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Fire claims life of elderly man in Edson

Kevin Zahara re-elected Mayor...

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by Shaylyn Thornton

Shortly after midnight on October 19, a structure fire broke out at the Heritage Court Seniors Apartment Building at 5238 5th Avenue in Edson. The

32-unit self-contained seniors' apartment building is owned by the Province of Alberta and managed by the Evergreens Foundation.

Evergreens Foundation CAO Kristen Chambers said that the

fire was contained to one unit, and that the prompt response of the Edson Fire Department meant that minimal damaged was sustained by the facility.

"With heavy hearts, we regret to confirm, that the sole

occupant of the suite passed away as a result of the incident," Chambers said in a release. "The remaining 30 tenants were quickly evacuated and relocated either

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GYPSPD students line up for a photo in recognition of School Bus Safety Week that took place October 18-22. photo submitted

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Fire claims life of elderly man in Edson



A fire claimed the life of an elderly man at the Heritage Court Seniors Apartment Building in Edson.

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with family or within vacant units in other Evergreens Foundation facilities in the community.”

Alberta Minister of Seniors and Housing Josephine Pon also released a statement on social media. “I am saddened to hear that a senior died following the fire at the Heritage Court Seniors Apartment in Edson and I offer my condolences to family and friends,” Pon wrote. “My sincere thanks to the Edson fire department for its quick response, and to the Evergreens Foundation, as well as Edson residents and businesses for pitching in late at night to help displaced residents.”

Pon also assured the public that the matter is of high importance. “My ministry staff is working with the housing management body and we will continue to provide support, as appropriate. The safety and wellbeing of seniors is my top priority,” she said.

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara thanked the Edson Fire Department for their quick response, as well as

the staff at the Parkland Lodge and “all others who have assisted.” “An incredibly difficult day for our community,” Zahara said. “Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the individual who passed away as well as to all the other residents of Heritage Court.”

Chambers also expressed her gratitude. “We would like to acknowledge the incredible community of Edson, including businesses that opened up in the wee hours of the morning to provide beds for the displaced tenants, as well as bussing,” she wrote. “We would also like to thank all of the first responders and The Evergreens Foundation site staff for working tirelessly to ensure the tenants were looked after.”

Chambers said that the investigation into the fire is ongoing and that they do not know when tenants will be able to return to the building.

A later RCMP News Release specified that the cause of the fire does not appear to be suspicious in nature. Police also said that, while an autopsy will be completed to confirm the man's identity, his next of kin has been notified. No further updates are anticipated.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE Mint Homes Ltd.



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- Janet Wilkinson

THANK-YOU

"Thank you to everyone who has offered overwhelming support of my re-election on Edson Town Council. I appreciate your kind words and am grateful for the opportunity to represent you again. Thank you for all of the conversations we had on doorsteps while campaigning. I am looking forward to working with our newly elected Council. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me again via phone, email, Facebook or messenger. Thanks again and take care."



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THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone in Division 7 for allowing me to serve as your Yellowhead County Councillor for a third term.



Thank you to everyone in Division 7 for allowing me to serve as your Yellowhead County Councillor for a third term. I am deeply humbled by your support, and want to assure you that I am as dedicated to serving you today, as I was eight years ago. I will continue to work day and night to ensure your concerns are heard and addressed.

When we work together, we accomplish great things. Our County is one that has been built by our compassion towards each other, our commitment to decency, and faith in our neighbors. Your struggles are my struggles, your concerns are my concerns, and your hopes are my hopes. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I am ready and excited to work for you.

I will continue to be accessible and responsive to you and welcome your feedback on all issues. I invite you to contact me any time at dmitchell@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca or at (780) 723-4800.

I look forward to speaking with you.

Dawn Mitchell

Thank you Ward 6 for the opportunity to represent you for the next four years!

“Now let’s get to work!”



Councillor Brigitte Lemieux - Division 6 Yellowhead County

THANK-YOU

Thank you Edson Voters for putting your trust in me.

I am humbled and honoured and will do my best to represent you to the best of my abilities.



- Ed Moore -

THANK YOU!

Thank You to all the residents of Yellowhead County Division #4 Peers, Rosevear and Shiningbank for taking the time to vote, and for supporting me in the municipal election. I will represent the residents of my division, and the rest Yellowhead County, to the best of my ability.



David Russell

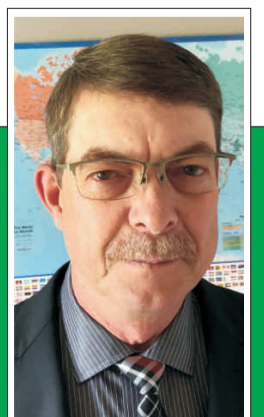
THANK-YOU!

I would like to thank each and every one of you that came out to the polls and voted in this past election for Yellowhead County. I want to give a special thanks for all who supported me in this election, it's very much appreciated. Now it's time for me to roll up my sleeves and get to work.

A huge shout out to the Councillors that were elected, also to the people who put their names forward and were unsuccessful, thank you for running a good tough campaign.

Thanks again,

Wade Williams
Yellowhead County Mayor Elect





TOWN OF EDSON

Public Information & Notices 2021

**Town of Edson
Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
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- Monday Organics
- Tuesday Organics
- Wednesday Organics
- Thursday Organics
- Household Waste A
- Household Waste B

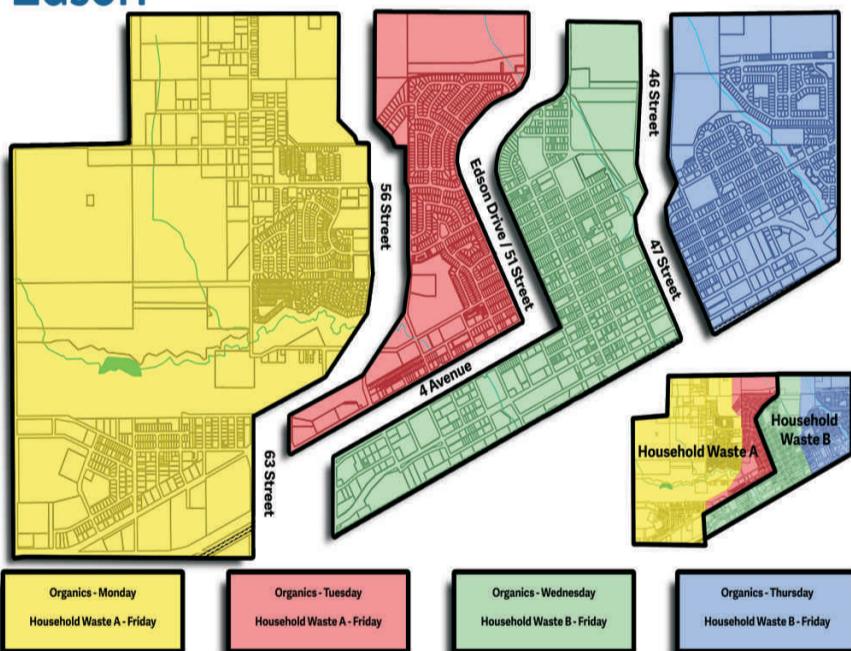
WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



A reminder that organics pickup shifts to every second week starting in November.
Go to www.edson.ca/curbside for collection maps, full schedule, and information.



Waste Collection Routes/Schedule



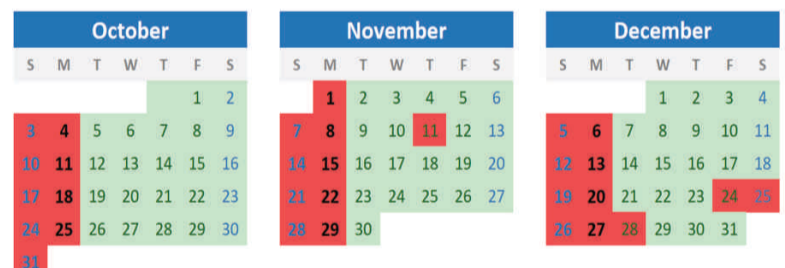
Organics pickup is every week during the summer months and every 2 weeks during the winter, based on the routes above. Household waste collection is every 2 weeks. See the schedule for your pickup dates. For more information, please call Public Works at 780-723-6461 or go to www.edson.ca/curbside.

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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 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. the following properties:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Civic Address</u>
1494 AC	18	11	4703 4 Avenue
1494 AC	7	9-10, PT 11	220 50 Street
POPLAR PL 55			#55, 6026 13 Avenue

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 20, 2021
Sarah Bittner, General Manager of Corporate Services





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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Development Authority has authorized the issuance of the following Development Permits in accordance with the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw #2070 as amended:

Permit #	Address/Legal	Development Type	Use	Date Issued Online	Zoning
Week 1					
087-2021	5508 4 Ave Unit 2/ Plan 461 AJ, Block 162, Lot 1-4	Change of Use to Minor Eating and Drinking Establishment	Permitted	October 19, 2021	C-3
Week 2					

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

The Weekly ANCHOR Comment

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GUEST EDITORIAL/COMMENT

Time to Act on Online Harassment

Canada's news publishers, who employ 3000 journalists from coast to coast to coast, believe that free speech, journalistic freedom, and a strong, healthy, commercially viable, and fiercely independent media ecosystem are all vital to our democracy.

Canadians rely on their newspapers and news media to be their trusted sources of information, helping them make informed choices and holding people and institutions, including governments and corporations, accountable.

We hope that Parliamentarians will come together and take meaningful action to combat hate speech and other kinds of harmful content online, while ensuring that freedom of expression and free debate are recognized, preserved, and protected.

We are among the country's leading defenders of freedom of speech. At the same time, as employers, we strive to provide a safe, healthy, and inclusive work environment for our journalists. As businesses who supply news and analysis, we also strive to protect our customers: the public who read our news and engage with us and their fellow readers. We listen to our customers. We take our responsibilities to them and the broader public seriously. We try to build a better common future for all. And we are accountable for both our actions and inaction.

As a business, the news publishing industry remains under threat from unregulated and unchecked social media and online communication service providers. At the same, our journalists and readers face online harm constantly. Ask any journalist, and they'll tell you that criticism comes with the job. And rightly so. But hate, harassment, and online and physical harm shouldn't. It comes from the right, the left, and everywhere in between, and its victims are all too often women and racialized journalists.

We are united in supporting our journalists and newsrooms against those who seek to silence them and threaten their safety. Together, we will continue to advocate for industry-wide responses to end this behaviour.

Across the globe, journalists face physical, judicial, and online harm. In addition to harassment from individuals, journalists face sophisticated defamation campaigns to discredit them. These threats, and their potential impact on journalistic freedom of expression, have detrimental implications for society at large.

The findings of a survey conducted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Center for Journalists about online violence against women journalists are alarming: 73 per cent of women respondents said they had experienced online violence; 20 per cent said they had been attacked or abused offline in incidents seeded online; and 41 per cent said they had been the targets of online attacks that appeared to be linked to orchestrated disinformation campaigns.

The impact of this violence on mental health is sobering: 38 per cent missed work; 11 per cent quit their jobs; and two per cent abandoned journalism altogether. It also impacts journalistic practices and audience engagement: 30 per cent self-censor on social media; 20 per cent only 'broadcast' and avoid all interaction; and 10 per cent avoid pursuing particular stories.

Like news publishers, online platforms curate content. They reap all the benefits of being a publisher, albeit on much more commercially favourable terms. At present, however, they do not have the same responsibilities and are not held accountable in the many ways that news publishers are in Canada. Indeed, they have allowed fake news and disinformation to proliferate around the globe, and they have profited from it handsomely.

Big Tech has a societal obligation to moderate these activities, just as any news publisher does. In the United States, section 230 of the U.S. Communications Decency Act exempts them from liability over hosting user-generated content and from liability when they choose to remove that content. However, global companies operating in Canada are subject to Canadian law and should conduct themselves accordingly.

As advertisers know, these firms have enormous and extremely sophisticated technical prowess. Why then have they failed in their duty as content moderators and allowed harmful content targeted at journalists to be amplified on their platforms?

As a matter of principle, our journalists should be afforded the same protections in the online world as they are in the offline world. Accordingly, we recommend that the Government of Canada explicitly recognize online threats to journalists directly in legislation. At the same time, online platforms should act responsibly. First, they should act upon reports of harassment from news publishers and journalists within 24 hours. Second, they should invest in technology to detect online hate against journalists. Third, they should detail online harm against journalists in their transparency reports. Fourth, they should be held accountable through Canada's libel, defamation, and hate laws, just as Canada's news publishers are. Fifth, they should face economic penalties when they fail to comply with Canadian laws. Finally, they should make it hard for internet trolls to 'profit' from the monetization of content that harms journalists.

As a society, we need to do everything we can to protect democratic expression, but that doesn't mean that we can't protect journalists. All publishers, including internet intermediaries, should be held accountable for harmful content. Canada's publishers stand with our journalists, who won't be silenced, and readers, who want to be informed.

- Jamie Irving is Chair and Paul Deegan is President and CEO of News Media Canada.

Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Oct 11 - Oct 17, 2021

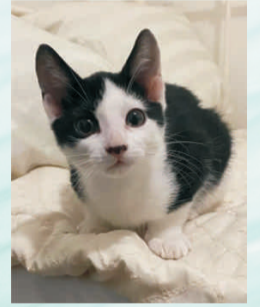
Between October 11 and October 17, 2021, theft complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 14. Other investigations included: Alarms/False Alarms 2; Assault 7; Assistance Calls 11; False/Abandoned 911 call 1; Fraud 1; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 4; Lost/Found Property 4; Mischief or Damage 6; Suspicious Persons or Vehicles 8; Theft Complaints 14; Traffic Collisions 7; Traffic complaints 10; Trespassing 4; Wellbeing Check 6; and Traffic Violations 15.

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Division News

For Immediate Release October 18, 2021

Notice of Election
Local Authorities Election Act Section 12, 25, 46, 53
Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, Province of Alberta

October 18, 2021 School Board Elections

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Public School Trustees Unofficial 2021 Election Results

The results are unofficial, but Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) welcomes four new members to the Division's Board of Trustees, with four trustees in by acclamation, and includes one incumbent re-elected.

LOBSTICK - Ward 1, Sub #3	
Melodie Bobilek	489
Brenda Rosadiuk, Incumbent	392
Total Ballots Counted	881

EDSON - Ward 1, Sub #2	
Fiona Fowler, Incumbent	590
Jocelyn Pettitt	614
Joan Zaporosky, Incumbent	536
Total Ballots Counted	1,740

Incumbents in by acclamation for another four years of trusteeship are Shirley Caputo from Hinton, and Dale Karpluk from Jasper. The Division welcomes new trustees, Yvonne Oshanyk from Hinton and Darrel Delisle from Grande Cache, both in by acclamation, and Melodie Bobilek for the Lobstick zone, and Jocelyn Pettitt for the Edson zone. Fiona Fowler, incumbent, was also elected in the Edson zone for another four years.

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division sincerely thanks all of the outgoing trustees for their passion and dedication to public education over the last four years and welcomes the incoming members for their upcoming work in meeting and exceeding the educational needs of GYPSD students, their families, and communities.

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division's new Board of Trustees will hold its organizational meeting before the Public Board meeting on October 27, 2021. The results of the election will be made official at noon on Friday, October 22, 2021.

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Grande Yellowhead stretches from Jasper National Park, east to Evansburg, and north to the Town of Grande Cache. The Division includes seventeen schools, five Learning Connection Centres, approximately 5,000 students, and 600 staff members.

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

For more information, please contact:
Communications Services P 780-723-4471 E communications@gypsd.ca

Zahara re-elected Mayor

by Adrienne Tait

The results are in and the Council table will look different this term.

Town of Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara was re-elected for a second term. Also returning to the Council table are Councillors Krystal Baier, Gean Chouinard, and Trevor Bevan.

Taking their place around the table for the first time are Peter Taylor and Ed Moore.

Former Mayor Greg Pasychny will be returning to the Council Chambers this time as a Council member.

Voters lined up at the Edson Legion and for much of the day the line could be seen not only out the door but around the side of the building due to physical distancing requirements. Additional registration tables were set up and opened in order to help move the line through more quickly.

Despite the appearance of a large turn out the 1842 votes cast only represented 28% of eligible Edson voters.

The first Council meeting for the new council will take place on October 26 at 7p.m. at which time the new Council will be sworn in and the Organizational meeting, where Councillors will be assigned to various boards, will take place.

Mayor Zahara said he is looking forward to working with the new council, "We have some fresh faces so there will be a steep learning curve for

them and we have some experience as well and a variety of differing views" and he believes that every councillor elected has the desire to "Make Edson a better place."

The first 30 days as council is expected to be busy with a steep learning curve for new councillors.

Every year Yellowhead County invites neighbouring municipal councils to take part in the George Cuff Council orientation presentation of which councillors are encouraged to attend. The Town will also host its own council orientation and budgeting workshop, and the busy first month will wrap up with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) convention which is set to take place Nov. 17-19 in Edmonton.

The new council will hold a strategic planning session early in the new year to set its short and long-term goals and vision.

The hope is that the shovels will be in the ground for the multi-plex within the year which will allow Council to look forward and focus on economic development and downtown revitalization.

Roads were a constant issue during the election campaigns with every Councillor addressing the issue. According to Zahara the 2018 Asset Management plan helped guide the previous council to address

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THANK-YOU!

Thank you Edson for putting your trust in me as your Mayor once again.

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- Economic Growth
- Investing in Families
- Safer Communities



MAYOR KEVIN ZAHARA

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Tax Recovery Auction Notice

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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, October 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., the following lands:

TAX ROLL	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	TITLE NUMBER	PARCEL
033092	PLAN 7433AN BLOCK 5 LOT 6&7	172296671	LOT
033146	PLAN 7433AN BLOCK 10 LOT 16&17	012322581	LOT
293212	SW 6-55-14 W5	982184058	4.81 ACRES
302079	PLAN 6862AN BLOCK 5 LOT 14	142312665	LOT
302080	PLAN 6862AN BLOCK 5 LOT 15	142312665+1	LOT
302083	PLAN 7620549 BLOCK H LOT 3	926005378	LOT
306555	PLAN 3058ET BLOCK Y	762051415	LOT

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.



Yellowhead County Corporate Services



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D21-157	Plan 8421543, Blk 1, Lot 3 SE 25-50-26-W5 Seabolt / Bar F	Accessory Building (Barn)	Oct 5/21
D21-158	Plan 1422706, Blk 1, Lot 1 NW 28-55-14-W5 Fulham Area	Manufactured Home	Oct 5/21
D21-159	Plan 0620385, Blk 4, Lot 21 NE 36-53-09-W5 Lobstick Resort	Five Existing Accessory Buildings - (Sheds & Covered Wood Pad)	Oct 15/21
D21-160	Plan 0122782, Blk 1, Lot 3 SE 15-53-17-W5 Edson Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Oct 15/21
D21-086	Plan 0622637, Blk 2, Lot 3 NE 30-51-24-W5 East River Road	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Porch and Covered Deck (Pergola)	Oct 20/21

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

ATTENTION SNOWPLOW CONTRACTORS SNOWPLOWING OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS

Private Contractors who would like to provide snowplowing services to residents in Yellowhead County are advised to contact the County so their name can be posted on our website.

All contractors must submit their contact information annually.
 An updated list will be available on our website during each winter season. Please contact Infrastructure Services Department at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030 for a form or more information. Forms also available at www.yhcounty.ca



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.

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Black Knot - Pruning

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- October 26, 2021
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- May 24, 2022
- June 28, 2022



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Wade Williams elected County Mayor

by Shaylyn Thornton

The 2021 Municipal Elections have come to an end, and Yellowhead County has elected a new Council to lead the County for the next four years.

The Council is made up of six previous Councillors and three newcomers, with former Councillor Wade Williams taking the helm as Mayor.

Williams won the race with 1254 votes, followed by Doug Elzinga (954), former Councillor Sandra Cherniawsky (591), Sonja Christopher (221), and Ken Bitz (57).

"I'm very happy and very relieved that the election is over. This has been one tough way to campaign," Williams said, noting that it was "a lot" different than the last time he ran.

"A lot of people turned it into a COVID election," Williams said. "Some people seem to feel that Yellowhead County has ways of changing the rules of the province, which is absolutely untrue. So my message trying to get out to people was, we need to worry about things like roads and bridges and hamlets, and things that we can control, and not worry about the things that we can not control."

Williams attributed some of his success to getting that information out there. "A lot of the information I put out was on social media because it was so tough to campaign," he said. "I did not go door-knocking because I got the message fairly loud and clear that a lot of people didn't want us coming to their

doors."

Williams noted that other Councillors who did go door-knocking got "a really good reception" and commented that it likely depended on "who you ran into." "But I thought, I'm going to use social media to my advantage, I'm going to use the Newspaper, I'm going to use texts, phone calls, and emails," Williams said.

When asked about his biggest goals for the term, Williams said, "One of my very first goals is to make sure that we get this YCE Multiplex built here. That is my first priority."

"The second goal that I would like to see, is I would like to see us pick away at getting some of the roads paved," Williams said. "It's a tough thing, because money is always going to be a factor in that."

Williams said he pushed for it over the past four years, but couldn't push too hard because money had already been "committed to so many other things that I didn't even know about prior to coming onto Council four years ago."

"Like we had a roads master plan that they were in progress trying to finish, we had hamlets' amenities that a lot of money went into trying to get our hamlets up to a standard, but those things are just about complete now so I'm hoping that we're going to have some money freed up that we can start paving some of these local roads," Williams explained.

Williams also addressed the new makeup of the Council, noting that

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Zahara re-elected...

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equipment and building issues as well as some of the underground infrastructure concerns. This term Zahara anticipates roads will be a focus as the previous council has already completed the

preplanning including 1st avenue by the Recycling Centre already part of the five-year capital plan.

"The issue of roads is complex," said Zahara, "You have to deal with the sewer, wastewater,

storm sewer concerns underneath and all of those areas had failing grades. We have been doing work in those areas over the past number of years.... There is no point in paving with underlying infrastructure issues, water penetration and hydrology issues because it won't last."

The last term saw Council dealing with the COVID pandemic and Zahara said while it presented challenges it also presented opportunities and highlighted the need for councils and municipalities to work together.

Zahara said, "What makes a really strong council is one that works hard, can listen to various points of view but still come together in the end."

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Wade Williams elected County Mayor

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they “lost a couple good Councillors,” while gaining some fresh faces. “The experienced Councillors and Mayor will try to mentor these other folks as best we can,” Williams said. “It was a tough thing for me to get up to speed when I was first elected, so I know what they’re

going to go through. This first few months is just going to be a whirlwind of information hitting them and, yeah, the first few months is crazy.”

Those newcomers include Patrick Soroka for Division 1 who won with 178 votes, beating out Dale Verbeek (150) and Celine Stevenson

(95), and Ken Groat for Division 8 who won with 255 votes and took the spot over incumbent Lavone Olson (158).

Division 6 was the largest Councillor race in the County and was also won by a new member in Brigitte Lemieux who won with 301 votes over Noel Perrin (166), Wade

Magneson (80), Christal Yacke (56), and Mark Mitchell (42).

Incumbents who won the races in their divisions include Penny Lowe who received 178 votes for Division 3 and beat out Ronald Rauhut (151), as well as David Russell for Division 4 who won with 258 votes and came out ahead of Rebecca Horne (93).

Other incumbents

keeping their seats were Anthony Giezen for Division 2, Shawn Berry for Division 5, and Dawn Mitchell for Division 7. All three ran opposed so won their seats by acclamation.

Yellowhead County noted that, out of 9015 eligible voters (based on AB Municipal Affairs), 3168 valid votes were cast for a 35% turnout rate.

The first official

Council Meeting for this newly elected group will be on October 26 following an Organizational Meeting at 9:30am.

editor's note: The figures provided in this article are based on the unofficial election results released by Yellowhead County. The results become official at 12:00 PM on Friday October 22, 2021.

Edson Food Bank continues to serve

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Edson Food Bank is a valued organization in our community, utilizing

volunteers and community support to fight against food insecurity. Director Jacey Kemp-Cox said that, although

numbers vary month to month, approximately 160 households per month are getting hampers from the Food Bank.

“Compared to last year in November and December we served 171 and 165 households respectively so we are on a similar track this year so far. This could increase due to restrictions falling back into place akin to what we saw last winter, it could also mean more people moving away as a result of job loss, or cost of living increasing with less financial support in place this year,” Kemp-Cox explained. “We will be ready to help anyone in need.”

The Food Bank's volunteer base is made up of about 25 people who help on a once-per-month basis. “Not including board members, about 5 of those volunteers help more than once a month or make themselves available on a call-in basis, or spares list, if we are short one week,” Kemp-Cox said. “We are always looking for enthusiastic people to join the team.” Volunteers with the Food Bank can take on either a Tuesday morning or Thursday evening open-day shift where they help give out hampers to clients or can help out on the non-open days where they re-stock groceries, pick up grocery orders and donations, and prepare for the next open day.

Kemp-Cox noted that open-day shifts are best for those who enjoy fast-paced work while staying organized, while non-open days are most enjoyed by those who want to help but would prefer to work quietly at their own pace. “There is opportunity for any kind of volunteer that wants to

KID'S CORNER



Meet Lincoln Lucas who is 8 years old and in grade 3 at Mary Bergeron Elementary. Below are Lincoln's answers to a few questions:

Q: What are you going to be for Halloween?

A: Harry Potter

Q: What type of candy are you hoping to get when you go trick-or-treating?

A: Candy Corn

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Edson Food Bank continues to serve

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donate some time to us," she said.

One "silver lining" that the Food Bank and their volunteers have experienced, despite all the difficulties of working through a pandemic, is the "much-needed" renovations completed in their building. "It is set up in a much more conducive way now, and brighter and lighter feeling too. We are all enjoying the changes so much!" Kemp-Cox said.

She also spoke of how important the dedication of their volunteers is, as the client-facing work as well as the "behind-the-scenes work that goes into getting ready" wouldn't be accomplished without volunteers. "Without the donation of time, it wouldn't be possible," she said.

Other important support comes from many individuals, businesses, and organizations within Edson and area. "It has been nothing short of amazing, the support we have received from our community. In such a difficult time, where job stability isn't guaranteed, companies aren't certain of what the future might hold coming out of a pandemic, and people still find time, they still find resources and money, to help others," Kemp-Cox said. "We are so very fortunate to live in such a loving and generous community."

For the second year in a row, the Food Bank has not been able to run

their annual food drive in order to help protect the health of their clients and volunteers, however they are always accepting donations.

Some of their much-needed items include non-perishable food such as beans with or without pork, macaroni and cheese, pasta and sauce, canned fish or meat, peanut butter, powdered milk, soup, canned pasta, canned fruit or vegetables, granola bars, baby food or formula, and juice boxes or other items for school lunches.

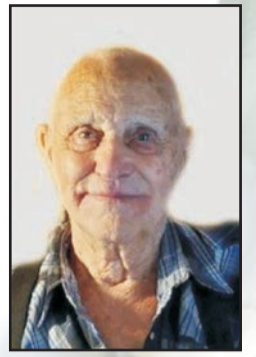
Non-food items needed include diapers (sizes 3,4,5), toiletries, dish and/or laundry soap, and hygiene products such as body wash, deodorant, and shampoo/conditioner.

And if you're in need, you can reach out to the Food Bank and they will be more than happy to help. "Every client can expect to be greeted with a smile and be treated respectfully. I love to hear from clients that they feel comfortable and valued when they come to see us. Because really, if I'm seeing you at our front door, it's likely because something didn't quite go as planned and that can feel enormously heavy on a person," Kemp-Cox said. "Food security should never be something anyone has to worry about."

For more information on donating, or to get assistance, reach out to the Edson Food Bank at 780-723-1350.

~ Obituary ~

Ernest Claude Russell



It is with the greatest sadness that we announce the passing of Ernie Russell on October 15, 2021. Ernie had a passion for the farm and was an avid fisherman, enjoying fishing trips with his wife, siblings, children and grandchildren. He loved playing cards with friends and neighbors but his greatest joy was his grandchildren and his face illuminated when ever you saw them together.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 61 years, Caroline, his children, Barry (Kelly) Russell, Theresa (Eric) Bradley, Philip (Brenda) Russell, Cindy (Darin) Prylowski and Ernie (Shelley) Russell. He will also be missed by grandchildren; Tyler (Kelsey) Spuehler, Kaili (Shawn) Ditner, Kelsey (Parker) Tuttle, Karly (Simron) Gill, Brooks (Ashley) Russell, Wyatt, Kolby and Allyson Russell, and great grand children Theodore Tuttle, Sullivan Tuttle, Elliott and Wallace Ditner. Ernie will be mourned by his siblings, Richard (Sheila) Russell, Garry (Tina) Russell and Cecil (Marj) Russell, as well as numerous extended family, friends and neighbors. Ernie was predeceased by siblings, Leroy and Victoria.

Due to COVID restrictions, a Celebration of Ernie's life will take place at a later date. The family wishes to express their appreciation to Dr. Gossman for her years of caring for Ernie and to Dr. Ayotte for his care during Ernie's final days at the Drayton Valley Hospital. For those who so desire, memorial contributions in Ernie's name may be made directly to the Royal Canadian Legion #149, 5111 50 St, Wildwood, AB T0E 2M0 or to the Canadian Lung Association, 885 Meadowlands Dr., Suite 502, Ottawa ON. K2C 3N2

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~ Obituary ~

Michael Lawrence Handford

May 16, 1970 - July 23, 2021



On July 23, 2021 at 1:11 pm, our cherished husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend, Michael Lawrence Handford transcended this existence for the next.

Mike was an intelligent, loving soul with a brilliant mind for musical trivia, an extreme love of fishing and fly tying, the ability to keep laughter ever present and an uncanny ability to make awkward comments tongue-in-cheek to keep us on our toes!

Music was his first love and he exhibited advanced ability on almost every instrument he touched. Guitar and Bass Guitar were his main instruments by which he expressed himself. Mike's vocal ability topped most. He could punch out a powerful rock/metal song or could that melt your heart with a beautiful, crooner type tune. He could tell a powerful story with an east-coast song such as the Mary Ellen Carter by Stan Rogers; which was a favorite to many of us.

Mike was extremely kind, generous and loving to everyone whom he encountered. He treated everyone as though they were family. He helped many individuals.

Mike was the BEST hugger around. He hugged everyone. So many commented on the comfort brought about by these big, long, warm hugs that would envelope you.

Each one of us have so many beautiful memories of this gentle, loving bear of a man. Please feel free to leave comments of those memories on his Facebook page or on the Trinity Funeral Website.

His parents Bill and Millie penned a beautiful poem to share with you all: "Deep in Mom and Dad's hearts your memory is kept, To love and cherish and never forget. You left us beautiful memories son, that often make us cry, and the love that's in our hearts, no millionaire could buy!"

We love you Mikey! You have left a large hole in our hearts.

Celebrations of Life will be held at a later date. One will be privately with family and a second will be a musical celebration in his memory to be held in or near Edson. Details to be announced at a later date.

A musical scholarship has been set up in Mike's name to help a student attain their dream of being a musician. Donations are appreciated.

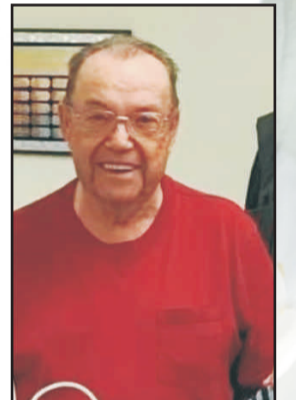
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Continued support for Mike's family is appreciated.

~ Obituary ~

Miroslaw Paschak



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Miroslaw Paschak born February 18th, 1935, in Wolf Creek, Alberta. Most people knew him as Casper. One of his classmates had named him Casper and the name stuck with him throughout his whole life.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife Geraldine, brother Pete (Freeda), sisters, Ollie, Carolyn (Paul), Irene (Leon), numerous nieces and nephews and friends as well as the Ice's, his adopted family. Miroslaw was predeceased by his parents, Dmitro and Maria Paschak, brothers Bill and Fred, sister Mildred, brothers-in-law Bill, Vic, Russ and sister-in-law Margaret, and nephew Teddy.

Miroslaw was born and raised in the Drostan district and took all his schooling there in a one room schoolhouse.

Miroslaw loved fishing. Living beside the river, he would go every chance he could until he got his first car and then he fished the streams wherever he could find one. As a young boy, he would also trap and hunt with his brothers.

When Miroslaw finished school, he went to work for his dad at his lumber camp first as a labourer and then a chainsaw operator. He later went to work in the pipelines, starting in Drayton Valley and working various places in Alberta and then down east in Ontario.

Miroslaw was always willing to lend a hand in whatever anyone was doing. He enjoyed the outdoors, whether it was working, fishing or just going for a walk. Every summer, Miroslaw would scout out the berry patches for his family. Everyone looked forward to the times spent in the berry patch with family and friends and were successful in fulfilling their berry quota.

Miroslaw married Geraldine October 10th, 1992. They spent many hours fishing by the streams. His family and friends enjoyed many fresh fish dinners that he had caught as well as smoked whitefish. They loved to dance and attend church and would attend all the jamborees until Geraldine's health declined and she preferred to stay at home. She encouraged Miroslaw to keep dancing which he did.

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Enhanced COVID-19 protection for continuing care

(AB) October 19, 2021: Alberta's government is strengthening health measures for continuing care facilities to help protect vulnerable Albertans from COVID-19.

Thanks to vaccines, COVID-19 outbreaks in continuing care facilities have been smaller and fewer COVID-related deaths have been reported than in previous waves. However, residents in

these facilities remain uniquely vulnerable to severe outcomes, including hospitalization and death.

Effective Oct. 25, masking will be required for visitors at continuing care facilities at all times and residents will be required to quarantine after being admitted to the facility or returning from hospital until they test negative for COVID-19.

Health officials are strongly encouraging unvaccinated family and friends to not visit residents in person at this time. Facility operators are also able to implement additional rules, such as requiring proof of vaccination, as appropriate.

“Protecting vulnerable Albertans is always our top priority. Even with remarkably effective vaccines, residents in these facilities remain at risk, which is why we are increasing the protection around them. We will continue doing whatever it takes to protect vulnerable Albertans and slow the spread of COVID-19.”—Jason Kenney, Premier

Starting Oct. 25, all visitors must wear masks in all indoor areas of all continuing care facilities, including while in residents' rooms. Masking is mandatory for all visitors regardless of vaccination status. Residents are not required to be masked at this time.

The only exception to this mandatory masking measure will be in cases where there are communication challenges with residents who may be hard of hearing or have dementia. Any exceptions will be determined by the facility staff.

In addition, all residents who are transferring to a continuing care facility from hospital or returning from a hospital stay longer than 24 hours must stay in quarantine until they test negative for COVID-19. A PCR test must be used, with testing conducted by Alberta Health Services.

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October 26: Willmore Park Walking Group at 5:30 PM Last one for 2021 Drop in no registration required. Dogs and kids welcome.
November 4, December 9: Mental Health Discussion Group. Online Virtual Sessions call Yellowhead County at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935
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RCMP warns consumers of online hay sale scam

Alberta RCMP are warning rural and farming communities to be aware of fraud that affects consumers looking to purchase hay. Due to extreme drought conditions this past summer, there is now a high demand for hay which is being sold at increased costs. This may cause farmers and agricultural workers to make purchases without taking time to properly verify or research production sources.

Across various RCMP jurisdictions this year, various groups have scammed victims of approximately \$64,000. With many cases potentially not being reported, this figure could be higher.

Recently, fraudsters have been placing listings for hay on social media and buy-and-sell

platforms, requesting immediate payment before buyers have the opportunity to research the producer, see the product, or receive delivery. This summer, both Evansburg RCMP and Grande Prairie RCMP received similar reports of transactions on Facebook Marketplace for a purchase of hay where a quantity of money was sent through an e-transfer, but no hay was delivered, and the funds were lost.

In all reported cases of hay fraud, the maximum individual deposit sent to scammers was over \$5,000, and the minimum was \$1,000. For consumers, it is valuable to note that those who avoided being scammed had refused to give deposits in advance, insisted upon speaking on the phone, and had paid cash upon delivery of goods.

The following key indicators can help you to identify a potential scam across online selling platforms:

- Typically, sellers will only communicate through text messaging and avoid phone conversations.
- Sellers can be located anywhere in the world and will get the attention of buyers by having a specific or specialized knowledge of hay products.
- Pricing will be attractively low and will be consistent with the previous year's market price.
- Often, there will be an insistence of a 50%

deposit but once the deposit is received, there may be excuses about delayed delivery and then communication stops.

If you, or anyone you know, suspect a scam or have been a victim of fraud, report it to your local police and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at [1-888-495-8501](tel:1-888-495-8501), or online at: <http://www.antifraudcentre.ca>.



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