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Annual Princess & Superhero Party

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Daycare Society held their annual Princess & Superhero Party on April 5.

Kids from the Edson area had a special surprise visit from some famous fictional characters. The event ran from 1pm to 4pm, at the Edson Legion and

featured appearances by the Edmonton Cause-Players, who came as Disney princesses and Marvel heroes. Kids could enjoy some fun activities while

interacting with the entertainers. This is the second year that the Daycare Society of Edson has put on this event.

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The Edmonton Cause-Players were the big draw of the Edson Daycare Society's Princess Superhero Party at the Edson Legion on April 5. The group donates their time to events all across the Edmonton area. photo Niki Luymes

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Annual Princess & Superhero Party

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There were lots of other activities going on as well including a variety of crafts like make your own masks for the heroes and making bracelets for the princesses. Kids could also use the themed photo booth, colouring tables, play in the balloons, or simply dance to the music. There were also snacks and drinks offered throughout.

"It's a day for the kids to come out, have fun, and meet some superheroes and princesses, and have a really good time," said Mary-Anne Bittner, Edson Daycare Society Manager. "We want to keep it as simple as possible, and affordable. We don't charge adults; it's just for the kids to come in and have fun." Tickets were \$25 per child and the group sold just under 40 tickets. Last year the party was held at the Galloway Museum, but this year the decision was made to

move to a larger space. The princess and superhero party serves as a way for the daycare society to get their name into the community. "If we make a profit, cool, but it's more about getting the kids out, having a good time, and putting our name out there," said Bittner. Employees from the daycare society's various locations also donated their time for the event.

The event was well supported by the local community. The society received a donation from the Kinnette Club of Edson for \$500. This entirely covered the cost of snacks and drinks for the event. The Edson Legion donated back the cost of renting their space for the afternoon. The Edmonton Cause-Players are also a not-for-profit that donates their time to events across the Edmonton area.



Themed arts and crafts were one of the activities available at this year's Princess Superhero Party on April 5. The event is put on annually by the Edson Daycare Society. photo Niki Luymes

SCHOLARSHIP

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Evansburg's Tipple Park Museum and Library Integration

by Dana McArthur

At the November 19, 2024 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting, Council passed a motion directing Administration to bring back options for the integration of the Evansburg Public Library into the Tipple Park Museum site for a future decision.

Since that time, Yellowhead County Administration has been actively working with BR2 Architecture and key stakeholders to explore how best to incorporate a new library space into the existing museum facility while ensuring that both services are enhanced and complementary.

During the Yellowhead County Council meeting on April 8, General Manager of Community Services Crystal McNernie gave an update on the plans.

"The current design includes dedicated office spaces for both the museum and the library, ensuring that each has independent work areas," stated McNernie. "A shared circulation desk will serve as the primary interface for patrons entering the building, designed to support library functions such as book checkouts, holds, and inquiries, while also maintaining patron privacy."

A shared programming room has been included to facilitate after-school and summer programs, with the added benefit of functioning as a general meeting space. "A storage room has been incorporated into the programming area to ensure supplies and materials are readily accessible," stated McNernie. In consultation with Yellowhead County Fire Services, a

sprinkler system has been incorporated into the design to ensure the safety of patrons and protection of the facility.

Further enhancements to the museum include the expansion of the archives room. "By relocating the existing table and chair storage, the space can be reconfigured to provide additional workspace and support the future growth of the archives collection. The displaced tables and chairs will be accommodated within the new storage room located in the programming area as well as in the designated museum storage and workshop space," McNernie explained.

The exhibit room will feature double doors for improved access, and new overhead shelving will enable secure display and integration of museum artifacts. The kitchen area has been reduced in size to allow for greater usable floor space, and an after-hours book drop has been integrated into the main exterior door for increased library accessibility and convenience.

Consultation with both the Yellowhead County Library Board and the Pembina Lobstick Historical Society has been positive and collaborative, McNernie said. "It's still fair to say that there are reservations from both groups and a concern that the addition itself is not going to be large enough to sustain the future growth. What we are seeing if we look at what their current operations are, is that this design meets the needs of today and both groups have said that they can work with what's being proposed."

The current construction estimate for the project is approximately \$1.2 million. The total

anticipated project budget is estimated at \$1.55 million, which includes design fees, furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE), as well as required permits, project insurance, and contingency allowances.

Councillor Penny Lowe said, "I honestly believe that this is going to be an extremely positive move for Evansburg and once this design is complete, I think it's going to serve both entities quite well."

Regarding a question from Councillor Patrick Soroka on standalone facilities, Chief Administrative Officer Luc Mercier explained that with the \$1.5M renovation to accommodate the groups in the existing building, it would give the County an opportunity to move more rapidly on plans for a new hall in the community. "I'm very confident based on discussions with both of these groups that they'll be able to manage this building together and operationally."

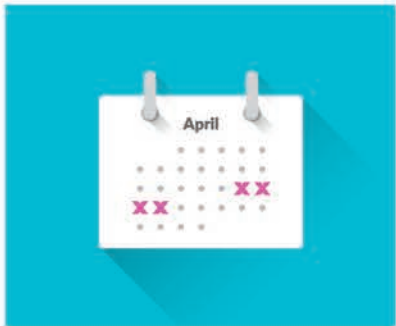
Deputy Mayor and Chair for the meeting, Councillor Brigitte Lemieux, said, "It is really important that the buildings we invest in, or that we build, that they're right-sized for the community. I can't speak for future councils, but if they commit to a community hall, this small community will be so well served by facilities."

Council voted to Yellowhead County direct Administration to proceed with the detailed design phase of the Tipple Park Museum and Library Amalgamation project; and directed Administration to include additional funding of \$354,420.00 be added to CS25-001 in the 2025 final budget for consideration.

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County FCSS hosts Busy Bodies Drop-Ins

by Niki Luymes

Yellowhead County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and Parks and Recreation made the most of spring break with their Busy Bodies Drop-In events. Family with young kids were invited to come out and enjoy some free activities.

There were two drop in events. The first was at the Peers Multiplex on April 2, and the other was at the Marlboro Hall on April 3. Both events started at 10:30am and ended at noon.

Families were welcome to come for the whole hour and half or simply pop by for a few minutes. While there was no set age limit, the activities provided were geared towards a younger age group.

The County provided music, snacks, crafts, colouring pages, sensory pits, games, and play equipment. Kids could cycle

though these different activities at their leisure, enjoying whichever one they liked most. "We like to provide indoor recreation opportunities for kids. The goal, basically, is fun," said Jina Materi, Yellowhead County Recreation Coordinator.

The event was originally planned as a more structured program that required registration. "But we didn't have much interest in it, so we switched it to a drop in," explained Materi. "Because it's spring break, it worked out really well. We had a way better turn out than we were expecting." The Peers event had six to seven families in attendance.

Yellowhead County holds family centered events like this throughout the year. In the winter months they focus on using indoor recreation spaces. In summer, the events shift to using the multiple outdoor spaces located throughout the county.



Yellowhead County's Busy Bodies Drop-In events were a great way for kids to simply have fun during spring break. The events were run in Peers and Marlboro on April 2 and 3, respectfully. photo Niki Luymes



There were a variety of activities for kids, big or small, at the Busy Bodies Drop-In event in Peers in April 2. The free event was hosted by Yellowhead County FCSS. photo Niki Luymes



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Guest Editorial/Column

Food producers burn while Ottawa worships at the altar of the auto sector

The China trade war is hurting our food producers, yet Ottawa has responded with a political Band-Aid

by Sylvain Charlebois

In the shadow of endless headlines about Donald Trump and the American political circus, another crisis is quietly unfolding on Canadian soil—this one in our fields, barns and fishing boats.

As of March 17, China has imposed crippling tariffs on key Canadian agri-food exports: 100 per cent on grains and canola, and 25 per cent on pork, lobster and seafood. These aren't abstract threats. They are real, immediate penalties on farmers, fishers and harvesters—Canada's food producers.

The federal government's response? A last-minute announcement, just before the election, doubling the maximum AgriStability payout from \$3 million to \$6 million per farm. It sounds impressive—until you scratch the surface.

AgriStability, a joint federal-provincial income insurance program, has long suffered from design flaws. To qualify, farmers must already be enrolled, and many have opted out over the years due to red tape, inconsistent payouts and poor reliability. Even for those still enrolled, profitability in other areas of the farm operation leads to clawbacks in support. In short, the boost may look like a helping hand on paper, but for most producers, it's largely symbolic. This is political theatre, not economic relief.

Compare this to Ottawa's swift promise of a \$2-billion support package for the auto sector after the U.S. threatened a 25 per cent tariff on imported vehicles, beginning April 2. Never mind that U.S. President Trump's executive order appears to spare cars and parts covered under the USMCA—for now. While the threat of tariffs looms in theory for automakers, farmers are already living with their consequences.

The imbalance is stark. One sector gets real money for a hypothetical crisis. Another, living through a very real trade war, gets a pre-election press release and a patchwork safety

net. The auto sector is essential, yes, but so is food. And unlike electric vehicles, food is something you can't live without

Let's not pretend this situation is mysterious. China's retaliation is clearly linked to the Trudeau government's decision to impose tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles—a move aimed at protecting North American EV producers and, more notably, aligning with Washington's lead. We joined the United States in targeting China's subsidized clean-tech surge, and now our farmers are paying the price for that allegiance.

If Ottawa wants to demonstrate real support for Canadian agriculture, it needs to rethink this strategy. Step one: lift the tariffs on Chinese EVs. Step two: re-engage with China diplomatically and quickly. If the goal is to become more economically autonomous and less dependent on the U.S., as some in Ottawa have hinted, then it's time to act like it. That starts with defending our own interests first—particularly in sectors that actually are under siege.

Farmers have seen this movie before. Big talk, delayed action and policy Band-Aids that don't address the root of the problem. During the Trudeau government's tenure, the same script played out again and again: glossy announcements with little effect on the ground. Prime Minister Mark Carney is veering dangerously close to re-running that playbook.

Food doesn't grow in headlines. It grows in soil, on ranches and in coastal waters. Right now, the people who grow and harvest it are hurting. Ottawa must prioritize their livelihoods with the urgency and seriousness it extends to other sectors. If we are truly committed to food security and economic sovereignty, then it's time to act—not just announce.

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is a Canadian professor and researcher in food distribution and policy. He is 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.

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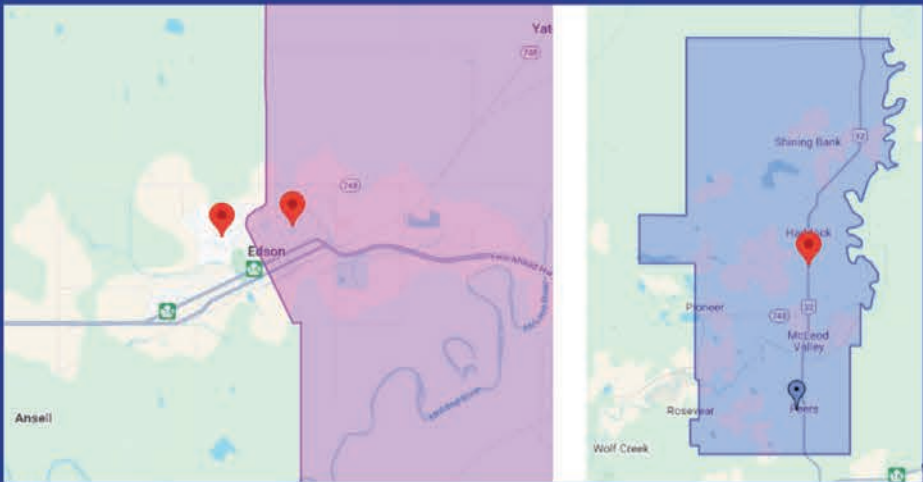


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Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D25-034	Plan 0740292 Blk 2 Lot 2 SW-35-53-16-W5 Wolf Creek Area	Accessory Building (Shop) & Existing Addition to Manufactured Home	Apr 7/25	Permitted Use
D25-036	NW-12-54-17-W5 North of Edson	Manufactured Home	Apr 7/25	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at www.yhcounty.ca. The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 02-24 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$500.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 days of the publishing of the Notice of Decision. Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.



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Property owners living in Yellowhead County that have changed their mailing address must submit the necessary forms to Alberta Land Titles as well as submit the change to Yellowhead County (2716 - 1st Avenue Edson, AB T7E 1N9) or call 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.

Land Titles Forms: Government of Alberta website (Forms - Personal Property Registry)
www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/pdf/ltmanual/CHANGE_OF_ADDRESS.pdf

Downloaded from the Yellowhead County website www.yhcounty.ca

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SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS & STORIES

During spring 2023, Yellowhead County residents went through a range of experiences during the wildfires and flooding.

Yellowhead County is looking to share those experiences through your photos and stories.

We're collecting images and short written submissions describing what residents went through during these events.

Written submissions should be between 100-400 words.
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More details are available at www.yhcounty.ca/risetgether
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The salary range is currently \$89,313 - \$110,748 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

To apply please submit resumes online at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs
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The competition closes on **Friday, April 18 at 4:30 PM.**

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- Spring applications must be received by May 15.

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Call 1-800-665-6030 for details.

To apply for Calcium Chloride Spring Dust Control, submit payment and application before May 15.

This fee represents approximately 33% of the total cost for the dust control application. Full application costs will apply for any requests over 200 metres.
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PCHS hosts Comedy Night Grad Fundraiser

by Deanna Mitchener

For many upcoming graduates, their big day is just around the corner. With graduation comes added expenses for families, so many schools try to organize fundraisers to help offset the costs.

This year, Parkland Composite High School has been busy organizing a Trivia Comedy Night. The event is set to take place on April 26, at the Edson Friendship Centre Bingo Hall. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. and cocktails start around 5:30 p.m.

Moving Edson had the same night booked for their annual trivia night, but with a compassionate understanding of how important graduation is, they decided to postpone their fundraising event to the fall.

Jennifer Kendall, a volunteer on the Parkland Graduation Board, said, “ Kim Brodersen and I have been helping with the organization for the trivia comedy night. Gil Belcourt came up with the idea along with Cherie Hunter our fundraising chair. The board has been helping bring his vision to life.”

“We are doing a turkey, ham, and fixings banquet starting at 6:00 p.m. The meal is being cooked and served by a group of volunteers put together by Gil," said Kendall.

After supper, the trivia will follow around 7:00p.m., then Gavin Hooper hitting the stage around 8:00 p.m.

Gavin Hooper is a professional comedy/hypnotist known for his dynamic and

engaging stage shows that captivate audiences with humour and excitement. His act will last approximately 1.5 hours. Gavin's promise is that everyone on his stage will always be treated with respect —always fun, but never humiliating.

The event is 18 or older. The Northwest Selects Volleyball Club is hosting a cash bar during the event.

Tickets for the event are \$60 each or \$400 for a table of 8. Tickets can be picked up at Glober & Preer LLP accounting. E-transfer for tickets to: parklandgrad@outlook.com.

“We have potentially 160 students graduating this year. This year is the largest graduation in Parkland's history. I was on the board two years ago and we had roughly 112 kids participate in grad that year. With this increase in numbers, we are looking at an increase in costs,” said Kendall.

If anyone wants to know more about this event or wants to know how they can contribute to general fundraising for the reception, they can reach out to: denbro123@hotmail.comor or call 780-898-4841.

Community Garage Sale at the Edson Lions Hall

by Deanna Mitchener

It's that time of year and garage sale season is upon us. With that, the Edson Lions Club is hosting a community garage sale on May 9.

Janet Wilkinson said, “Join us for a community-wide garage sale on May 9, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Then on May 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lions Club of Edson.”

Want to sell your stuff? You can reserve a table for just \$10. Contact Janet at 780-712-9875 or Mandy at 780-728-8456 to secure your table.

The Lions Club of Edson is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting local charities and community needs. "Our members

volunteer their time without financial gain to make a difference," said Wilkinson.

"Our hall is in the campground north of Chevron, just past the overpass as you enter town (4139 3rd Avenue). Look for the blue tin roof. The hall is also available for rent so drop by to learn more,” Wilkinson concluded.

EVENT REMINDER

April 17: North Rosevear Hall is having a Family Easter Bingo on Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 pm. Come out and have some family fun! Win Prizes and a Concession will be open to purchase treats!



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Construction underway on YCE Multiplex Project

by Niki Luymes

Edson Town Council received an update on the YCE multiplex Project during their meeting on April 8.

This update mainly concerned the construction. The project officially began on April 7. Doug Wagstaff, General Manager, Community & Protective Services, explained what parts have begun and how that will affect the current Rec Centre and the community going forward.

"It really has been an exciting milestone this week. We have, in all earnest, begun this week with construction," said Wagstaff. "The things that were occurring up until this point are things, I would deem, 'behind the curtain' type activities. Clark Builders has been doing a lot of work on site, but not the kind of things that the public or ourselves would see. They have just been preparing for the next few months, to be able to hit the ground running, really hard."

Phase 1, which began on April 7, consists of external building preparation. The entire south green space and parking lot will be stripped and prepared for construction. The construction zone will also include a section in the wooded area south east of the rec centre. All areas under construction will be surrounded by the required fencing. The time frame for this phase is set for April 7 to June 18, with some flexibility.

"A couple of local contractors are doing this work. It is Teck Logging that's doing the tree removal, as well as Johnson and Herbert is doing the site stripping and pond excavation. The asphalt stripping and site preparation tender has closed, but that award has not been announced," said Wagstaff.

"With the local contractors," asked Councillor Krystal Cacka, "I've seen the communications department has been 'plugging it' out there. Have you been seeing an increased amount of local contractors participate or inquire as to how they can be part of the project?"

"We haven't seen it ourselves, because that has been directed to Clark Builders. But Clark Builders, for a number of months now, has been sharing with the project ownership team that they are seeing a lot of interest locally," said Wagstaff. He added that by local they are referring to regional businesses as well. However, lots of these businesses have been making bids and presenting interest in the project. "They, [Clark Builders] are very

pleased with that, because not only does it keep some money here locally, it also helps reduce the cost overall because of mobilization, travel costs, and stuff like that can go down."

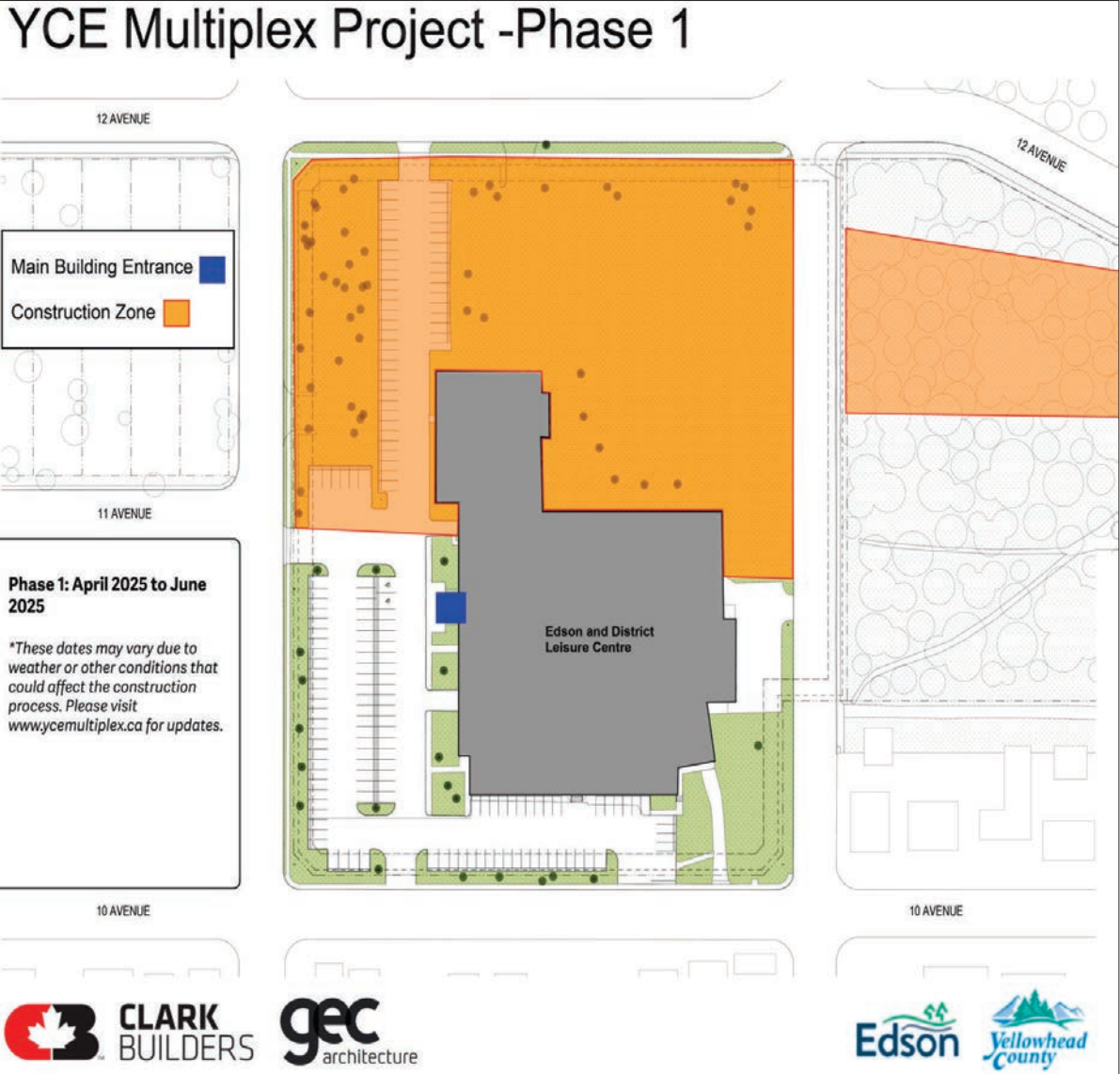
The other aspect that has been worked on behind the scenes is that Clark Builders is working with town staff to prep a temporary use public entrance to the facility. That entrance will come through the pool area and will be necessary for phase 2, set to begin on June 18. "That was the goal from the beginning; to be able to limit the program impact by being able to operate the building, with the pool and the arenas, while we do construction at the same time. No doubt there is going to be some inconvenience and some disruption. The benefit to that is we still have the activities being able

to be accessed by our community," added Wagstaff.

Councillor Ed Moore asked, "What are the plans and procedures for the upcoming trade show (scheduled for April 25-26)? With how people get in and all that?"

Wagstaff explained that the current entrance will still be in use during that time. However, parking will be the biggest issue. "We are going to be doing some promotions, just letting people know in advance to plan differently. It is going to be a construction site and with that comes some changes in the next two and a half years. There is going to be some disruption in the area."

Wagstaff added that with the limited onsite parking the Town encourages people to plan to park elsewhere and walk to the event.



The construction fencing arrived at the YCE Multiplex project, which started construction on April 7.

Q & A with federal Yellowhead riding candidates

by Dana McArthur

The Yellowhead riding, along with the rest of the country, is going to the polls April 28, to choose the next leader for the country.

With Liberal leader Justin Trudeau stepping down, newly minted Liberal leader and Prime Minister, Mark Carney, asked the governor general to dissolve parliament and call a federal election for April 28.

The newly-configured Yellowhead riding includes Edson, Yellowhead County, Hinton, Municipal District of Greenview, Banff, Canmore, Crossfield, Rocky Mountain House, Caroline, Jasper, the summer villages of Burnstick Lake, Ghost Lake and Waiparous, Municipal District of Bighorn, Clearwater County, several reserves and portions of Rocky View County, Sundre, Carstairs, Cremona, and a portion of Mountain View County.

No matter who is elected, there will be a new MP for the riding after the incumbent MP, Gerald Soroka, did not win the Conservative nomination for the reconfigured Yellowhead riding.

The riding's New Democratic Party candidate is Avni Soma. The Conservative Party of Canada candidate is William Stevenson. The Liberal Party of Canada candidate is Michael Fark. The People's Party of Canada candidate is Vicky Bayford. The Green Party of Canada candidate is William Marshall. The Christian Heritage Party of Canada candidate is Dale Heath.

While election day is April 28, advance polls will be held April 18, 19, 20, and 21 (elections.ca).

The Weekly Anchor asked four questions of each of the candidates. There was no response from the Green Party candidate as of our deadline. The answers are printed in the order they were received.

1. What do think is the greatest issue of concern in the Yellowhead riding?

PPC candidate Vicky Bayford: The Yellowhead riding is extensive and diverse in terms of the individual, social, and economic needs of its residents. One major concern shared by many is the future of the economy. People are seeking greater certainty and a clear path forward to ensure stability in their various regional industries and the affordability of their basic needs.

Liberal candidate Michael Fark: Housing and affordability. In my discussions with people across the riding housing availability and the cost of groceries and other essentials has come up consistently as the biggest concern.

NDP candidate Avni Soma: Access to public health care and the cost of living are top concerns. The Hinton hospital is closing their emergency room several days a week. This is not the system that we deserve considering we have the highest resource wealth in the country. Families are struggling to afford basic essentials, and keep up with rising housing costs. The NDP is committed to protecting public health care through the Canada Health Act, expanding services like dental and pharmacare and building more affordable, rent-controlled homes.

CHP candidate Dale Heath: The CHP's greatest concern for all ridings is that the sanctity of life from conception to natural death should be respected. The next concern would be to support the farming and ranching industries in the riding. We would listen to the issues that are burdensome to the owners and do whatever we can to alleviate them. We would also support the energy industries impacted by harmful regulations.

Conservative candidate William Stevenson: Affordability - everything has gotten more expensive during the lost Liberal decade.

2. Do you think Canada needs to gain a greater economic independence from the US? Do you support a west to east energy corridor as part of the solution?

PPC Candidate Vicky Bayford: I firmly believe that Canada needs to achieve greater economic independence, not only from the United States but also on a global scale. The East-West energy corridor is part of the solution, but I also think the government needs to step back to allow businesses to thrive—this means embracing decentralization. Canada is currently over-regulated and over-

subsidized, which hinders the creativity and competitiveness of small and medium-sized business owners. We need to focus on becoming producers of our own materials once again.

Liberal candidate Michael Fark: Yes, Canada definitely needs greater economic independence from the US. An east/west energy corridor is a good example of the complex questions we face. It requires significant investment in critical infrastructure. At the same time, the very real threats we face from climate change, as exemplified by the fire last summer in Jasper and the severe drought in Southern Alberta, necessitates that we find ways to reduce hydrocarbon consumption. I support a full lifecycle assessment of the cost benefit of building out the required infrastructure for an east/west corridor while at the same time developing policy that balances our immediate economic needs with our long-term energy and climate goals.

NDP candidate Avni Soma: Yes, Canada needs to gain greater economic independence from the US. My last business was building a local food system with one goal of creating local, resilient economies. One way to build economic sovereignty is to revisit interprovincial trade barriers particularly in agriculture. The NDP supports creating a west-to-east electricity grid to connect clean power across the country and build Canadian energy resilience. And during the discussions, we must ensure that our resource workers and small businesses are supported.

CHP candidate Dale Heath: Yes, Canada needs to gain greater economic independence. The best way is for Canada to become more self sufficient and not rely so heavily on foreign trade. Canada has the resources to do this and the CHP will do everything possible to make this a reality. We very much support a west to east energy corridor as an important part of the solution. We also believe in removing trade barriers between provinces which should have been done years ago. We should also remove government red tape preventing companies from investing in Canada and losing job opportunities for our citizens.

Conservative candidate William Stevenson: Absolutely - we need to unleash our resources to bring home powerful paycheques and new investments to strengthen our economy and energy security.



The Edson and District Chamber of Commerce hosted a forum on April 9, for candidates of the federal riding of Yellowhead. The forum took place at the Galloway Station in Edson where the attending public asked many questions of the candidates. See our story in the next issue on April 21.

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3. China has imposed crippling tariffs on key Canadian agri-food exports: 100 percent on grains and canola, and 25 percent on pork, lobster and seafood. US tariffs will make matters worse for farmers. What do you propose to do to help farmers in the Yellowhead riding?

PPC Candidate Vicky Bayford: Government at all levels should decentralize power, reduce taxes—especially on essential products like food and energy—and promote inter-provincial trade. It's crucial to immediately halt the Net-Zero agenda, as it significantly increases costs for everyone. Farmers and ranchers in this country understand their business better than the government does; we need to support and trust their expertise while ensuring that bureaucrats do not interfere beyond food safety standards. We must help our producers become competitive and seek new trading partners who need and value our high-quality food products.

Liberal candidate Michael Fark: First and foremost, when high level political events affect farmers I believe they should be provided with financial support in the short term. The long term solution is to develop and diversify trade relationships with other countries, including China, with the intent to reduce or remove the barriers to getting Canadian goods to the right markets. We also need to invest in improving the infrastructure needed to get those goods to market.

NDP candidate Avni Soma: I have worked with small scale farmers and ranchers in AB and BC for 15 years. Farmers struggle to get crop insurance. Ranchers struggle to get their meat processed and I know one that went through the very difficult process of getting their own abattoir! Inter-provincial trade limits their market. We need to bring the issues that farmers and ranchers manage on a daily basis to the forefront. Producers are the back-bone of our rural economy and communities.

CHP candidate Dale Heath: We would find new markets for our agri-food products and eliminate tax burdens farmers may have. The CHP believes in what we call the Fair tax where there is no income tax even for businesses. Tax is applied to purchases only so people have more control over the tax they pay by the decisions made on purchases.

Conservative candidate William Stevenson: We need to lower

taxes for our producers - a Canada-First Conservative government would axe the carbon tax, stop the capital gains tax hike, and ensure producers pay no capital gains tax when they reinvest in Canada.

4. What plan does your party have to address climate change in relation to a price on carbon?

PPC Candidate Vicky Bayford: The People's Party of Canada is committed to withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord. They believe that the alarm surrounding climate change is based on flawed models. By taking this action, we can immediately reduce billions of dollars in spending for both the government and the private sector.

Liberal candidate Michael Fark: Mark Carney has already ended the consumer carbon tax. The Liberal government has maintained the tax on the large emitters as the evidence supports that this is an effective way to incentivize investment in new technologies that reduce industry carbon emissions and have very little effect on affordability at the household level. At the same time, the Liberal Party is committed to bringing policy that addresses climate change, stewards the natural environment and addresses unsustainable development practices.

NDP candidate Avni Soma: The NDP supports industrial carbon pricing while phasing out subsidies to oil and gas companies. We would introduce a carbon border tax to protect Canadian businesses and ensure fairness. At the same time, we'll invest in clean energy, green jobs, and Canadian-made electric vehicles — offering rebates up to \$10,000. Our plan ensures that climate action helps families and workers, not just big corporations. It's bold, practical, and made for communities like ours.

CHP candidate Dale Heath: The CHP believes in protecting our environment from pollution but we do not believe CO2 is a pollution. We do not believe CO2 causes climate change as there is scientific evidence to the contrary. CO2 is necessary for plant growth on the planet. Therefore we would immediately remove a burdensome anti-economy improving carbon tax. The USA with 340 million people does not have a national carbon tax.

Conservative candidate William Stevenson: A Canada-First Conservative government would axe the carbon tax completely.

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What's happening, when and where in the community

Community Events

April 29 May 7, 21 : Yellowhead County Family Time In Marlboro 10:30 Am-12:30pm Light Snacks and Refreshments. Registration is required www.yhcounty.ca/registration

April 16, 30 May 14, 28 : Yellowhead County Family Time in Peers 10:30 Am-12:30pm Light Snacks and Refreshments. Registration is required www.yhcounty.ca/registration

April 17: North Rosevear Hall is having a Family Easter Bingo on Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 pm. Come out and have some family fun! Win Prizes and a Concession will be open to purchase treats!

April 20: @ 6:00pm Wellness Wednesday Winter Walks. Join for a 60 min walk through Town of Edson starting at Edson Drive Trail Head

April 26: Niton Jam at Niton Community Hall 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! For more info call Trudy at 780-723-0557 or Lorna at 780-795-3967.

April 26: YKCS annual Fundraising Auction doors open at 10am Live auction at 11am

May 2: The Edson Craft Centre (Potter's Guild) Will hold the 2025 Spring Pottery and Gift Sale at the Edson District Library. 10am-8pm and Saturday from noon -5pm

May 23-24: Mustachio Bullashio Both days start at 7PM Element Zone 13 -54011 Range Rd 171 Yellowhead County

May 31: Eddies Big Run. Registration opens February 10. Register online at edson.ca or in person at Edson District Leisure Centre.

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A variety of programs offered through Edson Friendship Centre

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Friendship Centre offers a variety of childrens' programs throughout Edson and the surrounding area. These programs are geared towards children aged 0-6 years with little or no cost to the families.

Joleen Bishop, the Early Childhood Program Coordinator, said, "Our Brighter Futures program is funded in part by Health Canada and works to improve early child health and wellbeing, and to strengthen public health capacity at the community level. One of the many ways we do this is by offering developmental clinics throughout the year for families with children ages 0-18 years. This is an opportunity for families to ask questions about their child's development in a safe, non judgmental environment."

"In partnership with the Edson Leap Centre and the Family Resource Network, families have access to a Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Family Support Worker and Child Development Worker all in one visit," said Bishop.

"On Wednesday afternoons we offer Little Wiggles: a stay and play program in Edson in partnership with the Edson Tumblers Gymnastics Club. Families with children ages 0-6 come and play, sing songs, do crafts, and have a provided snack. A similar program is held Monday afternoons in Marlboro and Peers, alternating weeks between communities," Bishop explained.

"We are fortunate to have guest speakers come in to do Parent Information Sessions on various topics and we also hold Circle of Security Parenting and Nobody's Perfect Parenting classes. Families in the community can also access the Ages and Stages Questionnaire, which is a developmental screening tool, receiving support and help with referrals if needed," Bishop said.

The (EFC) the Edson Friendship Centre has operated a Preschool for the past 25 yrs for children aged 24 months to 6 years. Four years ago, they also became an Independent School through Alberta Education, giving families the option to have access to more options when considering their families individual needs.

For more information on any of their programs, families can contact the Edson Friendship Centre at 587-817-8233.



Children enjoying some of the programs offered at the Edson Friendship Centre Early Learning programs recently. photos submitted by Deanna Mitchener



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