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**Wildfire dangers a concern this spring**

by Caroline Charbonneau  
 Wildfire Information Officer –  
 Edson Forest Area

The early snow melt and the lack of precipitation this

winter have caused significant concerns regarding the lack of moisture in the forest fuels. The grass, crops, and fine fuels are extremely dry at the moment and can catch easily

and burn quickly, which could start a wildfire. Last year, 88 percent of wildfires were human-caused, which means they were entirely preventable. Until we start seeing more

lightning on the landscape it's safe to say that most the wildfires happening now are human-caused.

The Edson Forest Area has

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The Edson Forest Area has detected numerous wildfires caused by work related sparks, friction, and hot exhaust. Here, Alberta wildfire firefighters dig down into the soil and apply water to extinguish hotspots in April. photo submitted

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# Wildfire dangers a concern this spring

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detected numerous wildfires caused by work related sparks, friction, and hot exhaust. Equipment repairs, grinding, and welding can cause even small amounts of grass to ignite and wildfires to spread easily. When operating equipment, clear debris from moving parts, check your muffler and keep equipment in good repair. Do not operate equipment in tall grass, keep watch of your surroundings in case you start a wildfire, and ensure you have sufficient firefighting equipment and water available. I think folks are sometimes misled by the cooler temperatures, but it's important to know that a fire can start at lower temperatures, especially if the humidity is low too.

As folks start to head out camping, we are also anticipating that the number of wildfires caused by campfires will be on the rise. If you are planning on having a campfire, ensure you do so safely. Build your fire in a fire ring if possible or on bare mineral soil away from dry grass, dead leaves, needles, and small branches. Make sure you have access to water in case you need to put out any sparks that land outside the fire area or if the wind picks up and you want to put out your campfire quickly. Never leave your campfire unattended. Once you are done with your campfire, always ensure that it's fully extinguished by soaking the ashes, stirring your campfire, and soaking it again until it's cool to the touch. People often assume

their campfire is out because there are no visible flames but the fire can burn deep under the ashes, smoldering for a long period of time. When the conditions are right, the wind can re-ignite your campfire and send embers into burnable material, starting a wildfire.

Alberta Wildfire has several tools that can be used to help mitigate the chances of a wildfire. For instance, a fire permit is required when burning within the Forest Protection Area of Alberta during wildfire season, with the exception of a campfire. A fire permit is free and easy to obtain. Simply contact your local forestry office at (780) 723-8527 and a forest officer will schedule an appointment with you.

We also use the Alberta fire ban system. This is a colour-coded system that can restrict activities that may cause wildfires in the Forest Protection Area. This system includes six levels starting with no restriction, fire advisory, fire restriction, fire ban, OHV ban, and a forest area closure. Before implementing any stage of the fire ban system, we consider weather, fire danger, resources available to fight a potential wildfire, and the risk of human-caused wildfires.

During this time of year, we may regularly implement a fire advisory. The advisory is often due to an abundance of dry fuels, expected warm temperatures, and increased wind speeds. Under a fire advisory, the

public and residents can continue to use a fire pit, charcoal briquettes on a barbecue, a safe campfire, and recreational off-highway vehicles. The purpose of the advisory is to bring to attention the increasing wildfire danger. It may also restrict the issuance of fire permits or other burning such as burn barrels.

If the wildfire danger increases, the area may place a fire restriction, fire ban, or a higher level depending on the area and provincial needs.

It's important to know that each city, town, or summer village and federal park can set their own fire ban level depending on similar factors. We recommend that you check the

Albertafirebans.ca website or download the free app to stay current.

Alberta Wildfire has a new app to help you stay current on local wildfires. You can go ahead and delete the old app and download the brand new and improved AB Wildfire Status app. This app will show you active wildfires in the province as well as take you to the Edson Forest Area Update. You can subscribe to our updates so they land in your inbox as soon as they are published. It will also give you fire ban information, so all the information is in one place.

To learn more about Alberta Wildfire, visit us online at wildfire.alberta.ca.

## Introducing Everest Lupin Brinker

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# Teachers Appreciate Aggressive Action to Fight COVID

(ATA) Alberta Teachers' Association President Jason Schilling issued the following statement in response to the May 4 announcement that K – 12 learning would move online until May 25th.

"Teachers have a heavy heart and mixed emotions to see learning move online for the next three weeks. We would always prefer to be in schools working with students, but today's decision is a prudent move to regain control over the spread of COVID in Alberta.

We look forward to working with government and other stakeholders on ways to provide further support to schools when they return to in person learning on May 25. Serious efforts to

contain the pandemic in Alberta communities will be essential to ensuring that students, teachers and staff can be together again safely.

Further to yesterday's release, I am relieved that the vast majority of teachers and school staff will have an opportunity to receive at least their first dose of vaccine before in-person learning resumes.

School boards must now do their part to reduce the risk of spread by allowing all teachers who are able to work from home, to work from home. The government has stated that working from home remains mandatory unless the employer requires the employee's physical presence to operate effectively. We expect school boards to respect this clear direction," stated ATA President Jason Schilling.

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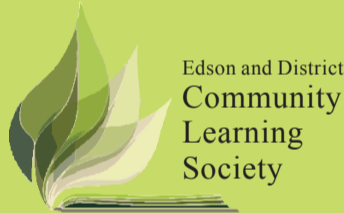
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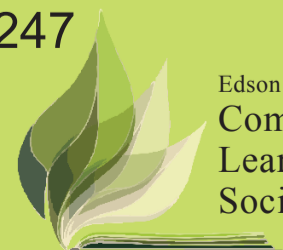
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# Tips for Emergency Preparedness in Yellowhead County

by Shaylyn Thornton

Emergency Preparedness Week, which ran from May 2-8, offers an important reminder for residents and visitors to be prepared.

There are a number of ways to stay vigilant in the hopes of preventing an emergency, and also to be prepared in the event an emergency occurs.

Wildfires are something that Alberta tends to see a lot of each year, and as Caroline Charbonneau from the Edson Forest Area explained, 88 percent of Alberta wildfires last year were caused by humans – meaning they were completely preventable. Information on how you can help prevent wildfires can be found on page 1 of this issue.

In the event that a wildfire does occur, residents have the opportunity and responsibility to take action to lessen the effects of a wildfire. FireSmart Canada and Yellowhead County suggest 5 steps to help protect your home from wildfires:

- Creating a non-combustible perimeter can protect your home.
- Removing deadfall and pine needles also reduces available fuel.
- Move firewood 10-30 metres away from your home.
- Place propane tanks 10 metres away from your house.
- Keep grass cut to less than 10 centimetres.

Farmers in the area are also encouraged to be prepared to protect their farm animals and livestock. Yellowhead County suggests making an emergency plan and preparing a farm emergency kit in the event of an emergency.

Specific suggestions include keeping water troughs filled, keeping access ways free of debris, and creating a map of your property for



Alberta wildfire firefighters fighting flames from a grass fire in April. photo submitted

First Responders including buildings, animal locations, power sources, etc. A detailed checklist of suggestions can be found on the Yellowhead County website.

Yellowhead County also offers an Emergency Preparedness checklist for a 72-Hour Kit on their website for residents and homeowners. The County notes, "It's always good to be prepared to leave your home on short notice. During an emergency or major disaster is not the time to gather up what you need. Take stock of items and vehicles that you need to take with you if you need to evacuate."

It is suggested that you prepare kits for home, work, and your vehicle, as you never know when an emergency could occur, and "Taking a few steps will help prepare you and your family for a range of emergencies you could face any day of the year."

You can receive alerts by downloading the Alberta Emergency Alert app, and you can find more details and checklists on ways to stay prepared at [yhcounty.ca/living-here/emergency-preparedness](http://yhcounty.ca/living-here/emergency-preparedness). As well, information on staying vigilant and prepared against wildfires can be found at [firesmartcanada.ca](http://firesmartcanada.ca).



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For more information  
please call 780-723-8616



## Hydrant Flushing



Hydrant flushing will be taking place throughout the month of May, starting May 4th. The flushing will be occurring during the day from 7:30am to 4pm Monday-Friday. Although not expected, there could be water service disruptions during this time.

If you notice discoloration, please run your cold tap until the water clears up.

If you have any questions please call the Public Works Office at 723-6461.



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**Monday, June 7**  
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Future Planning presentation with the Primary Care Network

**Thursday, June 10**  
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**Monday, June 7**  
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Fit 4 Life  
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**Tuesday, June 8**  
8:30am-11:30am  
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Download and print the scavenger hunt checklist to participate & enter to win prizes at [edson.ca/cdprograms](http://edson.ca/cdprograms). Print copies also available @ the Town Office & Repsol Place.

You have until May 31st to participate!

Need more info? Email [krystas@edson.ca](mailto:krystas@edson.ca)

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## NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Development Authority has authorized the issuance of the following Development Permits in accordance with the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw #2070 as amended:

Permit #	Address/Legal	Development Type	Use	Date Issued	Zoning
<b>Week 1</b>					
041-2021	5108 2 Ave/Plan 1494 AC; Block 10; Lot 1-6	Sign, except Billboards – Wall Sign	Permitted	May 5, 2021	DC
042-2021	7005 4A Ave/Plan 822 1788; Block 7; Lot 22	Accessory Building – Carport	Permitted	May 5, 2021	R-GR
<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. **Direct Control District Approvals cannot be appealed.**

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We are in this together..

In a live address to the province on May 4, Alberta Premier Jason Kenney said the government had no choice but to bring in stronger measures to keep the healthcare system from being overwhelmed.



**From the Publisher's Desk**  
Dana McArthur  
Member Canadian Association of Journalists

"The reason we are at this critical stage of the pandemic in Alberta with record-high daily case counts and intensive care numbers is precisely because, for whatever reason, too many Albertans are ignoring the rules that we have in place," stated Kenney.

On May 4, Alberta reported 1,743 new cases of Covid-19 for a total of 23,623 active cases. This was the highest total since the pandemic began 14 months ago. This marked Alberta with the highest case rate in all of Canada.

More than 62% of all active cases in the province are variants of concern. May 4th also marked 671 patients in hospital with the illness, including 150 in intensive-care. Nine more deaths were also reported.

As of May 4, workplaces with outbreaks will be required to close for 10 days, except for critical workplaces; post-secondary moved to online only; retail was limited to 10% of fire code capacity; outdoor gatherings were limited to five people (with conditions); places of worship were limited to 15 people; and funerals were limited to 10 people.

Starting May 7, all K-12 students moved to at-home learning until after May 25.

Starting May 10, personal and wellness services (barbers, nail salons, tanning salons) are to close, restaurant patios must close and limited to takeout only; outdoor sports limited to households only; and youth and adult performances are to close.

To reinforce these public health orders, fines will double to \$2,000 for

Public Health Act violations. Repeat offenders, whether individuals, organizations or businesses, who are repeatedly or continually violating public health orders will be targeted with a new enforcement protocol. This will involve a multi-agency response toward repeat offenders to "quickly" gain compliance in a situation.

In the meantime, however, it's our students, and local businesses and their employees who are the ones suffering from these added restrictions — as the consequence of a few Albertans "ignoring the rules" — as Kenney stated.

The added weeks of isolation will certainly be difficult for students, and they'll need all the support we can offer. And in the midst of this new shutdown, it's also time to consider how much local businesses need the support of local shoppers.

Edson and Yellowhead County businesses have always gone above and beyond to support the community. Local charities, not-for-profits, local events, and causes have always found a generous response from local businesses.

Please remember to think about this before you order from one of those online faceless shopping giants.

Many local stores are still offering safe curbside or home delivery, and can often special order what you need. Why not pop in, give them a call, or send them a message and ask?

As a wise person I know said to me, "We're all in this together..." and after all, isn't that what being a good neighbour is truly all about?

*Note: Phase 3 of the province's vaccine program has begun: Every Albertan born in 1991 or earlier (turning 30+), can book a vaccine starting May 6. Every Albertan born in 2009 or earlier (12+), can book a vaccine starting May 10.*

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**Edson RCMP Occurrences for the week of April 26-May 2, 2021**

Between April 26th-May 2nd, 2021, Assistance Calls topped the list of Edson RCMP investigations at 20 occurrences.

Other investigations included: Assault 8; False/Abandoned 911 call 1; Fraud 2; Harassment/Criminal Harassment 2; Lost/Found Property 3; Mischief or Damage 8; Suspicious Persons or Vehicles 19; Theft Complaints 5; Traffic Collisions 5; Trespassing 4; Mental Health 4, and Wellbeing Check 5.

**Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP) Funding**

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, is pleased to advise that the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food has announced an investment of up to \$21.4 million to enhance the Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP) and fund about 2,000 jobs for youth in the agriculture sector.

YESP aims to support agri-food employers and provide young Canadians between the ages of 15

**Gerald Soroka**  
MP Yellowhead



and 30 with job experience in agriculture that could lead to a career working in the sector.

Eligible applicants include producers, agri-businesses, industry associations, provincial and

territorial governments, Indigenous organizations, and research facilities. Projects can start retroactively as early as April 15, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Applications for the YESP are now being accepted and forms are available at either: Youth Employment and Skills Program - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Via email: [aafc.yesp-pecj.aac@canada.ca](mailto:aafc.yesp-pecj.aac@canada.ca) or by calling: 1-866-452-5558.

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# Enhanced Provincial Restrictions – 'High' Risk Level for Edson

## Town of Edson

May 5, 2021 -- New, enhanced, public health measures have been enacted by the Province. This includes changes to in-person/online schooling, retail limits, personal and wellness service closures, indoor recreation space closures, new gathering restrictions, and more. Some of these measures are province-wide, and others are limited to "high case regions" with 30 or more active cases and at least 50 cases per 100,000 people. Edson is included in this category as we fall under the Yellowhead County zone which, as of May 4th, has 33 active cases and 169.3 cases per 100,000 people.

For a full list of Provincial restrictions and the effective dates, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>.

Currently, Edson's Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) is operating under high risk profile due to the continuous spread in our community and extremely high spread in some of our neighbouring communities. This will remain in effect for at least the next three

weeks while the enhanced Provincial measures are in place. For more information on the ECC and the Strategic Operational Plan, please visit [www.edson.ca/ecc](http://www.edson.ca/ecc).

The new restrictions will have the following impact of Town of Edson operations:

- Repsol Place will be closed after Sunday, May 9th to adhere to the new restrictions on indoor recreation spaces. This includes the pool.

- The Civic Centre and Public Works Building will be closed to the public after Friday, May 7th. Online payment options can be found on our website.

<https://www.edson.ca/departments/corporate-services/billing-faq>.

- Increased monitoring of public outdoor spaces to ensure Public Health Guidelines are being met regarding gathering limits and distancing. We want to keep outdoor spaces such as the skate park and playgrounds open, so we ask that residents respect the guidelines currently in place.

The ECC will continue to meet (virtually) weekly at this time to evaluate the Provincial orders and how they further impact Town of

Edson operations, as well as to continue to develop and implement relaunch and recovery initiatives.

More information on Edson's COVID-19 response can be found at [www.edson.ca/covid](http://www.edson.ca/covid).

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## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES



This spring, forest companies ANC Timber (Alberta Newsprint Company), Millar Western Forest Products Ltd., West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (Blue Ridge Lumber and Alberta Plywood), and Weyerhaeuser Company - Pembina will be holding virtual "joint open houses", to share forestry operating plans for the year ahead. These events provide the general public and stakeholders with the opportunity to review each company's planned activities in road development, harvesting, hauling, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the current forestry year. This year, for the 2021-22 forestry year, the process is taking place virtually and online, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Public stakeholder input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified such as trails, camping areas, recreation areas etc.

We would like to invite you to visit the websites below to view each companies upcoming forest activities. We will have a variety of plans available for review including: Annual Operating Plans for 2021-2022 season; Company Reforestation Plans; and Herbicide Treatment Plans.

### Alberta Newsprint Company (ANC)

<http://www.albertanewsprint.com/woodlands/>

### Millar Western Forest Products Ltd

<https://millarwestern.com/company/latest-projects/open-house>

### West Fraser Timber Ltd

<https://www.westfraser.com/responsibility/forest-management/forest-management-planning>

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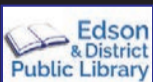
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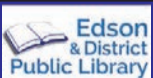
## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Open Tender for Janitorial Services

The Edson and District Public Library has opened a tender for a three (3) year janitorial contract. See website (<https://edsonlibrary.ca/>) for details.

Please send proposals to Michael Baird, Library Manager, Edson and District Public Library  
[mbaird@edsonlibrary.ca](mailto:mbaird@edsonlibrary.ca)

All questions should be directed to the Library Manager.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Open Tender for Accounting Audit Services

The Town of Edson Library Board has opened a tender for a three (3) year annual accounting audit contract. The Contract will cover the 2021 – 2023 fiscal years. See website (<https://edsonlibrary.ca/>) for details.

Please send proposals to Michael Baird, Library Manager, Edson and District Public Library  
[mbaird@edsonlibrary.ca](mailto:mbaird@edsonlibrary.ca)

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May 10-16

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On Thursday, April 22nd, one of the Fitness classes at Holy Redeemer had a presentation from current WBC Super Middleweight Champion (Muay Thai), Scott MacKenzie. During the presentation the students learned about the role of nutrition on athletic performance and the importance of making good food choices. The Fitness Program is just one of the many outstanding programs offered at Holy Redeemer. submitted



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## Spring Dust Control May 15 Deadline

To apply for A Spring Dust Control<sup>1</sup>, submit your application before the deadline.

The application form is available at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood or at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca).

**PAYMENT OPTIONS** include cheque (drop-off or mail), online or telephone banking, credit-card, or at your bank.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030 or go to [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca).

1. **Drop off your application and payment** at the County office in Edson or Wildwood. Or use our Edson office drop box, or by mail or fax. Or email your application to [whebert@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca](mailto:whebert@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca)

2. Each ratepayer is entitled to an application of Calcium Chloride, 200 metres in length, for a fee of **\$199.00\*\***. This fee represents 33% of the cost for a dust control application. Full costs will be required for any applications over the reduced 200 metre rate.\*

\*Calcium Chloride  
\*\*Dust Control Policy #3200.02



### Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D21-057	Plan 0721014, Blk 1, Lot 1 SE 34-52-21-W5 Medicine Lodge Area	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling (Garage)	Apr 20/21
D21-058	Plan 8821844, Lot 20 NW 20-49-26-W5 Folding Mountain	Accessory Building (Garage)	Apr 21/21
D21-059	NE 13-53-18-W5 Rodeo Road	Manufactured Home - Additional (Discretionary) - One Year Term	Apr 23/21
D21-060	Plan 9620365, Lot 1 SW 14-53-16-W5 Edson of Edson	Two Recreational Cabins	Apr 23/21
D21-061	Plan 1620018, Blk 2, Lot 2 NW 29-53-17-W5 Edson Area	Home Business (Minor), Logging Truck Business (Discretionary Use)	Apr 23/21
D21-062	Plan 1025266, Blk 1, Lot 1 NE 10-56-15-W5 Shining Bank Area	Addition to Manufactured Home - Covered Deck	Apr 23/21
D21-063	Plan 8120712, Blk 1, Lot 13 SE 30-53-07-W5 Evansburg	Accessory Building (Garage)	Apr 23/21
D21-064	Plan 0621029, Blk 2, Lot 1 NE 13-54-17-W5 Edson Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Covered Deck	Apr 23/21
D21-065	SW 17-53-16-W5 Edson Area	Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage & Existing Accessory Building (Shop)	Apr 26/21
D21-069	NW 35-55-14-W5 Fulham Area	Accessory Building (Shop)	Apr 28/21
D21-066	Plan 7822234, Blk 4, Lot 7 NE 36-53-09-W5 Lobstick Resort	Single Detached Dwelling	Apr 29/21
D21-067	SW 12-56-15-W5 Shining Bank Area	Accessory Building (Garage)	Apr 29/21
D21-068	Plan 0820242, Blk 2, Lot 2 SE 01-53-08-W5 Evansburg Area	Addition to Single Detached Dwelling	Apr 29/21
D21-070	Plan 1822493, Blk 1, Lot 5 SW 19-53-07-W5 Evansburg Area	Salvage Establishment (Export sale of vehicles/parts from within existing building) Discretionary	May 3/21
D21-071	Plan 9723697, Lot 1 Chip Lake Area	Accessory Building (Pavilion) & Storage Container - Discretionary	May 3/21
D21-072	NE 10-53-17-W5 Edson Area	Manufactured Home with Wraparound Veranda	May 4/21

Per the Public Notification Bylaw, the public is considered notified once approved development permits are posted online.

Any person claiming to be affected by an approved development permit may appeal the development by filing a written notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The written notice must be filed within Twenty One (21) days after notice of the approval is given, and must be accompanied with a payment of \$300.00.



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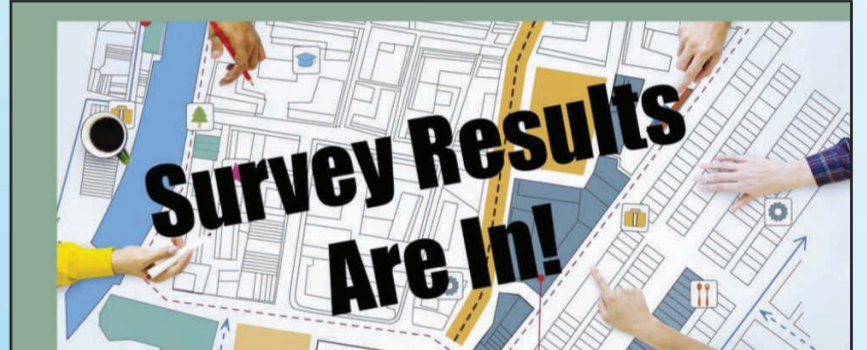
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## Survey Results Are In!

### Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Survey 3 COMPLETE!

We asked for your feedback on these 5 proposed bylaw regulations. We received over 500 responses from residents and property owners in Yellowhead County.

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## May 4th Town Council Highlights

**Rezoning Application:** Council has defeated first reading of Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2258. This bylaw would have rezoned land at 46th Street and 4th Avenue from Commercial to Single Family Residential. Council felt this change did not align with the Planning Statutory Documents, and the overall plans in that neighbourhood.

**Business License for Home Occupation:** Authorization was given for the Town's Development Authority to approve a home occupation business licence application at 49th Street and 6th Avenue. This is a permitted use under the current zoning, however, requires Council approval as it is a Direct Control zone.

**Development Permit Application:** Council has approved a development permit for a wall sign on a property at 51st Street and 2nd Avenue. Again, this required Council approval as the property is

zoned as Direct Control.

**Patio Policy:** Council has adopted the new Temporary Seasonal Outdoor Patio on Public Lands Policy. This policy was designed to ease restrictions and simplify the process for businesses to set up patios in areas where they may not have private space available when allowed to do so. Council also approved the waiving of the \$100 application fee for the 2021 season.

**Next meetings -** The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for May 11th, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for May 18th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

While the Council Chambers remains closed to the public at this time, public and media are able to register for virtual attendance. Registration links and agenda details are normally available Friday afternoons on the Town of Edson website or Facebook Page.

## Free Alberta Healthy Living Program workshops offered online

(AHS) Residents in northern Alberta are invited to attend free, online Alberta Health Services workshops designed to help them develop skills to live healthy lifestyles.

The Alberta Healthy Living Program (AHLP) offers health education workshops via Zoom, an online video communication app. Participants can access these workshops at home on computer, tablet or phone.

Workshops are led by AHS healthcare staff. Participants will meet others who share similar health experiences in a supportive and interactive setting. Session days and times vary.

Registrations are open for the following online workshops:

Better Choices, Better Health - Self-Management for Pain: Many different factors can influence how individuals experience chronic pain. Over the course of six sessions, participants will learn what makes chronic pain better and worse, and how to manage it.

- This workshop is offered on:

- Six consecutive Wednesdays starting May 19, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Six consecutive Mondays, starting June 21, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Getting to Know Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): In this new workshop, participants will learn how to manage COPD. Facilitators will provide more information about how medication management, breathing strategies, exercise and a healthy diet can improve your quality of life. This 90-minute workshop is co-facilitated by AHS North Zone Respiratory Therapy and Chronic Disease Management staff.

- This workshop is offered:  
- May 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
- June 24 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

To register, or to find out which AHLP workshop is best for you, please call 1-877-349-5711. Additional information can be found on the AHLP website: [www.ahs.ca/ahlp](http://www.ahs.ca/ahlp)

## Edson RCMP investigate break and enter to Rogers Communications cell tower

(EDSON RCMP) On April 30, 2021, Edson RCMP received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked adjacent to a Rogers Communications Ltd Cell Tower in Yellowhead County north of Millers Lake, Alta. The Rogers' Technician reported that the Tower had lost network connectivity after an intrusion alarm at the site.

Edson RCMP's investigation revealed that infrastructure within the site had been damaged, causing approximately \$15,000 in damages

along with approximately \$30,000 in lost revenue for Rogers due to the network being out of service.

A suspect was located on the site and was arrested and charged with the following: Break and enter with intent; Mischief over \$5,000; and Wilful damage of a critical infrastructure site.

Following a judicial hearing, the suspect was remanded into custody and is scheduled to appear in Edson Provincial Court on May 18, 2021.



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# New Principal announced for École Pine Grove Middle School

## Mr. Lorne is the current Principal of Niton Central School

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) is pleased to announce that Mr. Darran Lorne has accepted the principalship at École Pine Grove Middle School in Edson beginning the 2021/2022 school year. He is honoured and excited about this new opportunity and looks forward to meeting the staff, students and community.

Mr. Lorne is the current Principal of Niton Central School since his return to Alberta after three years working in the Middle East where he served as Superintendent/Principal of a kindergarten to Grade 12 school.

For the past 28 years, Mr. Lorne has been an administrator at all levels of schooling having worked

as a Consultant, Assistant Principal, and Principal in elementary, middle/ junior high, and high schools in the Lethbridge area.

His academic background includes a Bachelor degree and a Master's degree from the University of Lethbridge with a focus on Student Leadership.

When he is not in school, Darran and his wife can be found at the gym, mountain biking, or snowboarding.

École Pine Grove Middle School is located in Edson and has a current enrolment of 400 students. The school provides a diverse range of programs for students in Grades 6-8 and offers both English and French Immersion programming.



Mr. Darran Lorne is the new Principal at École Pine Grove Middle School.

# Public Lands Camping Pass proposed by Alberta government

by Shaylyn Thornton

On April 12, the Ministry of Environment and Parks introduced Bill 64, the Public Lands Amendment Act, which would allow the government to charge fees for recreation activities on public (Crown) lands.

If passed, a Public Lands Camping Pass would be required to random camp on public lands in the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains from Grande Prairie to Waterton Lakes National Park as of June 1, 2021.

The proposed costs of the passes are \$20 per person for a 3-day pass and \$30 per person for an annual pass. This would apply to campers aged 18 years and older. A \$3.25 plus GST system processing fee per transaction would also apply.

The province states the amended act would allow them to “better conserve these lands, protect public safety, and ensure Alberta's wild and beautiful destinations are sustained now, and in the future.” However, residents and members of local government have voiced concerns regarding environmental impact and enforcement.

Yellowhead County has already seen issues with some random campers. While most users of public lands are responsible and respectful, some are not. The campers who aren't responsible have caused a myriad of issues, including fires, damage to trails and other areas, OHV accidents resulting in damage and injuries, as well as an increasing amount of garbage and human waste littering the once pristine areas.

Despite many of these issues occurring on crown land, County resources and taxpayer dollars are spent putting out fires, cleaning up waste, and responding to accidents. Yet, when the province published a stakeholders list of over 30 groups for Bill 64, municipalities including Yellowhead County were not listed as stakeholders in this matter and were not consulted.

Paul Hamnett, Press Secretary to the Honourable Jason Nixon (Minister of Environment and Parks), said that the eastern slopes are a popular destination for random camping, noting that the concerns experienced by the County are among the reasons for implementing the pass.

“The increase in random camping unfortunately has resulted in negative impacts to the environment such as damage to lands, increased litter and human waste, and concerns with public safety,” said Hamnett. “Fees from a Public Land Camping Pass would go directly back towards conserving these lands and sustaining recreation for future generations.”

“Revenue collected from the proposed fee will go back to supporting improved visitor experiences such as infrastructure upgrades to facilities, more education, enforcement of rules through more 'boots on the ground,' public safety, and environmental and waste management,” Hamnett added.

Paying for a pass is also not a free-for-all experience. Passholders will be required to ensure that they are camping on appropriate public land, are following local rules and signage regarding land use, and are responsible when it comes to their environmental impact (such as ensuring fires are properly put out and all garbage is taken with them when they leave).

Passholders also have a limit on how long they can stay. “The maximum stay for camping on public lands is 14 days, which allows the opportunity to be available for more Albertans to enjoy,” said Hamnett.

While enforcement details have been a question for many, including Yellowhead County, Hamnett said that the province will look to educate first.

“During the first summer of implementation, education will be the focus as Environment and Parks staff will interact with random campers. Campers may be asked to show proof of payment (printed pass or mobile app) to enforcement officers if asked,” Hamnett said. “Initially, as the new pass rolls out, campers may be provided information and given an opportunity to comply. However, over time, non-compliance could also result in a fine.” He added that, “Fines from enforcement will go to general revenue.”

Further information on enforcement will still need to be detailed in the weeks and months to come. As of yet, Yellowhead County has not been made aware of what their role may be when it comes to enforcing the new regulations.

While there are valid concerns with the proposed pass, Yellowhead County Communications Coordinator Stefan Felsing

stressed that, while the fee is new, random camping itself is not. “Random camping on crown land is already a legitimate legal form of camping. The only change is the province is looking at implementing a fee to do this,” he said.

“With the increase in random camping, the most considerable impact Yellowhead County is likely to see will be emergency-response calls for fire and rescue incidents. Over the years, Yellowhead County's first responders have gone to off-highway vehicle crashes, river rescues, and of course, wildfires caused by recreational users in the area. Increased garbage left behind is also an additional burden on our resources,” Felsing added.

Felsing stressed that campers will need to be responsible when it comes to land use, as was the case before the fee. “Ultimately, it's the responsibility of the user to determine if they're in an area that allows the activity they're doing,” he said. Resources and maps can be found on Yellowhead County's website to determine appropriate land use.

Felsing also said that the fee is not likely to have a significant impact on County campgrounds. “They are already quite busy, and the majority of people will still choose the convenience and safety of an actual campground,” he said. “The new cost of random camping that didn't exist before will probably not move people away from campgrounds.”

Yellowhead County remains committed to doing what they can to protect their environment. The County has partnered with the Foothills Recreation Management Association (FRMA) to put financial support towards the various campgrounds they operate in the County. “The availability of these campgrounds helps to reduce the impact on crown lands by having options to use when camping or recreating outdoors,” said Felsing. “We also have the various Yellowhead County campgrounds as another option, and we also have been building more sani-dumps that can be used for free for campers in the area to help prevent waste dumping in public areas such as crown land or adjacent to county roads or rural properties.”

To learn more about the proposed pass, visit [www.alberta.ca/public-lands-camping-pass](http://www.alberta.ca/public-lands-camping-pass).

## County Council approves summer schedule, names municipal inspectors

by Shaylyn Thornton

The April 27 Yellowhead County Council meeting's agenda had a number of items for Council to discuss and vote on.

First, Council was given the opportunity to reduce the frequency of their Council meetings in the months of June, July, and August. This is in line with previous years.

The reduction would still allow for a Governance & Priorities Committee meeting on the third Tuesdays of the month, as well as a regular Council meeting the week following.

The dates that Council decided to cancel were June 8, July 13, and August 10, 2021. Cancellation of these meetings still allows for Council to call a special meeting if an important issue were to arise.

Council was then given information regarding the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District Virtual Engagement Session. Pembina Zone District 3's meeting will be held on Monday, May 17 from 1-2:30pm.

The RMA says one of the goals of the meeting is to "facilitate discussion to engage and learn about your issues and priorities" in order to "determine the issues at play in rural Alberta."

Councillors and the CAO were required to individually register, and CAO Luc Mercier

suggested that Council meet in the Chambers to attend the virtual meeting together, with the option of using other rooms for different breakout sessions. Council agreed.

Next, Council was asked to appoint inspectors under both the Agricultural Pests Act and the Weed Control Act.

"Vegetation Management and Pest Control are core programs facilitated for the benefit of county residents and agricultural producers. Weed and Pest Inspections are key service levels within these programs," said Agricultural Services Supervisor Jennifer Benson. "The appointment of sixteen inspectors cross-trained in the administration of both the Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pests Act allows the municipality to efficiently deliver uninterrupted service during the agricultural growing season throughout Yellowhead County."

Weed and Pest Inspectors are responsible for monitoring compliance and enforcing the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pests Act, and municipalities are responsible for ensuring that sufficient inspectors are appointed to conduct inspection duties.

Benson said that Yellowhead County receives Agricultural Service Board Grant funds from the Government of Alberta to contribute to eligible Agricultural Service Board Programs, which includes the costs associated with employing Weed & Pest Inspectors.

As specified by the Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pests Act, issuance of Inspector Identification is necessary and residents are told

to ask for this ID.

The County unanimously voted to appoint Trinity Nelson, Janet Miles, Gracie Zaddery, Amy Fosshiem, Jeremy Schwitz, Wesley Walker, Morgan Seely, Jonathan Sutherland, Carl Deleeuw, Jaede MacDonald, Ryley Jones, Scott Walker, Mellissa Marquis, and Patricia O'Neil as municipal inspectors under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act and the Alberta Weed Control Act.

Council was then asked to award the tender for the YH-19 Robb Tower Build. The YH-19 Robb Tower is the next location to receive a tower as a part of the County's plan to improve public safety communications and to provide much needed internet access to residents within Yellowhead County.

The building of utility grade communications towers began in 2013 and the YH-19 Robb Tower is part of the 2021 budget. The site has currently been cleared with access road building moving forward, and shelter building is underway.

Seven companies provided bid packages for the tower build. This included bids ranging from \$680,500 to \$901,763. Turriss Contractors Inc. provided the bid of \$680,500, and after review by County Staff, Allan Blye from Vitel Consulting, and Allan Young from Heartland Engineering, the bid was determined to meet all requirements.

Council voted to award the tender for the YH-19 Robb Communication Tower build to Turriss Contractors Inc in the amount of \$680,500.

## GYPSP offers variety of options/programs for youngest learners

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GYPSPD is proud to offer exemplary early learning programs at all our elementary schools. Our meaningful play-based, child centred approach for our Junior Kindergarten and full-day Kindergarten programs promotes social and emotional learning, empathy, language, communication, physical activity, literacy, numeracy, inquiry, and exploration - allowing for individual growth and development of a positive self-image. In addition, all of our early learners have access to GYPSPD's specialists to help your child succeed. This team's dedicated members include a speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist, behaviour consultant, literacy/early learning lead teacher, technology lead teacher, numeracy lead teacher, Indigenous learning lead teacher, Family School Liaison counsellor and B.E.S.T. Mental Health/Wellness Success Coach.

GYPSPD schools offer a variety of options and

programs for our youngest learners - junior kindergarten programs for 3-4-year olds and full-time full-day kindergarten programs for 5-year-olds. From the Waldorf-inspired, art and nature-based program at Jasper Elementary, the new Montessori program at Ecole Westhaven in Edson, the unique Forestry School at Evansview School in Evansburg, and our French Immersion programs offered at many GYPSPD schools - we have something for every learner!

Online registration is now open for September 2021! We currently have limited openings in some programs for the upcoming school year so don't wait to register so that your child is ensured a spot. Make sure to register for junior kindergarten or kindergarten before April 30, 2021, for a chance to win a Chromebook for your family. All registrations confirmed prior to April 30th will be entered into a draw to a Chromebook. Winners will be announced by May 30, 2021, and Chromebooks will be delivered to the winners after September 30. Let's get ready to learn together!

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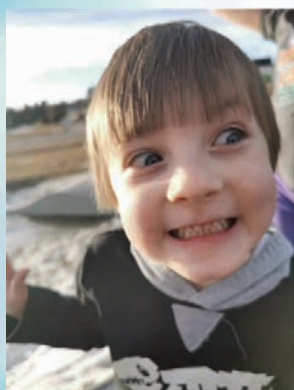
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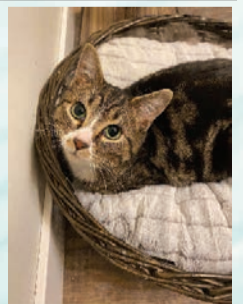
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**Current events:** Feral Cat Online 50/50 Fundraiser. As a rural rescue, we have an immediate need for a year-round multi-cat enclosure that will support our barn buddy program. The 50/50 guaranteed prize is \$400 with a jackpot of \$1000. Visit [www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ears](http://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ears) to purchase your tickets.



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# Local cataract surgery program to launch this month

(AHS) EDSON – Local and area residents requiring cataract surgery will soon be able to undergo the procedure at the Edson Healthcare Centre.

As part of a new local cataract surgery program, launching May 20, ophthalmologist Dr. Hermina Strungaru will perform up to 18 cataract eye surgeries a day, two days a month, at the local Alberta Health Services (AHS) facility. Previously, local and area residents would need to undergo the procedure in Edmonton or Grande Prairie.

Patients from Edson, Hinton, Jasper, Whitecourt and Drayton Valley can be referred to Dr. Strungaru by their local optometrists.

“The introduction of cataract surgery services in Edson supports the Government of Alberta’s goal of ensuring Albertans can access the healthcare services they need as close to home as possible,” says Martin Long, MLA-West Yellowhead. “I’d like to thank Dr. Strungaru for supporting this program, and the Community Care Foundation of Edson and District for making this possible.”

The foundation raised \$60,000 and purchased a specialized piece of surgical equipment, a phaco machine, used to emulsify and remove cataracts.

“As they say, good things come to those who wait,” says foundation chairperson Ruth Martin Williams. “The foundation received donations specifically for ophthalmology and were unwilling to use it for other well-deserving projects. Foundation board members – past and present – were determined to keep it specifically for ophthalmology.”

Williams added the foundation will be funding a second phaco emulsifier, as well as a refrigerator for the ophthalmology program at Edson Healthcare Centre.

“Adding surgical capacity in high-demand



Edson Healthcare Centre site manager Tracey Correia (left to right), welcomed ophthalmologist Dr. Hermina Strungaru to Edson, along with Community Care Foundation of Edson and District chairperson Ruth Martin Williams, and AHS Area Director for Clinical Operations Crystal Browne recently. Dr. Strungaru will begin performing cataract surgeries in Edson later this month. Photo courtesy Alberta Health Services

areas is a key priority for AHS,” says Sandra Herritt, AHS Senior Operating Officer for Edson and area. “These additional procedures will enable more Albertans to have their cataract surgeries done in a timely manner. We are very excited to launch this new program in Edson.”

Prior to surgery, patients will require a pre-operative assessment at Dr. Strungaru’s office in Sherwood Park, 220 km east of Edson, but surgery and post-operative assessments will all be done at the Edson Healthcare Centre.

## Community Futures West Yellowhead to commence Shop Local campaign

Areas to be included are Jasper, Hinton, Edson, Grande Cache, and Yellowhead County

submitted: Community Futures

What do all small businesses have in common in the West Yellowhead? They represent the lifeblood of our communities and the mainstay of our economy. Small businesses strengthen our communities; they create jobs, treat their customers as friends, contribute to the community spirit and leave a positive financial impact in our communities.

Community Futures West Yellowhead recognizes that there is more to a shop local campaign than promoting residents to spend their dollars at local retail stores. Instead, it must involve a cultural change in our rural communities to thinking local first as well as encouraging businesses to cater to local residents - in all elements of promoting business in the West Yellowhead - including business retention, retail spending, local procurement opportunities, eating local products and "stay and play" components: a backbone to promoting tourism and business retention and expansion opportunities within our own backyard.

The program is led by

Community Futures West Yellowhead and is supported with funding from the Rural Opportunities Fund Project through Community Futures Pan West, a joint initiative of four provincial Community Futures associations, working with Western Diversification Canada.

The year long, multi level #choosewestyellowhead initiative will be used to help the business community on the road to recovery and is one of many approaches to help build economic development strategies to help identify needs and services that will fuel the economy in the region.

Helen Kelleher-Empey, Chair of Community Futures West Yellowhead, says “We recognize the impact that COVID-19 and the economic crisis has had on the economy of the West Yellowhead. Supporting locally based initiatives, like shop local, encourages business recovery and provides businesses with enhanced tools will help build resiliency in both the communities and businesses of the West Yellowhead through the #choosewestyellowhead campaign.”

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Pastor Mesh Hit  
Edson Baptist Church

# Being a parent...

Being a parent is something that I find both rewarding and challenging.

I love seeing my 12-year-old and 9-year-old grow in their practical skills like helping cook, clean, and do the

laundry. They are also growing in their faith and are learning new ideas as they engage in school.

Seeing my kids interact with their peers and how they also want to engage with adults is pretty cool. Yet I am the first to admit that I certainly do not have the market cornered when it comes to being a parent.

There are days when I feel like I don't know what I am doing. I feel like I need to continue to learn and grow as a parent, I do this in a few ways. I read articles online and books that help and equip me to be a good and consistent parent. I also appreciate having conversations with other parents and dads about their struggles and joys of raising kids. I also learn a lot from my wife when it comes to being a parent; she has skills and wisdom in areas that I have some gaps.

The good thing about all of this is that I am open to learn and grow and know full well that I don't have all the answers as a parent or in my day-to-day life.

I think to grow as a parent and in who we are, we should have an attitude and a mindset that we want to be lifelong learners. For this to happen we need to be humble in spirit.

This is not something that is easy to do. Sometimes we would rather fake it till we make it than ask for help. Do you ever feel like that? Well, you aren't alone. I want to encourage you to be open

to learning and having a humble heart, perhaps even being humble enough to take a step of faith towards Jesus.

Jesus, who had all the answers was still humble in heart and he came to serve humanity with his life. I am always blown away at Christ's humility. This

shows me that I need to have the same attitude not just as a parent but also in my faith.

Matthew 11:29

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**March 22- May 17:** Better Balance Active Living Class for Older Adults Via Zoom registration now open online at EDSON.CA (program registration activenet) or in person at Repsol Place by appointment 780-723-7665

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**April 8- May 27:** Chair Yoga @ Home 6:00-7:00PM Register at EDSON.CA or in person @ REPSOL PLACE by calling for an apt 780-723-7665

**April 26-May 23:** Step it up Edson Register in person only at Repsol place Monday- Friday 8:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm for questions email [krystas@edson.ca](mailto:krystas@edson.ca)

**Until May 31:** Woodland animal rock scavenger hunt. For more info email [krysas@edson.ca](mailto:krysas@edson.ca)

**May 11-12:** Technology, Media & Children Register by May 7 at EDSON.CA/FCSS

**June 19:** Eddie's Big Run. Location Repsol Place More details coming this month.

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# Farm & Field

## News and Views



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## The 4 C's of a FireSmart yard

"To reduce the risk of wildfire on your property, keep in mind the 4 C's: cut, cultivate, clean and check," says Laura Stewart, FireSmart specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

**Cut:** Keep your grass well-maintained to 10 cm or less. Dry grass can be hazardous not just in the spring, but in late fall and winter as well. Under the right weather conditions, with high winds and no snow cover, grass fires any time of year can spread quickly and threaten farms, ranches and acreages.

Mowing your grass is a good way to help prevent the spread of wildfire. Studies and field tests have proven fall mowing to be an effective fuelbreak, slowing the spread of wildfire and giving firefighters a chance to contain the fire. Mowing grass short in the fall will put you ahead of the game in the spring.

**Cultivate:** Till around your home and outbuildings. This will help prevent the spread of fire into your yard and give the local fire department an anchor point to work from. If you have property that adjoins a community, subdivision or other residence, talk to your neighbours.

This proactive step will protect them, as well as you, from wildfire. This practice will also have you ready for the spring wildfire season, with one less thing to worry about when you could be seeding.

**Clean:** Clean out flower beds next to your house and outbuildings. Dead and dry flower and plant stems that build up in flower beds can easily ignite from embers blown around by the wind from an advancing wildfire. Once this vegetation catches fire, it can easily ignite a house or outbuildings. Clean up the down and dead wood in your yard, shelter belts, woodlots, and near your

home and fences.

**Check:** Check for trees and branches that may have fallen on power lines over the winter. In 2020, 37 wildfires were caused by incidents such as downed power lines coming into contact with trees. Check your poles for rot and replacement; if the pole belongs to your local utility provider, contact them with your concerns. Walk the lines and look for any tree branches or trees in poor condition that may come in contact with the line in high wind. Contact your local utility provider to remove or trim the trees or branches. -AgriNews



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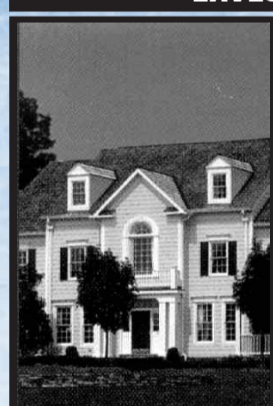
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