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# **SHOP** LOCAL **GIFT IDEAS** see page 11

to the provincial government in aged 55+. hopes of receiving capital

ESTS expands bus service

The full funding request of included a capital funds request

In August 2023, the Edson funding support for the \$275,660 was approved and for the purchase of a new Seniors Transportation Society purchase of a new Mobility Van ESTS is thrilled to be able to Wheelchair Accessible Van (ESTS) submitted a Healthy and expanding transportation publicly announce their new configured for up to 10 Aging Alberta grant application services to Edson residents initiatives and capital purchase. ambulatory passengers, 4 The grant application wheelchairs, or a combination of

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### **SANTA**

Local Santa **Ambassador** began back in the 1960s...

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### COMMENT

Party politics in municipal government?

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The Town of Edson's Light-Up event had one of the largest turnouts to date with over 350 people passing through the Galloway Museum throughout the night. Hundreds more people turned out to RCMP Centennial Park to watch the light-up (see page 3). photo











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# ESTS expands bus service and hours

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Mayor Kevin Zahara stated, "This is fantastic news for the Edson community and speaks to the work, collaboration & advocacy done by ESTS, the Town of Edson and community partners over the last year."

Additional capital funding was requested to allow ESTS to purchase safety cameras and location tracking equipment for all buses, as well as funds to purchase an app/system that will allow clients to book On-Demand transportation from their computer or smartphone 24hrs a day.

Dawn Mitchell, Executive
Director of ESTS, said, "This
service will simplify point of
purchase and fare reloads and send
reminders to clients regarding their
On-Demand reservation. It will also
provide detailed transportation
analytics that will inform future
decision making at the Board level
and support all government and
Town of Edson reporting
requirements".

To support repeated requests from Edson residents for increased hours of service, operational funding was also requested. ESTS currently operates Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. With this approved funding, beginning on November 30, ESTS will be offering late-night transportation every Thursday (4pm to 9pm), as well as service on both Saturday and Sunday (9am to 3pm).

Mitchell spoke to the health benefits of older adults being able to connect with community and retain their independence. "Studies overwhelmingly show that if adults aging in the place most appropriate for them, are provided with opportunities to socially engage and connect with the community of their choice, improved physical and psychological well-being follows. Being able to provide opportunities

for our Edson Seniors to attend their grandchild's birthday party on a Saturday, attend weekend worship services, or go for Sunday brunch with friends is all part of supporting healthy aging".

Mitchell also included a request for grant funding that would enable ESTS to offer door-to-door, wheelchair accessible transportation for Edson Seniors needing to travel to Edmonton for medical appointments. A sliding scale model-based income will be used to determine the amount each 55+ adult wishing to access this service will pay. Mitchell said that, "ESTS will begin offering this service once the new Mobility Van arrives in April of 2024".

Local MLA Martin Long stated,
"This funding for Edson is great
news. Seniors in my community
rely on this transportation and now
Edson Seniors Transportation
Society will be able to expand
service to include weekends,
evenings, and transportation to
Edmonton for medical
appointments. This expanded access
will help seniors get to where they
need to go and live independently."

On behalf of the ESTS Board of Directors, Mitchell would like to sincerely thank everyone for their continued support and patronage. "Part of the grant funding requirements were proof of community support and financial contribution to the Mobility Van with saved capital funding dollars. Without the donation we received from the 1st Annual Edson Mayors Charity Golf Tournament in 2022, funds earned from our Trivia Night fundraiser this spring, and the donation received from Members of 100 Women Who Care (Edson), we would not have met the capital grant funding requirements".

(with files from Dana McArthur and Dawn Mitchell)



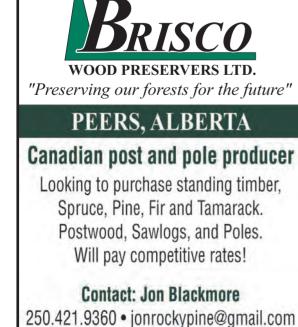
Meet some of the volunteers from the Edson Thrift Store. The ladies just got done doing their change over from summer to winter items recently. Store hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 12-6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays volunteers are busy sorting and organizing. Thanks to all the volunteers in and around Edson who do all kinds of volunteer work. photo Deanna Mitchener

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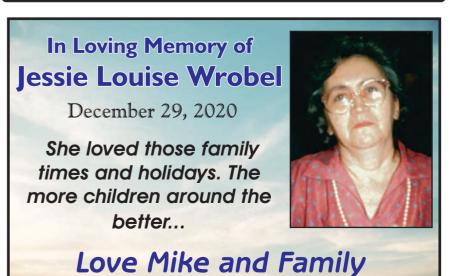
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### EVENT REMINDER

December 3:

Join for a Free Seniors Christmas dinner for Peer, Pinedale, Fulham, Wolf Creek and Roservear area 55+ Doors open at 12:30 dinner at 1:00pm at Peers Multiplex. Contact Sue-Ann for more info 780-280-0213



# Fireworks and more a Edson's Light-Up festival

by Niki Luymes

The Town of Edson marked the beginning of the Christmas season with the annual Centennial Park Light-Up Festival.

On November 17 Santa came out to the park to light up all the trees with a press of a button. This special event ran from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, and also included treats, crafts, and ended with an amazing fireworks display.

The Light-Up Festival has been happening in Edson for eight years now. It coincides with the late night downtown shopping that happens on the Thursday night before.

This year was different than past years. There were many new and different activities running throughout the event. To start things off the Edson Girl Guides took to the centre stage to sing a few traditional Christmas songs. Santa was also on stage meeting with kids and taking Christmas gift requests before completing his official duties. Then at 6pm Santa took centre stage, first to answer questions, then to press the button and officially light up the trees in Centennial Park for the Christmas season. Edson Town Councillor Gean Chouinard also took a moment to say a few words on behalf of the Town.

After that, attendees were free to roam around and take in the different activities set up in and around the museum. Inside the building Galloway Museum staff set up little craft centres for ether colouring or making little Christmas trees. The Edson Youth council was handing out s'mores on the back deck

alongside CEAT (Community Engagement Action Team) members who were handing out hot chocolate, candy canes, and glow sticks. There was also free coffee inside the building for those who wanted it. Outside, there were gas fires set up by the town for families to chat and warm up, although the beautiful weather gave them little cause to.

A real treat for the night was the fireworks show at 7pm. The fireworks are set up by Black Dragon Fireworks and were rescheduled from Canada Day due to wildfire risks. This was an amazing happenstance as the shows could now happen earlier and longer than previously planned. The show started off well, and despite a short break for a train passing, received cheers and applause at the end.

The event was planned by the Town of Edson, local RCMP helped direct traffic, and the Edson Fire Department was on site to monitor the fireworks. Without the help of these organizations and others like the Girls Guides and CEAT the event wouldn't have been as successful.

"It turned out to be a really wonderful partnership," said Diana Inscho Community Event Coordinator with the Town of Edson.

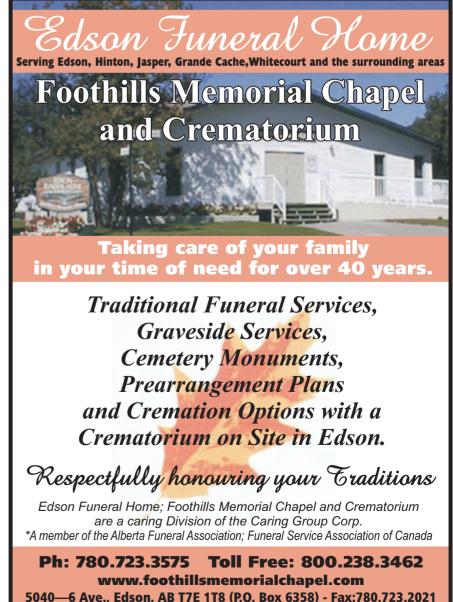
All in all the event was incredibly successful. Over 500 people came out to enjoy it with most, if not all, of them staying until the fireworks ended. "The crowds, it was way beyond our expectations. The weather had a lot to do with it and the fireworks as well. It's nice to have it outdoors as we need more reasons to be outdoors and be together in the wintertime," said Inscho.



The annual Light-Up Festival on November 17 in Centennial Park included fireworks held-over from Canada Day. photo Niki Luymes



The Galloway Museum had craft stations featuring colouring pages, and little Christmas tree and the 8th annual Light-Up Festival on November 17th. There were activities set up inside and outside. photo Niki Luymes



# YAS seeks funding for new indoor riding arena

by Niki Luymes

On November 21, the Yellowhead Agricultural Society (YAS) came to the Town of Edson council meeting to update council on building their new indoor riding arena.

The society came to a previously meeting asking for funding to renovate and repair their old arena. After beginning that process they were informed by the contractor that they would be better off building an entirely new building, since it would cost about the same as the repairs.

The indoor arena is used through the week for riding, rodeos, dog training, and other activities. The loss of the indoor arena has hampered the activities of local groups such as Edson 4H clubs. A new arena will not only help these groups return to form, but it will also help fit the needs of other groups, and increase usability.

Construction has already begun on the new arena. It is located on the same property just northeast of the current location. "The building will be located farther north than the existing building. As this location is much more beneficial for proper drainage and allows more room for expansion," said Jay Stewart, Vice President and building Chair for YAS. The planned structure will be 90' by 200' with a height of

"YAS is seeking \$1,224,000 of capital, in a combination of debt, donations, sponsorship and grant monies to build a postframe indoor riding arena," said Stewart. Construction costs from phase 1 to 4 are wrong, what phase estimated at would you have to halt \$1,624,607.15.

Edson for a \$300,000 commitment to fund the construction of this new facility. "The funding has been secured for the and once the crew is on site, the construction period is approximately 30 days. Once the shell is built, YAS could will be a finished

the society could begin charging revenue to the community participants who use the facility," said Stewart.

Phase 1 includes the site preparation, related permitting, construction of riding arena, the utilities required and the dust proof sand. Phase 2 includes the interior finishing. Phase 2.5 includes upgrades to utilities including power pole installation, gas services and fire suppression units. Phase 3 includes the proposed 90 by 50 by 20 foot addition onto the arena to be used for cold storage. Phase 4 includes the exterior addition for the viewing area, community meeting space, ground level internal washrooms, accessible washrooms, and viewing area.

"YAS continues to actively seek additional sponsors and donors to support this project and this list will continue to evolve as our Board members engage with the community," added Stewart. YAS will also continue to actively seek additional grant options and are working with a grant writing professional to further this goal.

Councillor Greg Pasychny asked about the new facility uses. "This facility currently is just a riding stable. Now with this new design, would it be used for like say, 4H sales, auctions, and other things like that? Does it open up to more stuff besides riding?"

Stewart answered that the facility was previously being used for other activities, but, "This will open it up with its physical size to more groups.

"If something goes at where you could still Specifically, they are function?" asked asking the Town of Councillor Gean Chouinard. "At phase 2 we would be functional," answered Stewart. "Even for reference, with the initial shell building original arena, I don't think they had heat in there for two or three years, so people will still come and use it. It

resume operations and exterior with doors and stuff like that at this juncture. Stage two is where we would look an insulating. So at that point it's fully functional."

> Councillor Peter Taylor then asked if YAS had reached out to any other governmental bodies? Stewart replied they had recently reached out to Yellowhead County for \$500,000.

> Councillor Krystal Baier then had a few question about the planned funding for the total project. Looking at the proposed plan, there were gaps in the funding for the total 1.2 million.

> YAS President Kailee Groat, who was in attendance stepped up to explain. "So the \$800,000 between the two [local governments] gets us essentially through phases 1 to 2.5. Though those phases we can basically be back to where we were. We're fully functional and we don't have to turn away any user groups. So at that point, phases 3 and 4, for lack of better words aren't really mandatory. So the hope would be at that time, you know 2 to 3 years from now, that we would be creating enough revenue, and have the mortgage paid off, so that we can sustain ourselves."

> Groat added that during that time they hoped to be able to reach out to local sponsors to build up the pieces of the final phases.

> After questions Mayor Kevin Zahara thanked the members of YAS for their presentation. "We will take your information and hopefully have an answer for you in the new year.



Jay Steward, Vice President of the Yellowhead Agricultural Society and Business Consultant Colleen Dufresne gave an update to Yellowhead County Council on November 21, on the construction of the society's new indoor arena. YAS is currently asking Yellowhead County for a \$500,000 commitment to fund the construction of a new facility. Council accepted the information for budget deliberations.



Holy Redeemer Catholic Jr/Sr High School would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous contributions towards our Awards Night, held at HRH School. Your support reinforces the importance of "setting your light on a hill for all to see." Thank you so much.

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Applications are invited for the position of Maintenance III - Journeyman Plumber/Gas Fitter for the Edson Zone. Grande Yellowhead Public School Division offers competitive benefits and pension packages.

A copy of competition number S2321 outlining the qualifications is available on the GYPSD website https://www.gypsd.ca/working-at-gypsd under "Support Staff".

This competition will remain open until a suitable candidate has been found.

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division appreciates all interest in this position, however, only those short-listed for an interview will be contacted.



# TOWN OF EDSON

### **Public Information & Notices 2023**

Town of Edson
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### PHOTO ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2023



For more information on photo enforcement, including a list of frequently asked questions and stats, visit www.edson.ca/photo-enforcement.

- 12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
- HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
- 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- 2 AVENUE NEAR 48 STREET
- 4 AVENUE NEAR 43 STREET
- 49 STREET NEAR 12 AVENUE
- 56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
- 12 AVENUE NEAR 49 STREET
- 4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
- 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- 46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
- 2 AVENUE NEAR 58 STREET
- 49 STREET NEAR 12 AVENUE
- 56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
- 2 AVENUE NEAR 48 STREET
- 4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
- 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- 46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
- 13 AVENUE NEAR POPLAR PLACE
- 48 STREET NEAR PARKLAND SCHOOL
- 2 AVENUE NEAR 53 STREET
- HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
- 4 AVENUE NEAR 54 STREET
- 2 AVENUE AT 58 STREET
- MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- 46 STREET NEAR MARY BERGERON SCHOOL
- 56 STREET NEAR VANIER SCHOOL
- 4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
- HWY 16 NEAR 25 STREET
- 4 AVENUE NEAR 59 STREET
- 2 AVENUE NEAR RAILWAY OVERPASS HIGHWAY 16
- Additional locations may be photo enforced on the above dates.
- Photo enforcement may not operate on all dates above.

### Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar

Alberta Transportation

### December

## Impaired driving



Winter driving 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. The December focus is Impaired Driving & Winter Driving, and Fatigue.

For more details on the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan, visit https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-traffic-safety-plan.aspx



### 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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# Comment

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## Party politics in municipal govt?

Alberta Premier Daniel Smith's mandate letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver,

laws."

while."

stated, "In collaboration with the

Minister of Justice, reviewing the

and making recommendations for

strengthen public trust in and the

integrity of our municipal election

Municipalities' outgoing president,

Local Authorities Election Act and

a review of it. When I asked him

level, he did confirm that —so it's

going to be a topic of conversation

Simply put, provincial party

government level is a terrible idea.

In Canada, candidates who run

in federal and provincial elections

represent political parties (except

for the occasional independent).

This is not the case in municipal

While it is true municipal

government is a construct of the

mostly at arms-length, with the

provincial government, it operates

Municipal Government Act as it's

roadmap. That's a good thing, as

these two entities do not always

There are many times a rural

government must stand up to it's

its region, in order to be heard.

can, and sometimes do, get the

short end of stick —provincially.

Provincial downloading of

provincial counterpart on behalf of

elections where all candidates run

independently —parties don't even

about party politics at the local

in Alberta for the next little

politics at the municipal

enter the conversation.

see eye-to-eye.

commented, "Minister McIver's

mandate letter talks about the

Local Authorities Election Act,

any necessary amendments to

Cathy Heron, Alberta



municipal of grassroot democratic

governance we have. Elected councillors are directly responsible to their region and its residents —not a provincial party. Councillors can walk into meetings with an open mind and the freedom to vote their conscience, without fear of towing a party-line.

In a recent survey commissioned by Alberta Municipalities, an overwhelming majority of Albertans (81%) agree that, if political parties are introduced into municipal elections, "municipal officials who are part of a political party would vote along party lines, and not necessarily in the best interest of the community" (including 50% who strongly agree).

The majority of Albertans agreed that "political parties would also make municipal governments more divisive and less effective"[69%]. 68% of Albertans would prefer to see municipal candidates run as individuals. Could you imagine having the 'parachute candidates' we see during provincial elections, happen at the municipal

The fact is, municipalities and most Albertans do not support the introduction of partisan politics within local government.

If local councillors are forced to vote their party's agenda, then there is little hope for grassroots local representation at all. It all becomes nothing more than provincially run party politics, election endorsements, and

to: https://vour.alberta.ca/counciloraccountability-laea/survey\_tools/laea

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### **Edson RCMP Occurrences** For the week of Nov I3 to Nov I9, 2023

Assistance calls topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 11. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 2; Alarms/False Alarms 4; Animal Calls 3; Assault 2; Cause Disturbance 5; Fail to Comply with Conditions 2; False/Abandoned 911 Call 2; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 1, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 0; Lost or found property; 2, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 0; Information File 2; Mental Health Act 4; Mischief or Damage 4; Municipal Bylaws 3; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 3; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 1; Suspicious persons 10; Theft Complaints 5;Traffic violations 9;Traffic Complaints 5 ;Trespassing 1; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 4.

#### services to municipalities, cost partisan donations. sharing, grant/relief programs, To take the provincial survey go taxation, roles and responsibilities, and more can all become contentions. Small communities



Meet 6 year old Hanna a student at Westhaven School.

What is your favourite snack? **Pretzels** 

Who is your favourite teacher at Westhaven: Mme. Emily

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### Things to Consider When Choosing a Live Christmas Tree in Canada

adapted from information provided by Certified Arborist Toso Bozic

### Types of Christmas Trees in Canada

Each type has unique characteristics that can influence

the overall look, scent, and longevity of the tree.

- Balsam Fir: Known for its pleasant fragrance, this tree is a favourite among Canadians. Its dark green needles and symmetrical shape are great for ornamentation, and its needles are smooth and not prickly.
- Spruces: Prickly short needles have an incredible ability to keep ornaments hanging well, and pets may be deterred from interacting with the tree due to the prickliness. Spruces are resilient and adaptable.
- Pines: A great choice due to its aroma and long needles.
   The stiffness of its branches are excellent for ornaments.

TIP: Choose locally grown trees! If harvesting a tree from Crown land, ensure you get a permit from alberta.ca/tree-cutting-permits.

Choose the right size tree: measure your room height, and take into consideration your tree stand height. Consider the width of the tree, as well as the size and weight of your ornaments.

Test freshness: check for needle flexibility, colour fragrance, moisture content, and needle retention.

Fire safety: keep the tree watered so that it doesn't dry out and become a fire hazard. Top up the water twice daily so the base of the tree never dries out. Your tree will drink several liters of water daily for the first 1-2 weeks. Avoid putting Christmas trees near direct heating sources such as fireplaces, furnace vents, or sunny windows.

Find the full Christmas Trees in Canada fact sheet (with key Christmas Tree tips!) at yhcounty.ca/yardwhispers



### **CONSTRUCTION NOTICE**

# **CULVERT REPAIRS**

Starting November 22 and into 2024, work will be taking place throughout Yellowhead County at various locations.

### Range Road 155A

53312 Range Rd 155A Paved Road North of Highway 16

Township Road 534

100m west of Range Road 16

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Range Road 162

250m north of Highway 16 - Dead-end road

Range Road 140

Detours will be in effect. 500m south of Township 534

Range Road 155A

Approximately 5.7 km south of Hwy 16 at NE-31-52-15-5

Range Road 140 30m north of Township 532

Further information for extended delays or closures will be provided as projects start.

Be aware of construction equipment, trucks, and workers.
Please obey all signage and warnings.



# NOTICE

2024 Yellowhead County Interim Budget Meetings

# SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Friday, December 1, 2023 Monday, December 11, 2023 Wednesday, December 13, 2023

All meetings are scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m.

THE MEETING AGENDA WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Yellowhead County



Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D23-146	Plan 7622234 Blk 2, Lot 7 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Entry & Covered Deck & Attached Garage	Nov 9/23	Permitted Use
D23-147	Plan 118HW Blk 14, Lot 13-14 NE-27-53-9-W5 Wildwood	Existing Accessory Building (Shed) with Addition (Greenhouse)	Nov 21/23	Permitted Use

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 Rulew.

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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## **Edson Council passes 2024 Capital and Interim Operating Budgets**

(Town of Edson) "One of the pillars of Council's Strategic Plan is "Ensuring Quality Infrastructure". Our 2024 Capital Budget focuses on that aspect as the Town works towards improving its stormwater and sewer systems to reduce flood risks and improve the quality of our roads and other infrastructure. We also recognize the major impact the floods and wildfires had on our operations, and Administration worked closely with Council on a budget that moves the community forward while ensuring fiscal responsibility." -Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara

Council has approved the 2024 Capital Budget with a focus on infrastructure improvements, repairs, and mitigating risks in the aftermath of the 2023 wildfires and flood. Several major projects addressing critical sanitary sewer and stormwater repairs in response to flooding in 2023, and past years, are included in this budget. These repairs will commence as part of a coordinated multi-year response to resolve chronic infrastructure problems. An additional focus of this budget is funding projects to meet Council's commitment to providing the tools for maintenance of municipal infrastructure.

The 2024 Capital Budget includes twenty-one (21) new initiatives with an investment of \$27,548,000. It also includes \$8,990,000 in capital projects carried forward from 2023. Some of those projects were delayed due to the emergencies and other challenges. The approved budget is \$36,538,000, funded 66.6% from grants, 31.7% from reserves, and 1.7% from cost-sharing agreements with Yellowhead County.

Council's approval of an interim Operating Budget allows continued municipal operations into 2024 as well as includes operational initiatives incorporated into the draft budget. Over the next several months,



Edson Town Council has approved the 2024 Capital Budget with a focus on infrastructure improvements, repairs, and mitigating risks in the aftermath of the 2023 wildfires and flood.

Administration will work through the budget process with Council with the final budget being delivered in spring of 2024. through the budget process with Council with the final budget

For more details on the 2024 Budget, and the full list of approved capital projects and items, visit www.edson.ca/budget.

# YKCS students help out at Edson Food Bank

by Deanna Mitchener

Students from Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School(YKCS) helped out at the Edson Food Bank recently.

Amy Pillage, Program Coordinator for the Edson Food Bank Society said, "Students helped out for a 90 minute shift, which was a big help. They were incredibly enthusiastic. A great group of mostly grade three and four students. They helped with so many jobs, unpacking pet food, restocking shelves and coolers, bringing up milk crates from the basement and helping to build our non-perishable food hampers."

It was a great way to teach young students about other people in need and what we can do to help make a difference in our community.

Volunteers are always in needed, so please consider volunteering some time at any of the volunteer organization in the community and help make a difference.



YKCS students helping to restock the shelves at the Edson Food Bank.



Students from YKCS gather together after volunteering some time at the Edson Food Bank recently. photos submitted Deanna Mitchener



Grade three and four students from YKCS brought crates and boxes from the basement to help out at the Edson Food Bank.

# Local Santa Claus Ambassador began back in the 1960s

by Deanna Mitchener

It's beginning to be that time of year again with many children excited for Christmas and what the season brings to them and their families.

Many people celebrate Christmas, yet we all grew up with different family traditions. It's a special time of year for many, and yet it can be a difficult time for others.

With our diverse community there are many families that do not celebrate Christmas. We all live and celebrate our own unique traditions and differences, which makes Canada so amazing.

Edson has a long-time resident who many know as Carlo Klemm (aka) Santa.

When asked to share some of his history on Santa, Carlo said, "Let me first say that Santa Edson is a Santa Claus Ambassador, a Santa Claus helper, a Santa Claus cousin, a Santa Claus Regional Representative."

"My first experience as a Santa was way back in the 60's when I was asked to put on a red suit and beard and help with a children's Christmas party at a Regimental function, while serving in the Armed Forces (R) in Ontario. It was a onetime event but it did instil a sense of purpose at the time. Skip forward many years, and again I was asked to be a Santa at an employee Christmas party in Edson, and again, that feeling of purpose was evident."

"Somewhere around 2006 I was drawn to an internet article about a man who portrayed Santa in the USA. He was a 'praying' Santa and his story intrigued me. I found him and talked with him for a while and he put me on to perhaps the most knowledgeable person on anything Santa, once again in the USA, Phil Wentz. Phil had a long history of being a Santa helper, a collector of

many things related to Santa, and a person who had the knowledge behind some of the more famous Santas," Carlo explained.

"Anyway, after talking with Phil several times, I looked for and found a Canadian Santa in Calgary who ran a Santa Claus training school. Victor Nevada was perhaps the most famous Canadian Santa of the day and he told me of his school."

"Meanwhile, I went and purchased a suit and the items that went with being a Santa and decided to give it a go," said Carlo. "While I was thinking about it, Victor took ill and passed away. I had been in touch with his Chief Elf, who took over the school and I made arrangements to attend."

"Santa School, was where Santas could come for an intensive threeday training program to get the fundamentals of being one of Santa's Regional Representatives. They taught you how to walk, how to talk, how to make an entrance, how to dress, how to maintain the suit, how to answer children's questions, how to market yourself, how to keep books, and how to present yourself in the best light. All this helped in my portrayal of Santa in the area."

"I was hooked. I went back for a second year at the school. I also attended the CW Howard School in Midland Michigan, the oldest running Santa training school in the world, twice, once in 2012 and again in 2018. It was much the same, a bit more intense, but attended by hundreds of Santas instead of a couple dozen, so the education from other's experiences was invaluable. Looking for as much knowledge as I could get, I also did online courses with the International University of Santa Claus in California in 2010, and the Santa Claus Conservatory in 2017," Carlo said.



Santa Ambassador Carlo Klemm trained over many years to fulfilling his role.

"Lessons learned from these classes help in answering children's questions about a multitude of things ranging from questions about reindeer, the North Pole, Mrs. Claus, how many elves work for Santa, why didn't you bring me what I wanted last year, how do you get around the world in one night, and how do the reindeer fly. Also, more personal questions regarding family and members who are no longer there for one reason or another

—you've got to have empathy many times over. Sometimes children will tell Santa about things they won't share with their parents," said Carlo.

"But the greatest feeling I get out of being a Santa Ambassador is the look on children's faces as they see Santa or come to sit on his knee, that look of anticipation in their eyes and the smiles on their faces makes this Santa feel good about making them feel good. It's a great feeling and many of my peers will tell you there is nothing better than seeing

that delight in children in this world today, with it's ups and downs and hardships," Carlo explained.

For many Santa portrayers being Santa is a business as there are many expenses. A department store \$60 suit can get an uncle ready for an evening, but a serious Santa wardrobe is much higher quality as are all the accruements that go with it. "My boots were custom made, my suits were made by a local seamstress, my facials are yak hair. Many Santas have over several thousand dollars invested and most of us have more than three or four suits," said Carlo.

Gas, insurance, suit cleaning and maintenance, licences and fees all add up. "Some Santas are comfortable in a mall setting. Some like myself are more relaxed doing corporate parties, working with businesses, or doing home visits. Being a Santa Ambassador is great experience," concluded Carlo.





### **Grand Trunk Student Appointed to Minister's Youth Advisory Council!**







Grade 11 student, Jazlynn Mochniuk, was recently appointed to this year's Minister's Youth Advisory Council. She is pictured centre with GYPSD Board Chair, Dale Karpluk at the September Public Board Meeting. Jazlynn also represents GTHS on the Superintendent's Youth Council, pictured right.



### GNS: Good News Story

Jazlynn Mochniuk is looking forward to getting her post-secondary journey started. Currently in grade 11 at Grand Trunk High School (GTHS) in the Hamlet of Evansburg, Jazlynn is excited to pursue her dream job - working on a global platform to address the obstacles facing young women and girls who do not have access to opportunities - opportunities for education,

Jazlynn is also a member of the Superintendent's Youth Council (SYC) and worked with her school's team to complete a research project for her school. After a year of learning how to create a survey, collect and analyze data, and use that data to inform an action plan for school improvement, Jazlynn and her SYC peers proposed that GTHS create a welcoming space at the school

Principal Heidi Zadderey was very impressed by the action proposal and was not surprised to hear that Jazlynn had been appointed to the new Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaides' Youth Advisory Council. "Jazlynn is an exceptional student; she is hard-working, compassionate, and cares deeply for her peers. She is going to represent our small rural school so well; we are so proud of her."



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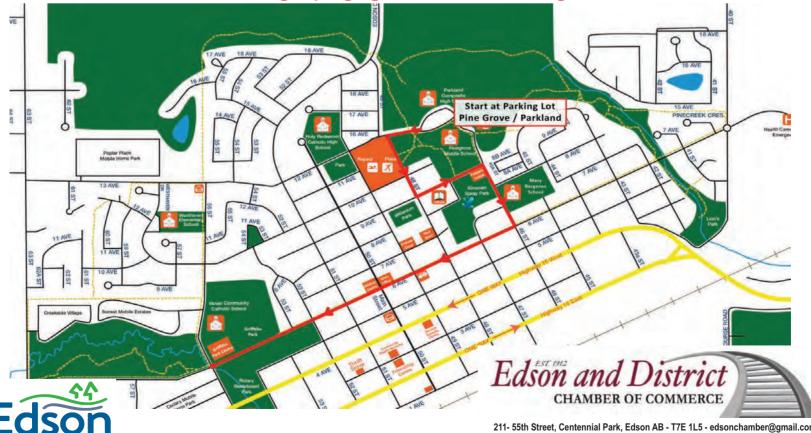
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# Farm & Field News and Views

# Young farmers and farm-workers rally to demand ban on investor ownership of Canada's farmland

Members and supporters of the National Farmers Union are rallying to protect Canada's limited viable farmland from speculation.

Farmers, farm workers, and supporters gathered on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on November 22 to demand that the Federal government protect Canada's food sovereignty and impose a ban on investor ownership of farmland. On the Hill, young farmers and farm workers will lead a farmland access visioning activity where participants will create squares to form a collective quilt, share seeds, create an art piece, and spread messages of resistance and solidarity. An open letter outlining the need for protection of Canada's farmland is circulating, and it already has the support of notable food policy and climate justice organizations.

Canada is hemorrhaging farmers. Recent reporting shows that 40% of Canadian farm operators plan to retire over the next decade. The majority don't have a succession plan.

The number one barrier facing new farmers is access to farmland. By 2033, a shortfall of 24,000 general farm, nursery and greenhouse workers is expected to emerge. Young farmers and Indigenous land stewards cannot grow, harvest, and produce food without secure land access. Black, Indigenous, and Farmers of Colour are particularly disadvantaged by generations of discriminatory and colonial policies that continue to dispossess them of land.

Massive investment firms are pushing the cost of land out of reach.

The cost of farmland is skewed by the interests of investment firms who are purchasing land far above market rate. In Saskatchewan alone, large investors and absentee landlords have purchased a million acres of farmland in the last 20 years - an area almost 18 times the size of Saskatoon. These purchases have driven up the cost of farmland by an average of 16% annually. Average values for cultivated farmland in Ontario increased by 19.4% in 2022. Under these conditions, farmers cannot afford to farm. The National Farmers Union is calling on the Federal government to stop allowing predatory investment firms to gamble with Canada's food system.

"We know what happens when land speculators are allowed to run rampant," says Rav Singh, Youth Advisor for NFU. "It was land speculators who bought up Greenbelt farmland with the help of the Ford government, planning to pave it over and build high-end townhouses. Investment companies should not have the power to gamble with the future of farming."

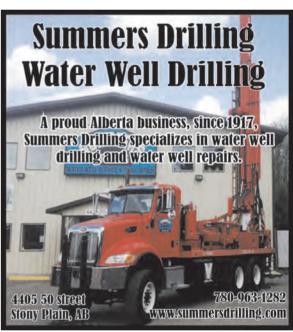
"Our governments must pull the emergency brake and keep farmland in farmers' hands," says Jessie MacInnis, NFU Youth President. "We need land legislation that favours the next generation of farmers, not investment firms. The National Farmers Union demands that governments enact a total ban on investor ownership of farmland."

(National Farmers Union)



Congratulations went to the newest probationary members of the Edson Fire Department, Abby Proskow and Emery Bakaluk. Both received their pagers and green lights after completing their initial training package and fitness tests. submitted Deanna Mitchener

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# Hate-motivated incidents can now be reported online to RCMP

Albertans are now able to report hate-motivated incidents online. This can be completed via the Online Crime Reporting portal available on the Alberta RCMP website or through the Alberta RCMP app.

It's important to report hate-motivated incidents and crimes because it allows police to stay informed about what is impacting communities. This is vital in order to provide support and create proactive measures to keep all Albertans safe.

The differences between a hate-motivated incident and crime are:

· A hate incident is a non-criminal action, motivated by hate, bias, or prejudice towards a person or group based on colour, race, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, sexual identity, gender identity or expression, mental or physical disability, or any other similar factor.

· A hate crime is a crime motivated by hate, based in whole or in part upon the characteristics mentioned above.

Examples of hate-motivated incidents are the use of racial slurs or offensive symbols. As these types of incidents are non-criminal, they often go unreported, but the impact on victims and communities remains, including psychological trauma, feelings of shame and humiliation. These incidents can also cause community-wide unrest, leading victims and those who identify similarly to feel fear, isolation, and damage to their sense of belonging.

Online reporting allows victims and community members to report hate incidents, even if they don't feel comfortable calling or initially coming into a detachment. People can also report on behalf of someone else, further supporting those who may not feel comfortable, or who may require assistance to report an incident. This additional reporting option allows for the gathering of information about hate-motivated incidents, as they can provide valuable information about subjects involved in hateful activities, as well as opportunities for intervention to prevent the escalation of hateful behaviour.

"Alberta RCMP firmly believes in bias-free policing and ensuring that all Albertans feel safe," states Cpl. Mohamad Khaled, Alberta RCMP Hate Crimes Coordinator. "Part of feeling safe is feeling seen and heard, that is why Alberta RCMP works directly with marginalized people and communities to ensure their needs are met."

Cpl. Khaled is a member of the Alberta RCMP Diverse Community Engagement Unit, which was created in 2020, recognizing that partnerships with all community members is essential to provide effective and responsive policing services.

To report a hate crime, dial 911 if you are in immediate danger. Otherwise call your local detachment's non-emergency line or visit in person.

To report a hate incident, you can phone your local detachment's non-emergency line, visit in person, or go online to <a href="https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta/en">https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta/en</a> or through the Alberta RCMP app.



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S/Sgt Christian Delisle (Edson) and S/Sgt Shiloh Fragomeni (Hinton) gave an update to County Council on November 11. In 2022-2023 Edson RCMP saw a theft increase of 3%. The driver was the oil and gas sites that were being targeted. (65% of 'Theft Under' were oil and gas related). Property crimes were up 12%, the majority of those were oil and gas related. Personal crimes were also up by 13%. The November Warrant Round-up saw 35 people arrested on multiple warrants, another 25 were checked but had



Sgt. Jeff Sutherland with the Evansburg RCMP detachment gave an update to County Council on November 21. Personal crimes were up 21% in the area. Property crimes were up 23% mostly due to the wildfires and evacuations, and vehicle thefts were up 14%. Thefts Under were down over the year, however. He stated that the detachment would also be increasing its public awareness with more press releases on policing in the region.

# Edson RCMP arrested and charged local female with drug trafficking

(Edson RCMP release)

After a 10 months long operation regarding drug trafficking, the Edson RCMP General Investigation Section (GIS) was able to arrest a local female for trafficking cocaine.

Thanks to various investigative techniques, the female was observed selling drugs on three different occasions and was subsequently arrested.

A female (21), a resident of Edson, was charged with three counts of unlawfully trafficking a controlled substance, contrary to section 5(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

The accused was released from custody and is to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in Edson on Jan. 2nd, 2024.

"The Edson RCMP take these kind of investigations seriously and we ask the public to please contact us if ever they witness any suspicious activities that could be related to the use and trafficking of illegal drugs." – Christian Delisle, Edson RCMP Detachment Commander.

NOTE: A charge should not be considered as evidence of guilt. In Canada, all persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

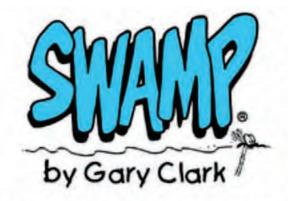


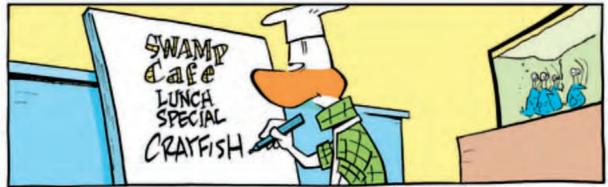
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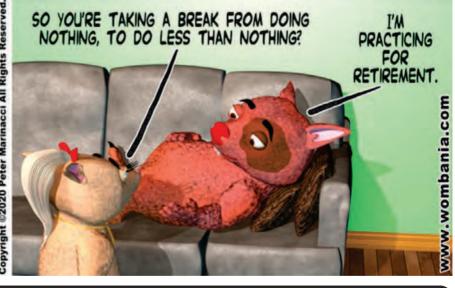




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by PETER MARINACCI







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### **W** hat's happening, when and where in the community Community Events

Family Time: Join us on Wednesdays for some indoor fun. Programs run from 10:30AM -12:30PM. Locations are Marlboro Community Hall November 22, December 6. Peers Multiplex November 29, December 13. Program is for ages 0-5 must register www.yhcounty.ca/registration

**November 30:** Dance Classes in Peers. Parents & Tots (ages 2-5) 10:00AM-10:30AM AGES 6-12 10:30AM-11:15AM pre register through yhcounty.ca/registration

Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, March 8, April 12: Join Trail Hall for potluck suppers for more information call 780-728-5641 November 28: Coping after natural disaster. Community information session from AHS addiction and mental health teams. Marlboro Community Hall 1pm-3pm. Register at yhcounty.ca/registration or by calling 780-325-3782or by email vhc fcss@yhcounty.ca

December 1: Santa Parade starts at 6pm in Edson. **December 3:** Join for a Free Seniors Christmas dinner for Peer, Pinedale, Fulham, Wolf Creek and Roservear area 55+ Doors open at 12:30 dinner at 1:00pm at Peers Multiplex. Contact Sue-Ann for more info 780-280-0213

December 7: Christmas Cookies & Cards. Join in for an afternoon creating handmade Christmas cards and gift tags for loved ones. 1:00pm-2:30pm Peers Multiplex open to all ages must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the program. Register at www.yhcounty.ca/registration December 9: Christmas Cookies & Cards. Join in for an

afternoon creating handmade Christmas cards and gift tags for loved ones. 2:00pm-3:30pm Peers Multiplex open to all ages must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the program. Register at www.yhcounty.ca/registration

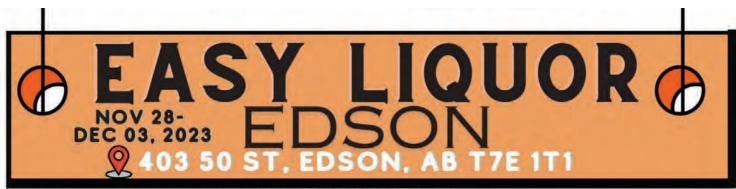
**December 10:** Join us for an evening of Christmas music at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Church 4407-7ave Refreshments to follow. Silver collections at the door. For more info contact Sheryl at 780-723-4026

December 14:Nite Owl Sale in Edson

Every Thursday: Seniors Chair Yoga Free. 10-11am Leisure Centre Hospitality Room.

First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 1 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge.



































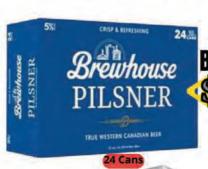
















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