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Fun, skills, and safety at RCMP Bike Rodeo

by Deanna Mitchener

The annual RCMP Bike Rodeo took place on June 7, at Griffith Park from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Detachment Commander, S/Sgt Christian Delisle, said, "The bike rodeo is a day where we invite our younger bicycle riders to come and see us and practice their skills, show us that they're wearing a helmet, and an opportunity to learn more bike safety skills."

"We have some awesome prizes the kids can win, and of course, a little lunch for everyone. It's a great way to

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Just a few of the many kids that took part in the Annual RCMP Bike Rodeo from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on June 7, at Griffith Park in Edson. The event offered an opportunity for young riders to learn more bike safety skills. photo Deanna Mitchener

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...RCMP Bike Rodeo Wildwood students look out for their community

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connect with the community and bridge a gap between the younger generations and the police," said Delisle. "It's also a way for them to have fun, learn a few bicycle skills, and be comfortable around the police. This is the third year we have done this for the kids."

Western Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society was also on site for the day. "It has been a steady flow of families and youngsters stopping by, but a bit slower than past years. I feel this wind is impacting the turnout. Usually by this time of the day we'd have twice the amount of kids. Plus, we are holding it a little late this year, as we usually do it in May, so maybe some people had other plans," said Delisle.

Cenovus Energy donated the barbecue and food for the event and they cooked enough for 200 in attendance with hotdogs, burgers, and beverages. Additional support came from the Town of Edson, Victim Services, Gremm Sports and Outdoor, the Edson Fire Department, Citizens on Patrol, and local EMS.

Glitter tattoos and face painting were also a favourite for the kids. There was even a special visit from Eddie the Squirrel.



Detachment Commander Staff Sgt. Christian Delisle was guiding a kid through the obstacle course at the RCMP Bike Rodeo in Edson on June 7. photo by Deanna Mitchener

(GYPSD) Wildwood students have been very busy this year with a number of engaging and fun learning activities with community members.

Ms. Sammie Weninger introduced the Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP) to her 20 Grade 3 and 4 students. The Program has been running for over 40 years and was created to enhance students' understanding of agriculture and where their food comes from.

Patricia O'Neil is the Agricultural Services Coordinator for Yellowhead County and also volunteers with CAP. Students did a few hands-on demos that showed the importance of the soil, the different crops grown in Alberta, and then sorted grocery items based on the crop they come from. Students finished the day by planting sunflower seeds that they were excited to take home.

The activity aligns with the Science Program of Studies for both Grade 3 - Human Activities that Change the Land and Importance of Soil, and Grade 4 - Natural Resources and Parts of the Earth.

Wildwood has also proudly hosted a grandparents' program



for over 25 years at the school - linking community members, as well as students' grandparents, to volunteer with their grade 4 students to form cross generational relationships.

Program activities run from October to March and include: floor curling, seasonal crafts, card games, family history and area history examination, reusing items for outdoor decorations, and making and serving snacks for others including a May Spring Tea for community members, and year-end celebration.

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Positive Ticket Program returns to Edson

by Niki Luymes

The Town of Edson announced a revamping of a previous community engagement initiative called the Positive Ticket Program. This program focuses on acknowledging and rewarding youth in the community.

The program offers an opportunity for RCMP, municipal law enforcement, and the fire department to award positive tickets to those demonstrating responsible citizenship among youth.

While this program has been in the works behind the scenes, the June 10th Committee of the Whole was the first time its been announced to the public. Enforcement Services Manager Eric Christensen, is heading the program. "This

program is near and dear to me. I have started this program in a number of other municipalities." In Edson, the program will be tailored to reflect local values and priorities. Examples of positive behaviour include: demonstrating public safety awareness, volunteering, engaging in environmental stewardship, or simply showing kindness and inclusion.

Each ticket will include the description of the positive act, an encouraging message, and resource information. The tickets will include a link to a forum that can be used to enter a monthly or quarterly prize draw and or receive a gift card to a local business.

The plan is to launch the program on June 18, 2025. It will then continue year round with

specific emphasis during special occasions such as bike safety week, stat holidays, etc. The Town plans to promote the program through future awareness campaigns.

"It fosters a positive relationship and builds trust with youth. It encourages civic engagement, inspires pride and responsibility, and it strengthens community ties," said Christensen.

Councillor Ed Moore asked, "What age group are we talking here, generally?" Christensen responded, "It could be any age, anyone that we see doing a positive act in the community."

Councillor Peter Taylor said, "I love this program. I think it's a positive thing to have. Building positive relationships between kids, law enforcement and RCMP is important."

Edson's Youth Council gives year-end report

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Youth Council presented their end of year report at the Town of Edson Council Meeting on June 3. They outlined some their initiatives and events, while also sharing how their year went. There were 10 of the 12 youth council

members present.

Edson Youth Council has been an initiative operating for seven years. Members in good standing receive a \$500 bursary towards post-secondary education for every year of participation. As part of their responsibilities each youth must attend

monthly meetings, volunteer at community events, and work with Town Council representatives to address youth needs in the community.

Before beginning the presentation, Mayor Kevin Zahara asked that each youth councillor come up and say what they had enjoyed and

learned from this past year. After that, members Daniel Palisoc, Nolan Taylor, and Christina Belcourt began the official presentation. The three took turns talking as they went over the details.

"We usually have a specific focus for each year. This year we had a broad focus on helping

those in need," said Palisoc. Last year, youth council's focus was on helping the unhoused population in Edson.

One of the group's main events for this year was a free community BBQ lunch held on April 18. "Youth council handled basically everything for the BBQ," said

Belcourt. "We held it on Good Friday at the Edson Friendship Centre. We had around 300 people who came. This was one of the first events that we held, and we got to help those in need who are facing food insecurity and homelessness. We hope to do it again."

Youth Council also sold 50/50 tickets at the trade show. All proceeds went to the Edson Food Bank. "We sold a total of 591 tickets, and that left \$1,477.50 for the food bank. This year we were very fortunate to have one winner donate his winnings back, so we raised a total of \$2,215," said Palisoc. The group also handed out over 500 sapling trees during the trade show — an initiative that has been ongoing for three years.

"I think it's safe to say, especially after this year, that we are going the right direction. "To whoever our next Town Council is, please keep the Youth Council," Taylor said.

"The work that you've done in the community is noticeable and is appreciated as well," said Town Councillor Krystal Cacka.

"You have shown us how big of leaders you are in the community," said Mayor Zahara, "I first brought this idea to council a number of years ago and thankfully they were very supportive. What I've seen here today is that it's accomplishing exactly what we hoped to accomplish."

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Edson Fire Department deploys crew to assist with Red Earth Complex Wildfires

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The responding members included Captain Cody Hunter and Firefighters Marc Girouard, Jared Fontaine, Jay Hunter, and Ryan Stephens. These dedicated professionals worked alongside provincial resources to help protect communities impacted by the ongoing wildfire activity in the region.

“Our team is proud to stand in support of our provincial partners and fellow Albertans during this challenging wildfire season,” said Brad Milton, Director of Emergency Management and Fire Chief for the Town of Edson. “Assisting communities in need is part of who we are, and we are confident our team will make a positive impact on the ground.”

The Edson Fire Department assures the public that this type of deployment does not impact local emergency response capabilities. Full coverage will remain in place to serve the residents of Edson and surrounding areas.

Previously, members had also provided 10 shifts with various firefighters to assist with the fires in Yellowhead County. “We thank our members and their families for their commitment and service, and we wish them a safe and successful deployment.”



(left to right) FF Jay Hunter, FF Marc Girouard, CPT Cody Hunter, FF Ryan Stephens, FF Jared Fontaine.

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Edson Friendship Centre celebrates 'Friendship Centre Day'

by Deanna Mitchener

The Edson Friendship Centre held an open house and barbecue on June 6, for the community to take a tour of their new facility and enjoy some lunch, ask questions, and see the positive things they are doing in the community. The new facility is located at #302, 55th Street.

Friendship Centre Day is celebrated throughout Alberta. Kristie Gomuwka said, "There are 20 friendship centres that will be celebrating and we all do it in different ways."

"It's a day to recognize the work that friendship centres do throughout the province. Sometimes we do barbeques, sometimes we do giveaways, it depends on what's going on and what we can do," said Gomuwka. "There have been so many people requesting to come and check out the new location, it only made sense that we had a barbeque and an open house."

The open house ran from 11:00 a.m.

to 2:00 p.m. and guests could take a tour and see each of the rooms, ask questions, and then enjoy the amazing barbecue of burgers and ribs along with bannock, salads, and beverages.

"Back in December we had a flood in our location at the provincial building and it was actually just a couple days before Christmas. We lost around \$50,000 worth of equipment. The water was phenomenal. We had to find a temporary location, which is this one, and then we loved it so much that we've decided to stay," said Gomuwka.

"Everybody is now at the new location except we're still operating cultural activities out of the bingo Hall and our WayFinding program," Gomuwka explained.

"We also have our subsidiary: Willow River. This year will be our first year that we're opening up for accommodations. We'll have two teepee and two trapper's tents out at Willmore Park. People will be able to rent them for an evening. These accommodations will have flooring,

beds, and wood will be provided," said Gomuwka. "So far, we just got the platforms built. We are hoping by the end of June to be ready to open them up."

We are holding a three day workshop

called Fire, Resilience and Renewal. Also, our golf tournament this year is in support of women and infant nutrition. It's happening on June 28," Gomuwka added.

4th Annual Dog and Pony Show to feature precision drill riders

by Deanna Mitchener

The 4th annual Dog and Pony Show is a collaborative fundraiser for the Edson Animal Rescue Society (EARS) and the Yellowhead Agricultural Society (YAS). The event is taking place on June 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Yellowhead Agricultural (rodeo) grounds located at 901 RR180 in Yellowhead County. The gates open at 5:00 p.m. and the show runs from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Lisa Wilkinson with EARS says, "There are lots of activities for the whole family. There will be pony rides, wagon rides, and a petting farm featuring rescue animals. A favourite activity for kids is decorating their own stick horse and they'll have an opportunity to show off their horses in a parade in the arena."

"The show will start off with something new, the Blue Thundering Hooves, a precision drill team of riders. There will be dog agility, which is a crowd favourite, and this year some dogs will be performing special tricks. Another event involves teams of one dog and one horse racing through an agility style course. There will also be an opportunity for families to have a turn participating in games in the arena," added Wilkinson.

The YAS food trailer will be on site offering a variety of food. The admission fee is \$5 per person or \$15 per family, and includes the show and most activities. Some activities like pony rides require a small donation.

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People were touring the facility and socializing during the open house barbecue that was held on June 6, at the new location of the Edson Friendship Centre. photo Deanna Mitchener

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D25-075	SW-30-54-9-W5 Chip Lake Area	Manufactured Home (Additional) & Existing Addition (Covered Deck to Existing Manufactured Home)	May 27/25	Permitted Use
D25-051	SE-32-52-19-W5 Edson West	Manufactured Home with Existing Recreational Cabin - Variance for Setback for Recreational Cabin	Jun 5/25	Jun 26/25
D25-056	NW-34-53-14-W5 Peers Area	Single Detached Dwelling	Jun 6/25	Permitted Use
D25-076	Plan 7622234 Blk 4 Lot 15 NE-36-53-9-W5 Lobstick	Accessory Building (Detached Deck)	Jun 6/25	Permitted Use
D25-067	SW-3-55-14-W5 North of Peers	Natural Resource Extraction & Processing - Gravel Pit - Discretionary & Variance to North Setback	Jun 11/25	Jul 2/25

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. 0224 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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Meet at East End (by the Playground)

Yellowhead County

by Deanna Mitchener

It was a busy weekend out at the Yellowhead Agricultural Grounds over the June 6-7 weekend. Yellowhead District 4-H held their beef show and auction on June 6, at the Yellowhead Agricultural Grounds.

The Yellowhead 4-H District is made up of four local clubs including the Knight Riders 4-H Multi Club, Peers 4-H Multi Club, Edson 4-H Multi Club, and Carrot Creek 4-H Multi Club.

These members competed in a variety of classes including confirmation, grooming, and showmanship. They were split into three levels: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior depending on their age. Each club selected a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion from each age category in each class. The top two members from each club returned to the ring to determine District InterClub Champions and Reserve Champions for each class.

This year's show had 59 steers, 9 yearling heifers, 2 two year old cow/calf pairs, and 1 three year old cow/calf pair being showcased by 60 members.

The show also included 12 Cleaver members displaying small critter projects like lambs, hen and chicks, calves, rabbits, and goats.

After the show was over the clubs came together to present the prizes won throughout the day. Dinner was provided for members, families, supporters, and sale buyers at 5:00 p.m. An outstanding meal for 300 people was prepared by Tammy Fossheim and her helpers this year. Dinner included fresh beef, buns, a selection of cold salads, and an array

of desserts along with hot and cold beverages.

After dinner, the Market Steer Auction opened with a parade of Champions that included the Grand and Reserve Interclub winners.

The parade consisted of Blaire Becker showcasing her Grand Champion Heifer and Grand Champion 2 year Old Cow/Calf Pair, Brooklynn Klut with her Reserve Champion Heifer, Makayla Fossheim with her Reserve Champion 2 year old Cow/Calf Pair, Tayla Plunkie with her Grand Champion 3 year old Cow/Calf pair, Ethan Fossheim with his Reserve Champion steer, and Serena Klut with her show-winning Grand Champion steer.

The steer sale was conducted by live auction. Members walked their steer around the ring while the many generous buyers made bids and purchases. Steers were sold by the live weight pound.

A huge thank you went to the many steer buyers, event and award sponsors, spectators, volunteers, and families.

The following day, members returned to the Yellowhead Agricultural Grounds to clean up from the sale. A fun BBQ lunch was provided for the members by Tyson Haddock of Backwoods Butchers.

The BBQ was a fantastic way to bring members from all clubs together to get to know each other and celebrate a successful show and sale.

For many youngsters this was their first year entering the event. There was a lot to learn from the experience for next year's event. All 4-H members did a fabulous job.



The 4-H event included 12 Cleaver members displaying their small critter projects like lambs, hen and chicks, calves, rabbits and goats. photo Deanna Mitchener



The Grand Champion award went to Serena Klut. This was Serena's second year in the Yellowhead 4-H District Beef Achievement Day Show and Sale. photo Deanna Mitchener



4-H members showcase their steer while judges walk around determining the winners. photo Deanna Mitchener

by Deanna Mitchener

The Annual Shandy's Dream for a Cure Barbecue and Fundraiser will be held on June 21st in the RCMP Centennial Park, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This community event includes a BBQ, Memorial Walk, and butterfly Release. The Edson Fire Department will also be on site with their fire trucks which is always an exciting addition to the event.

Barbie Brown Reichenbacher says, “This is our 10th annual fundraiser. It is a day to not only raise awareness, but also to remember Shandy and the battle she fought. All proceeds from our fundraiser are donated to fund paediatric brain cancer research in Shandy's memory.

"Paediatric brain cancer is not rare and the funding for research is insufficient. We are hoping to change this. Since starting our fundraiser in 2016 Shandy's Dream has raised just over \$128,000," says Reichenbacher.

In 2015, Barbie and husband Rob lost their daughter Shandy to a brain tumour at the young age of 11 years old.

This young lady had a dream to help find a cure for brain cancer. After her passing the family was determined to keep Shandy's dream alive. Shandy's Dream for a Cure raises much-needed funds for research.

Every year family, friends, and community come together to remember Shandy and her dream. If you would like to help support Shandy's Dream for a Cure you can go online to:

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Seniors Week in Edson bustling with activities

by Deanna Mitchener

Seniors in Edson had plenty of events to attend every day during Seniors Week from June 2 to 6th.

To start the week off Parkland Lodge hosted a parking lot kick off party with live music and barbecue. Amanda Wills, Parkland Lodge Activity Coordinator, said, “On behalf of us all at the lodge we want to thank everyone who joined us for our Seniors Week Celebration. It was great to see everyone enjoying the food and music and even up dancing.”

Edson FCSS offered Thrive After 55, at Griffiths Park Centre in the morning and in the afternoon the Primary Care Network had an information session for seniors.

On June 3, the Edson Friendship Centre offered BINGO for seniors to enjoy at a discount. The Edson Pioneer Cabin hosted a free lunch of homemade soup and sandwiches. The Elks provided the dessert of cake and ice cream.

That same night the Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch #51 hosted a free supper. President Ron Ronasth said, “We had 320 tickets for supper and we have 300 seniors here tonight; a very good turnout. The Legion is proud to host this event for our seniors as they are all very important members of our community. We would like to thank the cadets for their help, and all our volunteers. We couldn't put this event on without all of their help.”

On Wednesday seniors started the day off at the Edson & District Recycling Society for a free barbecue and prize draws.

The Edson & District Community Learning held an open house with technical tips and information, along with refreshments and donuts. The afternoon continued on with the Parkland Lodge Auxiliary Society hosting a free movie, hot dogs, popcorn, and beverage at the Landmark Cinema Theatre. The movie was called Secondhand Lions.

On Thursday the Town of Edson FCSS hosted a free pancake breakfast at the Edson Fire Hall. Breakfast included pancakes, bacon, sausage, muffins, fruit, and beverages. There were door prizes and gifts to take home. MLA Martin Long was at the fire hall helping serve coffee and chatting with guests, “There's never a bad time to celebrate seniors with all the contributions they have given over the years.”

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara was also helping to serve up breakfast, “This year's Seniors Pancake Breakfast was remarkable with the amount of people that attended. It is always a popular event that is greatly appreciated by the attendees, but also the people working at the event, who want to celebrate and thank our seniors for the contributions they have made. Our community Development Teams, Edson Fire Department, volunteers, and Town of Edson staff deserve a huge thanks for making it such an amazing event.” Over 370 community members were served at the breakfast.

The Galloway Station Museum's High Tea was well attended. Manager Shari McDowell said, “We had a great turnout with about 54 people. It was such a lovely afternoon with delicious food, great company, and lots of laughs over trivia and prizes.”

Town of Edson FCSS held Steps & Sips Walking Group on June 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Edson Drive Trail Head. Then another barbecue was enjoyed at the Edson Community Gardens. The Edson & District Public Library also had a movie and refreshments to enjoy.

It was a remarkable week bustling with food and activities for our valued seniors.



The Town of Edson FCSS hosted a free pancake breakfast on June 5, at the Edson Fire Hall during Seniors Week. Breakfast included pancakes, bacon, sausage, muffins, fruit, and beverages. photos Deanna Mitchener



It was an elegant afternoon at the Galloway Station Museum and Travel Centre on June 5, during High-Tea in recognition of Seniors Week.



Seniors had a real sweet treat on June 4, during Seniors Day at the Edson & District Recycle Depot. Staff were making cotton candy for seniors to go along with a free barbecue and draws.

Fundraiser for Susan Longmore

Hi everyone, my name is Deanna Mitchener, I started a fundraiser to help a lady we all know —Susan Longmore.

As many of you know Susan just recently lost her husband (Doug) to cancer. Susan is a strong and proud person, who would never ask for a penny or help. So I personally am reaching out to ask for your support in helping Susan during this difficult time.

It is not easy to ask for help. This is why I am asking for support, so she doesn't need to.

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Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Oil producers brace for market share battle

*Oil producers brace for market share battle
OPEC+ launches a crude oil price war, and everyone will feel the pain*

by Rashid Husain Syed

The gloves are off. OPEC+—the alliance of major oil-producing countries led by Saudi Arabia and Russia—has abandoned its price-support strategy. Instead, it's flooding the market to punish overproducers and claw back market share, regardless of the consequences.

For three consecutive months, despite falling prices, OPEC+ has ramped up output, bringing back 1.37 million barrels per day to the market. Until recently, it had withheld 5.3 million barrels per day—about five per cent of global supply—to stabilize prices. But that restraint is vanishing fast. The group is now rolling back voluntary cuts at high speed, opening the taps just as global markets are showing signs of oversupply.

Geopolitical developments are adding fuel to the fire. A possible breakthrough between Iran and the United States could put even more crude back into circulation. Meanwhile, Russia continues to find ways to move oil despite sanctions.

On top of that, U.S. production hit an all-time high in March at 13.499 million barrels per day, surpassing the previous record set just months earlier. Shale producers in the Permian and Gulf

Coast regions continue to churn out oil, even as drilling slows elsewhere.

This rising tide of supply spells trouble for all producers, but it presents a unique challenge for jurisdictions like Canada, where oil sands production is a major driver of jobs, investment and government revenue.

Oil sands projects require massive upfront capital and long lead times, making new investments harder to justify in a weak price environment. Yet once built, these operations are remarkably resilient, with low ongoing costs and long production lifespans.

Major Canadian producers like Canadian Natural Resources can remain profitable even when West Texas Intermediate—a key oil price benchmark—falls into the low-to-mid US\$40s. That long-term efficiency offers a structural advantage over U.S. shale, which depends on constant reinvestment. Still, prolonged low prices can stall future oil sands development and weigh on government budgets.

Meanwhile, demand is faltering. U.S. consumption dropped to its lowest level in a year, with total petroleum products supplied falling to 19.95 million barrels per day, a red flag for refiners heading into the crucial summer driving season.

Hopes that India might offset global demand weakness are fading. While its economy is growing, “India's volumes aren't anywhere near the Chinese boom in consumption that began in the early 2000s,” wrote Tsvetana Paraskova in Oilprice.com. Those who expected India to be the “next China” are in for disappointment. Between 2000 and 2025, Chinese crude demand growth averaged 485,000 barrels per day, noted Bloomberg opinion columnist Javier Blas. In

contrast, India's crude demand growth is just around 200,000 barrels per day annually, less than half of China's booming growth during the 2000s and 2010s.

This growing mismatch between surging supply and tepid demand is already taking its toll. Brent price forecasts have been revised downward for the third straight month. Analysts now expect it to average just US\$66.98 in 2025. U.S. crude is forecast to average US\$63.35. These are bleak numbers for producers across the board.

As Rystad Energy's Jorge Leon puts it, “Three strikes from OPEC+, and none were softballs. May warned, June confirmed, and July fires a shot across the bow.” The message is clear: OPEC+ is done playing nice.

This is a direct challenge to North American shale and high-cost producers like Canada. With the market saturated and demand falling short, the price pressure is mounting. Unless producers adapt quickly, they're in for a punishing stretch.

The global oil market is being reshaped in real time, and the consequences will be felt in boardrooms and across national economies.

Toronto-based Rashid Husain Syed is a highly regarded analyst specializing in energy and politics, particularly in the Middle East. In addition to his contributions to local and international newspapers, Rashid frequently lends his expertise as a speaker at global conferences. Organizations such as the Department of Energy in Washington and the International Energy Agency in Paris have sought his insights on global energy matters.

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A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry

ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

Knowledge And Technologies Continue To Drive Environmental Improvements

The coal industry—in cooperation with government agencies, local communities and other industries like utilities, railways and ports—has developed and implemented a variety of successful initiatives designed to protect and even enhance the local and global environment.

Here are just a few of these environmental challenges and solutions. Something as simple as coal cleaning—washing it before shipping and burning—adds environmental benefits. Washing removes some of the ash content and the subsequent drying removes moisture, which reduces weight.

Dry, lightweight coal is less expensive to transport and more valuable as a heat source. That’s why higher rank thermal coal from Alberta and British Columbia is always washed before being transported to Ontario

and abroad.

Reducing sulphur dioxide (SO₂) emissions is a big undertaking for the coal industry. Western Canadian coal is already considered a cleaner coal because of its low sulphur content. In order to be ranked as a cleaner coal, the sulphur content has to be less than one per cent; some Alberta coal is as low as 0.2 per cent! With a combination of low-sulphur coal and the technologies used today by coal-fired power plants, western Canadian coal’s SO₂ emissions are well within Canada’s stringent air quality standards.

Electrical utilities in Ontario use low-sulphur coal in their power plants. By choosing this type of coal, Ontario Power Generation reduced the average sulphur content of its coal from 2.4 to 0.6 per cent, which significantly reduced the power plants’ sulphur dioxide emissions. The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission cut its SO₂ emissions in half by switching from high-sulphur oil to low-sulphur coal.

Fluidized bed combustion is an established power plant technology that reduces SO₂ emissions by as much as 90 per cent and nitrogen oxides by up to 50 per cent. Fluidized bed combustion uses a natural chemical reaction to

capture sulphur while coal is being burned. The result is that solid materials such as calcium sulphate and gypsum are created and become part of the ash that remains after combustion. This residue can then be safely disposed. As an added benefit, the process allows coal to be burned at lower temperatures,

which reduces the formation of nitrogen oxides.

One of the world’s largest fluidized bed combustors is used in Nova Scotia Power Corporation’s Point Aconi power plant. In comparison to conventional coal-fired plants in the area, this plant delivers a 90 per cent reduction in SO₂ emissions and a 65 to 75 per cent reduction in emissions of nitrogen oxides.

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Carney's leadership style will make or break Canada's future

Canada is watching: Will he rebuild trust with premiers or revert to his predecessor's unilateral leadership style?

by Faith Wood

Provincial premiers aren't interested in empty gestures. While Prime Minister Mark Carney began his term amid high expectations, premiers across Canada are watching with measured skepticism. They've heard promises of collaboration before, only to see Ottawa centralize control.

This is a test of trust—one that won't be passed with empty slogans or staged photo ops. Trust begins with openness, not authority. It's built through leadership that makes room for others and treats people like equals and not problems. If Carney wants to heal a fractured nation, he must understand that people don't follow power—they follow leaders who show up and listen.

I recently facilitated a leadership retreat where the focus wasn't policy or protocol. It was something more personal: What does it feel like to be led well? Again and again, one word came up: welcomed. People remembered leaders who made space, who adjusted the tone, who listened without interrupting. Leaders who behaved not like commanders, but like respectful peers.

This isn't sentimental fluff. It's a governing principle.

A good leader does more than offer kind words. They anticipate needs, notice discomfort and encourage honest participation. And most importantly, they do it before trust is earned. Openness comes first, and trust follows.

Now imagine applying that to politics.

Premiers are meeting Carney with different histories and deep ideological divides. Some carry grievances, others cautious hope. But all are watching closely: Can Carney build the trust that premiers and Canadians demand?

Trust doesn't begin with a handshake. It starts with how the room is prepared: with tone, transparency and how feedback is received. Not in lofty speeches, but in real, reciprocal dialogue.

We've seen what the opposite looks like: top-down decisions made without consultation, provincial

concerns dismissed and policies imposed with little regard for local realities. That style of leadership may deliver headlines, but it erodes trust.

So the question isn't just about leadership style. It's about survival. Can Carney create a climate that keeps the country working together?

Let's stop with the clichés about “setting the tone from the top.” Start making room for others.

- Are the right voices invited?
- Are concerns met with curiosity, not defensiveness?
- Is anyone actually listening?

And let's be clear: making space for others doesn't mean appeasement. It's not weakness. It's strength—authentic leadership requires discipline, humility and the courage to share control.

This isn't just for Ottawa. Whether you're managing a business, running a province or leading a family, the principle holds: people engage when they know their voice matters. Real leadership isn't about control—it's about creating space for others to contribute meaningfully.

That's what fosters collaboration. That's what earns long-term credibility. And that's what lays the groundwork for the hard, nation-shaping conversations ahead.

If Carney is serious about national unity, he needs to stop trying to control the room and start creating space for others by:

- Showing up early.
- Listening.
- Sharing the floor.

Because in today's Canada, command-and-control leadership won't hold. Only leaders who make space for others will keep the country together.

- Faith Wood is a professional speaker, author, and certified professional behaviour analyst. Before her career in speaking and writing, she served in law enforcement, which gave her a unique perspective on human behaviour and motivations. Faith is also known for her work as a novelist, with a focus on thrillers and suspense. Her background in law enforcement and understanding of human behaviour often play a significant role in her writing.

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Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency Program

(YAS) The Yellowhead Agricultural Society, in partnership with the Canadian Red Cross, have been building a Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency Program this spring. The programs' intention was to assess the impacts to our community during the 2023 Wildfire and to assist in making our community more resilient to natural disasters in the future, with a focus on being proactive rather than reactive.

An initial part of the project was to gain insight into the challenges our community members faced during the 2023 Wildfires, with a focus on those who had livestock and pets to move and care for. A survey went out to the community residents, and we had a tremendous response from those affected.

The results showed that 92% of the participants were in the area at the time the evacuation orders were issued. 8% were not in the area nor able to immediately attend their home. Of the respondents, 88% identified as having animals that needed to be evacuated. Many were household pets like cats and dogs (62%). 38% of the households involved agricultural livestock (i.e. horses, cows, chickens, sheep, goats, llamas and pigs).

A large portion (71%) of the affected residents were able to effectively evacuate themselves and their livestock either through their own means, or with help from friends, neighbours, and even strangers. However, almost a third (29%) of the residents were forced to leave some or all of their livestock/animals behind. The ability to provide food, water, safety and security to the animals left behind was a major source of concern for the residents as returning to their homes through roadblocks to provide the necessary care was no easy feat once the property had been evacuated.

The power and strength in community networks was apparent as 80% of the respondents identified that they relied heavily on friends, family, neighbors and social media for information sharing and farm/evacuation assistance. The majority of evacuees with livestock/pets relocated to homes of friends or family and surrounding Agricultural Society / Rodeo Grounds. Hinton's River Valley Agricultural Society, the Whitecourt Agricultural Society, Mayerthorpe Agricultural Society, and the Medicine Lodge Rodeo Grounds all played a major role in assisting and hosting many residents from Edson and Yellowhead County.

The residents that evacuated to those facilities would like to express their sincere gratitude and the generosity of those communities and volunteers in providing food, water, security and shelter for the livestock and/or evacuees. The Yellowhead Agricultural Society Rodeo Grounds and other Ag Societies east of Edson were able to assist for a short time during the fires, however we were quickly included in the evacuation zones.

The most common denominator from the survey results indicated the lack of ability to move livestock, locations for livestock to go, and securing water, shelter and feed. For those who had to make the decision to leave their animals behind - providing water, security and safety were a grave concern. 88% of Survey respondents wish there was an easier process to find help during an evacuation, and 95% of Survey respondents indicated they would be willing to help others if they knew what was needed.

The Yellowhead Agricultural Society's Resiliency Program has made it a primary focus to bridge this gap by providing resources for our community to refer to. We have created an online registry for those who would need assistance in a future evacuation, and also with those who have the ability to help (haul, shelter, and feed). We also have numerous resources that will make our site a one-stop shop for assistance with livestock or pet movement, financial assistance, emergency preparedness and mental support. Please visit our website at www.yellowheadagsociety.ca/blogs/wildfire-resiliency-program to view the available local programs. In an effort to get community involvement asap, we ask that you please register your farm needs or ability to assist evacuees on our website prior to June 30, 2025 and be entered for a chance to win a \$250 Fuel Card!

Thank you to all of our neighboring Ag Society's, surrounding community residents, emergency services and volunteers who lent a helping hand during the 2023 Wildfire and subsequent flooding. The value of neighbors, friends, strangers and community groups are often understated and we hope to learn from the challenges endured in 2023 in order to have a better support for our community in future disasters.



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