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Fall Toxic Round Up bustling with activity

Evansburg Community Hall public engagement gathers input... by Deanna Mitchener

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ready for the season. It is staff to assist, and take care of

Recycle Depot Manager Anne sponsored by the Alberta the event." Auriat said, "We have two toxic Recycling Management "We have five types of The Edson and District Recycle round ups every year. One in Authority (ARMA). We materials we take including Depot held their annual toxic the spring and one in the fall, to arrange all the advertising, the tires, oil products, paint, round up on September 21, help people clean out and get refreshments, food for the day, electronics, and hazardous

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A couple of brand new bikes were door prizes during the annual Toxic Round Up held in September 21, at the Edson and District Recycle Depot. One adult bike and one for kids were going to some lucky winners. photo Deanna Mitchener







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to ensure they get disposed of in the their name in for our draw." right spots.'

the day before." said Auriat. "Today help. we have refreshments, burgers, recycling for us. People can come to landfills.

material. We use a company out of recycle all year round, this just puts an Lethbridge called DBS, which is a emphasis on recycling and staff are registered processor. They come here to help. The community can pick up everything and take it back enjoy some food and socialize and put

The facility was bustling with traffic "It is a big day here and it's been a as people were getting their recycling steady stream of people that started needs attended to before the weather at 9:30 a.m. Some even stopping by turns cold. The staff were all eager to

It was great to see the community hotdogs and some draws. Our round taking advantage of this service that ups are more of a celebration than helps residents divert materials from

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The Edson and District Recycle Depot was busy with vehicles coming and going on September 21. There was a free community barbecue for those dropping off their recycling or toxic waste. photo Deanna Mitchener



Rommel Bartolay and Dan Schnee were assisting with tires that were dropped off during the Fall Toxic Round Up at the Edson and District Recycle Depot on September 21. photo Deanna Mitchener



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Art, fun, and food at Downtown Art and Music Walk

by Deanna Mitchener

The Downtown Art and Music Walk on September 19, was a well attended community event that took place from 4:00p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The weather cooperated for the first half of the event, then turned to some rain at 6:30 p.m.

This event allowed for a venue to showcase great local talent. Art and Music Walk featured everything from live music to local art featured in



Nataily Kurylo playing her keyboard on September 19, during the annual Downtown Art and Music Walk. photo Deanna Mitchener



Main Street Edson was blocked off for the annual Downtown Art and Music Walk on Sept. 19. There were great deals from local businesses, free food, music, and crafts to enjoy. photo Deanna Mitchener

business windows, shopping, kids clay crafts by the Edson Craft Centre, art demonstrations, and a chalk art contest.

There was free pulled pork and coleslaw by the Fresh Vine sponsored by FCSS, a concession by the Edson Girl Guides, balloon twisting by Rachel Ripkins, face painting by Funshine Brushes, bounce castles by Melissa's Bouncy Castle Fun, free draws, and information about local events were all available.

Diana Inscho, the Town of Edson Community Development Coordinator, said, "We had an amazing turnout. The Fresh Vine was so efficient that they served over 730 pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw without much of a line-up. That's even more than last year in a shorter amount of time and people were raving about the food." "What I love most about this event, is it could be the most inclusive event that we plan each year. People from all walks of life and ages attend, businesses are involved, and we offer the opportunity for local artists and musicians to share their talents. It's fun, it's casual, and it's communityminded."

"I would like to send special thanks to Town of Edson's Economic Development Coordinator, Morgan Roberts, for her help with the event as well as the Town of Edson FCSS Community Development Coordinators, Lexi Abbott and Sarah McDonald, for partnering on this fun and engaging event. Their connections, expertise and enthusiasm are invaluable," said Inscho.

Gelmici Jewellers hosts 76th Anniversary Food Bank Fundraiser

by Deanna Mitchener

Gelmici Jewellers hosted a fundraising barbecue to help the local

Food Bank on September 19.

In recognition of their 76th anniversary they decided to celebrate the occasion with some great in-store sales and a

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barbecue fundraiser for the Edson Food Bank.

Dewayne Scott, President of the Edson Food Bank, said, "It is wonderful to be here today helping cook the burgers. Gelmici's is sponsoring all the food and volunteers are here helping cook and serve. We are accepting cash and canned goods during the barbecue.

"Everyone is having a good time, the weather is good, and we are here from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are serving hamburgers, hot dogs, cookies, muffins, popcorn, potato chips, and refreshments," Scott added.

Ed Moore, Edson's Deputy Mayor, was at the barbecue. "It's a beautiful day to come down and enjoy a burger and tour Gelmici Jewellers. They are great people trying to help the Food Bank, so it's another great day in Edson." The turnout for this year's event exceed the previous year.

Stacey Saunders with Gelmici's, said, "Our Food Bank is important to the community. With the increasing demand for food assistance and rising prices, we need to help more than ever."

The event raised more food than last year's event, as well as \$919.30 in cash donations (less than last year) that goes directly to the Food Bank.

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Each month the Alberta Safety Plan has a specific focus for information and enforcement activities. October's focus is Pedestrian safety, Wildlife, and Winter driving.

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

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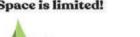
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Notice of application to be filed for approval of the natural gas distribution franchise agreement between the Town of Edson and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

Application summary

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to approve the existing current and valid natural gas distribution franchise agreement with the Town of Edson. This application for approval is required due to changes made by the *Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act*, 2024, to various statutes governing franchise agreements.

The current franchise agreement, which took effect in August of 2016, grants ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Town of Edson for approximately ten

No changes to the franchise agreement or to the franchise fee rate rider percentage are being made as part of this application. The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain at its current rate, which is 22.54%. Including linear taxes, the resulting average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer will remain the same at approximately \$13.81. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

You may send your concerns about, objections to, or support for the application in writing to the Town of Edson or to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. on or before **October 7, 2024**:

Town of Edson, 605-50th Street, P.O. Box 6300 Edson, Alberta T7E 1T7 email: <u>finance@edson.ca</u> 780 723-4401

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Attn: Franchise Agreement Coordinator, 5302 Forand Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4, phone: 310-5678 or 1-888-511-7550; email: franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either the Town of Edson or ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. at the addresses listed above.

For more information:

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The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

Issued on September 23, 2024.

Alberta Utilities Commission

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 https://www.edson.ca/business/planning/development-permit-applications. Additional information can be requested from the Planning Department at 780-723-4402 or planning@edson.ca. Any person who is deemed to be affected by the issuance of any one of these permits may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Authority by 4:00 p.m., on the 21st day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website. On Permitted Uses, grounds for appeal must relate only to interpretation, variance, or relaxation of Land Use Bylaw 2070. On Discretionary Uses, all aspects of the proposed development may be challenged upon appeal. Written notice of appeal, accompanied by the appeal fee as established by Town Council, must be filed through the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at Box 6300, Edson, AB T7E 1T7. Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.





Evansburg Community Hall public engagement gathers input

by Shaylyn Thornton

Yellowhead County Council heard an update on a potential community hall in Evansburg from GM of Community Services Crystal McNernie at their September 24 meeting.

McNernie addressed some of the key community feedback from the Community Hall Open House that was hosted in Evansburg on September 10, which over 150 people attended. Residents could also complete either a hard copy or online survey, which received 183 submissions as of September 24.

McNernie said, "The feedback collected really revealed no clear community consensus on the need or the vision for a new community hall. Feedback was quite mixed, with some residents expressing support while a significant amount either opposed the project or question the timing of the project."

A few themes emerged, including the need for "adequate space for service groups and particularly seniors... just really highlighting the need that this community hall could provide," McNernie explained.

Another theme was "the idea of a multi-use concept and really that would be the intent of this facility," McNernie said. Key public suggestions included having flexible room configurations, adequate audiovisual equipment, that recreational programming be available, and that parking capacity is addressed.

The proposed location also brought in mixed opinions. "Some thought it was a great synergy with the arena and others felt that there were alternatives we should be looking at," said McNernie, noting that the positives of adjoining to the arena includes shared use of amenities like washrooms, parking, and the kitchen, and the proximity would allow for programming synergy. Many were concerned about the Royal Canadian Legion. "For the past 75 years the Legion has been providing Community Hall service to Evansburg, but we know the Legion is struggling," said McNernie, referencing a 2022 visit from the Legion asking for financial assistance from the County.

"Later in that same year the Legion was listed for sale and that's really what prompted the review that we're undertaking today," McNernie explained. "The need for a new hall will arise once the Legion is no longer able to provide that service so really today's planning is just focused on being prepared for [that]."

McNernie addressed the question of renovating the current Legion facility. After considering a 2016 assessment identified nearly \$1.4 million in needed renovations, which would be close to \$2 million today, "It does suggest that that building is likely not a long-term solution."

The last major theme involved the Evansburg Public Library. "There are two issues currently plaguing Evansburg. One is the long-term need for a community hall and the second is the immediate need for a new library space," said McNernie. While the Grand Trunk High School's renovations will "greatly benefit the students and staff," the library will not benefit. Post-renovation, the library will be reduced from 3500sqft to just under 700sqft, thus reducing their capacity for programs, their collection, and their ability to provide the same service level. Many residents suggested integrating a library into the community hall, but with construction potentially several years away it would not solve the immediate problem.

Instead, "Administration has been exploring the possibility of relocating the library to the Tipple Park site," which would offer several advantages such as its central location for residents, adequate parking, and the potential collaboration in blending library and museum services, thus enhancing visitor experience. "This could provide a really unique cultural hub of educational and historical services in one central location," said McNernie.

McNernie recommended to Council that they direct Administration to continue to develop the proposed community hall concept design incorporating resident feedback, and that they continue to explore the integration of the library into the Tipple Park site.

Councillor Penny Lowe attended the Evansburg open house and thanked attendees "for taking the time to come out, express their concerns, look at the drawings, give us their feedback, and to listen to what we had to say."

Mayor Wade Williams said, "I really did enjoy the public engagement, there was a lot of very good questions that came up." Williams also spoke about being able to address rumours and concerns in the community, saying, "I thought it was great."

Council voted unanimously in favour of Administration continuing to develop the proposed hall concept design, and then discussed the issue of library services in Evansburg.

Councillor Anthony Giezen noted that the wording of the motion to "gives a lot of flexibility still for community input and different ideas."

Councillor Lowe wanted the public to know that the Library Board is "struggling and trying so hard" to solve the issues. "And so is Administration and I thank them for that," she said. "We're all trying to put our heads together and do what's absolutely best for the library and hence for the community."

Council voted unanimously in favour of Administration continuing to explore the integration of library services into the Tipple Park site.

Responses and comments from the public can be found in the September 24 meeting package at yellowheadcounty.civicweb.net.

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Local youth finds fun and community with Cadets

by Flight Sergeant Margarette Campollo, Cadet Correspondent, Rocky Mountain CTC

Cadet Soo Yun of 874 Tiger Moth, Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) in Edson, Alberta discusses the outcome of their drill lesson with other Course Cadets at Rocky Mountain Cadet Training Centre (CTC) on August 15, 2024.

Yun joins over 115 other youth from across the country at the Rocky Mountain CTC on the Introduction to Drill and Ceremonial course. This is a two-week course that provides cadets with the chance to enhance their leadership abilities while broadening their knowledge and skills related to ceremonial drill. "I absolutely love drill! I hope to take what I have learned here and bring it back to my squadron to improve on our drill together. The Staff Cadets here are so much fun! I have also learned so much from them," said Yun.

Yun joined 874 RCACS two years ago because both of her siblings were in the program and encouraged Yun to join. Last summer, she attended the Cadet Activity Program where she had opportunities to participate in several activities such as orienteering, field training exercises, and marksmanship. "Even though I am an Air Cadet, summer training has allowed me to learn so much more about Sea and Army Cadets. I like how different the three elements are, but we can still come together as a community," said Yun.

At her squadron, Yun credits the Cadet Program for equipping her with the leadership skills she utilizes in all areas of her life. "I am from a smaller squadron, so you have a bigger leadership role at all levels. You learn how to work together as a team and we all have the same goal of helping each other grow," said Yun.

"My advice for someone looking to join the

Cadet Program is just do it. If you have any doubts, emailing 874air@cadets.gc.ca. you just need to go for it. You will have so much fun and meet so many great people," said Yun.

The Cadet Program is open to all youth between the ages of 12-18 and provides opportunities to develop skills that will last a lifetime including teamwork and communication. Youth who are interested in joining the Cadet Program can do so by visiting Join the Cadet Program - Canada.ca or

Becoming part of the Cadet Program as an adult leader is a choice to serve both your country and your local community. It is easier than you may think and is filled with rewarding opportunities to gain new skills valued not only within the Canadian Armed Forces, but within your existing workplace. No previous military or cadet experience is required.



Cadet Soo Yun of 874 Tiger Moth, Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) in Edson. submitted





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AGRICULTURAL SERVICES APPEAL BOARD FCSS BOARD [5 positions + 1 Parkland County position, 3-year LIBRARY BOARD [1 position, 3-year term] SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD [1 position, 1-year term] This board hears appeals of decisions from the Subdivision and Development Authority of Yellowhead County, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act. This board meets at the Edson office as required. This is a one-year term, ending October 31, 2025. Training required. All SDAB training costs covered.

[4 positions, 1-year term]

This committee adjudicates property owner appeals of orders and penalties issued by the County's Agricultural Services pursuant to the provincial acts the County enforces. This committee will meet as required. Training required, costs for training will be covered. Term will be January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD [3 positions, 3-year terms]

This five member advisory board provides advice to council on the agricultural programs and services provided within the county. The Board advises on policy issues under the Agricultural Services Board Act, the Weed Control Act, the Pest Control Act, and other provincial statutes. This Board meets 7-8 times per year on the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Wildwood office.

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This seven member advisory board provides advice to Council and administration for the provision of preventive social services under the Family & Community Support Services Act & Regulation. The Board reviews programs for the volunteer community, seniors, adults, youth and children and reviews and approves grants to community organizations from funds budgeted by Council for preventive services. This board meets 6-8 times per year on a weekday morning in Wildwood County office.

HERITAGE BOARD [4 positions, 3-year term]

This five member board provides advice to Council with respect to the development and maintenance of a heritage program. The board will advise Council on the development of policy, budget, short and long term strategic planning and guidelines for funding projects, museums, community groups, businesses and individuals. This Board meets at the Wildwood County office at 9:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 4 times a year.

This five member management board is

responsible for the provision of library services to county residents. The board provides for the library services in the three rural libraries of Evansburg, Wildwood, and Green Grove (Niton) as well as providing funding to the libraries in Edson and Hinton. Board members develop the annual budget, develop library policies and

ensure provision of library services as per the Libraries Act of Alberta. The Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM at the Wildwood Library.

RECREATION BOARD [7 positions, 3-year term]

This nine member advisory board provides advice to council regarding the provision of recreation and parks services. The board reviews grant applications from community groups and determines funding within certain limits. It provides recommendations to council and administration regarding recreation facilities, programs and support to groups providing recreational activities. Board meetings will occur quarterly on Mondays at 9:30 AM at the Edson county office Yellowhead County residents interested in applying to serve on any of these boards can obtain further information and/or an application form by calling Tracy Parker at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030. The application form is also available through the CivicWeb link on the web page and in the Careers section of the County website (www.yellowheadcounty.ca).

Applications can be dropped off at either the Wildwood or Edson offices of Yellowhead County or mailed to Yellowhead County, 2716 – 1st Ave, Edson, AB, T7E 1N9.



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From stress to success: How pharmacists can help keep students healthy



Callen James Kenyon, Edson pharmacist and owner

Starting university or college is a time of new beginnings. For many young adults, it represents a significant transition marked by the excitement of decorating dorm rooms, making new friends, and those inevitable late-night study sessions. This phase is transformative, offering newfound independence as students often move away from home for the first time and take charge of their own decisions.

One aspect that can bring comfort to new students and their anxious parents is the accessibility of healthcare. With most Canadians living within a 10minute drive of a Shoppers Drug Mart, it's always been easy to get prescriptions filled, pick up household necessities, and still make it to class on time. Now, with the expanded scope for pharmacists, healthcare is even more accessible. Pharmacists can now assess and prescribe for minor ailments like cold sores, UTIs, pink eye, and more.

Even though you might be far from your hometown's familiar faces, you're never far from a trusted friend – your local pharmacist. I am here to support you whenever you need it. Whether you've sprained your ankle trying out for the football team or gotten a rash from your new university merch, pharmacists have got you covered! As your Edson pharmacist, here are some ways I can help you prioritize your health, so you can focus on what matters most - excelling in your studies while enjoying your university experience to the fullest.

Take control with birth control: Pharmacists in Alberta can now prescribe birth control pills, patches, and other hormonal contraceptives, making it easier than ever for students to access essential reproductive healthcare. Accessing birth control is crucial for empowering people to make informed decisions about their reproductive health and plan for their futures.

Don't make rash decisions: For many university and college students, you're doing tasks for the first time – like laundry! You've bought laundry detergent, figured out all the buttons on the dryer, and your clothes are smelling like roses. But something's wrong - you've started to break out with rashes for no reason! No need to fret pharmacists can assess your rash, identifying if it is an allergic reaction or stress-induced, and offer treatment, whether over-the-counter or prescription medications as necessary.

Bits and bites: University campuses have gorgeous trails, from the picturesque mountain views near the University of Calgary to preservation sites and wetlands by University of Lethbridge. Something to be cautious of while you are walking these trails is insects. If you are ever bitten, visit your pharmacist to assess and provide treatment, as necessary. If you come in conta t with a tick, pharmacists in Alberta can prescribe prophylaxis following a tick bite to prevent Lyme disease. Aches away: Muscle aches and pains – I guess that's a part of growing up! Up to 67 per cent of university students report experiencing musculoskeletal pain. Not only is the pharmacy a great stop for grabbing over-the-counter pain relief options, like ibuprofen or splints, but pharmacists can even assess and recommend if necessary. Don't forget to grab some electrolytes on the way out to keep your body in tip-top shape! As you embark on this exciting journey attending university or college, remember that your local pharmacist is always nearby to help you stay healthy and thrive in your new academic adventure. Callen James Kenyon is the pharmacist and owner at the local Shoppers Drug Mart in Edson. Visit ShoppersDrugMart.ca to find your nearest store.



The Edson & District Public Library was thrilled to welcome the team from TC Energy to our new space on August 20th to celebrate their generous \$7500 donation to the library for the purchase of our new public computers. Pictured from left to right: Councillor Peter Taylor (Library Board), Trevor Hirst, Area Manager TC Energy, with his children Jack, Brady and Claire, George Giroux (Field Work Planner), Roshni Menon (Associate), Lisa Dabels (Sr. Community Relations Liaison), Robin Corser (Library Board Chair), Ed Ogloza (Library Board), Sheila Buckle (Library Board), Connie Hargreaves (Library Director) and Kristy Williamson (Library Board).

The Science of Reading at Westhaven School

(GYPSD) École Westhaven School (EWS) Principal Using the principles of the UFLI program, Principal Debra Boos and teachers Ms. Von Breen and Mrs. Rutley attended the September Public Board Meeting to show the Board of Trustees one of the school's strategies to develop strong reading foundations that being student understanding of phonics.

Mrs. Rutley's demonstration with a group of her grade 3 and 4 students illustrated EWS' implementation of the UFLI program developed at the University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI). The UFLI program builds on the Science of Reading which is a collection of research that studies various methods that confirm or disconfirm on how children best learn to read including comprehension, phonics, fluency, and vocabulary.

Boos was proud to announce its successful implementation and outstanding results from last year. For example, at the beginning of the year, only 15 percent of their Grade Two English students read at grade level.

This number rose to 58 percent by the end of the year. In addition, students grew an average of 5.3 reading levels throughout the year whereas they typically develop only up to four levels in one year. The entire staff is committed to EWS' three-year vision: 100 percent of their students will be reading at or above grade level before the end of Grade 5.

Each of the nine students received a new book from the Board

Red Brick hosts Community Art Gallery

by Niki Luymes

As a part of Alberta Cultures Days, the Red Brick Museum and Arts Centre is once again hosting their Community Art Gallery.

The staff at the Red Brick prepare free individual art kits for the community. Anyone, any age, can come pick one up. If they finish their piece in time, they can return it to the Red Brick to be included in the community art show.

This event is planned by the Red Brick in partnership with the Town of Edson, who helps cover the cost of the free art supplies.

This year the Red Brick started handing out the kits on September 9. The kits contain an empty canvas, four different colours, and some paint bushes. People can pick their canvas shape and size and the four colours. Other than keeping the art family-friendly, there is no limit to what people can create. In less than two weeks they had already given out 185 of the 200 kits prepared. Each individual who picks up a kit has until September 30 to submit their creation. The exhibition containing all the finished pieces will be on display at the Red Brick from October 3rd to 16.

pieces of art were returned for the art show. "It was such a success that we had to continue it," said Bobbi-Dawn Dreder, manager at the Red Brick. The walls of the gallery are limited in size, so there is a a cap on

In 2023, 115 unique the number of pieces that can be displayed. But, as long as the artist returns the painting in time, it will end up in the gallery.

This opportunity served as a great way for the residents of the Edson area to stretch their artistic skills while

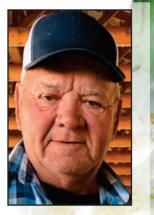
also interacting with their community. "We're an art centre and museum. So anytime we can promote local art, it is a huge goal of ours to do so," said Dreder. "Also, it gets people into the building to see that we have an art gallery."

<u>~ Obituary ~</u> William Robert Francis

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to a beloved father, husband, grandfather and friend William Robert Francis who recently passed away unexpectedly September 6, 2024 at the age of 78. Bill was originally from Leoville,

Saskatchewan where he grew up on a farm with his family. In the early 60's, he and a couple of friends moved to Hinton to log. He logged for years. First he started horse

logging, then he ran different equipment, especially trucks. Later, he moved on to running the Edson bowling alley and driving buses. He helped construct highways and roads. He hauled wood for the mill



and worked at CRC mine in Hinton. On days off he had coached bowling, fastball and played in a band called "The Polkatz" which was his favorite thing to do, jamming with the family and friends at home.

Bill was a very funny man always up for telling funny stories and jokes. His biggest thing was teasing people to see if he could get reactions and make them laugh.

Bill was pre deceased by his parents Albert and Isabella Francis as well as his siblings John, Bernice, Tom, Ross, Sam, Jim, Marie and his step daughter Brandy.

He is survived by his wife Sandi and his children Arlene Martel, Annette (Terry) Mann, Vicki (Marcus) Hughes, Kevin (Joanne) Francis, step kids Todd Bevan, Nicole (Chris) Robinson, 16 grandchildren and 7 great children. He is also survived by his siblings Charlie, Walter (Pauline), Kathleen (Cornelius) and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of life will be held on October 19th 2024 from 1-5 pm in Edson at the Pioneer Seniors Cabin.

In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations may be made in memory of William to the Heart and Stroke, Diabetic Foundation and the Pioneer Seniors Cabin in Edson, AB.

Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Comment

Any downturn in Alberta's economy would inevitably drag **Canada's down with it: Is anyone paying attention?**

Canada is heading straight for an economic iceberg, and the rest of the country doesn't seem to grasp the gravity of the situation. Alberta – long the engine of Canada's prosperity thanks to its oil and gas sector – is facing a serious decline because the Trudeau government is obsessed with its net-zero policies. And if Alberta falters, the ripple effects will drag down the entire nation. But are we too preoccupied with federal climate targets to recognize the risks staring us in the face?

The Trudeau government's push for net-zero emissions by 2050 may look noble on paper, but the real-world cost could be catastrophic. The numbers don't lie: according to a recent column by Troy Media contributor Lennie Kaplan, Alberta's oil production could drop by a staggering 54 percent by 2050. That's not just a provincial problem; it's a national economic emergency waiting to happen.

Let's cut through the jargon. Alberta makes up about 15 percent of Canada's GDP. If Alberta's economy shrinks by \$32 billion – as projected – it would trigger a 1.2 percent drop in Canada's GDP. For context, that's a multi-billion-dollar hole in a country whose economy is, itself, already in severe decline.

Does Ottawa think a shrinking economy will put us in a stronger position to innovate and grow? Or are they content with turning Alberta into a sacrificial lamb on the altar of climate policy, ignoring the fact that this will make Canada less competitive on the world stage?

Then there's the job market. Alberta's energy sector employs thousands and indirectly supports tens of thousands more across Canada. By 2050, again according to Kaplan, Alberta could shed 198,000 jobs – five percent of its workforce. These

aren't just oil rig workers; they're engineers, construction crews, transport workers, and more.

It gets worse. When Alberta's economy shrinks, industries from coast to coast that depend on Alberta's vitality will also take a hit. If even 10 to 15 percent of those job losses trickle across the country, we're looking at another 20,000 to 30,000 Canadians joining the unemployment line. Yet, where is the urgency to address this looming crisis?

Alberta isn't just a provincial powerhouse – it's also a major contributor to federal revenues. Between 2025 and 2050, the province's contributions could drop by \$221 billion due to declining oil and gas revenues. That's less money for healthcare, infrastructure, and social programs from coast to coast.

For a federal government that already struggles to balance its books, the loss of up to \$40 billion in federal tax contributions from Alberta is a fiscal disaster in the making. Where do they expect to make up that shortfall? Higher taxes? Slashed services? Or maybe another round of federal borrowing to kick the can down the road?

Alberta's oil and gas isn't just a provincial asset - it's a critical part of Canada's trade balance. In 2022, energy exports made up 20 percent of Canada's total exports. Cut that by more than half, and you're gutting Canada's international trade position.

A \$70 to 80 billion hit to export revenue could balloon the country's trade deficit, further devaluing the Canadian dollar and making imports more expensive. In short, this isn't just bad news for Alberta – it's an economic calamity that could send shockwaves through every corner of the country.

And let's not forget the federal equalization program. Alberta has long been a "have" province, contributing far more than it gets back. But if Alberta's economy falters, it could soon be knocking on Ottawa's door for handouts.

Imagine the political firestorm if Alberta becomes a "have-not" province, competing for federal support with the very provinces that have relied on its success. The strain on equalization could pit regions against each other, creating a toxic political environment when unity is more crucial than ever.

Does Ottawa even care?

Alberta's decline isn't just Alberta's problem. It's a Canadian problem. The Trudeau government's climate obsession needs to take this into account. We cannot afford to sacrifice Alberta's economic engine without dragging the rest of the country down with it.

What's the plan to balance climate goals with economic reality? So far, there's been little more than vague promises and short-term thinking. If Ottawa doesn't wake up to the real-world consequences of Alberta's decline, we're all in for a harsh economic reckoning.

It's time for our leaders to prioritize pragmatic solutions over virtue signalling. Because if Alberta goes down, the rest of Canada won't be far behind. (TM) © Troy Media

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Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

A climate change solution without sacrificing climate priorities

The International Energy Agency (IEA) has reported that without CCS it will be practically impossible to meet the Paris Agreement goals. Crucially, this technology enables countries to strengthen energy security and boost economic growth, without sacrificing their climate priorities.

According to the GCCSI report, there is a total of 51 CCS facilities around the globe that are either operating, under construction or at various stages of development.

The current global capture capacity of projects operating or under construction stands at around 40 million tonnes (Mt) of CO2 per annum, while 260 Mt of CO2 has already been captured and stored over the past few decades.

The report also makes clear that coal-power stations equipped with CCS deliver dispatchable low emissions baseload



electricity while ensuring grid resilience and supply reliability.

In addition, industrial coal-based processes which are vital to the global economy and for building sustainable societies, including the production of steel, cement and chemicals, can address their emissions with CCS.

Global examples using coal

The Petra Nova project in Texas, Unites States – the largest post-combustion carbon capture system installed on a coal power plant – can capture up to 1.4 MtCO2 annually for use in enhanced oil recovery (EOR).

Meanwhile, the first large-scale CCS facility in power generation, Boundary Dam CCS in Saskatchewan, Canada has captured 3 million tonnes of CO2 since 2014.

Thanks to these facilities, the cost of CO2 capture has already reduced by half and will continue to decrease as a result of learning-by-doing and further deployment.

There are also other demonstration and pilot projects that use coal as a feedstock in India, China, Australia and Japan.

Time for action

Despite these positive developments, the GCCSI notes that to achieve the Paris

Agreement goals, the number of CCS facilities will have to increase to more than 2000 by 2040.

The report calls for stronger government policy to incentivise private sector investment in CCS, with the warning that if CCS is not deployed, many communities may have a less prosperous outlook in a carbon-constrained world.

The WCA believes that technology is the most significant catalyst to achieving our environmental aspirations. It is essential that we see responsible investment, development and deployment of clean coal technologies, which includes CCUS (carbon capture, use and storage).

Enhanced cooperation between governments, investors and industry will be key to driving future deployment and delivering on our international climate targets. *(FutureCoal)*



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Guest OpEd/Comment China strikes back at Canadian canola farmers after EV tariffs

by Dr. Sylvain Charlebois

Ottawa's push to protect the battery and EV sectors left Western Canadian canola farmers vulnerable to retaliation by China

by Sylvain Charlebois

The response to Canada's decision to impose tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles (EVs) last week was predictable. Ottawa knew that retaliation would follow, and China quickly responded by launching an anti-dumping investigation into Canadian canola exports.

While there is no evidence of actual dumping, the facts are largely irrelevant. China is likely to move forward with sanctions, regardless of the explanations provided by the Canola Council or Canadian diplomats. As in 2019, when Canada faced a similar impasse, we could again see borders close to Canadian agricultural exports.

In March 2019, after the arrest of Meng Wanzhou in the Huawei incident, China abruptly halted Canadian canola shipments, citing pest contamination as the official reason. The Canadian canola industry suffered losses estimated between \$1.54 billion and \$2.35 billion in sales, with price declines persisting until August 2020 due to the suspended export licenses. Pork exports were also affected, but canola has always been a primary target for China in these diplomatic standoffs.

Canola holds a special place in Canada's agricultural identity, and targeting it first is a calculated move by China. The crop was developed in Canada, and its very name - derived from "Canada" and "ola" (referring to oil low in acid) – underscores its deep national significance. As the world's largest exporter of canola, Canada plays a pivotal role in both global food markets and biofuel production Conversely, China is the largest oilseed importer, with half of Canada's canola exports destined for its market. By hitting canola, China sends a clear message: it can disrupt a critical Canadian sector anytime political tensions escalate. Farmers in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba - where most of Canada's 43,000 canola producers are located – are already feeling the impact. The day after, canola prices dropped nearly five percent, and further declines could mirror the prolonged downturn of 2019. The symbolism of canola makes it a prime target. Whenever Canada moves against China's interests, Canadian

agricultural commodities such as canola are the first to be leveraged.

Western Canadian farmers now face significant uncertainty, largely due to Ottawa's aggressive push to bolster the battery and EV sectors. The federal government has committed nearly \$50 billion toward building battery factories, a bold gamble that led to the tariffs on Chinese EVs. The official rationale, it seems, is to protect domestic manufacturers from an influx of cheaper green vehicles from China, even if that means limiting affordable options for Canadian consumers and straining relations with China. This approach prioritizes the development of Canadian-made EVs over the potential benefits of allowing lowercost imports to help reduce carbon emissions.

This industrial strategy follows a familiar pattern: when a government decides that a product must be produced domestically, at all costs, it often results in less competition, higher prices, and questionable product quality.

The dairy industry offers a prime example. Ottawa has funnelled billions into the sector, supported by highly restrictive trade barriers. While this policy has propped up dairy farmers, it has done so at the expense of other agricultural sectors - wheat, canola, beef, and pork - all of which could arguably benefit from the same level of government support.

In the end, the federal government will likely compensate canola farmers for their losses, as it has done before. Farmers are resilient, but Canada's diplomatic standing, particularly with China, continues to erode.

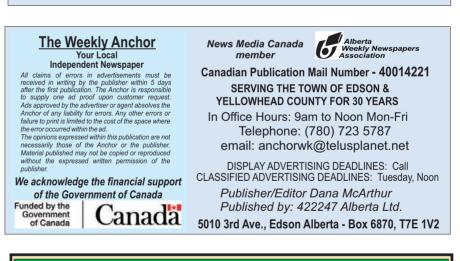
For those old enough to remember, Pierre Trudeau once idealized China, yet today, his son Justin faces a more hostile Beijing. History, it seems, has a twisted sense of irony.



"This desk job is killing me Jim. I need to be out in the field."

Edson RCMP Occurrences For the week of: Sept 16 to Sept 22, 2024

Theft Complaints 15 and Assistance Calls 10 topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 05; Alarms/False Alarms 01; Animal Calls 02; Assault 01; Cause Disturbance 02; Child Welfare 0; Fail to Comply with Conditions 02; False/Abandoned 911 Call 02; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 01, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 02; Lost or found property 0, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 0; Information File 0; Mental Health Act 02; Mischief or Damage 04; Missing Person/Request to Locate 0; Municipal Bylaws 0; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 01; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Suspicious Persons or Vehicles 07; Sudden Death 0; Traffic Collisions 03; Traffic Violations 01; Trespassing 5; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Checks 01.



- Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, a Canadian professor and researcher specializing in food distribution and policy, is a senior director of the Agri-Food Analytics Lab at Dalhousie University and co-host of The Food Professor Podcast. He is frequently cited in the media for his insights on food prices, agricultural trends, and the global food supply chain. © Trov Media

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October 3: County Pop-up Dance Classes. Peers 10:00am-

October 16, 30 November 13&27: Family Time. Join on Wednesdays for some indoor fun, Programs run from 10:30AM-12:30PM Marlboro Community hall. Registration is required visit www.yhcounty.ca/registration

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Annual Edson Yellowhead Agricultural Ranch Rodeo

by Deanna Mitchener

The 2nd Annual Edson Yellowhead Agricultural Ranch Rodeo and Dance was held over the September 14 and 15 weekend. It was a huge success with plenty of entertainment for the entire family.

President of the Yellowhead Ag Society, Kailee Groat, said, "We had a great turnout both days, the weather was great, and everyone had a ton of fun. Saturday we had nine ranch teams and 17 youth ranchers compete. We love being able to include the younger generation of riders and ranchers."

"We were also lucky enough to have the mini chuckwagons join us for a performance on Saturday. Sunday there was a whopping 14 teams in the 'no rope ranch rodeo' and an exciting ranch bronc riding competition," said Groat.

"Saturday night we had a steak supper and dance featuring Canadian country music artist Quinton Blair. The new arena was full the whole night with people of all ages enjoying the dance. Our cash or cow raffle winner was Mike Gomuwka," added

Groat. "I loved all the positive feedback from people who attended or participated, it sure makes all the hard work worth it when everyone has a great time."

"We were able to raise \$5,100 for Haying In the 30's Cancer Society as well. We chose this organization as its near and dear to my heart. I unfortunately lost my mom last April to cancer. When we were getting her ready for treatment Haying in the 30's contacted us and said they would be sending a cheque to help cover the cost associated with having treatments in Edmonton. Their goal is to help cancer victims undergoing treatment with financial assistance," said Groat.

Haying in the 30's hosts a heritage event held on the August long weekend, celebrating the old days of farming.

"We are so grateful for all of our generous sponsors and people who donated toward the event, Groat said. "We could not do this every year without all of the countless hours our volunteers put into helping organize this event."



Young Carson Helmer showing off his roping skills during the Annual Edson Yellowhead Agricultural Ranch Rodeo. photos by Kristin Braun photography





Arthen Poltorak hanging on during the Annual Edson Yellowhead Agricultural Ranch Rodeo.







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