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Community Pig Roast and Art & Music Walk

by Deanna Mitchener

Downtown Edson was busier than usual with the FCSS Community Pig Roast and Art & Music Walk taking place on Sept. 15 from 4pm to 8pm.

Attractions included free pulled pork on a bun with coleslaw, an art walk, live music, mural walk, balloon twisting and crafts, and roving performers. Community Development Coordinator Diana Inscho, said,

"In all the years of our annual pig roast we have never exceeded 350 plates. The turnout was phenomenal [this year] and we did run out of pork. Rene from Pat's Catering said they gave out 436 plates of pulled pork and ran

out of coleslaw long before that." "We then improvised with 150 hot dogs plus 3 dozen veggie dogs which also disappeared in 30 minutes. Based on those numbers, we are conservatively estimating

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Downtown Edson was busy with a line forming for free pulled pork on a bun during the FCSS Community Pig Roast and Art & Music Walk taking place on Sept. 15. photo Deanna Mitchener

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FCSS Community Pig Roast and Art & Music Walk

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that we had over 600 people attend the event," said Inscho.

"The weather is partly to credit for the turnout. We had a little wind come up but the weather stayed warm for the duration of the event. We have been unusually fortunate with weather this summer," Inscho added.

The event is a part of the Alberta Culture Days celebrations which takes place during the month of September. "Town of Edson FCSS organizes the annual Pig Roast and we decided it would work in the community's best interest to combine the two events."

"We received a grant of \$3,000 from the Alberta government to cover some of the expenses attributed to our Culture Days celebrations. The Edson & District Historical Society is our funding partner and works with us on promoting and hosting Culture Days events. We also have partnerships with the Red Brick Arts Centre, Edson Craft Centre Potters' Guild, Edson & District Public Library, and the Edson Legion. There are great programs happening all month which can be found at Edson.ca/CultureDays," said Inscho.

Inscho thanked the businesses who stayed open and contributed to the event with sales and promotions, the artists and musicians who shared their talents, and all those who helped make the event possible.

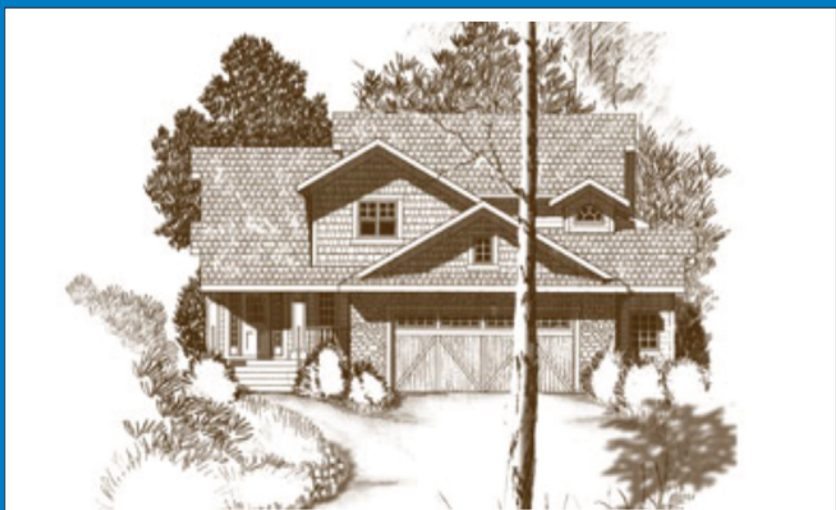
When asked why the event is important to the community, Inscho responded, "This event is important for our community in so many ways. It brings people together from all walks of life - so important to building community and a sense of belonging. It promotes our arts community and a chance to share their talents and hard work - this is the core of the Downtown Art & Music Walk. It helps boost our business community. And helps build partnerships and connections between cultural groups. Local musicians, artists, local volunteer groups, and businesses gain connections."

"We look forward to working more closely with community members to create even more effective events and programs," Inscho added.

Nominations are open for the Arts on Fire Edson & Area Arts Awards until September 30. Details and nomination forms can also be found at Edson.ca/Culture Days. The gala will take place on November 4.

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THIS WEEK'S FEATURE Mint Homes Ltd.



Features: This is a great plan for a corner lot, with plenty of curb appeal. The living space is located at the rear of the home. The country kitchen has a walk-in pantry and is open to the vaulted Living/Dining areas. There is a partially covered rear deck with access from the master suite, which features a walk-in closet and a 4 piece en suite. Above the over sized two car garage you find the raised kids bedrooms, a full bathroom and a laundry room. The foyer has a nice sized closet and access to the garage as well as the finished basement area.

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FCSS Community Pig Roast and Art & Music Walk



Over 436 plates of pulled pork on a bun were served at the annual FCSS Community Pig Roast and Art & Music Walk. photo Deanna Mitchener



Cotton candy was one of the favourite treats available at the annual FCSS Community Pig Roast and Art & Music Walk on Sept 15 in Edson. photo Deanna Mitchener



Bouncy Houses helped entertained the kids at the annual FCSS Community Pig Roast and Art & Music Walk on Sept 15. photo Deanna Mitchener



This duet was one of the many great street performances during the annual FCSS Community Pig Roast and Art & Music Walk. photo Deanna Mitchener

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YCE Multi-Plex Centre Project Update

by Dana McArthur

The YCE Multi-Plex Centre steering committee asked DIALOG Design to do a condition assessment report of the YCE Multi-Plex Centre Project which has now been completed.

The draft report of the condition assessment and conceptual design of the Multi-Plex has been received and a presentation to both Administration and the YCE Steering Committee highlighting the findings of the assessment took place on September 13, 2022.

Yellowhead County council had the opportunity to discuss the report during their Governance and Priorities meeting on Sept. 20.

GM Crystal McNernie stated, "What we found during the final report is that overall the structures of these three buildings are sound (Centennial Arena, Memorial Arena, and the Aquatics Centre) and can continue to support utilization over the next 50 years."

"This is great news as we were all sort of holding our breath waiting for this report to come in; great news for the potential of that facility and options we can now pursue moving forward," added McNernie.

Key findings from the report include that overall, the structures of all three program areas (Centennial Arena, Memorial Arena, and the Aquatics Centre) are

sound and can support continued utilization over the next 50 years. Recommendations for the future use of these program areas were focused on whether the space could be re-used in its current form, repurposed to accommodate another use, or should be replaced entirely.

The next steps for the project will focus on developing strategies in which the combination of new with renovated or repurposed buildings can deliver all the desired program areas as outlined in the statement of requirements, as set out by the planning committee. This would include the development of concepts for consideration by the Steering Committee, with a final concept being utilized to amend the grant application for funding.

Councillor Shawn Berry pointed out that due to the overall condition of the aquatic center, as laid out in the report, if it was better to replace the pool facility. The report indicates that, while the swimming pool facility is still safe for current use, it has many deficiencies which must be rectified to extend its useful life and a complete new build of a swimming pool facility is likely a more logical option to consider.

McNernie responded, "The aquatic center is recommended for complete replacement. The structure itself is sound. What we will be looking at is what use could that space have? Could it become a fitness center or a dry space? The

aquatic center as you know it will not exist in the new facility. We will be looking at a complete replacement."

"Building a new aquatic center while keeping the old one functional and then repurposing the space is very positive —22,000 people a year use that facility," stated Berry.

Council accepted the YCE Multi-Plex Centre Project condition assessment and conceptual design

draft report for information.

Yellowhead County and Town of Edson Administration will continue working with the architectural team to refine concepts to include all the desired components of the original plan: two ice arenas, a leisure and competition pool, a curling rink, a walking track and an exercise area. The goal is to have a final concept forwarded to both Councils for consideration before the end of 2022. *-with files*



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Skating Schedule Fall/Winter 2022

Public Skating Rates

Preschool (0 - 6)	Free
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Senior (60+)	\$3.00
Family	\$8.00

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Public Skating Times Sept 20th – Dec 23rd exception dates listed below for Non School Days

Monday	11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday	11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday	11:30 am – 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
<small>*no daytime skate Oct 5th</small>	
Thursday	11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Friday	11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday	4:30 pm – 5:45 pm

Shinny/Skills & Drills Rates **Shinny Times Sept 20th – Dec 23rd**
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Nets, pucks, pylons on the ice to use.
2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

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U7 & U9 9:30 am – 10:45 am
U11 & U13 11:00 am – 12:15 pm
U15 & U18 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Skate with Santa (Free)
Sunday, December 18th 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

For your safety helmets are required while on the ice.
The Leisure Centre does not rent helmets, so please have your helmet with you when participating in ice activities.

Non-School Days

October 21
November 9/10
December 2

Please visit www.edson.ca/lc for holiday closures and schedule changes.

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 www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or engineeringandplanning@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.**

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Edson and District Chamber of Commerce
2022 Business Awards
October 11, 2022

Thank you for submitting your business award nominations. Nominations are now closed and awards will be presented on October 11, 2022 at 12 noon.

Upcoming Events

November 17, 2022
Light-Up Late Night Shopping

December 1, 2022
Night Owl Late Night Shopping

December 2, 2022
Santa Parade

December 9, 2022
Chamber Christmas Party
(tickets available soon)



Edson and District
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada



In 2021, the Government of Canada passed legislation to make September 30th a federal statutory holiday called the "National Day for Truth and Reconciliation". This day is meant to provide an opportunity for residents to recognize the somber legacy of residential schools and to honour the victims. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event.

The Town of Edson will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and will allow employees to observe and participate in this important day. This includes the closure of all Edson facilities, including the landfill.

Excerpt from:



Canadian Geographic
Indigenous Peoples
 Atlas of **Canada**

Residential schools operated in Canada for more than 160 years, with upwards of 150,000 children passing through their doors. Every province and territory, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and New Brunswick, was home to the federally funded, church-run schools. The last school closed in Saskatchewan in 1996.

First Nations, Métis and Inuit children were removed, often against their will, from their families and communities and put into schools, where they were forced to abandon their traditions, cultural practices and languages. The residential school system was just one tool in a broader plan of "aggressive assimilation" and colonization of Indigenous Peoples and territories in Canada.

More information can be found at:

- <https://indigenouspeoplesatlasofcanada.ca/article/history-of-residential-schools/>
- <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/culture/clmhc-hsmbc/res/information-backgrounder/sys-pensionnats-residential-school-sys>
- <https://www.trc.ca>



This day honours the children who were never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Please join us in this commemoration activity by cutting out this orange heart, placing it in your window, and wearing an orange shirt on September 30.

We honour the knowledge of this land, the elders and youth which gather here, and our ancestors who have gathered here for centuries.

The Nehiyawak, Saulteaux, Siksika, Piikuni, Kainai, Dene, Nakota, Sioux, and the homeland of the Otipemisiwak in region 4

To mark this day, The Edson Friendship Centre will be holding events on September 29-October 1. Events include Blanket Exercises, Lighting of a Memorial Fire, Community Lunch, Demonstrations, and more. See their Facebook page for details.

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GUEST EDITORIAL/COMMENT

Health care delivery shows UCP's arrogant ignorance

This editorial is written by Brenda Schimke in the ECA Review on Sept 8, and is reprint here.

Twenty-two years of Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the promise of efficiency, effectiveness and financial stability has led to nothing. The richest province in Canada has delivered patient outcomes and an all-but-collapsed health care system equivalent to the poorest provinces in the country. Successive federal cuts to health care transfers under both Liberal and Conservative governments, had an undeniable impact on the public health care systems of poorer provinces. It should never have had an effect on the natural-resource-rich provinces of B.C., Saskatchewan and Alberta. It's just that these provinces 'chose' to underfund and desecrate their systems.

Even today, the UCP government and most UCP leadership contenders are bent on more privatization. Here's the roadmap. Housekeeping, food services, laundry, MRIs and labs are already privatized or well on their way. Next will be surgeries, contract nursing, privatization of ambulance services and eventually private hospitals with lucrative government contracts.

The introduction of 'peak efficiency'—the holy grail of business—into health care delivery shows the UCP's arrogant ignorance. Maximizing staff and equipment usage in health care has given us today's crisis. It has been the ruination of our ambulance services.

All communities fought hard to keep local dispatch for their ambulance services—but even the largest, Calgary, couldn't stop the UCP. And here's the reason, centralized call centers are integral to 'peak efficiency' ratios and future privatization.

Let me tell you a story that a working EMT shared with me. His team works 100 km north of Calgary. Yet they are often dispatched to emergency calls in Calgary because they are the closest 'idle' ambulance. They immediately hit the road, always hoping for the patient's sake, that a closer ambulance will free up before they reach their destination. Most often it does and they return to their station.

With senior management's focus on peak performance, this makes sense—worthless work can bolster efficiency ratios.

Statistics will show that their ambulance was dispatched within the targeted time (even though 100 km away) and productivity stats will show that the asset (ambulance) and the personnel (EMTs) weren't idle, but working. Everyone, but the patient, and the road-weary, overworked EMTs, are happy—the stats look great!

Before AHS and the full-throttled move to privatize health care, the Alberta government allowed ambulance services to be run in conjunction with municipal fire departments.

The contrast is absolutely striking

today. Urban areas with full-time fire departments still run their operations as an emergency service. As emergencies cannot be planned, but only anticipated, municipal fire departments are staffed for 'potential peak demand', not 'peak performance'.

They're not chasing their fire trucks around to record busyness. Idle time is considered a fixed cost and is budgeted accordingly. Fire departments are staffed and equipped to perform at a moment's notice, responding to small and catastrophic situations. And, most importantly, saving lives starts with local dispatchers, not someone sitting in downtown Calgary or India responding to an [Town of] Oyen call.

Quantitative measures like peak efficiency can give contradictory results in operations where profits aren't the end goal. The ambulance example highlights this fact. Putting goals in place to reduce 'idle' time is self-defeating when unplanned emergencies are a core service.

A performance measurement can improve efficiency in one area, but it could lead to higher costs and unacceptable outcomes elsewhere. And that is where we are today. Emergency medical providers, with some of the highest stress jobs in the world, are short-staffed and treated like factory workers making widgets. Of course, care suffers.

They need mental recovery time. They don't need to be running around in an ambulance to a call they are most likely never to reach. They need their scheduled time off and their vacations. Pushing paper around on a Premier's desk, debating, talking and drinking whiskey at the Oilman's Club is child's play compared to those working in 'life and death' careers.

Applying measures to increase the number of widgets produced per hour is effective in industry, but demanding the same from health care workers (hours of care allowed per patient) doesn't work.

Earning profits is easy when compared to running a health care system where inputs (patients) are all uniquely different, production (assessment and execution of care plans) are never standardized and the finished product (discharged or dead patients) aren't predictable—nor can patients be 'sold off' if they are too expensive to treat.

COVID proved this point. Long-term care facilities across the country run by for-profit corporations served up much higher death rates per resident than did not-for-profit and government run facilities. Their cleaning standards and staffing levels had no surge capacity. The moral of the story—profits put patient care in second place.

The Town of Castor's council are now sounding the alarm about ambulance services in their area. Seems the Castor ambulance is often pulled out of service to cover communities like Hanna and Stettler. Often, it's not because Hanna's ambulances are busy, but their ambulances are short of staff.

Most Albertans have worshiped at the altar of 'public service' efficiency for so long that the importance of extra capacity to deal with unexpected events was never appreciated.

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Even the Egyptian pharaohs, recorded in the first book of the Bible, understood the importance of surge capacity. They devised seven-year plans to withstand famine, drought and plague. Yet today, in our advanced technological world, our health care system has no surge capacity, no ability to take shocks—no excess beds, no idle ambulances, no excess equipment, no extra doctors or EMTs or nurses—nothing but hot air from politicians!

We're experiencing first hand the folly of putting our lives in the hands of free market ideologues and business executives who themselves are seldom prepared to handle a financial bust, let alone a health crisis. The oil industry, after successive busts, is still unprepared when oil prices drop. They simply fall back on an easy and simplistic solution—lay off thousands of workers and/or declare bankruptcy.

The AHS board and successive

conservative government's decades-long decisions to lay-off thousands of health care staff to balance the budget is now our Achilles heel. Unlike oil workers, health care can't ramp up staffing overnight.

The solution isn't more privatization.

Andrew Nikiporuk in his prophetic book, 'Pandemonium', authored 12 years before COVID, wrote, "Maybe it's time to abandon what Wendell Berry calls our 'arrogant ignorance' about everything. Maybe it's time to return to local virtues that question bigness and power. Maybe it's time to learn a new canticle for creation that encourages, as Saint Francis did, humility."

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Edson RCMP Occurrences

For the week of Sept 12 to Sept 18, 2022

Theft Complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 18. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 2; Alarms/False Alarms 2; Animal Calls 1; Assault 6; Assistance Calls 15; Cause Disturbance 6; Fail to Comply with Conditions 1; Fail to Stop or Remain at Collision 3; False/Abandoned 911 Call 7; Fraud 1; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 2; Lost/Found Property 6; Mental Health Act 3; Mischief or Damage 11; Missing Person/Request to Locate 2; Municipal Bylaws 1; Possess Stolen Property 2; Sudden Death 2; Suspicious Persons/Vehicles 11; Traffic Collisions 6; Traffic Complaints 11; Traffic Violations 8; Trespassing 5; and Wellbeing Checks 6.

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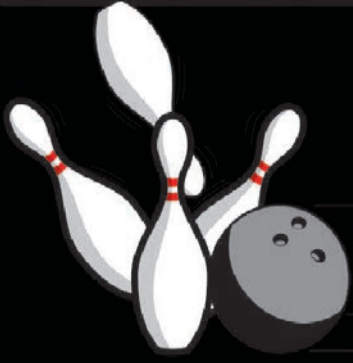
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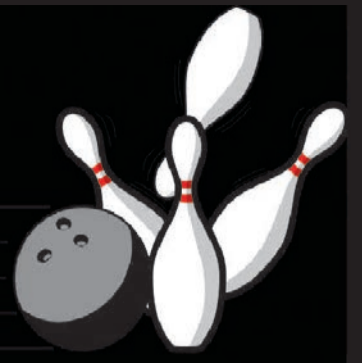
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Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department has put together several draws for gift certificates to some of our local businesses:

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- \$250 Gift Certificate to Peers Farm & Feed Supplies
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Wighty's Tire & Mechanical in Evansburg
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Mike the Mechanic in Peers
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Laurich Holdings Farm Supply Store in Evansburg
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Ray Agro & Petroleum Ltd in Evansburg

The draw entry deadline is **October 17th @ 4:30pm.**

The draws will take place on **October 20th** and winners will be contacted by phone and later announced in the newspaper and on our Facebook page.

Call our Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 and register to have your name put into the draws. Not a farmer? You can also call in to nominate a farmer to make sure they get put on the list.

Senior Benefits Workshop



DID YOU KNOW? There have been changes to the income thresholds to the Seniors Benefits program this year. **Come out and find out more!**

Evansburg	Robb	Peers	Wildwood
Tipple Park Museum	Robb Multiplex	Peers Multiplex	Wildwood Community Hall
October 3	October 4	October 4	October 5
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Please register by calling 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782, or by emailing Karen at kschatz@yhcounty.ca

Good planning will help maximize your benefits!



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

October 1st: Day of Older Adults in Alberta

Let's celebrate the contributions of older adults, recognize those who support them, and raise awareness of the concerns of older adults!

Older adults are a vital part of our communities. As parents and grandparents, mentors and friends, employees and employers, they make a difference in our lives. It is important that we continue to recognize, celebrate and support older adults.



There are so many great opportunities to stay connected with the older adults in your life, say thank you, make sure they are safe, and see if they need anything. To stay connected safely:

- Make a phone or video call, email or send letters to check in
- Take an older adult(s) out for coffee, dinner or just have a face to face visit with them
- To support the emotional, mental and physical well-being of older adults and to spread good cheer throughout your community:
- Offer to assist with grocery and prescription purchases, or chores like cleaning or lawn mowing
- Share stories with older adults and learn about their life experiences and history

Let's celebrate and support older adults!



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Understanding when a field is ready to harvest is one of the critical components of maximizing yield. Making informed harvesting decisions can save you time and money!



Visit yhcounty.ca for more information. Both large and small farmers can benefit from good moisture analysis!

Please contact Yellowhead County Agriculture Services in Wildwood to get the contact information for the holder in your area at 780-325-3782 or toll free at 1-800-814-3935

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D22-148	SE-31-55-20-W5 Edson West	Work Camp-Discretionary Use	Sept 2/22
D22-151	NE-30-55-20-W5 Edson West	Work Camp-Discretionary Use	Sept 2/22
D22-153	NE-29-53-19-W5 Edson Area	Natural Resource Extraction and Processing (Gravel pit) Discretionary Use	Sept 2/22
D22-155	SE-14-55-09-W5 Wildwood Area	Single Detached Dwelling and Accessory Building (Shop)	Sept 7/22
D22-159	Plan 8522356 Lot 5A, Blk 8 NE-27-53-09-W5 Wildwood Area	Neighbourhood Shop & Service (Personal & Aesthetic Service)	Sept 12/22
D22-161	NW-25-53-09-W5 Wildwood Area	Accessory Building (Garage) and Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Covered Deck)	Sept 14/22
D22-156	SW-29-56-23-W5 Hinton/Robb Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Sept 14/22
D22-158	SW-18-45-14-W5 Wolfcreek/Pinedale Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Sept 14/22
D22-164	Plan 5838RS, Blk 1, Lot 4 NE-15-49-21-W5 Robb	Single Detached Dwelling and Short-Term Accommodation Use Side Yard Setback Variance- Discretionary Use	Sept 19/22

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

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If you have any questions please contact our office at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.



REQUEST FOR BID WILDWOOD RECREATION COMPLEX OUTDOOR SKATING RINK SERVICES

Yellowhead County is requesting bids for the installation and maintenance of the outdoor skating rink ice surface at the Wildwood Recreation Complex. Contract specifications may be obtained from the Yellowhead County Offices at:

2716 - 1st Avenue in Edson, Alberta
or
53404 Rge Rd 92A in Wildwood, Alberta

Yellowhead County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations and to waive irregularities or formalities at their discretion. The lowest bid will not necessarily be accepted. All bids must be sealed and marked "Skating Rink Services Bid" and submitted to the Yellowhead County Administration Office at 2716 - 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2022.

For further information, please contact:
Kevin Myles
Interim Parks & Recreation Supervisor
at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030



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



Notice of Public Hearing PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 05.22

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

Bylaw No. 05.22 is a Bylaw to amend the **Cadomin Area Structure Plan**. Notice is hereby given that the subject Public Hearing will begin at 9:30am on October 11, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.



Hamlet of Cadomin Area Structure Plan - Aerial Photograph.
— indicates Hamlet Boundary

Due to required updates to the districting (zoning) as per Yellowhead County's recently adopted Land Use Bylaw 09.21, numerous administrative updates are required to the ASP. No policy or regulatory amendments are being contemplated at this time beyond the zoning updates already passed by Council by Land Use Bylaw 09.21.

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

Copies of Bylaw No. 05.22 are available for public inspection during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Yellowhead County office located at 2716 - 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at 723-4800, or 1-800-665-6030.

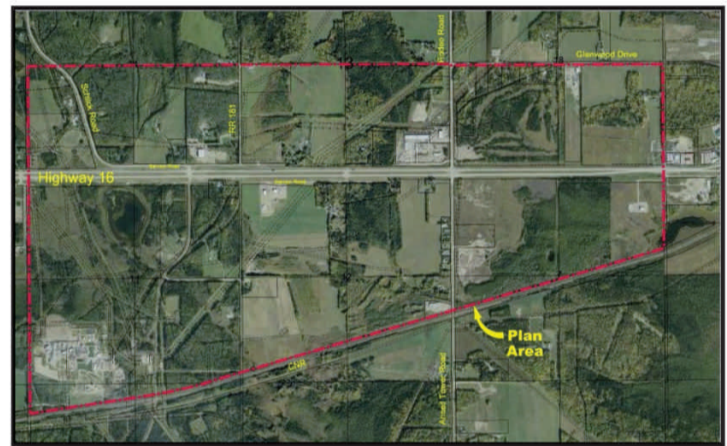


Notice of Public Hearing PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 07.22

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

Bylaw No. 07.22 is a Bylaw to amend the **Edson West Area Structure Plan**. Notice is hereby given that the subject Public Hearing will begin at 9:30am on October 11, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

Due to required updates to the districting (zoning) as per Yellowhead County's recently adopted Land Use Bylaw 09.21, numerous administrative updates are required to the ASP. No policy or regulatory amendments are being contemplated at this time beyond the zoning updates already passed by Council by Land Use Bylaw 09.21.



Edson West Area Structure Plan - Aerial Photograph.

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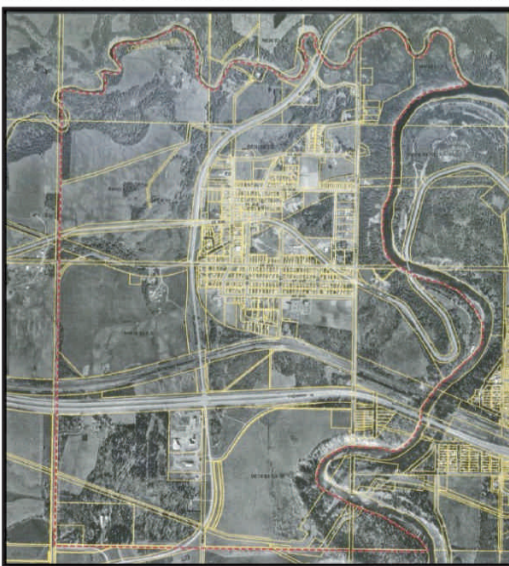


Notice of Public Hearing PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 08.22

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

Bylaw No. 08.22 is a Bylaw to amend the **Evansburg Area Structure Plan**. Notice is hereby given that the subject Public Hearing will begin at 9:30am on October 11, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

Due to required updates to the districting (zoning) as per Yellowhead County's recently adopted Land Use Bylaw 09.21, numerous administrative updates are required to the ASP. No policy or regulatory amendments are being contemplated at this time beyond the zoning updates already passed by Council by Land Use Bylaw 09.21.



Evansburg Area Structure Plan - Plan Area
Twp.53 Rge.7 & 8 W.5M

--- indicates plan boundary

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Notice of Public Hearing PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 09.22

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

Bylaw No. 09.22 is a Bylaw to amend the **Peers Area Structure Plan**. Notice is hereby given that the subject Public Hearing will begin at 9:30am on October 11, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

Due to required updates to the districting (zoning) as per Yellowhead County's recently adopted Land Use Bylaw 09.21, numerous administrative updates are required to the ASP. No policy or regulatory amendments are being contemplated at this time beyond the zoning updates already passed by Council by Land Use Bylaw 09.21.



Hamlet of Peers Area Structure Plan - Aerial Photo
All in 54-14-W5M

--- indicates plan boundary

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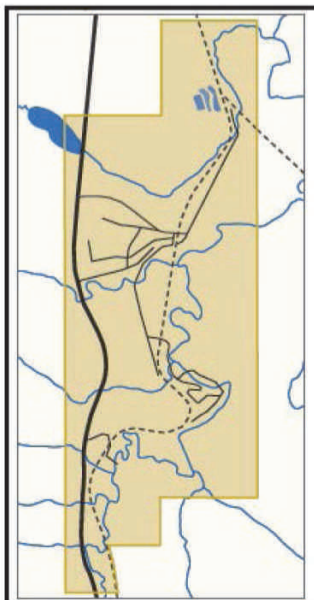
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Notice of Public Hearing
 PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 10.22

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

Bylaw No. 10.22 is a Bylaw to amend the **Robb Area Structure Plan**. Notice is hereby given that the subject Public Hearing will begin at 9:30am on October 11, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.



Robb Area Structure Plan - Local Map

Due to required updates to the districting (zoning) as per Yellowhead County's recently adopted Land Use Bylaw 09.21, numerous administrative updates are required to the ASP. No policy or regulatory amendments are being contemplated at this time beyond the zoning updates already passed by Council by Land Use Bylaw 09.21.

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Notice of Public Hearing
 PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 11.22

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

Bylaw No. 11.22 is a Bylaw to amend the **Wildwood Area Structure Plan**. Notice is hereby given that the subject Public Hearing will begin at 9:30am on October 11, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

Due to required updates to the districting (zoning) as per Yellowhead County's recently adopted Land Use Bylaw 09.21, numerous administrative updates are required to the ASP. No policy or regulatory amendments are being contemplated at this time beyond the zoning updates already passed by Council by Land Use Bylaw 09.21.



Wildwood Area Structure Plan - Aerial Photograph.
 — indicates Plan area - - - indicates existing Hamlet boundary

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Copies of Bylaw No. 11.22 are available for public inspection during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Yellowhead County office located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at 723-4800, or 1-800-665-6030.



Seniors Bowling started again on September 15. Check out Edson Bowl for more details on how to join in. photo Deanna Mitchener

McMan recognizes Orange Shirt Day



by Shaylyn Thornton

With the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day approaching on September 30, McMan Youth, Family and Community Services Association wanted to do something to help spread cultural awareness and recognition.

McMan provides services for families and persons with disabilities in Edson and Hinton. “Recently, to create awareness and to educate clients about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, our day program drew orange shirts,” said Laura Demeester, Programs Manager at McMan.

McMan held a challenge for their clients and the winner will actually get their design printed on a real t-shirt. Mandy Douglas, “one of many creative clients”, was the winner. “I thought she captured it really well,” said Demeester. “She freehand drew that which is quite an accomplishment for her.”

Running the challenge gave McMan the opportunity to teach their clients about what these important days mean and encourage cultural awareness. “They really embraced it this year,” said Demeester. “We are proud of our community.”

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County Fire Department Hosts Tour for Local Daycare

(YC) The Yellowhead County Fire Department (YCFD) is always happy to engage with the community.

On August 16, the YCFD Station 12 day crew hosted CORE Daycare for a station tour and assorted activities.

Approximately 40 kids aged 5-11 stopped by Station 12 in Edson where they were able to check out the facility, participate in fun activities, and learn about what it's like to be a firefighter.

Upon arrival, the kids were led on a tour by Lieutenant Lucas Pedley. They were then treated to a demonstration on the gear that a firefighter has to wear, where they learned what each piece of equipment does and how to put it on.

Up next were some hands-on activities, where the kids got to use a fire hose to shoot balls off of pylons, use a hammer to move a block of wood, and drag a training mannequin named Rescue Ruth to safety. Each kid then had their picture taken dressed up in firefighter gear to take home as a reminder of the day.

The event ended with everyone being able to climb inside a fire truck and ask the firefighters questions.

Each kid was sent home with a fun gift bag with firefighting-related items. It was clear that the kids had a great time, and so did the all of the firefighters involved. "It was a great opportunity to teach these kids about firefighting and show them around Station 12," said Lt. Pedley.

"It's always nice to be able to engage with members of the community and show them what we do. Maybe we'll even have inspired some future firefighters!"

The event "elicited a lot of smiling faces, laughter, and great vibes from all who attended!" said YCFD Deputy Fire Chief Cory Chegwyn.

"A special thanks and pat on the back for a job well done goes out to the following members: Lucas Pedley, Josh Sweet, Jennifer Petkau, Abby Proskow, Mike Watts, Nathan Wheat, and Megan Scaife," added Deputy Fire Chief Chegwyn. "Excellent work by all involved!"



YCFD Station 12 day crew hosted CORE Daycare for a station tour and assorted activities.



Kids from CORE Daycare had fun exploring YCFD Station 12 during a tour on Aug. 16.

KID'S CORNER



This week meet 8 year old Logan in grade 4:

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Founded in 1999, **Haying in the 30s**, Cancer Support Society, kicked off with a vision. A weekend event set back in time, near Mallaig, Alberta highlighting country life in the 30s, would prove to be educational, fun filled and gigantic in terms of money raised. Thereafter, held annually this event features haying in the 30s, by hand, with horse and thrashing machine all while raising money for cancer treatment assistance for rural Albertans.

All monies raised, 100% goes to Albertans undergoing cancer treatments. Money is used to offset expenses such as travel and lodging.

From its start up in 1999 to October 2021 this program has allotted money directly to 64 individuals in the Edson & Niton area.

This year as the need for such a program does not falter but grow, Beaver Meadow Ag Society pledges 1/2 of their silent auction income at their upcoming event The Ranchers to this worthy organization.

At our last 2 events we were able to directly donate over \$12,000 to **Haying in the 30s**. We would love to match or exceed that at this year's event. If you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, contact a Beaver Meadow Ag Society member or message us on Facebook @ Beaver Meadow Ag. Society. Tickets go on sale October 3, 2022 \$40/per person. To purchase tickets contact Gladys 780-723-1435 or Pat 780-712-0049

To learn more about Haying in the 30s or to apply for financial assistance visit their website at: www.hayinginthe30s.com



The Edson Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51 held a service in respect for the passing of Queen Elizabeth II (Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor) who died peacefully on Sept. 8. Elizabeth II was Queen of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms from 6 February, 1952 until her death. submitted

~ Obituary ~

Charlene Mae Parker



It is with much regret and the utmost of sorrow that we announce the passing of Charlene Mae Parker (Nee Tredwin) on September 12, 2022 in Edson, Alberta at the age of 58.

Charlene will be forever remembered by her Husband Randy, her children Calvin (Kelsey), Keanna (Tom), two sisters Lynda Cannady (Steve), Fern Foreman (Grahame) one brother Neil Tredwin (Diane). She was predeceased by her parents Vince and Jeanne Tredwin, two sisters, Vinia Taylor (Frank) and Louise Smith.

Char was a sweet, kind and generous lady, who, in collaboration with her sister Fern, founded the Edson Run of Hope for breast cancer after the passing of their sister Vinia in 2001. Char was a mountain girl, born and raised just down the road, in Hinton Alberta and attended Red Deer College after graduation.

Char and Randy met at Red Deer college and were married in 1986. They started their life together in Lacombe, Alberta where Char worked for Novacor Chemicals at the nearby Joffre complex. They moved to Medicine Hat in 1987 where Char continued to work for Novacor Chemicals at their methanol facility. Calvin was born in 1993 and the 3 of them moved to Whitecourt so Randy could advance his career and Char would stay home with the baby. In 1995 Calvin got a baby sister, Keanna.

As if looking after two babies wasn't hard enough, Char decided to start a home-based business and Baskets, Bows and Balloons was formed. The business did ok in Whitecourt, until Randy took a different job in Edson and the family relocated again. Char kept her little business going in Edson and was quite busy at it until the kids got a little older, at which time she started working temporarily at YREC educational consortium. This temporary job eventually led to full time, once the kids were in school. She eventually worked her way from an administration position into a teaching position, where she taught several courses in office career training.

Her skills and experience landed her a job with A major oil and gas producer and with more hard work and experience she was promoted to the position of community affairs liaison where she continued to assist communities with their local needs, be it hospitals, schools educational access and awareness, cultural support or what have you. Retiring from this role in 2020 the future looked great, fishing at Slave Lake all summer and travelling south to warmer climates in the winter was the plan..... until her diagnosis of terminal brain cancer in July of 2021.

Char fought hard, knowing the odds were against her, but she continued to do the things she loved, right until her passing.

Charlene loved the outdoors. She loved to go for scenic drives, golfing, hiking, cross country skiing, boating, snorkeling, fishing, gardening, bird watching, camping and was an avid cyclist, who at 16 years old cycled from Hinton to Salmon Arm with her best friend Rhonda as well as cycling the Golden triangle and Jasper to Banff several times, and the MS bike tour from Leduc to Camrose several times.

A celebration of life will be held at the Edson Legion Hall on September 28th, 2022 at 1:00pm.

In lieu of floral tributes, people are encouraged to donate to the Edson Run of Hope, Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada, Shandy's Dream, the Cross Cancer Institute or a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank Marilyn Oishi, Dr. Robinson, Dr. Smith and the nursing staff at the Edson hospital for their care of Charlene.

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Edson & District Public Library renovation and expansion project

by Dana McArthur

During the Yellowhead County's Governance the Priorities meeting on Sept. 20, representatives from the Edson & District Public Library presented a report on their estimated \$12M (unapproved) renovation and expansion project.

Robin (Roberta) Corser, Library Board Chair, Sheila Buckle, Library Board Vice-Chair & Building Committee Coordinator, and Michael Baird, Library Manager gave the presentation.

"County residents make up over 30% of our library membership. The library is a safe place for teens and children coming after school until they can go home. Staff observe that a large amount of these students are from the

county," said Baird. "Based on my experience internet service options can be limited for county residents. The library offers a free internet service."

Baird pointed out that the library is one of the top data users in the Yellowhead Library System and E-resource usage is higher than many libraries serving larger populations.

Reasons for the projects include noise levels, crowding, not enough space for programming, and not enough space for community use like tutors. Other concerns include accessibility, code compliance, and inclusivity.

"What will this project accomplish," said Baird, "A barrier free and accessible facility with gender neutral options inclusive of all segments of our community. A teen area, reading room, study room, breakout rooms and a better children's area, and energy efficiencies." He added that it will also extend the life of the facility for its patrons.

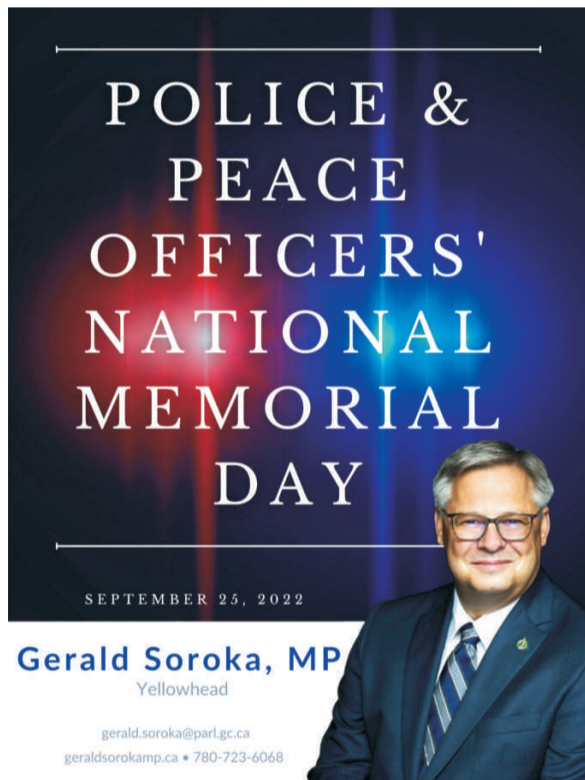
Baird stated that the Town of Edson has committed up to \$1,000,000 for the Library Renovation and Expansion project, contingent on the library attaining additional grants and sponsorship. The board is now asking Yellowhead County for a commitment of \$538,000 (35% of combined Council commitments based on county resident usage.)

Councillor Shawn Berry asked, "Are the pottery guide and arts centre going to be moving out of the building and will you be taking over that space?" Council was informed that the arts club chose to leave the building during Covid shutdown, and there will be very few renovations going on in the pottery room.

Councillor Brigitte Lemieux asked, "If e-resources are so heavily used, why are there plans to add more printed material?" Baird responded, "Our e-resources are extremely/heavily used, however, print resources are equally used. Our current collection is 39,000 print items and in 2021 we

circulated 68,000 print items. Physical resources are still extensively used."

Mayor Wade Williams thanked the group for their presentation. Council voted to accept the Edson and District Public Library presentation as information and a decision on financial support will be reviewed at a future council meeting.

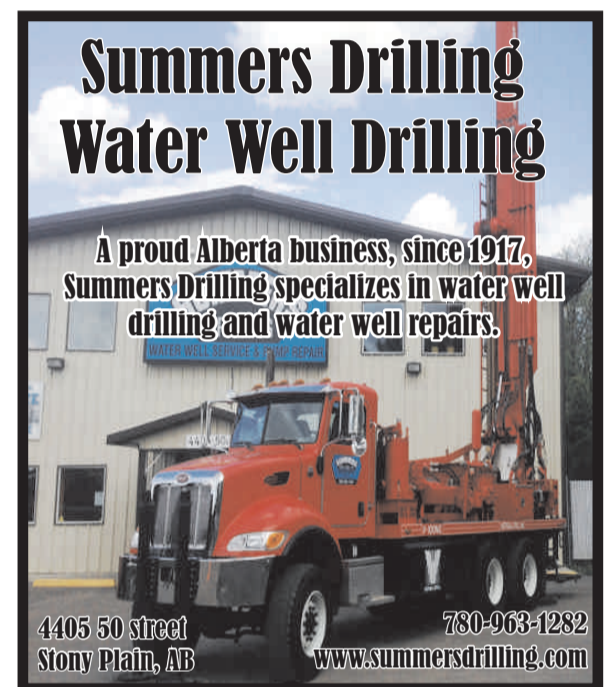


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