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Public hearing held for proposed Natural Gas Liquids processing facility

by Niki Luymes

During the Edson Town (NGLs) processing facility. Council meeting on March 21, a

Pivotal Energy Partners C3+. A C3+ processing facility condensate. proposed Natural Gas Liquids uses the natural liquid remnants

statutory public hearing was held will provide area oil and gas processed into three separate gas 15-53-17-W5 (603 54 Street in regard to draft Bylaw No. 2286 producers with a strategic liquid products including South) bordering to redistrict a parcel of land for processing alternative for their propane, butane, and

The Town of Edson has received of natural gas after the removal an application to redistrict a The company says the facility of methane. This can be ± 46.30 hectares parcel in the SW-

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Mary Bergeron staff and students joined the United Trinity Kitchen to welcome seniors and community members for a free lunch. The program has now opened its doors to meet the needs of supplying food and fellowship and is currently operating out of the Edson United Church (See page 12) submitted

Public hearing held for proposed NGL processing facility

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Yellowhead County on the east and south boundaries from Urban Reserve (UR) to Heavy Industrial (M-2).

First reading of Bylaw No. 2286 was passed by Council on February 21, 2023 moving it to the public hearing process. Administration did not recommend that any further readings of the bylaw be given at this time. Instead, second and third reading would be brought forward in April 2023, acknowledging input received during this public hearing process.

The parcel is currently zoned Urban Reserve (UR). The proposal is to redistrict this parcel to Heavy Industrial (M-2) based on the applicant's plans to develop a Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs) processing facility, which is a permitted use in the Heavy Industrial (M-2) District, according to a report to Council by Shaival Gajjar, Planner with the Town.

The proposed redistricting is not in conflict with the MDP for future uses proposed in this area of Town, stated Gajjar. This redistricting is considered in conjunction with the direction of the 2017 Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) with Yellowhead County.

Gajjar stated that Town Administration is in support of the Applicant's proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment seeking to redistrict these lands to Heavy Industrial (M-2). Second and third reading would be recommended in April, acknowledging input received during the public hearing process.

As part of the process, the Town referred the application to external stakeholders including Yellowhead County, CN Rail, Alberta Environment and Parks, and Alberta Energy Regulator. Pivotal Energy has provided responses to the comments and concerns.

Gajjar stated that Administration went beyond the standard notification radius and notified all landowners within 500 metres of the subject site (including County residents), keeping in mind the scale of the project.

Several nearby landowners have objected to the proposed site stating safety concerns, future financial property losses, and other concerns. Another resident expressed concerns over access of emergency vehicles if the one access road becomes blocked with the additional traffic across the railway tracks. One landowner sent a letter of support for the project stating, "With the conditions imposed by the province and the Town of Edson, this resource based project can be a successful development for the community."

After Gajjar completed his presentation, John Schwarz Vice President, Business Development with Pivotal Energy Partners presented a response from the company. Based on the feedback from stakeholders, the company recognized the need to continue to consult with residents and landowners on what the project is, but also, what it is not.

Pivotal has also began the necessary steps on the regulatory and environmental front. Key steps have been taken in order to prepare the license application to Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). Environmental Phase 1 is completed, the Historical Resource application was approved March 14, and Nav Canada has given approval regarding the heights of facility equipment in relation to the airport. A geotechnical assessment has been completed, with final analysis expected the week of March 13. The traffic impact assessment study is currently underway. "Recognizing that the job is nowhere close to being done, there is still lots of work to reach out and move forward," said Schwarz. Councillor Ed Moore asked, "To this day have there been any problems with your other facilities or any emergency situations?" Schwarz responded, "Currently we have five facilities operating in the Province of Alberta and we have had zero incidents to date at those facilities." Councillor Gean Chouinard asked, "Just for clarification, you said that you had a chance to talk to all the residents, for or against, in the radius ----is that correct?" Schwarz responded, "Yes, that's correct. Anything that we heard back we made an attempt to meet with those people. To my knowledge, anybody who was either for or against we met with in person." Councillor Trevor Bevan asked if a pipeline was still being considered to reduce congestion in the area. "Is that still something you will be pursuing?" Schwarz replied that they were still looking into it,

and without getting into confidential specifics, they have had some successful meetings on that front.

Council then opened the floor to public questions. Randy McGuire of Moose Meadows RV Park was the first of three registered presenters. McGuire stated that he and his wife were totally against the proposed plant coming to this site. "We are concerned for the future, safety concerns, and future financial property losses, not just for us, but for the future of our grandchildren, and their future children. Plus, currently for the safety of our RV Park clients who live here sometimes for months at a time." McGuire continued by saying, "I want to see Pivotal Energy processing in our area for the employment opportunities and other benefits. But within two kilometers of the town of Edson and populated county areas, it shouldn't even be considered as an option."

Next to speak was Mike Lenahan who echoed McGuire's concerns. Lenahan brought along small scale models of the proposed tanks to be set up at the plant. He stated that according to Pivotal's plan there will be a potential of 840,000 gallons of pressured gas on site. In a worse case scenario, he speculated, the blast radius would devastate Edson. "It's something to seriously think about because no one has thought about the size of it, and there are other options."

Finally, Jo-Ann Sobon spoke on behalf of several

different business located within the notification radius. "For clarity, we are in support on this project in principal," said Sobon. "However, we do have several concerns." Access of emergency vehicles due to added congestion at the CN crossing, area road construction standards, and concerns with residential versus non-residential assessments, were just some of the concerns she presented. The group has been in conversation with Pivotal Energy and the Town of Edson, but feels their concerns have not been adequately addressed.

Pivotal Energy was then able to give closing remarks. "One of the things I will say is that we are governed under the Alberta Energy Regulator that has some of the most stringent rules around safety, for local, for our workers, and the environment. We'll have 17 to 20 of our own operators out there, so safety is of the utmost importance," said Schwarz. He also encouraged anyone with thoughts or concerns to reach out to them.

Mayor Kevin Zahara, then brought that portion of the meeting to a close. "I do want to thank everybody that's engaged with this process. It's important that council gets all the feedback, be it for or against. We're not making any decisions tonight regarding this. We will be in a few weeks, following a review of all the comments made here today."

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Edson & District Public Library renovation and expansion project update

by Dana McArthur

During the Edson Town Council meeting on March 21, Michael Baird, Library Manager with the Edson & District Public Library, provided a presentation regarding the planned \$3M Library Renovation and Expansion project.

Accompanying him was Robin (Roberta) Corser, Library Board Chair and Sheila Buckle, Library Board Vice-Chair.

"We have now completed the detailed design and construction documents. The project is now ready to move to tender. With a full year of being open [after Covid shutdowns] we have seen the community return to the library. We have seen an average of 250 people a day come through the doors. In 2022 over 71 thousand people visited out library. Our community checked-out just over 72 thousand items and just over 6000 people attend programs. There were over 35 thousand public wifi connection at the library," said Baird.

"The library remains a safe place in the community. We see this in the growing group of children and teens that visit there at lunch and after school. Increasing numbers of young families are driving growth in programming and reinforcing the need for larger children's spaces," said Baird.

Their plan is to go to tender as soon as possible and begin construction this summer. Baird stated

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that the library will be relocated during the expansion construction.

Baird added that Town Administration will be asking Council for an additional \$462,000 to cover contingencies, project management and other services as the projects moves forward.

Yellowhead County has committed \$538,000 to the project and the library board has secured a provincial grant for \$1M. The Town has previously committed \$1M to the renovation.

Mayor Kevin Zahara said, "I am very excited about this. This facility has not been invested in since it was built, and I think we have a reasonable plan moving forward. I know we are concerned about the dollars moving forward, but our asset management plan is clear we need to investing in our facilities, and the usage at the library clearly shows we should be moving forward with this."

Council then passed the following motions related to the project.

That Council authorize the Mayor and Chief

Administrative Officer to enter into a Lease Amendment Agreement and, for the purposes of the Library Renovation and Expansion Project, a Joint Development Agreement, with the Library Board.

That Council increase the amount of Town funding allocated to the Library Renovation and Expansion Project from \$1,000,000 to \$1,462,000, to be funded from the Future Civic/Cultural Facility Reserve.

That Council make the following amendments to the 2023 Capital Budget:

- Addition of the Library Renovation and Expansion Project, with a budget of \$3,000,000.

- Increase in revenue to be received for the Library Renovation and Expansion Project in the amount of \$1,538,000.

That Administration be authorized to tender the library project in advance of final adoption of the 2023 Budget and after signing of the Joint Development Agreement by both parties.

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(RCMP) - On March 18, 2023, at 5:00 a.m., the Edson RCMP and Edson Fire Department were called to a vehicle fire at the Edson Civic Centre on 50 Street.

At the scene, three Town of Edson vehicles parked at the back of the Civic Centre were completely engulfed in flames.

The Fire Department was able to put the fire out. The fire is deemed suspicious and the RCMP in investigating the matter.

Video surveillance of the incident shows two people near the vehicles just prior to the fire.

The Edson RCMP is seeking the assistance of the public and asking anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Edson RCMP Detachment at 780-723-8822.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com

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Orcas go to Provincial Trails and Championships



Left to Right: Orca members Hailee Johnston, Ashely Blais, Emersynn Lamabe and Rachel Blais at provincial trials.

by Coach Chrystal Johnston

On February 24-26 we had 4 girls represent our team at the Swim Alberta Short Course Provincial Trials meet held in Calgary.

This meet is for those who achieve at least one qualifying time within the 2022-2023 swim season and these 4 girls each qualified for more than one.

It is also the one last chance swimmers have to get qualifying times to attend Provincial Championships. Hailee Johnston, Ashely Blais, Rachel Blais and Emersynn Lamabe represented our club and did amazing! To start off the weekend they participated in a 4x50 Freestyle relay race and came in 2nd, earning a silver medal. They participated in many individual events throughout the weekend.

Each morning were preliminary events and the afternoons, if they qualified by being in the top 10 swimmers in each event, they proceeded on to finals.

Emersynn Lamabe (14), our youngest swimmer to attend provincial trials, showed why she earned a spot at this meet. She made personal best times in her 100 breast stroke, dropping 6.31 seconds, and in her 100 back she dropped another amazing 7.86 seconds!

Rachel Blais (15) also did great, dropping time and getting personal best times in all but 2 of the events she swam in. She also qualified for finals in her 100IM and placed 5^{th} in that event. Ashley Blais (15) also had an amazing meet, getting personal best times in all of her swims, making it to finals in 5 of her 7 events and ended up getting silver in her 50 butterfly final. She also got 2 qualifying times, in her 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke, for Swim Alberta Provincial Championships!

Hailee Johnston (15) also got personal best times in all but one of her swims. She made it to finals in 6 of the 7 events she swam in, earning a gold medal in her 100 breast stroke, a silver medal in her 50 and 200 breast stroke and a bronze medal in her 50 freestyle finals. She also qualified for Swim Alberta Provincial Championships, achieving times in her 100 breaststroke and 50 freestyle events.

With no time for rest, Ashley Blais (15) and Hailee Johnston (15) headed to Swim Alberta Provincial Championships the next weekend (March 2-5) in Edmonton at the Kinsmen sports centre.

These girls were up against the best in the province, in the women's 15 and older age group. Even though the girls did not make it to any final events, they swam there best and still managed to get a few more personal best times.

Ashley was able to take off more time in her 100 freestyle and 50 butterfly events. Hailee was also swimming her hardest and dropped time in her 50 breast stroke, 100 backstroke and 200 breast stroke events. She was also only 1 spot away from making it to finals in the 50 breast stroke event. It was a great experience for the girls.

The next meet the Orcas will be attending is in Sherwood Park on March 18-19 and we have 11 swimmers going to that meet. Go Orcas!

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April 1st -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
April 2nd -	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
April 3rd -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 48 STREET
April 4th -	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
April 5th -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
April 6th -	46 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
April 7th -	46 STREET SOUTTHBOUND AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
April 8th -	12 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 49 STREET
April 9th -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 48 STREET
April 10th -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
April 11th -	49 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
April 12th -	48 AVENUE SOUTHBOUD AT OR NEAR PARKLAND & PINEGROVE SCHOOL
April 13th -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
April 14th -	46 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
April 15th -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
April 16th -	4 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
April 17th -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16



Left to Right: Orca members Ashley Blais and Hailee Johnston at provincial championships.

April 18th -	46 STREET NORTHBOUND AT OR NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
April 19th -	12 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 49 STREET
April 20th -	12 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 49 STREET
April 21st -	49 STREET SOUTHBOUNT AT OR NEAR 12 STREET
April 22nd -	56 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
April 23rd -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
April 24th -	4 AVEUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR 59 STREET
April 25th -	48 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR PARKLAND / PINEGROVE SCHOOL
April 26th -	13 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR POPLAR PLACE
April 27th -	13 AVENUE WESTBOUND AT OR NEAR POPLAR PLACE
April 28th -	48 STREET SOUTHBOUND AT OR NEAR PARKLAND / PINEGROVE SCHOOL
April 29th -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR 58 STREET
April 30th -	2 AVENUE EASTBOUND AT OR NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16

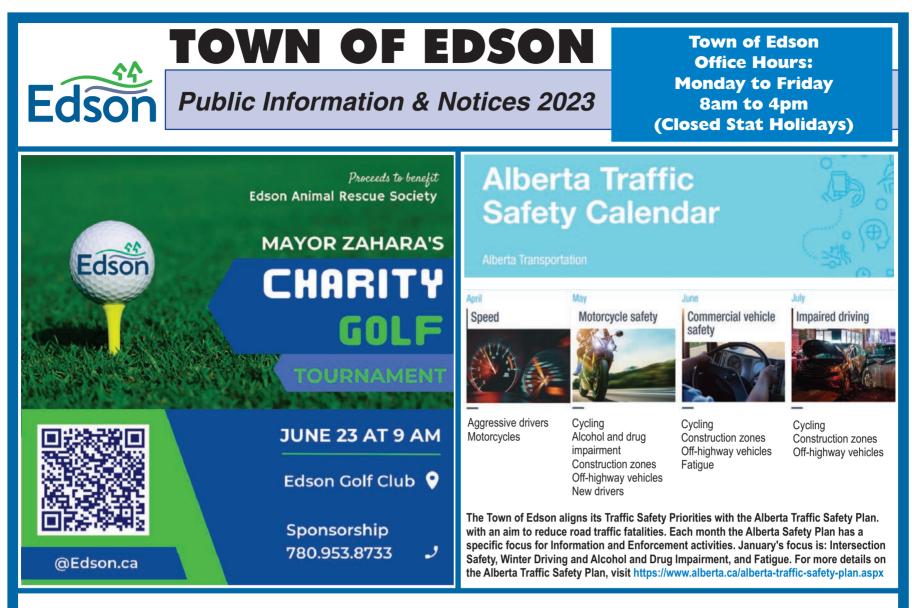
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Spring Break Pool Schedule



March 23rd – April 2nd



Pool schedule is subject to change.

Cancelled March 24th for Youth Program

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

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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Caution around ice.

Despite a bit of recent warm weather, spring's colourful blooms may still be a bit further around the



also be a dangerous time to be too close. The rivers run

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corner than we'd like. But winter's accumulated ice is beginning to melt.

Warmer temperatures means thin, unpredictable ice on local lakes and rivers.

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shoreline one moment, may quickly collapse into the fast moving cold water. Combining frigid water with the crushing weight of floating ice makes for a very dangerous

faster this time of year and that can

slippery. What can seem like solid

make riverbanks unstable and

situation. Hypothermia can set in almost immediately making hands and legs nearly useless.

So please use caution, and keep an eye out especially for children and pets around all bodies of water over the next little while. It will help make for a safe and enjoyable spring that is on its way -eventually.

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Edson RCMP Occurrences For the week of Dec Mar 13 to Mar 19, 2023

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Traffic Complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 15. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 1; Alarms/False Alarms 5; Arson 1; Assault 5; Assistance 8; Cause Disturbance 4; Child Welfare 1; Fail to Comply with Conditions 1; False/Abandoned 911 Call 3; Family Relations 1; Fire Prevention 1; Fraud 4; Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 1; Information File 1; Lost/Found Property 5; Mental Health Act 7; Mischief or Damage 6; Municipal Bylaws 3; Suspicious persons 8; Theft Complaints 4; Traffic Collisions 6; Trespassing 3; Wellbeing Check 2; and Traffic Violations 38.







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Edson Chamber hosts AGM; election of Executives

by Niki Luymes

The Edson and District Chamber of Commerce held their Annual General Meeting on March 15.

The primary purpose of this meeting, which was held in the Edson Chamber office over the noon hour, was the election of the 2023 Executive.

The meeting also featured a presentation of the financial report, and speeches by Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara, West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long, and outgoing Chamber President Karen Spencer-Miller.

The newly elected Chamber Executives for 2023 are: President Shari McDowell, Vice Kristie Gomuwka, Treasurer Bogusha Pomerenke, and Secretary Sandy Moore. These new executives were then sworn in by Mayor Zahara and will serve on the council at least until next year's meeting. During the meeting, members also nominated various other members into the role of 'Director' who help put the work into planned chamber events.

"The Edson Chamber has been working diligently on important issues that affect our local businesses, from advocating on behalf of those businesses reopening after extended closures, to trying to make up for lost revenue over the past two years," said Spencer-Miller. "This has, and a will continue to be, a challenge for the Chamber and our businesses."

The current focus of the Chamber is encouraging re-growth and recovery for businesses affected by the pandemic. "The Chamber Directors have worked closely with **Community Futures West** Yellowhead to create a strategic plan for the Chamber that will see it through the next few years. I can see the Chamber holding strong as the voice for the business community. We have a vibrant, powerful resource in our Chamber volunteers, and staff who are committed to seeing our Chamber through these challenging times," said Spencer-Miller.

The Edson Chamber of Commerce serves Edson as a voice for the business community, and enhances trade and commerce within the Town of Edson and its surrounding districts. They do this by creating community outreach events such as the Annual Trade Show, Summer Festival, and Santa Claus Parade. They also do their best to support local business through advocacy and resources. Any business, small or large, can become a member of the Chamber and take advantage of all that they offer.



West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long, outgoing Chamber President Karen Spencer-Miller, Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara, Edson Councillor Gean Chouinard, and Kundiso Nyambirai the Town of Edson's Economic Development Officer, came to lend their



The newly elected Edson Chamber Executives and Directors after the Annual General Meeting March 15. photo Niki Luymes

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support to for Edson Chamber of Commerce's Annual General Meeting on March 15. photo Niki Luymes

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15th Annual Wilson's Hockey Tournament

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Leisure Centre was bustling with activity the weekend of March 16, as people from all over the Province and beyond came to out to the 15th Annual Tournament.

The tournament ran all day Friday right up to the finals on Sunday. The event featured men's hockey teams in A, B, C, and 45+ level brackets. In total there were 28 teams signed up for the tournament, which made for 58 individual hockey games over the course of the weekend.

The different skill levels made for some enjoyable hockey, with no significant blowouts or unfair match-ups.

The winning teams are as follows: the 'Falling Stars' won the 2023 A Division Bubba Cup; the 'Cardium Vac' team won the 2023 B Division Ice Breaker Cup; 'Williams Legacy' won the 2023 C Division Gnome Cup; and the 'Edson Oldtimers' won the 2023 45 + Division Heritage Cup.

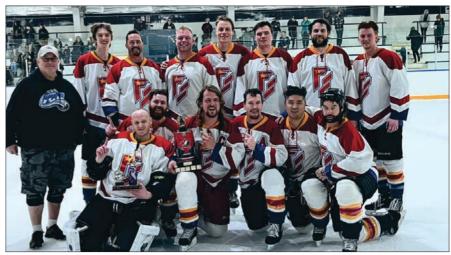
The whole tournament was free for spectators and there was no shortage of crowds

the entire weekend, with the finals being especially popular. With some games happening at 8am and well into the evening, audiences could stop by anytime to enjoy. "It was a great success," said Kevin Wilson the event Wilson's Hockey organizer. "We're sure appreciative of the local businesses, players, and great friends who help me out."

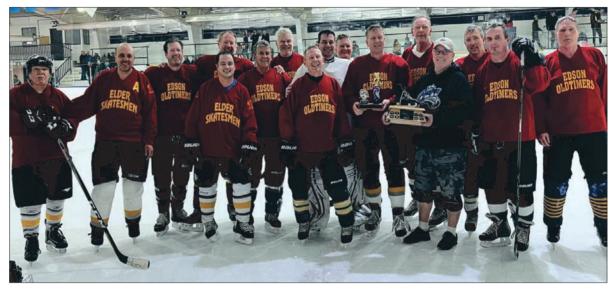
> There was also a raffle running all weekend. The funds raised went to the Run of Hope cancer support group and the M.S. Society. The Parkland High School football team helped run the time clocks as a fundraiser, and the 2023 Grad Class collected bottles thought the weekend. "Basically it's a weekend of fun for hockey players and we use it to help raise money for the local community groups. Everything we earn goes back into the community," said Wilson.

This year was an amazing return to form for the event. After a two-year break due to COVID, both spectators and teams were happen to make the return. "It's kind of growing and growing from day one, and it's getting better and better every year,"

said Wilson. The 2024 tournament is already in the works. While no dates are set yet, the event is usually planned for the weekend closest to St Patrick's Day.



Congratulations went to Falling Stars for winning the 2023 A Division Bubba Cup at this year's Wilson Hockey Tournament. photo submitted



The Edson Oldtimers won the 2023 45+ Division: Heritage Cup at the 15th Annual Wilson Hockey Tournament. photo submitted



A big congratulations went to 'Williams Legacy' for winning the 2023 C Division Gnome Cup at the 15th Annual Wilson Hockey Tournament March 16 to 18. photo submitted



The 'Cardium Vac' team took home the 2023 B Division Ice Breaker Cup at 15th Annual Wilson Hockey, photo submitted

Evansburg teacher wins Edwin Parr Teacher Award for GYPSD!

The GYPSD Board received a presentation from each of the three Division candidates for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award: (pictured below with the Board of Trustees, seated in the front row to the right of Trustee Oshanyk) Sammie Weninger from Wildwood Elementary; Rayelle Groat from Summitview Middle School in Grande Cache; and Jaia Sthankiya from Grand Truck High School in Evansburg.

All three of the presentations were outstanding and received accolades from the Board for their obvious passion and dedication to student learning. After long deliberation, the Board voted. Congratulations to Jaia Sthankiya who is this year's submission for the ASBA Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Teacher Award for GYPSD!



Bus Driver Harold Hermanrude, a driver with GYPSD since 1994 was recently recognized as GYPSD's Bus Driver of the Year by the Board and Transportation Director Christine Van Neck. Mr. Hermanrude was applauded for his outstanding service, commitment to safety, and his invaluable, daily contribution of skills, kindness, and teamwork.

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Mary Bergeron School joins 'The United Trinity Kitchen' meal delivery program for local seniors

submitted Mrs. Amy Corser, Assistant Principal and Learning Support Teacher MBE

Mary Bergeron students joined the United Trinity Kitchen to welcome seniors and community members for a free lunch. Along with greeting and socializing with the guests, our students did an outstanding job of setting up and clearing the tables for those who came out to enjoy a delicious meal.

Under Covid restrictions, the Edson United Church joined forces with Holy Trinity Anglican Lutheran church to form 'The United Trinity Kitchen,' a meal delivery program for local seniors. The program has now opened its doors to meet the needs of supplying food and fellowship, just as Kate's Kitchen had, and is currently operating out of the Edson United Church. They are now pleased to offer a program where community members can come in to enjoy a free meal or pick up a meal to take home. This program is offered on the first and third Thursdays of every month and our MBE students are very excited to be there to help out!

Our students had so much fun giving back to the community and can't wait for their next visit!

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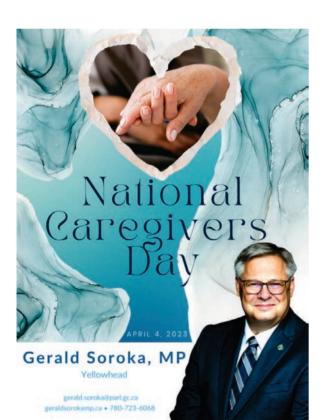
OpEd/Comment Positive step for property owners in Alberta

by Peter Dobbie, Farmer's and Property Rights Advocate for Alberta

As the current Farmers' and Property Rights Advocate for Alberta, I have had the opportunity to meet with countless landowners over the years to discuss laws and policies that affect property rights.

Unlike many other countries, the right to own property is not recognized in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This means that property rights are governed by both federal and provincial law, which increases the complexity of advocating for and defending the rights of landowners.

Recently however, property rights have been on the agenda in Alberta.



In 2022, Alberta abolished claims for adverse possession and gave private landowners the same protections that were once only reserved for government land. Commonly known as "squatter's rights," adverse possession allowed a person who occupied another's land for ten years to go before a court and claim ownership of that land.

Now Alberta's government has moved forward with legislation to make it an offence for the federal government to enter onto private land, buildings or structures without authorization.

This amendment reinforces the Alberta government's commitment to protecting property rights and sends a signal to the Federal Government that it too is obligated and bound to honour the common law right of property owners to control access to their land.

The trespass amendments were prompted by events that occurred next door in Saskatchewan in 2022, when a property owner found federal employees collecting samples on private land without permission.

Even when access may be ostensibly authorized by a statute or regulation, in most cases, farming and ranching landowners ought to be provided with the common courtesy of advance notice of any planned entry. Many farmers and ranchers have adopted equipment, vehicle and footwear cleaning protocols to protect against the spreading of crop diseases. Advance notice will protect against inadvertent disease spread, and allow farmers and ranchers to make certain that anyone entering their land knows how (and actually takes steps) to mitigate that risk. Additionally, the courtesy of advance notice will mean that landowners will be aware of planned access, need not check to see if someone is trespassing, and can follow up to make certain that gates and access points are properly closed.

A helpful analogy for Albertans who may not own farm or ranch land is to consider the



Would you be happy with an inspector coming into your backyard to perform an inspection or to take samples without prior reasonable notice? How would you know if the inspection or activity was authorized? If you were away from home, how could you check to find out what was going on?

I want to commend Alberta's government for abolishing the ability to advance claims for adverse possession, and for amending trespass legislation to clarify and raise the profile of the right of landowners to control access to their property. This renewed focus on property rights is a refreshing and positive step-forward for property owners in Alberta.

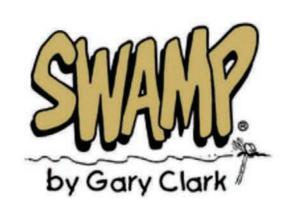




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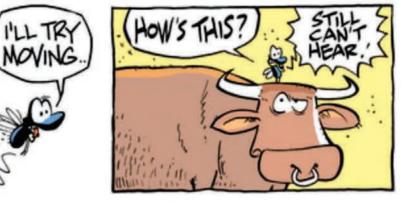
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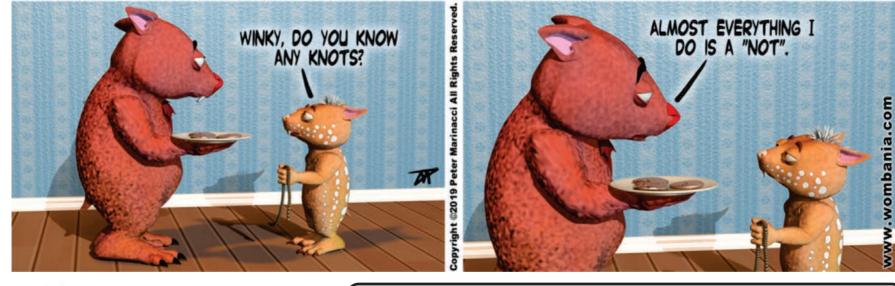


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April 5, 12, 19, 26: Gymnastics & Dance Combo. Ages 2-5 10:30-11:00am ages 6+ 11:00-11:45am Peers Community Centre. Visit www.yhcounty.ca for more info. Please register by March 31 by emailing <u>ntarves@yhcounty.ca</u> or call 780-723-4800 April 14: Ladies' Night Out World Art Day. Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Location: Kinsmen Shack @ 4704 7th Avenue, Edson. Registration open. Call/Text or e-mail Diana for more information at 780-723-8107 or DianaI@Edson.ca April 6, 20 May 4: Parent Time Out. Diverse Needs. Parent socializing and play group. 9:30-11:00 am Evansburg Arena registration is required. Call 780-325-3782 or email

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