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Lions Club Campground exploring plans for renovation

by Niki Luymes

At the Edson Town Council meeting on October 15, Administration recommended that a new Service Agreement

and a Land Lease Agreement be in place for the Edson Lions Club Campground, before any capital improvements occur on these lands.

The Edson Lions Club came to

council recently with a plan for renovating the Lion's Campground on the east end of Edson. While the group didn't have a specific funding ask, they did request that council

provide a commitment for their lease of the space. The Lions Campground location is leased from the Town to the Club. The original lease agreement was

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The U11-2 Edson Sabres CNRL (white jerseys) took on the U11 Drayton Valley Stars Nelson Bros in an exhibition game at the Drayton Valley Omniplex on October 12. With the hockey season just beginning, Edson Minor Hockey players from all the different teams and age groups are excited to be back on the ice. photo Andrew DePee

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Lions Club Campground exploring plans for renovation

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A few of the campsites at the Lions Park Campground on the east end of Edson. The Lions Club is beginning the process of exploring ideas to upgrade the campsite and services.

created in 1983.

The most recent Operation Agreement began in 2016, with the official Operating Agreement with the Town of Edson being executed in June of that year. This agreement was considered ongoing, and did not include an end date. This lease provides the Lions Club with a grant of \$7,500 per year for running the campground.

The Lions Club now desires to upgrade the campsite to meet modern standards. To this end they approached the EDS Group Inc. to complete a detailed design for upgrades and renovations to the campground. EDS gave them a quote of \$26,710, for a design which includes new grading, roadway and trail layouts, and plans for servicing, including sanitary water and power.

The Lions Club was looking for some assurance that any funds expended by the club for a design would be reimbursed by the Town should the club not be able to secure funding themselves.

Upon investigation, Administration was unable to find records of the original lease in their files. They also determined that since the existing Operating Agreement does not have an end date that council should begin the process over. "Town Administration is recommending that both a new Service Agreement and a Land Lease Agreement be in place before any capital improvements occur on these lands," said Ryan O'Sullivan, Transportation

& Parks Manager. They also advised council to consider providing direction on the current grant amount as well.

The matter was presented to council specifically to receive feedback before continuing. No decision will be made until administration has a chance to enter into negotiations with the Lion's Club. Both for an updated service agreement and the land lease agreement.

Councillor Pasychny voiced his support for the Lions Club continuing to run the campground. "We don't want to have to get more staff to run a park because we let them fail. I think we should take consideration in supporting our Lions Club for that park."

Councillor Krystal Cacka noted a large discrepancy between the grant for the Lions Campground (\$7,500/year with no set end) and the Rotary Club at Willmore Park (\$35,000/year for 2 years). "When we consider the campground operation, and what they do, and what they receive—I'm wondering if administration has a recommendation that is more suitable for the Lions Park."

O'Sullivan replied that this issue would need to come back to council after investigation. Clayton Kittlitz, General Manager of Infrastructure and

Planning, added that Administration will be discussing this with the Lions Club and not just considering the numbers in a vacuum.

After discussions, council moved to direct Administration to enter into negotiations with the Lion's Club for an updated Service Agreement and to direct Administration to negotiate a land lease with the Lions Club for the continued operations of a Campground on Lot 1, Block 8, Plan 4200MC. Both motions were carried.



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Ladies Night Out events return this fall

by Niki Luymes

Fall in Edson heralded the return of the Ladies Night Out events hosted by the Town of Edson.

Every month Edson's Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) plans a creative get-together for the ladies in the community. Each event costs \$20 and includes snacks, beverages, and a planned activity.

The ladies celebrated the spooky season by creating Halloween themed centre pieces on October 10. The event ran from 6pm to 8pm and was hosted at the Griffiths Park Centre.

The event started off with each of the attendees choosing an up-cycled vase. They could then choose from a variety of flowers, leaves, grasses, feathers, and other ornaments to create their one of a kind gothic

Victorian-style centerpiece. "The ladies were very creative and all of the centerpieces were very different," said Diana Inscho, FCSS Arts and Culture Coordinator and creative instructor for this event, "It was fun to see what the ladies created. We supplied the guideline and then they just created what they liked."

The centerpieces proved to be very popular. The class was sold out with 15 people who came to enjoy the activity. These Ladies Night Out events are meant to be a way to create connections within the community. "Also it allows them a chance to express their creativity," added Inscho. Previous events include Chinese calligraphy, pottery, and portrait painting.

There are Ladies Night Out events planned for November and December. On November 7, FCSS

will be facilitating a 3D printing class with a local artist. On December 12, the group is heading to Elevation Studios. Both events

will be from 6pm to 8pm. For more information go to: edson.ca/CDprograms



On October 10, the Town of Edson FCSS celebrated the spooky season with a Ladies Night Out themed around Halloween centerpieces. photo submitted

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Edson Fire Chief named Director of Emergency Management

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Town Council has officially appointed the Edson Fire Department Chief as Director of Emergency Management (DEM) for the Town of Edson.

The role will be added to the existing responsi-

bilities of the position for the current Fire Chief Bradley Milton. This appointment was made during the October 15 Edson Town Council meeting.

The DEM is responsible for multiple vital tasks as laid out in section 11.3 of the Emergency Management Act. These responsibilities include:

- Preparing and coordinating emergency plans and programs for the municipality.

- Acting as the Director of Emergency Operations on behalf of the Emergency Management Agency.

- Coordinating all emergency services and resources used in an emergency.

- Performing other duties as prescribed by the local authority.

- Coordinating annual exercises and ensuring that municipal training requirements are met

Restructuring of the staff at the Edson Fire Department has allowed for a new position of Deputy Fire Chief. This new position will free up the Fire Chief to fill other roles such as DEM.

Previously, the General Manager of Infrastructure and Operations was considered the DEM for the Town of Edson. Giving the position to the Fire Chief will establish a clearer model for defining emergency response roles and consequently better disaster response planning and coordination.

This means that as of the October 15 meeting, Milton will officially be DEM for the Town of Edson. "I have full confidence in this recommendation," said Christine Beveridge, Chief Administrative Officer. "Chief Milton has proven his ability to manage emergency situation thought his time as chief."

Secondary to this appointment, council also moved to appoint the deputy DEMs as well. After the motion and voting, Council appointed the deputy Fire Chief and Enforcement Services Manager as deputy DEMs.

Edson Animal Rescue Society presents the 8th annual:

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Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Edson will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Council Chambers located in the Edson Civic Centre, 605 – 50 Street, Edson, Alberta on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. the following properties:

Plan	Block	Lot	Civic Address
062 2166	3	10	4112 15 Avenue
782 1579		UNIT 40	304, 5317 5 Avenue
022 6080	5	8	1207 61 Street
POPLAR PL 7			7, 6026 13 Avenue
CEDARS 29			29, 422 55 Street

Each designated manufactured home and parcel of land will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing registration documentation, and any other conditions the Town deems necessary.

The Town of Edson may, after the public auction, become the owner of any designated manufactured home and parcel of land not sold at the public auction.

The terms of sale are payment in full by cash or certified cheque by 4:00 p.m. on the date of the public auction.

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

Dated at Edson, Alberta, October 11, 2024

Denise MacDonald, Acting Chief Financial Officer

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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Recent Development Permits approved by the Development Authority, under the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw 2070 as amended, can be found at <https://www.edson.ca/business/planning/development-permit-applications>. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or planning@edson.ca.

Any person who is deemed 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 21st day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website**. 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.**



Halloween happenings in Edson and Yellowhead County

by Shaylyn Thornton

As we get closer to the end of October, several events promising Halloween fun have been popping up in the Edson and Yellowhead County area.

Registration has already opened for the 5th Annual Edson's Haunted Halloween House Decorating Contest and will close on October 23 at noon.

The contest offers four categories that residents can register in: Family Friendly, Scariest, Most Original, and Best Effects. All registrants will automatically be entered into the "Best in Edson" category.

A Halloween house tour map will be released on October 24, so registrants are asked to have decorations up and active during October 24-31 so that residents can tour and enjoy.

Photo submissions will be accepted up until October 27 at midnight, and voting will be open from October 28-30. There are great prizes to be won, including \$100 in Edson Bucks and a gift for each category winner, \$150 in Edson Bucks and new decorations to add for the Best in Edson winner, and each winner will receive a lawn sign to "let all those trick-or-treaters know that this house is worth the visit!"

Lawn signs and prizes will either be delivered October 30 in the afternoon or will be available for pickup at Griffiths Park Centre. If you're getting into the Halloween spirit this year and want to participate in this contest, visit Edson.ca/cdprograms for more info and to register.

The Edson Animal Rescue Society will be back for their 8th Annual Haunted Forest Fundraiser, with "three nights of spooktacular fun!" The event will run from Thursday, October 24 to Saturday, October 26 from 6pm to 9pm.

Those looking for a less frightful experience should attend the Little Goblin Glow in the Dark Night on October 24. Guests can purchase glow sticks and experience the spooky sights without any jump scares. October 25 and 26 will offer the classic Haunted Forest experience that includes live frights in the forest.

In addition to the "super scary bush walk" there will be kid's games, a bake sale, campfire, outdoor movie, popcorn, and many other surprises. No pets are allowed in attendance.

The event is held at the site of Murray's Haunted House (17324 Twp Rd 535, Yellowhead County). Instructions for attendees are to travel 1.5km north on Hwy 748, turn left on Twp Rd 535, and travel 1.5km to the driveway on the right. The location is approximately 10 minutes outside of Edson and guests are asked to please carpool due to limited parking.

As the Haunted Forest is a fundraiser, EARS is looking for a minimum donation of \$2/person to get into the event, noting that "anything additional to that will be graciously accepted!" All money raised goes towards rescuing and rehoming animals in need in the Edson/Hinton/Jasper/Whitecourt area.

The Bottle Depot in Niton will also be hosting a Haunted House on October 25, 25, 27 and 31 from 5pm to 9pm. The event is completely free to attend and promises "free scares, free popcorn, and free cotton candy."

Another fun family event coming up is the Halloween Family Dance held by Yellowhead County FCSS. The dance promises "spooktacular fun for the whole family" and will be held at the Wildwood Community

Hall on Friday, October 25.

The event will run from 6pm to 8pm and include prizes for costumes, pizza and treats, and DJ services provided by Music by Taz. The cost to attend is \$10 per family, and registration is required. Families must register at yhcounty.ca/registration by October 23.

There is lots of local fun to be had this spooky season, so make sure you get out and support these (and other) great local events!

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of:
Ruth Edna Ward
who died on May 6, 2024

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by:
November 21, 2024
and provide details of your claim
to: Ailsa McGurk
at: Underwood Gilholme
210, 4954 Richard Road SW
Calgary, Alberta T3E 6L1

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

Enhancing Outdoor Learning at Fulham



(GYPSD) Good News Story: Fulham Community School started its school year with an exciting new way to learn: in an outdoor classroom!

Thanks to a generous donation from the Wild Sheep Foundation of Alberta, Fulham students are thoroughly enjoying their new space.

Many of our Division schools have received community grants and support to incorporate an outdoor classroom as the benefits of promoting physical activity, sunlight exposure, and fresh air all contribute to improved overall health for students.

Additionally, the natural surroundings create a calming and rejuvenating atmosphere, reducing stress, enhancing focus, and

enhancing an overall sense of well-being.

Local former student and carpenter, Werner Visko, was commissioned to build the beautiful gazebo space as well as the picnic tables inside of it. Fulham residents won't miss the new addition painted in Fulham's school colours of white and blue.

In June, the Foundation generously donated \$20,000 to Fulham for its new Outdoor Education Program. The funds support the school's commitment to fostering a healthy lifestyle for students.

Along with the new outdoor classroom, plans include a large community garden and other projects to ensure a stronger and healthier connection to the outdoors for their students

FALL IMMUNIZATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

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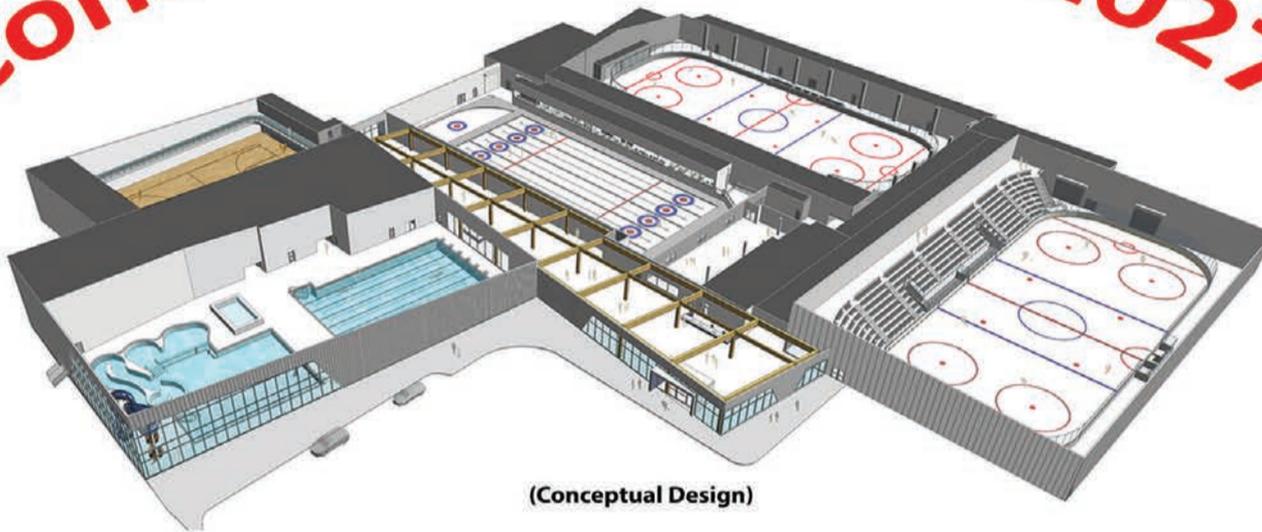
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YCE Multiplex Project



**It's coming!
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(Conceptual Design)

YCE Multiplex Frequently Asked Questions (Updated October 2024)

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE NEW FACILITY?

Construction is scheduled to start in the spring of 2025 with the new aquatic area, as well as pre-work required prior to the arena addition. Once the pre-work is completed and a temporary access to the facility is created, the new arena will be constructed.

Renovations throughout the existing facility will be planned strategically to limit impacts to the existing facility operations.

Completion of the new aquatics and arena is anticipated to be completed for December 2026 with the remaining scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2027.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS FACILITY COST?

The YCE Multiplex comes at an estimated cost of \$80.2 million, including \$20 million provided through the federal Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant. More detailed costing will be done once the detailed design work is complete this fall.

Town of Edson	30.12 M
Yellowhead County	30.12 M
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Grant	20.00 M
TOTAL	80.24 M

WHY WAS THE CURRENT SITE SELECTED?

Following a condition assessment of the current facility, the Edson & District Leisure Centre site was deemed suitable for the YCE upgrades. Other sites were considered, but the current site was selected for its cost benefits, proximity to schools, and central location.

HOW CAN I ADD MY COMPANY TO THE LIST FOR FUTURE BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES ON THIS PROJECT?

Contractors interested in being considered for future bidding opportunities can submit their company name, contact information, and relevant qualifications to YCEMultiplex@clarkbuilders.com. Please ensure your information is up to date and keep an eye on our website for upcoming opportunities.

WHAT AMENITIES WILL THE NEW FACILITY HAVE?

The facility is planned to include a new pool, new arena, new gymnasium, renovations to Centennial Arena, repurposing Memorial Arena to a curling facility, and inclusion of an elevated walking track in the gymnasium.

WILL CURRENT PROGRAMMING BE INTERRUPTED?

The YCE Multiplex construction is expected to take place in multiple phases to reduce impact to programming.

Phase 1 of construction will include the construction of a new ice arena and aquatics area, scheduled for completion in 2026.

Phase 2 will see the demo of the existing Aquatics Centre.

Phase 3 will incorporate the construction of a new lobby, and a gymnasium that includes an elevated walking track.

Phase 4 will see project completion through renovations to the current Centennial Arena and the conversion of the Memorial Arena to a new curling facility, as well as final site servicing, scheduled for completion in 2027.

WILL PARKING BE IMPACTED?

Parking plans are currently in development. Further options stemming from the public engagement are being explored before site plans are finalized.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS UPDATE?

Detailed design will be complete this fall. Following that, more detailed costing analysis will be worked on and substantial construction is expected to start in the spring of 2025.



Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



INVITATION TO TENDER

Shiningbank, Edson Northwest & Edson / Wolf Creek Area Grader Beats

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

Sealed tender marked: **TENDERS:**

- 2024-864 Shiningbank Area Grader Beat
- 2024-865 Edson Northwest Grader Beat
- 2024-866 Edson / Wolf Creek Area Grader Beat

Will be received until 2:00 P.M., November 1, 2024

At the office of: Yellowhead County
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: **Supply and Operation of Graders for the Shiningbank, Edson Northwest and Edson / Wolf Creek Grader Beats.**

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 to download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., October 11, 2024, at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a \$5000.00 Bid Security as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact: **Cory Armfelt, General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning Services** for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



INVITATION TO TENDER

Snowplowing of Local Roadways Within the Cadomin Area

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

Sealed tender marked: **TENDER NO. 2024-863**

Project: Snowplowing of Local Roadways

Cadomin

Will be received until: 2:00 P.M., October 21, 2024

At the office of: Yellowhead County
2716 - 1st Avenue
Edson, Alberta
T7E 1N9

For the following work: **Snowplowing of local roadways within the Cadomin area.**

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 to download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 5:00 P.M., October 9, 2024, at the following link: www.purchasingconnection.ca.

The Tender must be accompanied by a \$5000.00 Bid Security as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact: **Wendy Hebert, Infrastructure Services Department** for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



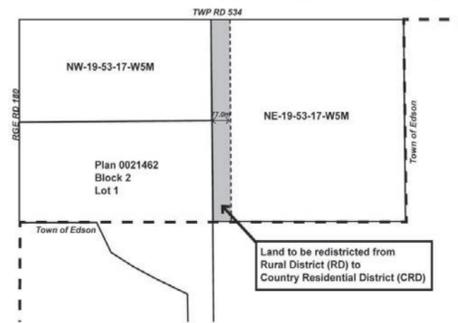
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 11.24

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 November 12 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow persons to make known their views with respect to the proposed Bylaw No. 11.24 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to redirect a portion of NE-19-53-17-W5M from Rural District (RD) to Country Residential District (CRD).



Submissions can be emailed to planninginfo@yhcounty.ca or dropped off at the Yellowhead County Edson office. Deadline for submissions to be included in the agenda is **Friday November 1, 2024**. Submissions received after this date but will not be included in the published agenda.

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

Copies of Bylaw no. 11.24 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 780-723-4800, or 1-800-665-6030.



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D24-123	Plan 7622234 Blk 4, Lot 15 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick	Existing Single Detached Dwelling with three (3) Accessory Buildings - Variance to Front Yard Setback	Oct 1/24	Oct 22/24
D24-114	Plan 1520356 Blk 3, Lot 3B SW-36-50-26-W5 Aspen Hights	Existing Manufactured Home with Addition (Storage Room) and Covered Deck- Variance to Age of Manufactured Home	Oct 3/24	Oct 24/24
D24-135	Plan 0526646 Blk 2, Lot 6 SW-32-51-24-W5 East River Road	Accessory Building (Shop/ Barn)	Oct 3/24	Permitted Use
D24-139	Plan 1425392 Blk 1, Lot 40 NW-10-55-15-W5 Bear Lake	Secondary Suite - External	Oct 10/24	Permitted Use
D24-140	Plan 7722456 Blk 1, Lot 1 SW-2-54-17-W5 North of Edson	Manufactured Home	Oct 16/24	Permitted Use
D24-142	Plan 0821255 Blk 1, Lot 19 NE-18-53-16-W5 River Ridge	Accessory Building (Garage)	Oct 16/24	Permitted Use
D24-138	Plan 1520696 Blk 2, Lot 1B SE-19-49-26-W5 Overlander Area	Change of Use- Staff Accommodations & Hostel Rooms- Discretionary	Oct 16/24	Nov 6/24
D24-141	Plan 9820536 Blk 6, Lot 1 SE-8-53-19-W5 Millers Lake Area	Neighbourhood Shop & Service (Tack, Feed, Western Shop) Discretionary	Oct 16/24	Nov 6/24

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at 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 02.24 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 \$500.00 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.



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A site can yield hair samples from just 1 or 2 grizzly bears over the entire summer. While many sites don't yield any grizzly bear hair, this is also important information.



For more information, contact Paul Fraser (403) 638-6405 info@mountainviewbearsmart.com



Breast cancer awareness month

October is breast cancer awareness month. It's also an important opportunity to bring attention to cancer awareness in general.

In the Edson area, cancer awareness and fundraising events typically include March 4 A Cure, Terry Fox Run, Run of Hope, and Shandy's Dream for a Cure. These are a few of the ongoing local efforts to bring awareness and support to those suffering from the effects of cancer.

There are few people who have not had cancer touch their lives in some way or another.

My grandmother died of stomach cancer after what was described as a long and painful decline. I never had the chance to meet her. A close friend of mine was diagnosed with metastasized liver cancer. It spread to her lungs. Unfortunately, her prognosis simply did not fit into the 'language of hope' so prevalent in cancer support back then.

However, there are many inspiring stories of recovery,



From the Publisher's Desk

Dana McArthur
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

including a dear friend of mine who made a full recovery from colon cancer. We

can only hope these kinds of stories vastly outnumber the ones that do not end so well. This is why fundraising for research and ongoing awareness programs is so critical.

Alberta's Minister of Health, Adriana LaGrange, stated, "One in seven Alberta women will face a breast cancer diagnosis in their lifetime. This is a chilling reality for the women in our lives – our family members, partners, mothers, friends, and daughters."

"When breast cancer is detected early, there are more innovative treatments available, more choices for care and more hope for a positive outcome for you and your loved ones." Screening services are accessible province-wide and can detect cancer long before symptoms manifest.

"This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I urge women to prioritize getting regular mammograms. It could save your life," added LaGrange.



Firehouses across the province opened their doors for Fire Prevention week. The Yellowhead Fire Department hosted an open house on October 10 in Edson from 4pm till 7pm. submitted.

Evansburg RCMP investigate fatal pedestrian hit and run on Highway 16

Wildwood, Alta. – On Oct.15, 2024 at 9:50 p.m. Evansburg RCMP assisted by members of the Maythorpe RCMP and the K-Division Collision Analyst team were dispatched to a report of a fatal pedestrian hit and run on Highway 16. As a result of the investigation, a portion of the highway remained closed for several hours, however, it has since reopened.

The investigation is ongoing. The remains of the deceased were transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Edmonton and police are actively working on confirming the

identity of the pedestrian.

At this time, RCMP are seeking any to speak with anyone who travelled on Highway 16 on Oct.15 2024, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 9:50 p.m., more specifically anyone who witnessed a pedestrian on the roadway west of Wildwood, or who may have dashcam footage recorded during this time period.

If anyone has any information regarding this offence, please contact the Evansburg RCMP at 780-727-4446. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of: Oct 7 to Oct 13, 2024

Mischief or Damage 11, Assistance Calls 10, Suspicious Persons 10 and Theft Complaints 10 topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 3; Alarms/False Alarms 4; Animal Calls 4; Assault 1; Cause Disturbance 1; Child Welfare 0; Fail to Comply with Conditions 3; False/Abandoned 911 Call 2; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 4, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 1; Lost or found property 2, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 1; Information File 1; Mental Health Act 2; Missing Person/Request to Locate 1; Municipal Bylaws 0; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 0; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 1; Traffic Collisions 6; Traffic Violations 6; Trespassing 2; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 5.

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Niton Public Library Celebrating Fiftieth Anniversary on October 23

Niton Public Library will be celebrating fifty years of serving the community on Wednesday, October 23rd at 2 PM. Everyone is invited to attend the celebration. There will be refreshments, a commemorative banner for attendees to sign and door prizes, but no formal program.

Niton Public Library was established as a school-housed public library when Niton Central School was renovated in 1974. Through five decades, the library has provided residents with free access to information and entertainment. The library has also hosted thousands of programs for people to gather, connect and build community.

Toni Smigelski has been the Manager of Niton Public Library for twenty six of its fifty years. "It is going to be great to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Niton Library," says Smigelski. "Although the name changed a few years ago from Green Grove Public Library, the atmosphere has stayed the same. We strive to make everyone that enters our library feel welcome and fulfill whatever needs we can."

Niton Public Library is located inside Niton Central School at 5307-50 Street in Niton Junction. It is open to all members of the public and library memberships are free.

Scammers attacks on local family devastating

OP/ED: by Dana McArthur

We often hear about people being scammed and think, "There is no way that's going to happen to me". Well, one of life's biggest lessons is don't ever think it can't happen to you.

Scammers are professionals and know just what to say to gain your trust. A close friend of mine in Edson knows this only too well now. For this article we will call her Jane, "My husband fell victim to being scammed. He was so sure it wasn't a scam, we talked about it and talked some more. Unfortunately, they had him right where they wanted him."

It truly is scary just how well they can groom a person and gain their trust, often with personal information harvested off of social media. "After being scammed, my husband was yet again scammed by someone pretending to be with the fraud department and they were going to help him get his money back. Wrong! It was another scam that cost us even more loss," Jane said.

"If you or someone you know has been scammed, seek professional help, but within our community of professionals. Don't trust online ads to help you get your money back, as they too could be a fraud. Only trust someone you have already dealt with or can speak face to face with," said Jane.

"Before my husband knew what was really going on, it was too late, they had cleaned out the bank accounts. The mess it has left us in is awful. It's not just loosing our life savings, it's everything that goes along with it. Having to change bank accounts, deal with other possible consequences from the scammers gaining access to his personal information. Getting a new driver's license, filing reports to the RCMP, and more. Once they have your personal information they can do so much to you," Jane said.

Fraud can also cause lasting mental and physical trauma for victims. Don't respond to unsolicited cold calls, emails, junk mail, late-night commercials or infomercials, or social media posts that are either overly attractive or fear-inducing. These are all common tactics scammers use to entice you to engage.

Tips from a local banking expert

include:

1. The quicker your bank's Fraud Team is notified of a fraud in progress the quicker they can stop it from happening –the same day if possible!

2. On most banking apps you can customize the notifications so if your balance changes by more than \$\$ amount you will get a text or email.

3. Do not click on links from anyone or website that you are not expecting. Even if you are expecting it, you can always go to the same page on your own without clicking on the link.

4. Never share your screen or allow anyone remotely onto your computer, especially while signing into on-line banking. Install reputable antivirus software and do not share personal information.

5. Scammers often call to say your Visa/MC was compromised. Never confirm card details or provide additional information. Call your credit card company directly.

6. Another preventative measure is to have the bulk of your cash in GICs or investment accounts as these are branch transactions, so electronic is not an option. Fraudsters typically only gain access to chequing accounts.

7. Some more recent scams have involved investing in Bitcoin or other investment options where the clients are promised high returns with no/low fees. Unfortunately, the bank clients themselves are transferring the funds to these illegitimate organizations.

"Make sure the scammer can't do anymore harm to you. Close any compromised bank and credit card accounts. Update and secure online accounts. Change your passwords immediately and enable two-factor authentication to prevent unauthorized access. Freeze your credit with all three credit bureaus. A credit freeze stops fraudsters from opening new accounts or taking out credit in your name," Jane advised.

Alberta RCMP states that if you believe you may be a victim of fraud, or are currently being targeted by fraud, please report it to your local law enforcement and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at 1-888-495-8501. Instances of compromised personal and/or financial information should be reported to your bank and credit card company.



The Edson Cycling Association were very thankful to receive a generous donation of \$4000 from Weyerhaeuser - Left to Right are Ian Kwantes, Ryan Norrish, Natalie Peace, and Stefan Felsing.



Holy Redeemer held their annual Awards Ceremony on October 11th where they acknowledged the many achievements of their students in academics, athletics, fine arts and citizenship. Here, Landon P and Kiersten T receive awards for Highest Academic Honours in Grade 9 from Living Waters Trustee Gemma Christie and Science Teacher Becky Gantz. photos submitted



Each year, Living Waters School Division and Holy Redeemer acknowledge their teachers who have taught over 12 years in the division with the Long Service Awards. Going in increments of three years, teachers receive a special award recognizing their valued work in the school division. Pictured here Left to right), HRH Principal Sandy Whitten, Paul Tobin (27 years), Kim Nahiriak (21 years), Kim Haland (15 years), and Living Waters School Trustees Gemma Christie and Eva Kuefler.

County Council updated on Edson and District Historical Society

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Edson and District Historical Society (EDHS) attended Yellowhead County Council's October 15 meeting to provide an update on "what's happening" at the Galloway Station Museum & Travel Centre.

Douglas Woodhouse, President of EDHS, and Shari McDowell, Manager of the Galloway Station Museum, presented.

EDHS "is dedicated to preserving history in engaging ways," said Woodhouse. EDHS has nine Board positions that include one appointed Councillor from each of the Town of Edson and Yellowhead County. The remainder are elected from general membership of the Society.

"Museums are designed to last, and that long-term vision is something we're deeply committed to," explained Woodhouse.

The Galloway Station Museum and Travel Centre continuously works on a variety of research and curatorial activities, such as their November Remembrance Day display, Edson and Area Archives, history of Edson Hospitals, reports on the Glenwood and Old Edson Cemetery, and more.

Publications from the Museum include One Crossing at a Time – The Story of the Rosevear Ferry, Resilience – A Collaboration, and the annual Edson and Area Visitor Guide. The Visitor Guide saw about 4,000 copies distributed locally and across Alberta in 2023.

"We build the Visitor Guide inhouse and talented local photographers contribute remarkable photographs from the region," said McDowell. "[They] illustrate the beauty of our area, which definitely contributes to its popularity."

The Museum boasts many semi-permanent exhibitions, such as Our Natural World, the Printing Press, the Alberta Coal Branch, and several others. In addition, temporary exhibitions are continually changed out and updated, such as the Staff Artifact

of the Month Display and a display for the Robb Centennial in 2023.

EDHS "maintains a tangible collection" of artifacts that are significant to Edson and area. Most artifacts involve industry, day-to-day life, or the railroad, although the Collections Management Committee will "occasionally accept artifacts relevant to Alberta and Canadian history."

The Museum's historically-themed escape rooms are "very popular" and the Galloway's annual Santa Claus visit is always a hit, with hundreds of children from around the region attending.

McDowell noted that "partnerships have been key to the Galloway's success," such as their Community Welcome Project working alongside local businesses to support newcomers and new parents in the region. The Galloway also "regularly collaborates with a lot of non-profit organizations," she said.

Most recently, the Galloway Museum offered to house taxidermy from the Jasper Museum due to displacement from the wildfire. "They have a lot of animals stored in Hinton and with everything that happened they just can't afford to rent," explained McDowell. "We reached out and asked if there's anything we can do to help." EDHS had a meeting the following day with the Jasper Museum to discuss housing the animals.

"After they can welcome the animals back, we're going to have a fundraiser... to show off what they have," McDowell added. "And then we'll donate the money back to the Jasper Museum."

McDowell also talked about working with Yellowhead County's Heritage Coordinator, Madison Sharman. "We regularly collaborate... and exchange historically relevant information and resources," she said.

The Museum has several sources of earned income, including commission percentage of 20% on local art sold, non-commission sales, donations,

Visitor Guide ad sales, Museum admissions/events, room rental incomes, and more.

"It's worth noting that all revenue generated by the Galloway is rolled back into our operating budget and subtracted from the annual funding request," said McDowell. The 2023 Operating Budget for the Galloway Station Museum & Travel Centre was \$263,000, which both the Town of Edson and Yellowhead County contribute to.

In 2023, the facility saw 3,311 museum admissions, 37 public research inquiries, 33 Galloway-hosted events, 154 rentals, 37 museum tours, 645 donation accessions, and reached 60,000 people on social media. Earned revenue included \$9,600 in Gift Shop sales, \$11,240 in artist sales, and \$16,900 in Visitor Guide ad sales.

Looking ahead, EDHS is excited about several upcoming projects including an extensive archive photo display and plans to update several permanent exhibits to better reflect the region's history.

McDowell closed the presentation by noting that one of her "favourite parts" of working at the Galloway are the "heartfelt" and "unsolicited" compliments that are constantly given by travelers. "We hear a lot of very nice things about the facility and it's rewarding of course," she said. "But we also hear wonderful things about the area and its residents almost daily in the summer months."

Staff often make travel recommendations throughout Yellowhead County and will hear raves from returning travelers about the beauty of the area, the history of the Coal Branch, and "all the amazing lakes and trails." "They also really like our bathrooms," laughed McDowell.

Several councillors thanked the presenters for their continued work in keeping the region and visitors to the region educated on our history, and the presentation from EDHS was accepted by Yellowhead County Council as information.

Rising costs causing local families to struggle

by Deanna Mitchener

The rising cost of living is making a huge impact on the community.

Amy Pillage, Program Coordinator with the Edson Food Bank, says, "Each month we keep helping more and more people. During our intake process we are seeing a very diverse cross section of clients. We are seeing new Canadians who were promised a living wage, but are disappointed to find part time hours at minimum wage when they arrive."

"We are also seeing a surge in smaller families visiting us; families of three to four people. We are used to seeing larger families and singles using our services, but it is very concerning to see this demographic needing our services; both parents employed with one or two children at home. This is the struggle many families are facing —hunger cannot be ignored," said Pillage.

"We are happy to help meet the needs of the community, but it appears the community also needs to address some issues as well," said Pillage.

"Promising work to staff and then them being told there is no work —that is hurting our facility. We also need systemic change to happen with a few more services and supports funded and brought to our community including supportive housing, low income housing, subsidized housing, and more. There are certainly gaps in the puzzle and we are only one piece."

"Our Edson Community Learning office is working hard to provide additional courses to families in the community by offering budgeting courses, grocery shopping tips, and more. But the classes often get cancelled due to poor attendance or low registration," said Pillage. "How can we get our clients the help they need? We need everyone's help in advocating for our community and creating awareness for our hungry population."

"We are so lucky at the Food Bank to have a very focused board. We have a variety of grants we apply for and receive throughout the year to help with staff wages, transportation costs, and groceries. But, our grocery bill has skyrocketed to over

\$20,000/month!" Pillage said.

"We are seeing supply chain issues still and many of our food items have seen a large price increase. We are having a hard time keeping up and recently made the decision to decrease our hamper sizes," stated Pillage.

"Our local stores are incredible at securing stock for us and allowing us to bulk order. Plus, we receive food recovery and reclamation from all of our local food retailers. This support is crucial to us in maintaining our robust hamper size," said Pillage.

"Our volunteers have been absolutely amazing through this increase in usage. We have opened up more time blocks to have volunteers in working behind the scenes and we have seen new faces join our team. Our volunteers are absolutely incredible and we could not operate without them," said Pillage.

The hamper appointment line is 780-725-3185. The Edson Food Bank is located at 4511 5 Ave.

Order of the Eastern Star celebrates 40 years

by Deanna Mitchener

The Order of the Eastern Star, a province wide group dating back to 1984, gathered at the Lion's Hall in Edson on Sept. 18, to celebrate 40 years of inception.

"It is a privilege to be members of the Order, and we rejoice in belonging to this Organization. I thank you all for attending our Official Visit and our 40th birthday. It has indeed been a memorable occasion," said Fiona Fowler (current Worthy Matron). Fowler then presented some of the history of the group. "It was a daunting task to be entrusted with the writing of historical reflections on the formation and activities of Elizabeth Trapp Chapter #138 Order of the Eastern Star," she said.

"I would like to refer to 1980 when the Douglas Haig Chapter surrendered its Charter. Thus ending 53 1/2 years of existence of a fraternal order that played an important role in the lives of members in

Edson. A new name had to be chosen, once a chapter closes its name is retired and can not be used in Alberta again," Fowler explained.

"The Worthy Matron at the time was Sister Maragaret Mills. Her mother, Sister Elizabeth Trapp, was one of the Charter members and instrumental in organizing the Star in Edson in 1912. The following year the chapter was constituted and awarded the number 138. This occasion was held in the Glenwood Hall to a huge crowd of Eastern Star supporters from many Chapters. The Worthy Grand Matron was Sister Connie Hoskyns and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Andrew Duff," said Fowler. Mrs. Fowler continued to describe the many activities and community building events that helped the Edson chapter grow. "The Chapter grew and prospered, and members were kept busy with volunteering in many different activities including potluck suppers, fun gift exchanges, strawberry teas, meals on wheels delivery, and collecting stamps for

cancer research. Four initiations and four affiliations increased the chapter size."

With collected details, Fowler recounted the many highlights and events that defined the Edson chapter as an active and caring organization from 1984 all the way 2024.

One feature of the chapter is its ability to reach out to members worldwide. "Over the years Sisters and Brothers have traveled to Chapters and events in North America, Hawaii, Europe, Scotland and Africa. Friendships have been established and visitations continue," Fowler said.

"This Chapter has continued to raise money for charity. "From strawberry teas, bake sales, pie auctions, sewing projects, fashion shows, catering, and air mattresses to the extended care, casinos, mystery bus trips, daffodil sales for cancer, and donations to assist patients to have cataract operations at our local hospital," concluded Fowler.

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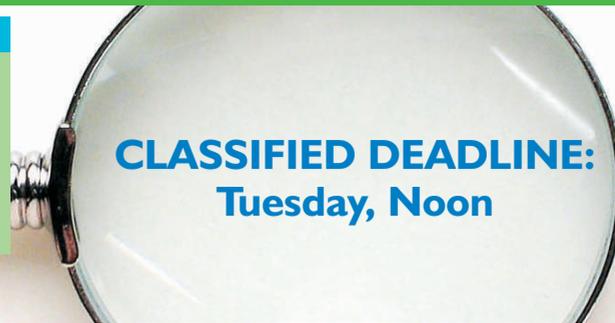
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Yellowhead County to update Culture policies

by Shaylyn Thornton

At their October 15 GPC meeting, Yellowhead County Council heard from GM of Community Services Crystal McNemie on several Culture-related policy updates and amendments.

Following a review of their Culture policies, Administration recognized the need for updates and revisions, reorganization of some policy components, and the transitioning of policies into the current County format.

In addition, procedures were separated from the policies and placed into Administrative Directives which allows Administration to update the directives as practices and procedures evolve, without altering Council's original intent for the policies.

"As a general sense for all of these policies, the updates that we've made have been to the new format for the policy and the Administrative Directive, and also updating the review frequency to every four years," explained McNemie.

The Historical Programs & Facilities Grant Policy (Policy No. 7400.01) of Yellowhead County establishes guidelines for providing funding to non-profit organizations and individuals involved in the operation of historical facilities or programs, or those owning municipally designated heritage resources.

The grants support general operational expenses, such as insurance, utilities, wages, and maintenance, as well as capital improvements like new buildings, grounds, and parking upgrades.

Key changes include an update to include "individuals who own municipally designated heritage resources" alongside non-profit organizations as those who are eligible for grant funding. This change would enable the undertaking of restoration projects that contribute to the preservation of recognized County assets.

"This is really just expanding the eligibility of this grant to two properties, at this point in time, that have Municipal Heritage Designation within the County," said McNemie, noting that there is not any expected budget impact with this decision.

"We have also included volunteer wages in the allowable operational expenses, just recognizing that not all of these community groups have paid staff. A lot of their work is driven through volunteer labour," explained McNemie.

The Cemetery Grants Policy (Policy No. 7400.02) supports the care and maintenance of cemeteries within Yellowhead County, providing financial assistance to non-profit groups for both operational costs (Cemetery Maintenance Grant) and nonoperational improvements (Cemetery Special Projects Grant).

"Key changes we've made to both grant applications are increasing labour rates for volunteer contributes to \$20 per hour for unskilled labour, \$35 per hour for skilled labour, and \$70 per hour for donated equipment," said McNemie. These changes align with provincial grant standards for donated labour and equipment.

In addition, grant applications will now be reviewed and processed as they are received as opposed to once annually.

For the Cemetery Maintenance Grant, there will be increased funding up to \$3,500 annually for registered non-profit groups to help cover operational costs such as grass cutting, landscaping, and staffing with applicants contributing 50% of the costs. The funding increase accounts for inflation since 2014 and better reflects current operational expenses. Administration also removed some of the funding categories for this grant that were based on the number of burials, due to inaccurate representation of maintenance costs.

The Special Projects Grant will also now provide up to \$5,000 for non-operational improvements such as fencing or ground radar imaging, with applicants contributing 50% of the costs.

The Country Schools Commemorative Signage Program (Policy No. 7400.03) was established by Yellowhead County to allow residents to honour and commemorate historic rural schools or their sites within the County. This program provides guidelines for the development, maintenance, and replacement of signage for these historic locations. This policy did not see any significant changes.

The Historical Interpretive Signage Policy (Policy No. 7400.04) provides guidelines for the creation and maintenance of signs that recognize historical points of interest within Yellowhead County. The policy supports partnerships with applicants or stakeholders to develop signage that offers historical context for specific locations or events.

The significant change made to this policy is that signs may now be placed on both Yellowhead County property or provincial crown land, via agreement.

"This is really in response to a sign that we have at Mountain Park Cemetery," explained McNemie. "That sign is located on crown land, not on County property, so we just wanted to make sure that the policy captured the actual administrative process for where some of these signs are actually being located."

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux asked about the Cemetery Grants Policy and whether the community groups operating County cemeteries are allowed to apply. "We haven't captured that within the grant, but we can certainly add it," responded McNemie.

"The main criteria... is that each cemetery operator has a final certificate of approval. So regardless of whether you're a nonprofit society or a community group, if you have the final certificate of approval... we would allow eligibility for that group," McNemie said. "We can add that into the policy and clearly define community group as an eligible applicant."

Councillor Anthony Giezen inquired about the privately-owned properties with Municipal Heritage Designation who would be eligible for grant funding under the proposed changes to policy 7400.01. "[Will there be] some agreement that it is then accessible to the public of Yellowhead County?" he asked.

McNemie was not able to provide an immediate answer to the question, but acknowledged Giezen's concerns of "publicly funded money going towards private individuals."

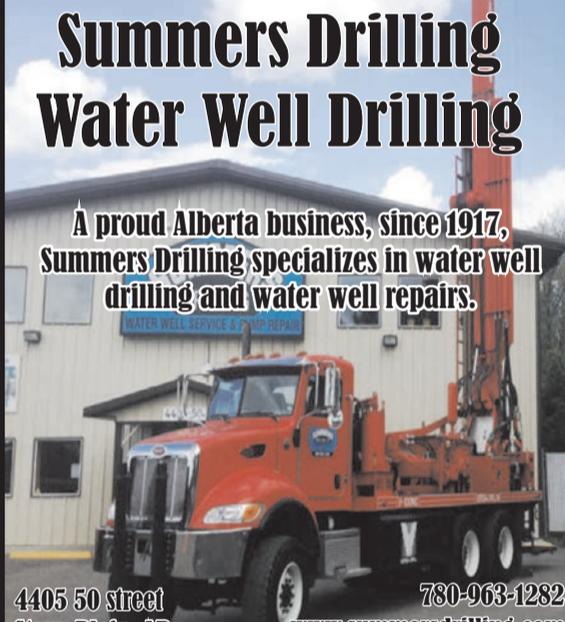
"I think if it is public dollars and if we're going to support something like this, I think there's got to be some way for the general public to also reap the reward, so to speak," Giezen said.

CAO Luc Mercier noted an amendment to that policy could state that "individuals can apply for grants, subject to those properties being open to the public for viewing," a change which Giezen was supportive of.

The four updated policies, including any additional amendments made based on Council discussion at the GPC meeting, will be brought back to a future Council meeting for adoption.

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