.

Mike then said, "We need to find the positive in people and situations around us. It's mind over matter and we can do more than we think we can if we don't stop and just keep following our goal. Yes there will be some setbacks along the way, it's not a straight arrow from beginning to end, we have bends in the road along our journey. The main thing is not to lose your target of reaching that goal."

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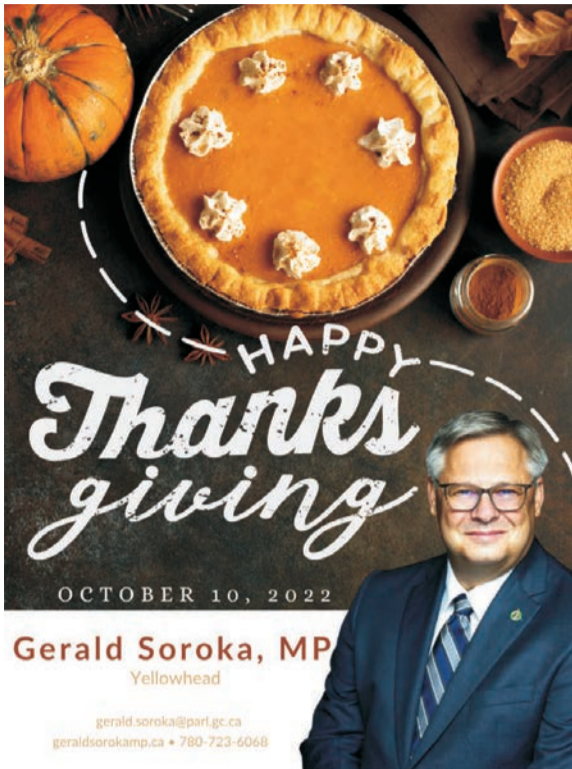
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## Yellowhead County Council Highlights

(YC Sept 27) **Hinton/County IDP** – A Public Hearing was held for Bylaw 02.22 to amend the Hinton-Yellowhead County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). Minor text amendments are required for consistency between Land Use Bylaw 09.21 and the Statutory Plan. The bylaw will be brought back at a future council meeting.

**Yellowhead Agricultural Society**– Representatives of the Yellowhead Agricultural Society made a presentation to Council regarding mould and air quality issues in their facility, with the remediation work estimated at \$456,226.75. The society requested \$100,000 from Yellowhead County. Council accepted the presentation as information and requested Administration bring it back to a future Council meeting for further deliberation.

**Edson & District Library Funding Request** – Council voted to include \$538,000 in the 2023 Yellowhead County budget considerations for the proposed extension and renovations to the Edson & District Public Library. The request was made by Library representatives at the September 20, 2022 Council Meeting.

**Bylaw 17.22 Revised** – Council gave first reading of Bylaw 17.22 that would return a property in Niton Junction to a district matching more closely to what it was prior to the adoption of Land Use Bylaw 09.21. The new bylaw changes the Urban Neighbourhood District zoning to Urban Neighbourhood District, Commercial District and Rural District. A Public Hearing will be held on October 25, 2022.

**Grazing Lease** – Council approved a five-year lease to Gloria Lowey for a grazing lease for the 3.85 acres for \$138.60 per year.

**Roadway Capital Plan** – Council adopted the short-range capital roadway construction and rehabilitation plan for local road improvements in the County. The plan covers work scheduled to be done from 2023 to 2028 and will extend the life of the existing local road network. The plan is estimated to cost approximately 11 million dollars in 2023 for both minor and major reconstruction work.

**Multi-Year Special Project** – Council voted to support the multi-year Community Connect Project for \$19,939,646 and to bring a funding model for the project to the 2023 Yellowhead County budget deliberations.

**Financial Request** – Council denied a request from the Town of Whitecourt to support a proposed Whitecourt Cultural & Events Centre as it does not fall within Yellowhead County's Strategic Plan.

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