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## Edson and area celebrates Canada Day



The Edson Legion was busy for Canada Day pancake breakfast. Thanks to the many volunteers and organizers, community members got to enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and hot or cold beverages. photo Deanna Mitchener

by Niki Luymes

Crowds of people gathered in Edson on July 1 to celebrate C a n a d a 's 155th birthday.

The celebration began at 9am with a free pancake breakfast at the Edson Legion. It then continued at 2 pm at the Edson Leisure Centre with opening ceremonies. Live performances began shortly after and went until 11:00pm. At the end of the evening everyone moved to RCMP Centennial Park where it all ended with the annual fireworks display at 11:15pm.

There was no shortage of activities for both young and old attendees. The two Leisure Centre hockey arenas were bustling with people. One was set up with bouncy castles and kids activities, while the other housed the performance stage and local artisan market. The parking lot was

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Jayd Brown led the crowd in singing O Canada during the opening ceremonies at the July 1 Canada Day celebration at Edson Leisure Centre. photo Niki Luymes

## **Edson and area celebrates Canada Day**continued from front

also full of local food trucks for all to enjoy. The free caricature artist and henna tattoos proved to be especially popular. Roying performers, and

popular. Roving performers, and creative activities provided by the Edson Recycling Centre added to the fun.

The opening ceremonies began with O Canada sung by young Jayd Brown followed by a traditional blessing from Melvin John of the Kehewin Cree Nation. Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams, MLA Martin Long, and Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara also gave speeches to kick off the event. "We are so privileged to live here in Canada, with all of our freedoms and our

society where we are so welcoming and caring for the world," said Mayor Zahara during his opening speech.

Many talented performers hit the stage over the course of the day. Audiences enjoyed the variety of performances, including circus comedian the Great Balanzo, and the Kehewin Native Dance Theatre. The highlight of the day was the evening concert featuring award winning country artist Drew Gregory. Like other years, the event was originally planned to take place in the RCMP Centennial Park. However, the choice was made to move to the Leisure Centre to avoid potential rain.

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# **Edson Firefighter Fire Service Medals**

A special gathering was held at the Galloway Station Museum recently to recognize the tremendous service of some Edson firefighters.

Edson Fire Chief Tyler Robinson says he was proud to be able to recognize the long-term service of these members. "Joining the fire service is a big commitment with weekly training, hundreds of calls to service a year, and all of the extras our members do for the community. We're very proud to have such dedicated members in our organization."

Receiving the Alberta Emergency Services Medal – 12 years of service Cpt. Steve Bethge, Cpt. Brandon Blue, Lt (Retired) Elias Damen, Lt. Evert Jonker, Lt. Jason Whitworth

Receiving the Alberta Emergency Services Medal and First Bar (22 years of service)

Lt. Duane Woodhouse

Receiving the Alberta Emergency Services Medal – First Bar (22 years of service)

Firefighter (retired) Norm Holt

Service Bars - Representing years of fire service in total 5 years – FF Mikaela Kuefler, FF. Malcolm Fowler, FF. Ian Scott, FF. Melissa Casagrande

10 years – Lt. Derek Braun, FF. Cody Weston, FF. Kyle Holte 20 years – TO. Ryan Rupert, Lt. Duane Woodhouse, Cpt. Greg Pasychny

30 years – Chaplain Gary Kuefler

40 years – DC. Stefan Farkas

West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long and Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara were both on hand to hand out the Provincial medals and service bar awards.

The Town of Edson would like to express gratitude and respect for these individuals and all of our emergency service personal for their commitment to our community.



Provincial Medals



Service Bar Awards

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#### Column:

## Hat off for Edson and area's Canada Day cerebration



Wow, hats off to everyone involved with planning and replanning the relocation indoors of Edson and area's Canada Day celebrations! It was a lot of extra work having to set up indoors, but the place looked fabulous.

I heard a few comments that it looked very nice and they were wondering if the Town would be keeping the decorations up over the summer for other events.

The Canada Day morning started off with a wonderful, hearty breakfast held at the Royal Canadian Legion.

The afternoon events kicked off with the Edson Pipes & Drums Society, leading the procession up to the stage. It was mentioned they were short one person playing the pipe —and they still sounded wonderful.

Jayd Brown sang O Canada, as everyone stood to listen or sing along with her. Jayd did amazing and such a beautiful voice for a seven year old. Way to go Jayd!

Diana Inscho Community Development Coordinator welcomed everyone and gave acknowledgment to Treaty Six. "In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we gather today on Treaty Six territory, the ancestral and traditional territory of the Cree, Stoney-Nakota Sioux (soo), Dene (den-ae), Blackfoot, Ojibwa, (oh-jib-wey), and Saulteaux peoples (soh-toh)."

"We also acknowledge that we are on the homeland of the Metis in Region Four. Their spiritual and practical relationship with the land has created a rich heritage for our learning and our life as a community.

"I strive to deepen my understanding of the local Indigenous communities and the harms that have been done and continue today, to further develop my commitment to reconciliation and create a new way forward in partnership with Indigenous people.

"Though I am of European descent, I am very proud to call Canada my home and embrace the teachings and traditions of our Indigenous Peoples. I believe that those teachings and connection to the land are a key piece in healing ourselves and our planet," said Diane Inscho.

Inscho, who then introduced local dignitaries, also had a Frenchtranslator for the first time, Alex Walsh. Master of Ceremonies for the day was Ethan Toner.

Inscho added, "I'd like to take this time to thank the many sponsors and supporters of this event. Thank you to my Town of Edson team Alex, Aiden, Lexi and other Town staff who are instrumental with the set up to the take down and everything in between, the volunteers who help keep the wheels on, Caleb and

Emma for making it all sound great, Edson Tumblers Gymnastics for hosting the beer gardens, Edson Recycling Depot for bringing their trailer and activities, the Galloway Station Museum staff for planning the artisan market and food trucks, and their continued support and hard work in helping plan events such as this one."

This event was supported by funding from the Town of Edson, Yellowhead County and the Government of Canada. Inscho also thanked the many people who helped move the celebration to the indoor location. "Krysta and the team at the Leisure Centre, my Community Development Team, Caleb, Amanda and the Parkland High School decorating committee for allowing us to keep these beautiful decorations up and borrow their tables and chairs, Cassie from the museum for all her work contacting vendors to relocate, to the countless number of people involved for their understanding and support. It's incredible what an amazing group of people can do in a short amount of time. This has never been done before."

As 2022 marked Canada's 155th birthday, cupcakes were served. The arena featured an artisan market during the day, great family performances all afternoon.

Recycle Depot had lots of activities, circus and hula hoop workshops, and giveaways. The Great Balanzo and Hula Hoop entertainment for all, face painting and so much offered to entertain the family.

A highlight performance came from the Kehewin Native Dance Theatre (KNDT) —a First Nations Performing Arts Collective that has been in existence since 1991 and is recognized throughout Canada as the premier First Nations Theatre for Youth.

KNDT is based on the Kehewin Cree Nation and grew out of the need for non Native communities to understand the history and culture of First Nations in Canada and for First Nations youth to re connect with traditional culture and arts.

'Dancing The Red Path' shared the history and dances of The Pow Wow circle from men and women's traditional, to the Jingle Dress and Grass dance and the Hoop Dance. Each dance is based by its historical context and stories they share.

For entertainment in the evening Nipisîy performers blended the elements of traditional Cree songs with contemporary harmonies. Cindy Paul, Donita Large, and Debbie Houle performed, followed by Drew Gregory who is known for his award winning music. Based in Standard, Alberta, Drew is an everyday farmer like so many other farmers. He is a three time winner of the Country Music Alberta Horizon Male Artist of the Year and a Project Wild Winner in 2022. Drew and his band were first booked back in November 2019. Well, after a few years of Covid they finally made it this year. A wonderful time was had by all that attended the evening entertainment.

As always, a spectacular fireworks

display took place. What a great way to end the Canada Day Celebrations. It is so nice to be open to community events again.



A Grass Dance performance during the Canada Day celebrations for Edson and area. photo Deanna Mitchener



**Public Information & Notices 2022** 

8am to 4pm (Closed Stat Holidays)

## REQUEST FOR TENDER

The Owner (Town of Edson) invites Bids for construction of the work, which in general terms, will consist of the following:

- · site survey and construction layout;
- · materials testing by a qualified geotechnical engineer and laboratory;
- · supply and installation of topsoil, seed, sod, plant material; and
- · supply and installation of red shale granular material for ball diamond construction.

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This RFT can be found at www.edson.ca/tenders or on Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC)

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https://vendor.purchasingconnection.ca/Opportunity.aspx?Guid=faf50f6

office.

RFP Closing Time: Wednesday, July 20th, 2022 at 02:00 PM (Alberta

The close of questions is end of business day on Thursday, July 14th, 2022 and responses will be provided no later than end of business day on Friday, July 15th, 2022.

For further information, Bidders shall direct all inquiries to:

Name: John Buchko - Principal, EDS Group Inc.

Phone: 780.271.1689 Email: jbuchko@edsgroup.ca Reference Number: AB-2022-04233

Tender Contact:

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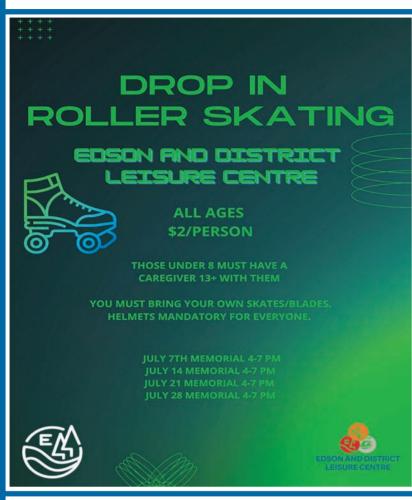
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## Edson **Citizen Budget Tool**



The 2023 Budget Public Engagement Tool Is OPEN NOWI Give your input into next year's budget. The results of the engagement will be presented to Council as a part of the 2023 budget deliberations. Enter your email and submit your results by July 25th for a chance to win an Edson prize package, including a pair of Apple AirPodsl www.edson.ca/budset

## JOIN US FOR "TRY IT" MONTH

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What is it? Throughout the month of August various recreation and fitness organizations in Edson will be hosting a variety of activities for all ages to try out.

We hope you find something you love & continue on with it afterwards! We want to get our community moving as we head into fall, because......everything gets better when you get active!

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## **Alberta Traffic** Safety Calendar

**Alberta Transportation** 

#### July

## Impaired driving



Cycling **Construction zones** Off-highway vehicles

#### August

## **New drivers**



Cycling Alcohol and drug impairment **Aggressive drivers** Motorcycles

## September

## Back to school



Cycling Alcohol and drug impairment

## Pedestrian safety



Wildlife **Fatigue** 

The Town of Edson aligns its Traffic Safety Priorities with the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, with an aim to reduce road traffic fatalities.

Each month the Alberta Safety Plan has a specific focus for information and enforcement activities. July's focus is impaired driving, cycling, construction zones, and off-highway vehicles.

For more details on the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, visit <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-traffic-safety-plan.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-traffic-safety-plan.aspx</a>.

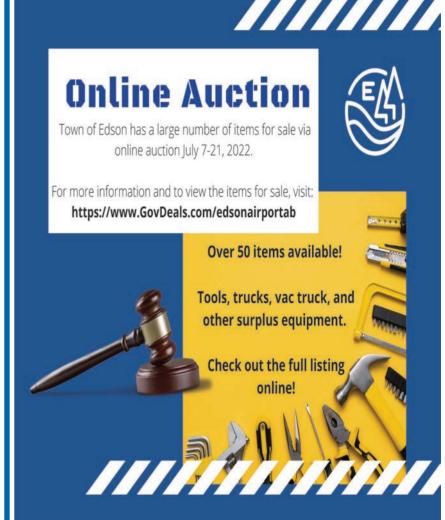


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## Pool Schedule July 4 – September 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning Lane Swim/Preschool Swim  Membership Required  6:00am - 8:00am				Morning Lane Swim/ Preschool Swim 9:30am – 11:00am		
Swimming Lessons 9:00am – 10:40am				Private Rental 11:30am – 12:30pm		
		Morning Aqua Fit 0:45am – 11:45am				
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Afternoon Public Swim 1:30pm – 3:30pm				Afternoon Public Swir 12:30pm – 2:30pm 3:15pm – 5:00pm		
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July 15	Morning Lane Swim cancelled for staff training
July 25	Afternoon Public Swim cancelled Boys in Motion
July 28	Afternoon Public Swim cancelled for Girls in Motion
July 29	Evening Public Swim & Evening Lane Swim cancelled for Youth Swim
August 1	Public Swim 12 – 4pm (All other swims cancelled)
August 5	Afternoon Public Swim cancelled for staff training
August 10	Morning Aqua Fit cancelled for private rental
August 26	Evening Public Swim & Evening Lane Swim cancelled for Youth Swim
August 28	Evening Lane Swim cancelled for Family BBQ Swim 3:00 - 5:00pm
August 31	Noon Lane Swim & Afternoon Public Swim cancelled for staff training
September 2 – October 2	Pool Shut down for maintenance (all passes will be extended)

8:00pm - 9:00pm

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Adult (18-59)	\$6.00	\$54.00	\$108.00	\$99.00	\$198.00	\$357.00
Senior (60+)	\$4.25	\$38.25	\$72.25	\$63.75	\$119.00	\$191.25
Family (immediate)	\$12.00			\$191.25	\$357.00	\$573.75



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For the most up to date information check our Facebook Page "Edson & District Leisure Centre" or call 780-723-7665

## **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 <a href="https://www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications">www.edson.ca/departments/planning/development-permit-applications</a>. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or <a href="mailto:engineeringandplanning@edson.ca">engineeringandplanning@edson.ca</a>.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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<u>Letter to the Editor</u>

## Passport problems and delays

Dear Editor,

I believe in saying "thank you". I would like to express my appreciation to our MP Gerald Soroka's office. Specifically, the hard work of Alison and Annette.

In February my wife and I planned our first major "post-Covid" trip. This involved getting her and my son new passports. We didn't want to wait until the last minute - so in March we applied to Edson Service Canada (expected delivery for the end of April).

This didn't happen; I wrote to our MP and the Deputy Minister of Service Canada - it was impossible to reach Service Canada by phone.

Gerald's office lit fires and I was contacted by Service Canada. Long story short - Service Canada continued to sit on both passport applications until the start of June. We received my wife's passport, but my son's continued to sit in Mississauga.

Service Canada called me to explain that nothing had been done to my son's application. I sent another letter asking what was happening in Mississauga that they couldn't process an application that they had for almost 90 days. The government expects us to be on time with taxes, but they can't meet their own guidelines for Service Canada?

Gerald's office pushed more; I received another call from Service Canada (Mississauga). The gentleman I spoke to indicated he had my son's passport and could approve it; but the fastest way was to transfer it to Edmonton. I didn't care about how it happened, as long as it was quick. He told me I'd have

to call the same phone number (that didn't work the first time) to request a transfer. My patience eroded and I explained to the young man on the phone we would go back to the option where he would approve it and get it into the mail ASAP.

Throughout all of this, the ladies situation was happening to Canadians.

Happily, yesterday we finally received my son's passport (approx. 92 days later).

Here are my thoughts: First of all, I appreciate the hard work of the ladies in our MP's office. I want them to know that I don't have to look my son in the eye and explain that we can't go on the vacation that he's desperately looking forward to (because they advocated for us). As a Dad this means everything to me.

To Gerald, I appreciate you taking your role as Opposition seriously and holding the government accountable. As a voter I thank you for the hard work and time that you put into your job as our MP.

To the current Government of Canada, please remember you have a job to do. I know this can be difficult, but the Canadian government promises "Peace, Order and Good Government". You were warned (by your own civil servants) that this threat was looming, and you failed to listen... maybe next time you might take their advice a little more seriously.-

Rvan Maguhn Hinton

## at Gerald's office supported me. I also watched Gerald speak during question period about why this



## **Edson RCMP Occurrences**

For the week of June 27 to July 3, 2022

Traffic Collisions were at the top of the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 14. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 3: Animal Calls 2: Assault 3: Assistance Calls 11; Cause Disturbance 4; Drive while Unauthorized 1; Fail to comply with conditions 1; False/Abandoned 911 Calls 7; Family Relations 1; Fraud 1; Harassment 3; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 2; Lost/Found Property 6; Mental Health Act 4; Mischief 7; Missing Person 1; Municipal bylaw 1; Possess Stolen Property 1; Sudden Death 1; Suspicious Person 8; Theft 9; Traffic Collisions 14; Traffic Complaints 10; Trespassing 8; Uttering Threats 2; Wellbeing Check 4 and Traffic Violations 20.



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# Edson and area celebrate Canada Day



This youth performed a Jingle dress healing dance during the Canada Day celebrations for Edson and area. photo Deanna Mitchener



This young man performed a War Dance during the Canada Day celebrations for Edson and area. photo Deanna Mitchener



The Great Balanzo on stage in the Memorial Arena on Canada Day in Edson. He was showing this little volunteer how to balance a plate after he transfers the plate over. photo Deanna Mitchener



Members of the Edson Community Development team handed out hundreds of free cupcakes during the Canada Day celebrations at the Edson Leisure centre July 1. Photo by Niki Luymes



Kids enjoyed the hola hoops, jumpy castles, face painting and more available at the Canada Day celebrations held at the Edson Leisure Centre July 1. Photo by Niki Luymes



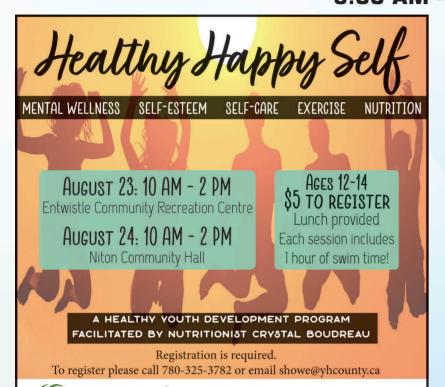
It was a stunning performance of the Hoop Dance (the earth cries out song) during the Canada Day celebrations for Edson and area. photo Deanna Mitchener

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Yellowhead County









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The RCMP is inviting County residents to come and discuss policing issues in their area. Wednesday July 13th at 7 PM

## **MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER**

## **TOPICS INCLUDE:**

--> Theft Prevention Tips

--> Procedures for Reporting Crimes to the RCMP

--> Response Times

--> Safety

**Hosted by the Edson RCMP Detachment** 

# Summer

The regular annual Summer Gravelling of Local Roads will be taking place throughout Yellowhead County between early June and late August. This work will help extend the life and usage of these areas and will result in a better road system and safety for traffic on these routes.

Please slow down around flagging crews and allow work crews and vehicles the space needed to complete their work and reduce speed in work zones. Motorists are required to obey all posted construction signs.

We would like to thank you for your patience and apologize for any

Residents with concerns or questions can contact Yellowhead County's Transportation Department at 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800.



# **DO YOU NEED TO PURCHASE**



## **Application Deadline July 31**

To apply for Fall Dust Control (Calcium Chloride), submit payment and application before the deadline. The application form is available online at www.yhcounty.ca or at the Wildwood or Edson office.

- can be made at our Wildwood and Edson offices.
- 2. Each ratepayer is entitled to an application of Calcium Chloride, 200 metres in length, for a fee of \$215.00.
- (This fee represents approximately 33% of the total cost for the dust control application. Full application costs will apply for any requests over 200 metres).\*
- 1. Applications for Dust Control | 3. The fee must accompany the application.
  - 4. Fall Applications must be received by July 31.
  - If you have any questions, please contact our office at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.

\*Dust Control Policy #3200.02





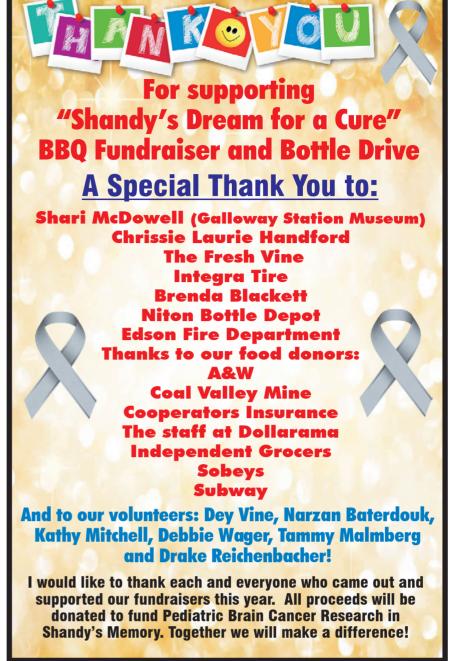
Pins for years of service presentation for Edson Elks Lodge #87 took place recently. Pins were awarded to Alan Biron for 20 years, Leona Gardner received her 25 years, Neil Weisser received 30 years, Claudette Romaniuk received 40 years, June Grout received 60, Elaine Weisser received 60 years and Alf Weisser 65 years. photo Deanna Mitchener

## Celebration of Life Vern Banfield

Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 1:00 pm Royal Canadian Legion Branch 51 5016 5 Ave., Edson AB

Please Join us in the informal
Celebration of the Life of Vern. We
invite family and friends to share their
stories and fond memories of Vern.
Refreshments to follow.





## **Guest column:**

## **Being new at Yellowhead Central Santa's Anonymous Association**

Hi everyone reading this. I am Cheryl Summerhill I am still a newcomer to the community as I know I will always be new to the area because, my husband, 3 sons and I moved to an acreage Northwest of Evansburg in 2018.

I am a mother of 4 sons this year they are 27, 19, 16 & 15. I still have my two youngest sons at home currently in the local high schools.

I am writing this to share my experience as the newcomer to the community, and my experience with a community organization that helps families at Christmas time, Yellowhead Central Santa's Anonymous Association. It is an organization that is very near and dear to my heart as it helps families & seniors in a high stress, and income demanding time of year. I wanted to give back because I am a single mother to my sons from the time my youngest was 2 years old, and before then, I also had my eldest as a teenager. Community aid organizations, especially during the most stressful holiday weeks, is a hardship service I did use twice in my life. I now have the time to give back to volunteer with Yellowhead Central Santa's Anonymous Association.

When being new to a tight knit small community, signing up and walking in for the first time is a bit of an anxiety feeling to be the newcomer in every way.

I am writing this to tell you that I had zero experience of anxiety messaging out to Yellowhead Central Santa's Anonymous Association through Facebook messenger to volunteer my time. One of the members replied and was so welcoming to my initial message. From there, I knew I really wanted to be a part of this worthy cause and organization. To walk into the meeting was so great. I introduced myself, and then the meeting began after a short introduction.

There was the Yellowhead Central Santa's Anonymous Association hot chocolate and cookies at the Moonlight Madness coming up to serve to the community and get the cause out for people to utilize. It was so much fun! I really got to bond with the whole Yellowhead County Santa's Anonymous Association team. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and getting to know my peers. They were extremely welcoming, I felt immediately a part of the group.

From there another couple hour meeting, then the big toy & hamper day. Being with the team and organizing the amazing donations from the community &

assembling the toys & hampers at the local hall was a terrific day too. Fun, laughter, banter and we got the items ready for pick up.

All this I am sharing with you as we would love to have more members come join the group. I thought that by sharing my story of joining Yellowhead County Santa's Anonymous Association would help more of the community to know how great, fun and easy it is to come be a part of something great, while sharing good times too.

If this sounds like an organization that you'd be willing to donate some time to by joining our meetings and being a part of the events please reach out by Messenger from the Facebook Page: yellowheadcentralsantasanonymous or email: yhsantas@hotmail.com

Thanks for taking the time to read my story. We look forward to new faces and more people to share time with at the future upcoming meetings and events. Take care all.



## **Edson cataract-surgery program marks anniversary**

Edson Community Health Centre Cataracs

It's been a year since the Edson Community Health Centre began its cataract surgery program. In that time, 380 patients have been able to remain in their own community to have their procedure performed.

Story by Diana Rinne | Photo by Tracey Correia

EDSON — For Roy Mitchell, being able to have his cataract surgery done in his home community was "absolutely huge!"

"It's fantastic," he says. "They treated me firstclass. I asked for sedation because I'm a bit particular about my eyes — so I just went and had a two-hour nap, came out and my eyes were done."

Roy is one of 380 patients who've been helped by Dr. Hermina Strungaru and the surgical team at Edson Community Health Centre since the program began providing cataract surgeries for area residents in May 2021. Surgical equipment for

the program was funded by the Community Care Foundation of Edson and District.

We've been going strong since last May," says site manager Tracey Correia. "We had a few months when the ORs were closed because of COVID, but other than that, our patients are thrilled.

Roy can attest to that. "Everything is really good. I went from really bad vision in my left eye, where I was really struggling to see, and now it's better than 20/20. I can see a mile away."

The game-changer for Roy and his wife Pat has been the fact that he was able to have his surgery done right in Edson rather than driving 200 km to Edmonton.

"I was 72 when I got it done," he says. "Driving to the city for us, and driving downtown in the city, is painful ... You go into Edson here, you get it done and you go home. It is truly a gift to have that surgical hospital here in Edson now. It made it so

Patients do, however, have to make one trip into



Sherwood Park to see Dr. Strungaru for a preoperative assessment before being scheduled for their surgery in Edson. For Roy, it was a quick twoweek turnaround from the time he had his pre-op assessment to his surgery.

Currently, Dr. Strungaru and team are doing 18 surgeries a day, two times a month in Edson, but plans are in place to grow that number soon.



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Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

# IN ACTION



## Oil and gas know-how key to reducing emissions: Canada pension plan CEO

Support for new Canadian oil and gas technologies will do more to reduce emissions than arbitrarily selling these investments

by Deborah Jaremko

The business leader responsible for nearly \$540 billion of Canadian pension investment has no plan to sell off interest in companies just because they're involved in oil and gas.

The critical task of reducing global emissions will require the skills of people inside these companies, according to John Graham, CEO of Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Investments.

'We continue to invest in oil and gas with a view that here we have a sector that understands energy; that understands how to get energy into people's hands. Divestment is cutting off all the engineering and scientific know-how that resides within that sector," Graham told delegates at a recent event held by the Canadian Club of Toronto.

"Our view is to be an engaged owner/investor within the companies we invest in and express our expectation of a path towards net zero."

Energy demand is rising as the world's population increases. Total energy consumption - regardless of source - is expected to be 27 per cent higher in 2050 than it was in 2019, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA).

The expected growth in renewable energy won't be enough to cover the increased demand. IEA projects that the share of renewables in the energy mix will grow to 26 per cent in 2050 compared to 12 per cent in 2021. Meanwhile, the have the same objective."

percentage of oil and gas will stay about the same – at 50 per cent in 2050 compared to 53 per Canadian Energy Centre, an Alberta government cent in 2021.

CPP Investments has set the target to reach netzero emissions across its portfolio by 2050. For the world to reach that target will require "an entire economy transition," Graham said.

"This is going to be hard. This is going to be non-linear. This is going to require lots of

CPP Investments is working with Canadian oil and gas companies to decrease emissions.

For example, in 2015 it founded Wolf Midstream and has invested \$1.7 billion in the company. Wolf Midstream built and operates the Alberta Carbon Trunk Line, the world's largest CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline.

The system in central Alberta transports CO2 captured from an oil refinery and a fertilizer plant to a mature oil field, where it is used to produce previously unrecoverable resources while being sequestered deep underground.

Since its startup in 2020, the Alberta Carbon Trunk Line has stored more than 2.5 million tonnes of CO2 underground, the equivalent of taking more than 525,000 cars off the road.

Graham said that supporting Canadian oil and gas companies by incorporating new technologies to reduce emissions will do more than arbitrarily selling these investments.

"If the goal is to actually remove carbon from the economy, then selling doesn't achieve that," he said.

"All selling does is sell to someone else who may not share the same values [and] may not

Deborah Jaremko is director of content for the corporation funded in part by taxes paid by industry on carbon emissions. ©Troy Media

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Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

## ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

# **High Efficiency Low Emission Coal**

An important first step in reducing CO2 emissions from coal is improving the thermal efficiencies of coal fired power stations. The higher the pressure and temperature of steam used, the higher the efficiency and the lower the CO2 emissions. Higher efficiencies allow a greater amount of energy to be produced from a single unit of coal.

A one percentage point improvement in the efficiency of a conventional pulverised coal combustion plant results in a 2-3% reduction in CO2 emissions. These technologies are in existence, widely available and financially viable.

HELE technologies have been developed to increase the efficiency of coal fired plants, therefore reducing CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants. Efficiency in electricity generation means that less fuel is used to produce the same amount of electricity.

Efficiency improvements can be made

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#### through the use of:

- · Supercritical, Ultra-Supercritical and Advanced Ultra-Supercritical Technologies
- · Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle
- · Fluidised Bed Combustion

## Supercritical, Ultra-Supercritical and Advanced Ultra-Supercritical Technologies

Pulverised coal combustion systems using Supercritical, Ultra-Supercritical and Advanced Ultra-Supercritical technology operate at higher steam temperatures and pressures than conventional plants, meaning they have higher efficiency levels and lower CO2 emissions.



#### **Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle**

Integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) systems produce a gas from coal, by reacting coal with oxygen and steam to form a "syngas". This gas – composed mainly of hydrogen and carbon monoxide – is cleaned of impurities and then burnt in a turbine to generate electricity and to produce steam for a steam power cycle. IGCC can achieve high thermal efficiencies of up to 48% – IGCC power plants use less coal and produce lower emissions as improvements in efficiency reduce carbon dioxide emission.

#### **Fluidised Bed Combustion**

Fluidised Bed Combustion (FBC) is a flexible method of electricity production — most combustible material can be burnt including coal, biomass and general waste. FBC systems improve the environmental impact of coal-based electricity, reducing SOx and NOx emissions considerably. -World Coal Association



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## Faith

## The Heart of the Matter



Pastor Bryan Walter

This week I came across a tweet that's been making its way around the internet; @jeanqasaur wrote, "Two important lessons I learned in my twenties: -If you think everyone hates you, you probably need to sleep. -If you think you hate everyone, you probably need to eat." I couldn't agree more!

Many of life's conflicts could be solved by

simply making sure everyone was eating right and getting enough rest. If only all of our problems were so simple; and yet, I think this clever thought touches on something very real: many of our biggest issues as a society, even the really contentious ones in the news lately, are not as black and white as they might seem. Our differences often have more to do with other things going on in our lives than they do with the issues at hand. Jesus even touched on this once, in Luke 6:45 he tells us that it is "out of the overflow of the heart that the mouth speaks."

What this ought to mean for us, in practical terms, is something we should already know: you don't judge a book by its cover. People are complex. We look at them and see opinions, preferences, and outward stereotypesbut in reality they are a collection of deep thoughts, feelings, and experiences which have shaped them over a lifetime; and that means we ought to take a holistic approach to our attempts to shape the world for the better. We'll never get where we think we need to go by bullying, arguing, or legislating people into our worldview.

If you want to change minds, you need to truly love hearts; and if you want to lead people into a better society, you need to do it by seeking human flourishing on every level, in humility and compassion. Which is why Jesus taught that a true leader is one who is willing to take a good look at their own hearts first, and then show up and serve their fellow human beings.

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## Two New Rail Safety Measures Announced





OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that two new rail safety measures have been announced:

- One focusing on railway-related fire prevention
- Another focusing on improving the resiliency of Canada's railway infrastructure against flooding, landslides, or fire

These new rules require railway companies to:

- Reduce train speeds and perform extra track inspections during high temperatures to reduce derailment risks caused by track conditions.
- Inspect locomotive exhaust systems more frequently to ensure that there are no hazardous deposits that could pose a fire risk
- Implement a fire risk reduction plan.

# CANFOR

## **Public Notice**

As part of Canfor's Whitecourt and Fox Creek 2022 Vegetation Management Program, we are proposing to apply glyphosate on cutblocks located within our Forest Management Area and timber licenses in the Whitecourt, Fox Creek, Swan Hills, Fort Assiniboine, and Edson areas. A maximum of 4500 hectares are proposed for treatment throughout the following locations:

Township	Range	Meridian	
50	10,11,12	W5M	
51	10,11,12	W5M	
53	11,12	W5M	
58	13,14,16,21,22,25,26	W5M	
59	10,11,13,14,15,16,17,18,22,23,25,26	W5M	
60	12,13,14,15,16,18.22,23,25	W5M	
61	12,13,14,15,16,18,19,21	W5M	
62	14,15,16,18,19	W5M	
63	6,7,8,9,21,22,23	W5M	
64	4,7,8,9	W5M	
65	4,7,14,15,16	W5M	
66	7,8,15,16	W5M	
67	8,9,10,11,13	W5M	
68	8,10,11,13,14,15	W5M	
69	11,12	W5M	

This treatment, part of our forest renewal program, will temporarily control herbaceous, shrub and deciduous competition, to improve the growth and survival of tree seedlings and saplings.

Application of herbicides is scheduled to begin on or around August 15, 2022, pending approval from Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development. The planned completion date for the program is September 15, 2022.

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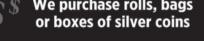
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July 12-17 August 23-28: Mountain Bike Courses at Willmore Park. Ages 4 to Adult. Registration opens May 8. For more info to register go toedson.ca/bike

July 13: RCMP Town Hall Marlboro Community Centre at 7pm July 18-Aug 2: Adventure! Play Camps. OUTERSPACE CAMP. Two Themes, Six Locations ages 3-5 Peers, Entwistle, Wildwood, Marlboro, Robb and Niton Registeration is required call 780-325-3782 or 1-800-

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## Farm & Field **News and Views**



## Ins and outs of using put options in your marketing plan

"There are 2 types of options on futures, put options and call options. An option is a subset of the futures market and each option is specific to a certain commodity, futures month and price for that commodity," explains Neil Blue, provincial crops market analyst with Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development.

"Options are similar to insurance in several ways, including some of the related terminology. Put options bought or sold through a commodity futures broker do not have a physical delivery commitment attached to them. Some grain companies offer contracts that use options, but those contracts generally contain a physical delivery obligation."

Purchasing a put option gives the buyer of that option the right, but not the obligation, to enter into a 'sell' futures position at a predefined price within a certain time. At the buyer's option, this right can be 'exercised' (that is, turned into the futures position) anytime before that option's expiry date, and regardless of what the futures price of that commodity does.

As a hedge, buying a put option locks in a minimum futures price at a cost, the premium. For example, a canola producer could buy a put option to protect against futures price downside from a selected price level, the strike price. Strike prices are set at regular

price intervals, \$5/tonne increments for canola

"Buying a put option leaves the price upside open since, with an option, you can lock in the futures price at the selected strike price of that put option, but you don't have to," explains Blue.

If the canola futures price rises while the put option is owned, you can still price canola against the now higher futures price. Meanwhile, the put option value will drop since it contains the right to sell canola futures at what is now a less attractive strike price. Alternatively, if the canola futures price drops, put option values will increase.

"The optional aspect of an option is an important difference from a sell futures strategy, which absolutely locks in a specific futures price. Other distinctions of buying an option compared to a futures position are that the option premium paid (plus commission) is the maximum cost of guaranteeing a minimum futures price, and there are no margin calls when you buy an option."

#### Put option purchase example

This example uses numbers from the canola futures market for June 17, 2022, with the size of each canola option contract the same as that of the futures contract, 20 tonnes.

November 2022 canola futures=\$1020/tonne

November 2022 \$980 put option premium= \$60/tonne

"Purchasing the November 980 put option for \$60/tonne (plus about \$1/tonne commission) would give you the right to create a sell futures position in your futures account at a price of \$980/tonne anytime up to expiry of that option in late October, and regardless of the November canola futures price," explains Blue. "It is this right that gives the option its

The premium of an option will change as the futures price changes, as time passes, and in response to price volatility of the underlying futures contract to which that option relates.

"Using this example, you could say that, excluding commission, buying that November 980 put option locks in a minimum futures price of \$920/tonne (\$980 option strike price minus \$60 premium). That premium is high, but so is the price downside risk. Note that after buying an option, instead of exercising it, you could sell it as an option anytime for the open market trading value, which may be more or less than what you paid for it.'

If the futures price falls, the premium of the \$980 put option will tend to rise, which would provide a cushion to lower cash prices. Alternatively, if the futures price rises, the value of the \$980 put option will fall. However, if the futures price rises, it is likely that the value of physical canola is also rising.

"In summary, as a canola producer, using a put option can provide some protection from a price drop while retaining flexibility to take advantage of a higher price and still shop for the best buyer in terms of basis and grade. Buying a put option will cost a premium plus some commission, but that cost is the maximum risk of buying an option. It is one of the marketing alternatives to consider," says Blue. - AgriNews





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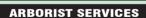
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