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# Family Day Unplugged at Willmore

by Deanna Mitchener

The Town of Edson Community Development team, alongside the Edson Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and the Canadian Parents for French Edson Chapter, joined forces this February to create a

fun and free Family Day event. To encourage getting outside and off electronic devices, they called the event Family Day Unplugged, and it ran from February 12-21. Originally, the activities were planned for February 8-15, however with the extremely cold temperatures

during that time, the organizers decided to adjust the dates to allow more families to participate.

"The extension was a positive, the weather was warmer and much more enjoyable for all participants," said Town of Edson Community Development

Coordinator Ali Broda. "It's much better to bundle up with a bunch of little ones when the weather is above freezing, for sure."

The groups created a bilingual scavenger hunt through the trails of Willmore Park. The trail began

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Katie Holden, Ayden (13), Greg (10), Jake (8) Thomas (6) and dog Chloe outside the Green Shack at Willmore Park getting ready to take part in the Family Day Scavenger Hunt. The event was a joint effort between (FCSS) Family and Community Support Services, (CPF) Canadian Parents for French, and the Edson Community Development. The week long cold snap eased up just in time for families to dress warm and enjoy the fun activities. photo Deanna Mitchener

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# Family Day Unplugged at Willmore

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Lots of fun was had at the Family Day Unplugged events from February 12-21. Pictured are two participants hanging their new bird feeders up at Willmore Park. photo submitted Jocelyne DeVille

at the Green Shack and followed along the river, looping through the Bike Skills Park, and ending at the bottom of the toboggan hill.

Booklets for the scavenger hunt made things exciting for the whole family. After completing the booklet, they could be entered towards some draws for family fun prize packs. The scavenger hunt had families on the lookout for all sorts of things, including hearts of Edson. Messages were written on each heart, in both French and English.

Other activities for the kids included snow painting and making bird feeders, which were a big hit. They were made by spreading peanut butter onto a toilet paper roll and then rolling it through seeds and adding twine to be able to hang it.

Parents were seen lifting their little ones up to hang their freshly made bird feeder. Families were also on the lookout for squirrels, animal prints, and even the mascot for the

Quebec Winter Carnival, Bonhomme. At the end of the booklet there was a coupon for two small hot chocolate drinks at Sacred Groundz to warm up.

Approximately 100 participants took part in the hunt. "We had lots of participants post photos of their families completing the activities," said Broda. "Everyone that participated had a great time at Willmore and got to explore our local treasure."

The Snowathalon drew eight participants, who had to snap photos of their family completing different tasks in the area. The tasks included skating, tobogganing, and snowshoeing. It was noted that for families without snowshoes, a nice winter walk could take its place.

Participants from these Family Day Unplugged events were entered into draws for four different family prize packs. There was an Indoor Camping pack, won by Berwyn Poltorak, and Tyler Shaw won the Family Games/Craft

Night prize pack. Kathleen Kauffman won the Edson Proud prize pack, and Zoe Grant won the Outdoor Adventure prize pack.

In all, the week was very successful and brought joy to many families. "We were able to provide an activity for families to enjoy out at Willmore Park as we have annually, but without gathering to be able to ensure that the current restrictions that are in place are followed," said Broda. "It was a do at your own pace activity and available for families throughout the week. This means that families were able to go out whenever it was convenient for them and their family."

Broda noted that while the organizers were happy with how the events went, they do hope to be able to do things differently next year. "We would like to see future Family Day celebrations return to be as they were in the past. We miss connecting with the community and

offering events on a larger scale," she said. "Hopefully we will be able to do that in future Family Day celebrations. If not, this is a great alternative and worked well."

More programs and events can be found on the Community Development team's social media, or by visiting [Edson.ca/cdprograms](http://Edson.ca/cdprograms). Although they are currently virtual, there is

a lot of fun to be had. There are also Family Fun Activity Bags happening monthly for

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# Edson Risk Level changes to "Low"

Edson, Feb. 24, 2021 – As Covid-19 active case counts in the Edson area have held at 10 or under for several weeks now, the Town of Edson's Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) has moved the community down to the 'Low Risk' level within Bylaw 2250, the Mandatory Facial Covering Bylaw. As the Provincial Health Orders remain in place, this DOES NOT change anything regarding masking and business restrictions, however, does allow for a continued review of Edson facilities and operations.

The ECC will continue to meet weekly at this time to evaluate the Provincial orders and how they impact Town of Edson operations, as well as to continue to develop and implement relaunch and recovery initiatives.

At this time, everyone is reminded to continue to follow the Provincial orders in place regarding masking, gathering limits, and business restrictions. For the full list, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>. A decision on Step 2 of

the Provincial Path Forward is expected early next week.

Along with the Provincial orders, the ECC would like to reinforce the importance of other public health measures to continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- Stay 2 metres apart from others,
- Wear a mask in public spaces, indoor workplaces and places of worship,
- Practice good hygiene: wash your hands often and cover coughs and sneezes,
- Monitor your symptoms every day,
- If sick, stay home, get tested, and follow mandatory isolation requirements while waiting for results:

- if positive, isolate for 10 days or until symptoms are gone, whichever is longer,
  - if negative, stay home until you're well.
- More information on Edson's COVID-19 response can be found at [www.edson.ca/covid](http://www.edson.ca/covid).

## Funding request from Edson Cycling Association

by Adrienne Tait

Edson Cycling Association president Mike Stoner-Walker presented Town Council with an overview of the current state of the trails and skills park, and the work the group has accomplished over the past few years at Wilmore Park. The delegation also came with a request for an annual grant totalling \$35,000 in order to maintain the park and avoid volunteer burnout.

Since obtaining approval for construction from the Town in 2015 the Edson Cycling Association, with the support of numerous partners and volunteers, has built 9.3km of new trails within the park and has repaired or maintained a total of 19.17km of trails. 15.48kms of which are on Town land. The group has logged 4,346 on-site volunteer hours since 2015.

One of the challenges the group has

grappled with has been the erosion and damage on the trails due to wet weather. The trails were built in 1984/85 and originally intended for cross country skiing and a biathlon infrastructure where it is mostly used when the ground is frozen. Over the years the park has become more popular for hikers and most recently for bicyclers. The increased use has resulted in some damage and highlighted the need for proper watershed and a heavy workload for the volunteer group.

"We have weekly trail nights and work bee weekends," Stoner-Walker said. Whipper-snipping to keep vegetation at bay is a considerable portion of the workload along with repairing damaged trails and building additional boardwalks.

Most of the annual funding would be used to engage Hoots Ltd., the contractor who helped build the skills

park, to address the more technical aspects of the park to ensure that jumps, berms, and rollers maintain their proper grading and compaction. The remainder of the requested funds would be for repairing wear and tear or purchasing required materials.

The bike park and trails have proven to be popular. "It offers an opportunity to keep active even during this pandemic," said Stoner-Walker, "The attached campground has proven to be of key importance."

Since its inception the skills park and trails have grown to be one of the largest and most distinguished in the province, Stoner-Walker told Council. The Devon bike club, Stony Plain BMX club, as well as groups from Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, and Valemount all visited the site multiple times last fall.

"You have created a gem in our community - you and all the volunteers, busi-

nesses, and industries. Thank you so much for all your dedication. Without a doubt you have put Edson on the map," said Mayor Kevin Zahara, "It is critically important these assets are maintained. This is an economic development opportunity to bring and encourage outsiders to come to our community as well as a great local activity for families.... We always have to be concerned about volunteer burn out."

The request will come back for a decision at a subsequent council meeting.

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## Traffic complaints top list of Edson RCMP investigations

Edson RCMP

Between February 15-21, traffic complaints topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations. Other investigations included: Alarms/False Alarms 4; Assault 10; Assistance Calls 9; False/ Abandoned 911 call 5; Fraud 5; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 4; Lost/Found Property 4; Mischief or Damage 8; Suspicious Persons or Vehicles 13; Theft Complaints 12; Traffic Collisions 9; Trespassing 7; Uttering Threats Against Person 1; and Wellbeing Check 9.

# FRMA requests additional grant for Bighorn Trail

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Foothills Recreation Management Association (FRMA) presented information and budget requests to Yellowhead County Council during their Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting on February 16.

Aaron Jones presented to Council, giving an update on FRMA's initiatives and requesting budget consideration for 2021. Since 2011, Yellowhead County has provided an annual donation of \$30,000, and in 2019 the County provided an additional \$30,000 to help complete a new mountain bike trail to the top of the Bighorn Ridge.

Jones requested that the regular \$30,000 operational contribution continue to be provided and asked for an additional \$30,000 to be considered as a capital grant for the Bighorn Trail redevelopment in 2021.

Council had already included the operational contribution of \$30,000 into their budget, but the capital grant of \$30,000 would need to be added to the final 2021 budget if Council decided to give the funds.

Jones explained the value of FRMA, noting that West Fraser is the managing partner of the association which operates and maintains 19 campgrounds and 8 trail systems in the County.

FRMA's mandate includes providing "safe, affordable, and

enjoyable recreational opportunities for the public in and around the communities of Hinton, Edson, Robb, Cadomin, and Brule." They also look to provide Aboriginal employment, especially employment for Aboriginal women, and aim to provide the public with information about their partners' core business and organizational priorities (such as mining, tourism, forestry, safety, etc).

Surveys from 2002, 2006, 2013, and 2019 showed that the majority of visitors of FRMA-operated sites were from outside the Yellowhead County area. In 2002 and 2006, only 22% of visitors were from Edson/Hinton/Jasper and area, and in 2013 and 2019 these visitors represented only 33-35%.

The 2013 and 2019 surveys also asked campers if they purchased fuel or other supplies in either Edson or Hinton during their trip, and more than 65% of them said they had.

If funding can be secured, FRMA plans to continue building the Bighorn Trail another 14km along the Bighorn Ridge over the next three years.

"This new trail will provide opportunity to build a destination trail," explained Jones. "That will attract people from [other areas] to visit Hinton/Edson and area."

Phase 1 of the project was funded by West Fraser and the County. Costs so far have been \$457,821, which West Fraser contributed all but the \$30,000 from Yellowhead County in 2019.

Phase 1 is now complete, and the new up-trail is 12km in length, while the new down-trail is 5km. The Hinton Mountain Bike Association also funded a connector trail that was 1km in length. Jones noted that the project had "considerable challenges" due to the weather and wet conditions experienced in the summer of 2019.

FRMA hopes to start Phase 2 to build the remaining 14 km of trail along the ridge top to a second trailhead. The trail has the potential to become an "epic" trail, which Jones explained meant a long trail with stunning terrain that typically takes a day to ride. Jones added that the views along the Bighorn Ridge are "spectacular."

Jones said that "the potential to attract tourism to Yellowhead County resulting from this trail is huge," and added that countless riders from the Edson/Hinton area currently travel to Valemount, BC to utilize their sustainable mountain biking trail systems. "It's a huge opportunity to put Yellowhead County on the mountain biking map," he said.

Councillor Lavone Olson thanked Jones for his presentation. "I'd also like to thank West Fraser for building these campgrounds, maintaining these campgrounds, maintaining this trail system, and providing this low-cost recreation to all of our residents across the County and within the towns as well," she said. "I just think this is almost an essential service,

especially during this time of COVID, where people can get out, enjoy their families, enjoy the outdoors."

At their February 23 Meeting, Council had to vote on the additional \$30,000 capital grant request for the Bighorn Trail.

Councillor Shawn Berry noted that he felt it is a "very worthwhile project" and that he "really appreciate[s] the work done."

Councillor David Russell said that while he appreciates the project, Council had to make "painful sacrifices" in November during their budget deliberations. He spoke of "significant financial, governmental, and administrative challenges."

"It's easy to talk about financial restraint and looking ahead and trying to manage money and do it properly. It becomes a lot more difficult when something shiny and fun is dangled in front of your face," said Russell. "This project does have merit, and it should go ahead, but I can't support it right now because I still believe in financial restraint."

Councillor Sandra Cherniawsky echoed Russell's thoughts, and Councillor Anthony Giezen pointed out that Council had just agreed the week prior to "stay the course" on their own Campgrounds. Giezen supported keeping the operations stable, but not adding extra funds.

In a vote, Council decided against providing the additional \$30,000 capital grant due to budgetary concerns.



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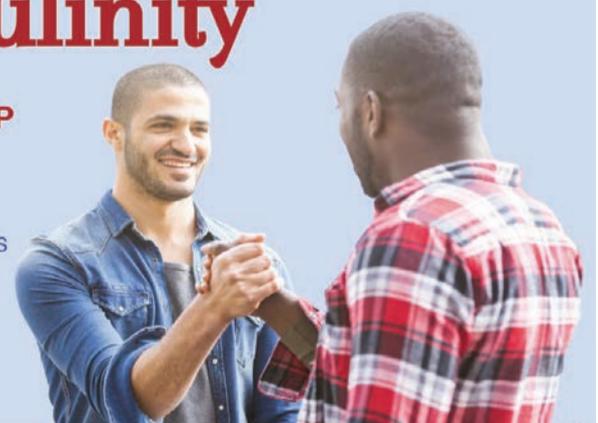
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## Canadian Navigable Waters Act

The Town of Edson hereby gives notice that a submission has been added to the Navigable Waters Registry pursuant to the Canadian Navigable Waters Act for public comment described herein and its site and plans.

Pursuant to paragraph 10(1)(b) of the said Act, the Town of Edson has deposited with the Minister of Transport, on the on-line Common Project Search Registry (<http://cps.canada.ca/>) and under registry number 2903, a description of the following Wase Creek Flood Mitigation Project, its site, and plans:

The Project will involve increasing the channel geometry of Wase Creek, as well as removal/addition of several culverts in the channel. There will be no realignment of the channel. The Project site is in Wase Creek within the Town of Edson, along the reach of 1 Avenue between 48 Street and the Highway 16 Overpass.

Comments regarding the effect of this work on marine navigation can be sent through the Common Project Search site mentioned above under the Comment Section (search by the above referenced number) or if you do not have access to the internet, by sending your comments directly to:

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014-2021	8101 Glenwood Drive/SE-18-53-17-5	Billboard Renewal	Discretionary	February 24, 2021		UR
015-2021	4813 17 Ave/Plan 2071 AC; Block 5; Lot 23-25	Demo and Rebuild roof and W wall	Permitted	February 24, 2021		R-1B
017-2021	5919 2 Ave/Plan 132 2934; Block 200; Lot 1C	Shipping Containers x 6	Discretionary	February 24, 2021		C-2
018-2021	4610 6 Ave/Plan 3364 AC; Block 61; Lot 8 & 9 WH	Roof Extension	Permitted	February 25, 2021		R-1B
019-2021	4819 17 Ave/Plan 2071 AC; Block 5; Lot 22	Single Family Dwelling (Rebuild)	Permitted	February 25, 2021		R-1B
020-2021	4902 4 Ave/Plan 1494 AC; Block 22; Lot 14-15	Fascia Sign	Permitted	February 25, 2021		C-1
016-2021	4902 4 Ave/Plan 1494 AC; Block 22; Lot 14-15	Cannabis Retail	Discretionary	February 26, 2021		C-1
<b>Week 2</b>						

Any person who deems 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 ([www.edson.ca/development](http://www.edson.ca/development))**. 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.

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# Welcome news...

Everyone wants things to return to normal and to be safe. So, it is with a collective sigh of relief that vaccine supplies are back, and Alberta has moved into Phase 1B of its vaccine rollout plan.

According to the province, with the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine in all long-term care and designated supportive living facilities, active cases there have fallen 92% since hitting a peak in December.

Since February 19, residents in retirement centres, lodges, supportive living and other congregate living facilities who are aged 75 and older were eligible for the vaccine.

As of February 24, all seniors aged 75 and older, as well as all First Nations and Metis aged 65 and older, are eligible to book a vaccination appointment, based on supply availability.

Phase 2 of the vaccine rollout plan is expected to begin in April, which will be done in four groups, A, B, C and D, covering 1.8 million Albertans.

Group A:

- Albertans aged 65 to 74
- First Nations and Métis people aged

50 to 64, on and off reserve or Métis settlements  
- Staff of licensed supportive-living facilities not included in Phase 1 Group B:

- Albertans aged 18 to 64 with high-risk underlying health conditions
- Group C:
  - Residents and staff of eligible congregate-living settings. This includes correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and group homes, including disability, mental health and other types of licensed supportive living
  - Health-care workers providing direct and acute patient care who have a high potential for spread to high-risk individuals
  - Caregivers of Albertans who are most at risk of severe outcomes
- Group D:
  - Albertans aged 50 to 64, no matter where they live
  - First Nations and Métis people aged 35 to 49 on and off reserve or Métis settlements

Relative to Alberta's population,



**From the Publisher's Desk**

Dana McArthur  
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

there is still a limited amount of vaccines, and there are difficult choices ahead on how to ensure that those people who are most at risk, are protected first.

These are uncharted waters, and there may be no completely right or completely wrong way to forge ahead towards herd immunity, as long as vaccines get into arms. But it appears that Alberta will be following the lead of counties like Israel who have demonstrated good success with vaccinating the older population first, who are at greater risk of serious

outcomes to Covid-19 exposure.

The provincial government has a target of administering more than 200,000 vaccines per week by the end of March. To achieve this, they will rely more on community partners like pharmacies, and large vaccination depots and centres around the province.

This will certainly be welcome news for all Albertans in the coming weeks. —Stay safe.

**Note:** If you have Internet access you can find booking information at [www.ahs.ca/covidvaccine](http://www.ahs.ca/covidvaccine). Over the phone, call Health Link (811), but be warned Alberta Health Services is anticipating high call volumes.

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# Teck provides update on Cardinal River mine

by Shaylyn Thornton

At the February 23 Yellowhead County Council meeting, representatives from Teck appeared via Zoom to give an update on the Cardinal River Mine and explain their next steps.

Acting General Manager Ryan Amundrud, Closure Project Manager Lisa Risvold, and Social Responsibility Lead Nicole Nicholas presented.

Mining at the Cardinal River Mine ended on June 8, 2020, and the last coal was processed on June 29, 2020. The mine then entered "active closure."

Active closure begins when mining has been completed and the decision is made that there are no future mining opportunities to pursue. Active closure includes decommissioning of site facilities and infrastructure, remediation where required, and reclamation activities.

Risvold explained that Teck first has to go through a Closure Regulatory Submissions process with Alberta Energy Regulator (AER), which involves creating a mine closure plan, EPEA and Water Act renewals, preparing plans for decommissioning and land reclamation, and getting consent to abandon.

Teck plans to submit this information by March 31, 2021, and with an expected turnaround of 180 days, hopes to receive regulatory approvals by September 30, 2021.

Teck would then carry out their plans based on approvals, and will create more in-depth environmental and decommissioning plans, as well as a three-year mine reclamation plan. Executing these plans would take place from approximately 2022 on.

Risvold noted that the plans submitted for approvals are "conceptual" and may change depending on feedback from AER as well as consultation and feedback from Indigenous communities and stakeholders. Years of engagement with First Nations and communities of interest have impacted the plans created thus far.

Teck plans to start south and reclaim the Cheviot Mine first. They will then go north and reclaim the access road that connects the Cheviot Mine to the Luscar Mine. The first half of the road and the Cheviot Mine are expected to be fully reclaimed by 2026.

They will then finish off the access road and will work on the Luscar Mine, which would be expected to be completed by 2032. This would mean the entire site would be reclaimed by 2032.

Teck looks forward to reclaiming the site to "achieve a healthy ecosystem." "We need to conserve and enhance biodiversity and return mined land to productive uses," said Risvold. "At Cheviot, the goal is for the ecosystem to function as it would before development."

"We fully recognize it won't be identical, but it will be equivalent. So water, land, fish, and animals are healthy, and the landscape also includes human use including recreation and traditional uses," Risvold added.

She also explained that the Luscar Mine is a legacy site, and when reclamation occurred on the Luscar site in the '70s and '80s, it used the standards of the time. "It did use agronomics because the coal miners at that time knew that would be successful. And the goal was to create habitat for wildlife, and it was very successful," Risvold explained.

"We've changed how we do reclamation, and a key part of that was from the original Cheviot Mine permitting process. We heard from many individuals and the regulators that native plants are used in reclamation," Risvold said. Teck uses the native plants approach at the Cheviot Mine, and they integrate it at the Luscar Mine as well.

Amundrud took the time to address concerns of water quality at Cardinal River. "Teck as a whole is very committed to protecting the water at Cardinal River," he said. "We are very focused on water management."

Amundrud spoke specifically in regard to selenium, which he said is the part of water quality "that has gotten the most attention lately." Selenium occurs naturally in the rock at the mine at Cardinal River. Through the mining process, significant volumes of rock are moved, so water from both precipitation or any groundwater runoff flows through these rock piles and can carry this naturally occurring selenium into the watersheds.

"Unfortunately, even though selenium is one of the nutrients that is required for both human and animal life in small quantities, if it is present in high enough concentrations it can adversely affect aquatic health," said Amundrud. "This is why we're taking significant actions, both during mining and now that we're closed, to make sure that as little water as possible came in contact with the mining areas."

During the mining process, Teck would direct water around the pits wherever possible so that it didn't come into contact with the rock at all. In cases where water would come into contact with the pits, they would direct the water to old, backfilled pits.

Teck has created an Integrated Water Management Plan to take a comprehensive approach to monitoring and protecting over the long-term closure. They monitor a number of different areas for selenium concentrations, and findings are submitted to third parties for ecological risk assessments.

"To date, all of these studies have concluded that there is negligible risk to native fish populations at Cardinal River," said Amundrud, noting that the sites would continue to be monitored for changes. "Teck is committed to protecting water quality and managing selenium through closure and reclamation."

Amundrud also noted that annual reports are submitted to Alberta Energy Regulator and are publicly available for those who want to see them.

Councillor Wade Williams spoke to the Teck representatives. "It was a very sad day for the whole area here when we heard about the mine closing,

however we do understand that is the way these things work. Yellowhead County, the Town of Edson, the Town of Hinton, we're all impacted by it," he said.

Williams said that he was in the mining industry for 20+ years and was very familiar with the reclamation process. "I am very, very confident that the mine will be returned to a state that is very good for the area and for the public once you're finished up there."

Councillor Lavone Olson said, "We really appreciate this update on what's going on out there." Olson also inquired about the Redcap project at the mine. "I thought it was a go, I thought it was all approved, and then it seemed to die. Can you explain that?" she asked.

Amundrud responded. "We did receive regulatory approval to proceed in Redcap, but Redcap was always a fairly marginal economic mining area," he explained. "What we found as we got going was it was just too close to the line and we had significant obstacles getting started there, which probably wasn't helped by dropping coal prices, so as a business Teck has determined it was just too close to the line and not economically feasible to continue."

Mayor Jim Eglinski thanked the group for the presentation. "We look forward to watching the progress over the next 11 years as you reclaim," he said. "As Councillor Williams said, I believe you will do a fantastic job, as you guys normally do."

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



### Maintenance III Competition #S2041

Applications are invited for the available position of Maintenance III – Journeyman Plumber/Gas Fitter, based out of Edson. Servicing the Edson and Lobstick zones. Grande Yellowhead Public School Division offers competitive benefit and pension packages.

Duties will commence immediately.

A copy of competition number S2041 outlining the qualifications is available on the GYPSD website <https://gy-psd.ca/our-division/working-at-gypsd> under "Support Staff".

This competition will remain open until March 4 at 12pm.

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

## KID'S CORNER



This is 17 month old Griffin Sanders! Griffin has a pitbull named Maxx who is his best buddy. Griffin enjoys coloring everything, as well as climbing anything and everything. He also loves music and dancing. His favourite toys are his stuffed bee named Bee and all of his tractors. When he grows up he'd like to be a tractor driver. Griffin's favourite show is Muppet Babies and Olaf's Once Upon a Snowman is his favorite movie. Griffin got to go ice fishing this winter and got to touch a fish. His mom Andrea said, "He loved it."



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# Wildfire Season starts March 1

submitted Caroline Charbonneau, RPFT: Area Information Coordinator, Wildfire Information Officer

burn piles before March 1. If they are still active please contact your local Agriculture and Forestry office. Permits are required after March 1.

Starting March 1, fire permits are required for any burning, except campfires, in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta. Fire permits help us to track what is burning on the landscape. If you're burning without a fire permit or outside fire permit conditions, your fire is considered a wildfire. By getting a permit you help keep our firefighters free to fight real wildfires instead of responding to the smoke in your backyard. Fire permits are free and can be requested from your local Agriculture and Forestry office. For the Edson Forest Area, you can reach us at (780) 723-8527.

Remember to revisit any winter

When checking your winter burns, spread around any remaining debris so you can probe the area for hotspots. Use your bare hand to feel for heat over the ash piles. If you see smoke or feel heat, the fire is still burning. Douse any remaining hotspots with water and stir up the ashes. A fire is not out until there is absolutely no heat emanating from the ashes.

Last wildfire season, 704 wildfires burned 3,269 hectares. The five-year average in Alberta is 1346 wildfires burning 393,134 hectares. Last year 88 per cent of wildfires were human-caused, meaning they are preventable.

## Pet of the Week

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Meet Moki! This sweet 1 year old girl kitty loves to cuddle her foster family and is ready to find her forever home. She's looking for a quieter household and one where she is the only queen kitty. Find out more about Moki on our Facebook page or visit EdsonAnimalRescue.com to find out how to adopt.



We have pet friendly ice-melt available for purchase in our online shop <http://edsonanimalrescue.com/shop>. Every one sold helps us carry on our rescue mission!

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### INVITATION TO TENDER 2021 Crack Sealing Program for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below.

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2021-786  
Project: 2021 Crack Sealing of Local Roads  
Will be received until: 1:00 P.M., March 17, 2021  
At the office of: Yellowhead County  
2716 - 1st Avenue  
Edson, Alberta  
T7E 1N9

For the following work: Approximately 275.2 kilometers of Crack Sealing of Local Roads within Yellowhead County and the Jasper/Hinton Airport.  
Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., March 03, 2021, at the following link: [www.purchasingconnection.ca](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca).

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



## FAMILY FUN KITS

Register for our Family Fun Kits to get resources, games, and toys for a weekend of family fun! Some possible kits available:

- Jumbo Games
- Obstacle Course
- Seasonal Kit
- Building Sets
- Sensory Play
- Magnetic Play

Kits are free to borrow. Limited kits available.

Please sign up by Wednesday at noon

by calling Yellowhead County 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935.

Kits can be picked up at either the Wildwood or Edson Yellowhead County on Thursdays and must be returned by 4:30 PM on Monday.

Families can borrow up to 2 kits a month.



### INVITATION TO TENDER 2021 Summer Gravel Program for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below.

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2021-785  
Project: 2021 Summer Gravel Program  
Will be received until: 1:00 P.M., March 11, 2021  
At the office of: Yellowhead County  
2716 - 1st Avenue  
Edson, Alberta  
T7E 1N9

For the following work: Approximately 320 kilometers of summer road graveling within Yellowhead County with approximately 91,000 tonnes of Owner supplied crushed gravel from five (5) different stockpile sites.  
Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website at the following link: [www.purchasingconnection.ca](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca).  
Copies of Specifications and contract document may be picked up on or after 12:00 P.M., February 24, 2021.

The Tender must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) Bid Security and Consent of Surety as stated in the "Instruction to Bidders". Yellowhead County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, please contact Rex Wallace, Assistant Manager of Infrastructure Services for Yellowhead County at (780) 723-4800.



### INVITATION TO TENDER 2021 Line Painting of Local Roads for Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County requests a tender submission from parties interested in performing the work identified below.

Sealed tender marked: TENDER NO. 2021-787  
Project: 2021 Line Painting of Local Roads  
Will be received until: 1:30 P.M., March 17, 2021  
At the office of: Yellowhead County  
2716 - 1st Avenue  
Edson, Alberta  
T7E 1N9

For the following work: Approximately 407 kilometers of White Line, 281 kilometers of Yellow Line, 272 Square Meters of Painted Pavement markings.  
Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedule contained within the Scope of Work and the Special Provisions.

Electronic (.PDF) copies of the tender documents are available for free download from the Alberta Purchasing Connection website on or after 12:00 P.M., March 03, 2021, at the following link: [www.purchasingconnection.ca](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca).

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Please call the Yellowhead County Wildwood office by March 12 to register.  
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## Create & Hide Your Own Geocache!

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\$10 per kit. Please call 780-723-4800 to register and pay for your kit.  
Registration is open until March 12.  
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Kits available for pickup March 15 - 19 at county offices in Edson and Wildwood.

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This workshop includes a free Homeowner Information Package. Please contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services at 780-325-3782 with any questions regarding this workshop.



## WILDFIRE SEASON STARTS MARCH 1

Burn Permits are required starting March 1, 2021.

For further information contact:  
Cory Chegwyn  
Deputy Fire Chief, Public Safety  
Yellowhead County  
780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030

During this time, permits are required for any burning (excluding campfires), or already burning fires in the area managed by Yellowhead County Fire Department.

Please go to [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca) for the latest information on current fire ban maps and details.

Yellowhead County manages and issues fire permits only for the area north of Highway 16 and east of Highway 22. Permits are free and available by contacting your closest Yellowhead County Office.

### APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit Number	Location	Proposal	Notice of Approval
D21-010	NW 33-54-10-W5 Chip Lake Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage Covered Veranda and Covered Deck	Feb 17/21
D21-012	SE 33-52-08-W5 Evansburg Area	Existing 14' x 32' Single Detached Dwelling with 32' x 34' Attached Garage	Feb 17/21
D21-015	NW 35-55-14-W5 Fulham Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Feb 23/21

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca). The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw.

The land use bylaw provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by filing a written notice of appeal, containing reasons, with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for Yellowhead County accompanied with payment of \$300.00 within Twenty One (21) days after notice of the approval is given. If you have questions or concerns please contact Yellowhead County's Planning Department at 1-800-665-6030.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 05.21

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

Notice is hereby given that all Public Hearings will begin at 1 p.m. on March 9, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Yellowhead County Administration Building located at 2716 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow persons to make known their views with respect to the proposed

Bylaw No. 05.21 being a Bylaw to amend the Edson West Area Structure Plan.



To view the details of Bylaw 05.21, please see [www.bit.ly/EdsonWestASP](http://www.bit.ly/EdsonWestASP).

All written submissions will become public information upon receipt by the Yellowhead County Council. Copies of Bylaw No. 05.21 are also available for public inspection during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Yellowhead County office located at 2716, 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at 723-4800, or 1-800-665-6030.

# Community Peace Officers to have enhanced authority

by Adrienne Tait

Enhanced policing for Community Peace Officers was the topic at the Town of Edson's Committee of the Whole meeting on March 23.

The provincial government has mandated that Community Peace Officers (CPOs) are to receive increased levels of training and may be granted an increased levels of authority in certain areas as they transition COP level 2 officer positions to COP level 1.

Community Peace Officers are appointed by the province but employed by the municipality. Federally, CPOs are considered Peace Officers under the Criminal Code of Canada and although they have more limitations than a RCMP officer, they do have the power to arrest, conduct search and seizures, and detain.

Town of Edson Administration is looking to enhance policing services and was seeking permission to apply to the Solicitor General for the following statutes: Traffic Safety Act; Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Act; Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act; Trespass to Premises Act; Petty Trespass Act; Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act; Provincial Offences and Procedures Act; Dangerous Dogs Act; and the Animal Protection Act.

CPOs with level 1 qualifications and training traditionally have been able to enforce those statutes.

Because they are employed by the municipality, the Town determines which statutes they wish their CPOs to be authorized to enforce. For example, while

CPOs may be authorized provincially to perform enforcement on moving traffic, the community may wish them to focus on stationary issues.

Al Schram, General Manager of Community and Protective Services said the focus is on enhancing the service to the community and freeing up the RCMP to focus on larger or more serious cases.

Councillor Trevor Bevan said he would like to see bylaw wording reflect that CPOs are able to assist the RCMP when asked. Bevan expressed concern that Community Peace Officers may start focussing more on the provincially authorized capabilities. "I don't want this to take away from our own bylaw enforcement," said Bevan who also requested Council be provided with stats on a regular basis – something they used to receive but have not been given in recent years.

Councillor Janet Wilkinson asked if there was provincial funding for the level change since it is mandated by the province and was told there is not.

GM Schram said the Town upgraded the vehicles already which alleviates some upfront cost. Any funds received from tickets issues by the CPOs goes to the Town to cover enforcement costs. However, Schram stressed that the focus and direction is to provide enhanced service and assistance; not financial gain for the Town or replacing the RCMP. The issue will be brought back to a future council meeting for a decision.



Pink Shirt Day was celebrated across the country on February 24th as a way to raise awareness and put a stop to bullying. Holy Redeemer students got right into the swing of things by wearing pink to show their support. Here, a group of grade 8 students who also sit on Students' Union went around the school handing out coupons from A&W to anyone wearing pink. #pinkshirtday #wheretoturn #hrhrebelsproud

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## Hillendale Green Shack gets new adopter



Emma Vale owner of Elements Forest School has become a recent adopter of the Hillendale Green Shack. submitted

submitted Anna Vander Haeghe

Early Childhood Matters Coalition is excited to have Emma Fairbanks owner of Elements Forest School, as a Green Shack Adopter. You may have noticed her unique additions to the Hillendale Greenshack.

This Green Shack gets a lot of use and we are thrilled by her ideas she has for the future of this community Shack. Keep an eye open for a new sign coming soon!

Elements Forest is an outdoor program for children. It is a child led, place and play based educational approach, that supports the growth of the whole child (physical, social, cognitive, emotional, and psychological.) This is done through regular and repeated access of the same natural space.

Elements is owned and facilitated by Emma Fairbank, an educator accredited

through the Child and Nature Alliance of Canada. She follows the children's interests, probing their theories, asking questions and supporting them with tools and resources.

The forest school movement may seem new, however, Indigenous people have been learning and teaching on, and with this land for millennia. Although we still have a long way to come in building reciprocal relationships; Forest Schools across Canada are passionate about education and connections from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities around us.

In the warmer months, half day and full day programs are offered on a regular basis through Elements. As well as 'Nature Play', Elements partners with the Town of Edson to offer outdoor programs to families. Updated information will be posted on their social media pages.



# Celebrating Pink Shirt Day

(GYPSD) Students and staff across the Division were encouraged to wear pink on Wednesday, February 24th, to help celebrate Pink Shirt Day!

Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when a student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school.

It has since been recognized

annually worldwide as a day to stand against bullying.

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Carra Aschenmeier, Managing Director of Learning Services  
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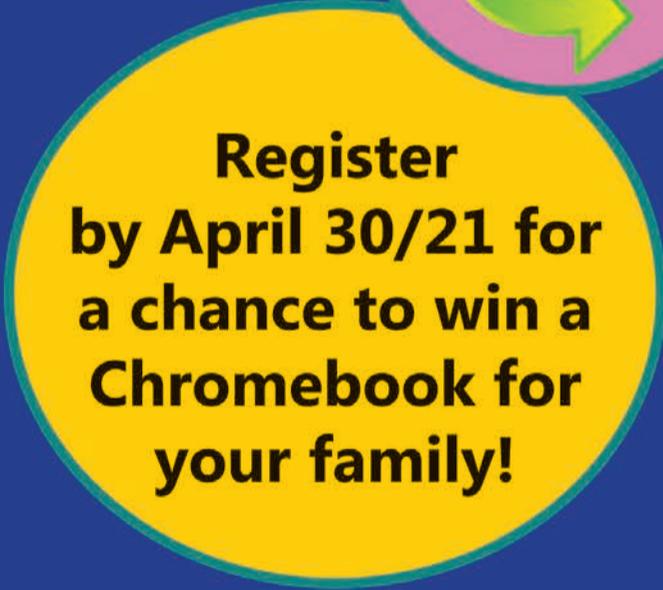


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The Weekly **ANCHOR**

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**Catching up with others...**



Pastor Mesh Hit  
Edson Baptist Church

One of the things I miss most about not being able to see some people in my life physically is hanging out, chatting, catching up, having some food and a few laughs.

I know with technology we can fill some of those gaps but it's not the same thing. I am glad to have options like Zoom, Facetime, Skype etc. available or it would be even more daunting

emotionally to get through some of the difficult days.

One day we will be back to be able to see people, give them hugs, high fives, eat together, and spend time re-investing in the people we have all not been able to see or connect with.

One of the ways to catch up with others is by asking questions about what has been happening in their lives. I try to follow a daily guideline that I will try to do more listening than talking. I am not always successful in this area, but I try to do what I can. I find that when I ask other people questions, I can hear where they are at in their journey. It also helps me to listen to what is being shared and I am then able to ask even deeper questions. I think a lot of people today, want a safe place where they can share their hearts and feel listened too.

Here are some questions that I use. Perhaps this can be a helpful guide for you as well. I don't script my talks with others and each person is different. The questions below are a simple base line to get started if you struggle with how to ask questions.

- How has this time been for you?
- What are you grateful for lately?
- Have you started any new hobbies?
- How is your family doing?

· What are you reading or listening to?  
· How can I pray for you?  
"Jesus, in the Bible," was a great question asker and listener. There are many instances in the Bible where you can see Him showing genuine care and concern for people. Social distancing does not have to mean social isolation. Reach out to someone, start a

conversation, check in on your family and friends. Keep connecting and keep hope alive. Philippians 2:3-4 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

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# The Edson 4-H Multi Club is Back!

by Raydn Wright, 4-H Club reporter

After the second wave of Covid-19 the Edson 4-H Club got paused for a little while due to the pandemic. Luckily, on January 20 they finally got to have their first virtual meeting.

At the January meeting 4-H had the occasional technical difficulty, but other than that all went smoothly. At the meeting they heard some reports like the Treasurer's Report and the Horse

Report, and even though the meeting was short lots was said.

The Edson 4-H Club was able to have another virtual meeting on February 17. At the meeting they discussed old business such as the Club's Communications Day and their Multi Card judging, which both had to be done virtually this year. During this meeting the whole club got

involved and excited when their leader, Michelle Roy, brought up going on a trip and getting new club clothing! The meeting closed as a success.

The Horse Club was happy to report they are now able to ride together, but with restrictions of course. The club hopes to be able to do more things in and around the community as the restrictions lift.



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