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Double homicide sparks calls for reform

Accused's first court appearance scheduled in Edson switched to Hinton without notice

by Shaylyn Thornton

“On September 16 at approximately 6pm, Hinton RCMP responded to a report of a missing 24-year-old female and her 16-month-old toddler who were last seen in Hinton.

Hinton RCMP, along with the assistance of Alberta

RCMP Major Crimes, have been investigating this occurrence. The investigation is ongoing in the Hinton area and RCMP can now confirm that both the mother and her child have since been located deceased. On Sept. 17, 2021, Alberta RCMP Major Crimes arrested a 53-year-old male in

Hinton, in relation to this investigation.” —stated an RCMP release.

Subsequently, the RCMP released more details on the man arrested: “Alberta RCMP Major Crimes have now laid charges in relation to a double homicide in Hinton.

Robert Keith Major (age 53)

from Hinton, has been charged with two counts of 2nd degree murder and 1 count of indignity to human remains. He has been remanded into custody and is scheduled to make his first court appearance on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 10:00 am in Edson

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Hundreds gathered in a show of solidarity and support outside the Edson Courthouse on September 21 for the family of a young mother and toddler who were the victims of a double homicide in Hinton. photo submitted Becky Bayley

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Double homicide inspires calls for justice system reform

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Provincial Court.

Investigators have learned that Robert Major lived in the same apartment complex as the 24-year-old female victim and her 16-month-old child. No other connection has been identified by between the victims and the perpetrator and police are not seeking any other suspects in this case.

This tragic loss of life is incredibly difficult for all involved, especially the family of the victims. The family has asked for privacy to grieve at this time and of respect for the wishes of the family, the names of the deceased will not be released by the RCMP."

It was not long after the release of the man's name that more information came to light. An Edmonton Police Service Media Release from 2017 named Robert Major as a convicted sexual offender, of which the EPS had "reasonable grounds to believe" that he would commit another sexual offense against women or children in the community.

That release listed a number of court ordered conditions including not being allowed "in, near, or around places where children under the age of 18 years are likely to congregate" and not being "in the presence of any children under the age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult aware of his criminal history and previously approved by his supervisor."

While the RCMP have since confirmed that this Robert Major is the same man arrested in the double homicide in Hinton, they shared in another release that, "Due to inquiries from the public and the media, the Alberta RCMP would like to clarify that Robert Major had not been subject to any Recognizance conditions since July of 2020."

With Major's first court appearance scheduled in Edson on September 21, hundreds of people flocked to the Edson Provincial Building to show their support for the victims' family. CBC News reported that the hearing was instead held in Hinton,

and "The family and the media had not been informed of the last-minute change."

But the strong, silent support of the hundreds that showed up at the Edson Provincial Building still called for reform to the justice system that they believe released a high-risk offender into the public.

Cody McConnell, the fiancé and father of the victims, spoke to media outside the Edson courthouse on Tuesday, and stated that he felt the "broken" justice system was to blame for the death of his family.

"I just really want to make a change here because I feel like this should never, ever happen to any other family again," McConnell said. "It's unfair. My 16-month-old boy is ripped away from me, and my beautiful wife."

McConnell said he wants the National Sex Offender Registry Database to be available to the public instead of just being available to police agencies, especially in cases where the offender is considered likely to re-offend.

McConnell also wants to see changes to rental laws so that tenants are required to be informed if there is a registered sex offender in their building. "My family ended up in harm's way for no reason," McConnell said, expressing the desire for legislative changes named in honour of his son. "Nobody was there to protect us. That's why we want Noah's law."

In a further release, the RCMP said that Major's next court appearance will be in Hinton Provincial Court on October 20, 2021. The release also stated: "Further information on the High Risk Offender program can be found at the Government of Alberta's High Risk Offender Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/high-risk-offenders-other-areas.aspx>.

As this matter is now before the courts, no further details will be released.

The Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit continues to investigate these homicides and although no further suspects are being sought, anyone with information is asked to contact the Hinton RCMP at (780)865-5544 or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store."

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Incumbent MP Gerald Soroka re-elected

by Shaylyn Thornton

After the 2021 Canadian election, not much has changed. A minority Liberal government is still in power with Justin Trudeau at the helm as Prime Minister, and the Conservatives are still the Official Opposition.

In the Yellowhead riding, constituents re-elected Conservative Gerald Soroka with approximately 66% of the vote. As of press time, with 234/235 polls reported, he had received 32,679 votes – a whopping 26,380 more than second place candidate Michael Manchen of the PPC.

“I’m very happy with Yellowhead people still supporting me. I’m very pleased with that,” said Soroka, before acknowledging that the victory was bittersweet. “I’m just disappointed how Canadians can still support a government and a leader that has had so much corruption and everything else. It’s just astounding how he can get re-elected.”

“We spent \$600 million dollars and what have we really got out of that, except a couple seat changes here and there. That’s all it’s really accomplished, and all for ego basically,” Soroka said.

A large criticism of Trudeau and the Liberals from other parties was calling the election as Canadians faced a fourth wave in the COVID-19 pandemic. Restrictions and safety protocols meant that voting was made more difficult for many Canadians.

In the Yellowhead riding, Soroka estimated that over 5,000 less people voted in this election than the last, largely because of factors like no mobile polling stations at senior’s lodges and no mobile service to go to the homes of people with disabilities or mobility issues to assist them in voting.

While mail-in voting was an option, many seniors in the community did not have a way to print off copies of their license and fulfill all required aspects of mail-in voting requirements. “There was a multitude of issues with people with voting, unfortunately,” Soroka said.

Still, Soroka took the position of MP as Yellowhead once again with a strong showing

of support. Soroka’s community support and accessibility to the public played a big factor in his getting re-elected.

“I know I had several people telling me that they weren’t necessarily voting Conservative, they were voting for me as their representative,” said Soroka, who noted that he genuinely cares about the community and wants to make life better for people in his riding.

While Soroka and the Conservatives have a number of goals for the term, he noted that with a minority government being “backed by the NDP or Bloc or both” they face an unfortunate amount of obstacles in reaching their goals.

The Conservatives hope to restore the Oil and Gas sector, “But yet the parties that are in power have no desire to even look at Oil and Gas again, so that’s going to be the frustrating part,” said Soroka, noting that “all of Canada’s natural resource extraction is going to be hurt.”

“I’m not saying there’s anything wrong with trying to look at green alternatives,” added Soroka. “But we aren’t anywhere close to being cost-effective to assist with our green economy.”

Soroka noted that the current government “has no problems with investing significant dollars to get these projects up and running, and then have small dollars to keep it operational or financially viable,” and said, “You don’t build an economy where you’re continually propping up industry, whatever form of industry it is.”

The Conservatives certainly have a “challenging” road still ahead, with the breakdown of seats hardly changing. “It’s plain and simple a numbers game,” Soroka said.

As of press time, with some ridings still too close to call before mail-in ballots were finished being counted, the seats

were being called as: Liberal 158 (+3), Conservatives 119, Bloc Quebecois 34 (+2), NDP 25 (+1), Green party 2, PPC 0, and Others 0 (-6). According to the National Post, the Conservatives were leading with the popular vote (33.83% compared to 32.37% for the Liberals).

Congratulations to Mr. Gerald Soroka on his re-election as the Yellowhead riding’s MP.

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Under the new Provincial Restriction Exemption Program (REP), the Town of Edson will now be requiring all patrons/attendees aged 12 and over to provide valid:

- proof of vaccination, or
- proof of a privately-paid negative rapid test result taken within 72 hours of service, or
- documentation of a medical exemption

At no time will these medical documents be kept or stored by staff. The documentation must be shown on each visit to the facility. And please **ONLY** use the main entrance to Repsol Place at this time.

Youth under the age of 18 who are accessing the facility for the sole purpose of taking part in a youth sport or recreational activity would NOT need to provide proof of vaccination status, medical exemption, or negative test. However, those participants are required to:

- screen for symptoms
- maintain 2 metres distancing, except youth while engaged in physical activity
- wear a mask, except while engaged in physical activity

Individuals 12 years and older that are attending to spectate or use any other amenity in the facility **MUST** show one of the acceptable options for proof of vaccination, medical exemption, or paid negative COVID-19 test.

We're asking all residents and visitors to be patient and understanding while we implement this system. We understand there will be some frustration, however, there is zero tolerance for abuse of staff at any time.

Obtaining vaccine records

Albertans 12 and older can get a card-sized vaccine record through the new express system at www.alberta.ca/CovidRecords.

- No account required. Enter your personal healthcare number, birthdate, and month and year of vaccination.
- Download your card and print out or save on your phone.
- Note - If you were vaccinated recently, it may take up to 2 weeks for your records to be available online.

Participating Registry Agents can also print out your vaccine card from www.alberta.ca/CovidRecords at no cost starting September 21.

'MyHealth Records' is still available for Albertans 14 and over who wish to use a verified account to view their health records, including lab tests and medications. Records from vaccination appointments can also be utilized.

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 Online	Zoning
Week 1					
Week 2					
074-2021	5964 3 Ave/Plan 142 1788; Block 202; Lot 18	Sign, except Billboard – Fascia Sign	Permitted	September 10, 2021	C-2
073-2021	5919 2 Ave/Plan 132 2934; Block 200; Lot 1C	Gas Bar and Service Station – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Permitted	September 13, 2021	C-2
077-2021	4413 15 Ave/Plan 122 4721, Block 5, Lot 26	X2 Accessory Building and Variance to West Side Yard Setback	Discretionary	September 14, 2021	R-1B
076-2021	4901 3 Avenue/Plan 1494 AC/Block 8/Lot 25 EH & 26	Demolition of Single Family Dwelling	Permitted	September 15, 2021	C-1

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 21st day after the date of issue as published on the Town's website (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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NOTICE



A reminder that Municipal Tax Payments are due on September 30th, 2021

A number of changes were made this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please note the following dates:

- Taxes Due - September 30th, 2021
- First Penalty Run - October 1st, 2021
- Second Penalty Run - November 1st, 2021

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National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada

The Government of Canada recently passed legislation to make September 30th a federal statutory holiday called the "National Day for Truth and Reconciliation". This day is meant to provide an opportunity for residents to recognize the somber legacy of residential schools and to honour the victims. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event.

The Town of Edson will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and will allow employees to observe and participate in this important day. The Town Office will be open for tax collection/payments only as, unfortunately, this day falls on our extended tax deadline required by Bylaw. The rest of the office will be closed, along with all other Town of Edson facilities.

As of August 2021, more than 1,300 unmarked graves have been found across the sites of more than five former residential schools. Early estimates by the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation show over 3,200 children died over the 160+ year history of residential schools.

Excerpt from:



Residential schools operated in Canada for more than 160 years, with upwards of 150,000 children passing through their doors. Every province and territory, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and New Brunswick, was home to the federally funded, church-run schools. The last school closed in Saskatchewan in 1996.

First Nations, Métis and Inuit children were removed, often against their will, from their families and communities and put into schools, where they were forced to abandon their traditions, cultural practices and languages. The residential school system was just one tool in a broader plan of "aggressive assimilation" and colonization of Indigenous Peoples and territories in Canada.

Did you know - The date of September 30th is to mark Orange Shirt Day, an unofficial day that has been observed since 2013 in memory of a piece of clothing then-six-year-old Phyllis Webstad had taken from her on her first day at a residential school in 1973.

More information can be found at:

- <https://indigenouspeoplesatlasofcanada.ca/article/history-of-residential-schools/>
- <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/residential-schools>
- <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/culture/clmhc-hsmbc/res/information-backgrounder/sys-pensionnats-residential-school-sys>
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Notice of Public Meeting Cancellations

The following regularly scheduled meetings have been **cancelled:**

**September 28, 2021 (7:00 P.M.)
Committee of the Whole**

**October 12, 2021 (7:00 P.M.)
Committee of the Whole**

**October 19, 2021 (7:00 P.M.)
Council Meeting**



Feedback is Welcome!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Land Use Amending Bylaw No. 2263

Council will hold a Zoom Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 on

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm through Zoom Meeting online

If approved, "Hotel" and "Motel" will be added

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Commercial District in the Land Use Bylaw No. 2070.

To view details of the application, please see: www.edson.ca/bylaws

You may submit written comments by emailing: engineeringandplanning@edson.ca; by mailing: Planning—Town of Edson, PO Box 6300, Edson AB T7E 1T7; or by hand delivering to the Civic Centre drop off box at the front door entrance.

Submissions must be received by the Town prior to the Zoom Public Hearing for Councils consideration.

Any person, group, or person acting on behalf of anyone who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw, may make representation during a Public Hearing through Zoom online. Oral presentations are subject to a five (5) minute time limit and must be sent ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Zoom Public Hearing.

Registration will remain open until the beginning of the Public Hearing on **October 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm.** Register here at https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_2djYMyIpT7OKu5CpGbKuvw or contact engineeringandplanning@edson.ca for meeting details.

Personal information contained in submissions are collected under the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act). This meeting will be recorded and shared.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Land Use Amending Bylaw No. 2264

Council will hold a Zoom Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 on

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm through Zoom Meeting online

If approved, Land Use Bylaw No. 2070 will be amended to **remove the five year time limit on billboards and clarification regarding placement will be added.**

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Dana McArthur
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Alberta Blue Cross. Particularly as people deal with feelings of isolation and loneliness.

raise awareness of the impact of smart phone use on young adults' mental health and feelings of social connection. "While recognizing people rely on technology now more than ever to stay connected to loved ones, it is important to stay present during social interactions by temporarily putting phones down."

A recent survey by the Alberta Medical Association found that a majority of health care patients in Alberta are reporting their own mental and physical health has suffered over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic —especially in young adults.

On their campaign website, feelingsoverphones.ca, Alberta Blue Cross highlights fun and interactive ways to self-assess if smart phone use is impacting meaningful relationships and provides additional resources for those individuals looking for mental health supports.

The same study also reported that 47% say they are having difficulties coping with social isolation as both the reason and symptoms for deteriorating mental health.

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Q & A with Edson Mayoral candidate Janet Wilkinson

by Adrienne Tait

Janet Wilkinson is a long time Edson resident and former teacher who has served on Town Council as a Councillor for two terms. She is currently seeking a seat as Mayor for the Town of Edson. The Weekly Anchor will be featuring a Q & A section for all of the mayoral candidates.

What do you think the public would be surprised to learn about you?

I am an open book to all that know me but there are times when I love to have my share of adventures. People may not know that I have zip lined over rain forests, walked a canopy over gorges, rappelled mountain sides, danced and drummed with Africans, and sang in South America. In short, I can have fun!

What do you see as the top 2 priorities for the Town of Edson?

The first priority I see for Edson is the incredible need for improvements in our Infrastructure; roads in particular. Along with our growth and development that has made Edson a wonderful place for families to live in, we need to exercise fiscal restraint.

What was one decision, made during this last term, that you wish you could take back and/or redo?

As you may have noticed, our council seemed to be divided this last term, and often the vote was 4-3 and of course, some of that time I was not on the winning end of the decision. I lost decisions that I wish I hadn't, but that is democracy. When I am Mayor, I want to take the time to work with council so we are a much more cohesive team that has the opportunity to work with everyone's strengths. We would not always agree, but at least we would have discussions with everyone to full understand the outcomes these decisions may bring.

What is the one decision or initiative, made in the last term that you are most proud of, and why?

This is an easy question; I am so proud of the new Parkland Lodge. I was on the Evergreen's Foundation Board for my second term. I became the Chair and attended construction meetings every second week. These meetings really taught me a great deal about construction and the unique needs of seniors. The collaboration among the stakeholders, which were the builders, the architects and the foundation, was wonderful to be a part of. Through cooperation and collaboration, we managed to implement a top-notch facility in Edson. Please visit Parkland Lodge, once the restrictions are off, and you will see the wonderful, and much needed facility that was completed.

How do you propose to keep Edson on firm financial footing?

I truly wish there was an easy answer, however I am not naïve enough to think there is. I am very cognisant that this is one of my major challenges as Mayor. We must exercise fiscal restraint; our only source of income is from taxpayers and we have all suffered financially due to the pandemic. I feel some businesses have done well, such as CN rail. Reaching out to businesses such as these as well as local businesses to create a financial partnership will help us keep our services high and taxes low.

Public misinformation, possibly even more so with the invention of social media, continues to be a problem for every level of government. What piece of misinformation has surprised you most and how do you propose to counter misinformation/improve communication with the public?

I truly have become less and less surprised at

some of the media reports. My solution is quite simple. I will be scheduling times to meet with the public. Public accessibility to elected officials remains very important, and although I did this unofficially as my time as councillor, as mayor, I would be implementing this as a new path forward. I feel through honest, open, in person communication we can solve many rumours. I also want to implement a, "five-minutes of communication with council" at the start of our meetings. It would give public members time to inform the council of events, ask questions, or maybe flush out these pieces of misinformation. Social media certainly has its place and we all benefit from the wonderful, quick way to communicate; however, I still feel for true transparency we the public in our council chambers and we need time to listen, in person.

Edson still has a small-town feel, and that is a large part of its charm. With that being said I think our community wants to know what is going on in the town they live in. A small way to bring people together is to profile any new town employees on line, a picture and a brief description. We are all employees of the public and we should share more information.

What quality or trait do you believe will make you an effective mayor?

I am an effective leader and I certainly think this has been proven over the course of time. In my career as teacher, I was honoured to be a Vice Principal of an elementary school for a number of years. I have also been elected to many positions such as President of our Local Alberta Teacher's Association, and as the Provincial leader through my fraternal group, where I had the opportunity to preside over a conference of over a thousand people. One of my most enjoyable positions was on the Senate of the University of Alberta. I have served as leader in many organizations in Edson. My record is proof in itself. Along with the experiences I mentioned previously, I have been a co-owner of a small business in Edson for 15 years, so I understand the stresses, strains and leadership qualities required in both public and private enterprise.

With so many rules, regulations and restrictions placed on municipal Councils to work within provincial and federal mandates, what can we do to be an innovator? How is it possible to find new ways to work within such a structured system?

I believe that rules are a great guideline. We need to see how we can do things within the boundaries, but not to see the rules as restrictions. I have found that any leadership I have demonstrated has not been a "one man show" and in order to be effective you need great support. An innovator uses the group to find the best way forward, this is how I work and lead. I look forward to using this new approach with the next council so our creativity can be showcased. As our leadership group communicates and brainstorms, we will come up with solutions. To quote Terry Fox, "Anything is possible if you try."

Examples of opportunity for positive changes:

- Citizens in Action to Attract Tourism. We have the most beautiful area, ideally located with so many attractions. We need to come together and work within these guidelines but establish our own solutions.

- Development in our town and area: We have a town-owned housing development in Hillendale. We need to look at what we can do and get some movement established.

- Personally, I am a member of the Edson and District Recycling Society. I would like to see regional waste management and possibly establish some business to repurpose some of our recycled items.

- As citizens we complain about the homeless, the drug problems and the thievery that occurs in town. I feel we must get to the root of the problem to solve it. I commit to putting every effort into getting a drug and/or alcohol treatment center in the site at the hospital that is currently sitting empty.

Currently I am able to work within the confines of regulations, yet still implement ideas that have moved Edson forward. I am the Vice Chair of the Tamarack Health Advisory council, and sit on The Community Foundation group. Through the Tamarack Health Advisory Board I have been able to be the conduit to allow citizens to express their concerns. This is direct feedback to Alberta Health Services, and I have seen changes implemented.

Being the provincial representative for the Family and Community Support Services is another avenue for voices to be heard within the restraints of a system in place. It is very interesting to meet and share the impacts that are being felt throughout the province, and then share these views with the Minister Luan. This is how change happens.

COVID party held outside of Edson

by Adrienne Tait

Over the past two weeks Edson has seen a stark rise in the number of COVID-19 cases in town. From September 1st – September 22 the total number of cases for the local geographical area jumped from 561 to 852.

In the past week Edson has seen 3 new deaths from COVID-19.

Earlier this month STARS Air Ambulance made 5 trips to Edson in 5 days to transfer intubated patients to Edmonton all with COVID-19. The patients, four males one female, ranged in age from 24-39. More COVID-19 positive patients have been transferred to ICU via ground ambulance.

In a recent incident, according to a CityTV news report a COVID party held outside of Edson, "Has sent 'a lot' of Edson residents into Edmonton's already overwhelmed and full ICUs." Unconfirmed reports indicate that at least one of the people associated with the 'party' has passed away.

The apparent concept behind a "Covid Party" comes from "measles parties" where deliberate infection takes place in the hope of gaining natural immunity - an idea health experts warn against.

Mayor Kevin Zahara released the following statement, "While the Town of Edson was not aware of any such party occurring, these types of events would be highly dangerous and needlessly endanger lives. It is true that we have many residents in ICU in Edmonton and unfortunately 3 Edson area residents have lost their lives in recent days due to COVID."

With variant strains, such as the Delta variant, having spread Zahara urges everyone to do what they can to help gain control of the situation and speak to their family doctor if they have concerns about getting vaccinated.

On September 22, the Edson Medical Center took to social media with the following plea for local residents, "Patients of Edson, children's surgeries in Alberta have now been cancelled because adult patients with Covid are requiring ICU beds. And approximately 90% of current ICU Covid admissions are unvaccinated.... the Covid vaccine is safe and effective. If you are undecided PLEASE talk to your family physician."

(please address any comments related to this story to the publisher)

A new season begins at PCHS

by Ellie Walter (student contributor from PCHS)

After what he estimates to be almost 25 years working in education, and the last 15 years in the field around the country, Vincent Dikaitis is Parkland Composite High School's newest principal. With a wealth of experience and a well-rounded knowledge of teaching and administration, Mr. Dikaitis already has several wonderful new ideas for the school.

Mr. Dikaitis has had over twenty different education-related careers over the years in a variety of different positions: including a Program Coordinator, an instructor of multiple courses, a Director of Education in one division, and the principal of six different schools.

Previous principalships and teaching positions include locations like Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and even in the Northwest Territories for the Sahtu school division.

Formerly in Justice and Social Services, Mr. Dikaitis has a specific "passion for working with young people," as he puts it. However, in his roles before his teaching career, he felt that he couldn't do enough to really affect change; and now feels that education has

helped him become more aware of what is going on in schools and among the youth.

"Students spend most of their days at the school, so a healthy climate and culture in the school can really help change them, and as a principal and as a teacher you really get to be a part of that process," Mr. Dikaitis said.

Mr. Dikaitis believes Parkland is an amazing school with very innovative and progressive programming, great staff, and excellent students, and he is looking forward to being a part of the school. Mr. Dikaitis plans for more student-driven programs including a rodeo program, football, and even a business-style cafeteria.

He is excited to be part of a really positive team and believes that with all this added together, Parkland has excellent potential to be one of the best schools in the province. He intends to continue forward in the same direction and proceed to improve the school and community consistently along the way.

Principal Dikaitis graduated high school in Whitecourt so is familiar with the area. He has friends in town and his wife and children are moving here within the next six months. He is looking forward to the lovely location near both the mountains and the city, aspects of Edson that we all know and love.

Mr. Dikaitis has been here since the beginning of August and is already really enjoying the wonderful people, being part of the community, and he's looking forward to all the town has to offer. Hopefully, his plans go forward smoothly towards some of the best years the school has ever had.

As a member of the community and part of the student body, I can confidently say that Parkland is eager to welcome Mr. Dikaitis in his new role as principal. Becoming one of the best schools in the province requires students and staff that believe they can be their best; it is apparent that Mr. Dikaitis already envisions this for those he's leading at Parkland Composite High School.

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KID'S CORNER



This is Owen Henry Roberts, who will be turning 2 on October 21st. Owen loves to play outside in his sister Jillian's cabin, although he calls her Dee Dee since he can't quite say Jillian yet. Owen also loves to play on his swing set. His favorite show to watch is Boss Baby and he always wants his parents to skip through the commercials before it starts. Owen's favorite toy is his Ty bumble bee, who he takes with him everywhere. Owen's parents say he is a great helper, always helping his daddy bring out the garbage. After they're done taking out the garbage, Owen always gives his dad a handshake and a "Good job!" Owen also enjoys leaving fingerprints all over the refrigerator door, especially after his mommy is finished cleaning it.



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Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)
 Alberta Senate Act (Sections 5, 37)
 Referendum Act (Section 7)



LOCAL JURISDICTION: YELLOWHEAD COUNTY, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given:

A. That an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Mayor	1	N/A
Councillor	1	1
Councillor	1	3
Councillor	1	4
Councillor	1	6
Councillor	1	8

B. That an election will be held for the election of a Senate nominee for the purposes of the Alberta Senate Election Act;

C. That a vote of the electors will be held on the following referendum question(s) under the Referendum Act:

Question 1: Equalization

Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?

Question 2: Daylight Saving Time

Do you want Alberta to adopt year-round Daylight Saving Time, which is summer hours, eliminating the need to change our clocks twice a year?

Advance Voting will be held on the following dates and locations, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM:

Location	Date	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Yellowhead County Admin Building 2716 1 st Avenue, Edson, Alberta	October 2, 2021	Mayor and All Divisions
Hinton Rec Center 805 Switzer Drive, Hinton, Alberta	October 7, 2021	Mayor and All Divisions
Yellowhead County Admin Building 53404 RR 92 A, Wildwood Alberta	October 9, 2021	Mayor and All Divisions
Yellowhead County Admin Building 2716 1 st Avenue, Edson, Alberta	October 16, 2021	Mayor and All Divisions

Voting will take place on the 18th day of October, 2021, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Voting Stations will be located at:

Location	For Residents of Division(s)
Tipple Park Museum, Evansburg	1
Wildwood Community Hall	2
Niton Junction Community Hall	3
Peers Multiplex	4
Pinedale Community Hall	5
Yellowhead Admin Building (Edson)	5,6,7
Edson Legion	5,6,7
Marlboro Community Hall	7
Cadomin Legion	8
Robb Community Hall	8
Brule Community Hall	8
Hinton Center 965 Switzer Drive, Hinton	8

In order to vote, you must produce identification for inspection. The identification must be one or more of government issued identification, any one piece of identification approved by the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta, or any other type of identification allowed for by the Minister of Municipal Affairs as required by section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act.

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- \$250 Gift Certificate to Whitey's Tire & Mechanical in Evansburg
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Mike the Mechanic in Peers

The draw entry deadline is October 15th @ 4:30pm.

The draws will take place on October 20th and winners will be contacted by phone and later announced in the newspaper and on our Facebook page.

Call our Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 and register to have your name put into the draws.



Yellowhead County

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date
D21-128	Plan 9724066, Blk 2, Lot 1 SE 24-53-17-W5 Mizera Subdivision	(Discretionary Use) – Bulk Fuel Storage & Distribution – Additional Fueling Island	Sep 9/21
D21-141	NE 05-51-25-W5 Hinton Area	Discretionary Use – Surveillance Suite	Sep 13/21
D21-146	NW 33-55-13-W5 Carrot Creek Area	Home Occupation (Major) – Meadery	Sep 14/21
D21-148	Plan 7921360, Blk 3, Lot 25 SE 29-53-15-W5 Pinedale Area	Addition to Manufactured Home	Sep 14/21
D21-150	SE 15-51-16-W5 Minnow Lake Area	(Discretionary Use) – Work Camp	Sep 14/21
D21-110	SW 36-54-07-W5 Evansburg Area	Single Detached Dwelling (Change of Use from Recreation Cabin) with Attached Bunkhouse	Sep 15/21

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.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

Connected Families, Connected Communities
 October 4-10, 2021

Yellowhead County families are invited to join the **Connection Challenge** to be entered for a prize.

Entry form available in person at Wildwood or the Edson Yellowhead County Office or email: jtruemner@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca





Phone: 780-723-4800 Toll Free 1-800-665-6030 Fax: 780-723-5066
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

October 1st - Day of Older Adults in Alberta

Let's celebrate the contributions of older adults, recognize those who support them, and raise awareness of the concerns of older adults!

Seniors are a vital part of our communities. As parents and grandparents, mentors and friends, employees and employers, they make a difference in our lives. It is important that we continue to recognize, celebrate and support seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are so many great opportunities to stay connected with the older adults in your life, say thank you, make sure they are safe, and see if they need anything. To stay connected safely:

- Make a phone or video call, email or send letters to check in
- Host a family dinner online
- Host a virtual games night with family and friends
- Write letters and send cards, drawings or photos to seniors in local continuing care facilities
- Arrange outdoor visits that observe physical distancing restrictions

To support the emotional, mental and physical well-being of older adults and to spread good cheer throughout your community:

- Offer to assist with grocery and prescription purchases – online or delivery
- Offer physically distanced yard cleaning for seniors
- Drop off gift baskets at senior's homes
- Volunteer with organizations that support seniors, like telephone check in program (NeighbourLink Friendly Caller Program with Yellowhead County)
- Share stories with seniors and learn about their life experiences and history.

Let's celebrate, support, and keep seniors safe while respecting public health measures in place.



Online Virtual Sessions
Farming is hard, and stressful, and full of uncontrollable risks like weather and pests!

It can be hard to talk about the stresses of farming, but it's important to know you aren't alone. Sign up and share and learn from others like you to find ways to manage the stress of being a farmer. Free, supportive and confidential! Call the Wildwood office if you have any questions.

Online Zoom Sessions

Time: 8:30 - 10:00 AM

When: October 14, November 4, December 9

Call 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 for details.



Mental Health Discussion Group
Online Virtual Sessions

Life is stressful, and sometimes it helps to talk about the stresses we all experience, to know we aren't alone. Mental Wellness is also about more than medications or counselling. Join us to:

- Discuss mental health and strategies.
- Improve mental health on a personal and community level!
- Explore the many ways we can support and impact mental wellness for ourselves and our neighbours!

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12:30 - 2:00 PM

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 Wednesday, October 6th and 13th
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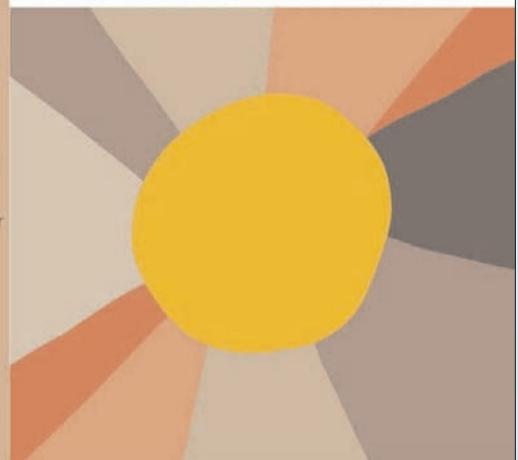
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Please be sure to specify what session(s) you would like to register for.

If you would like to register and do not have access to the internet or Zoom please call the office to make alternate arrangements.



Caregiver Support Group
Online Virtual Sessions

This is a valuable opportunity for caregivers to get together and talk about their caregiving journey in a safe and confidential environment. Caregivers can be caring for their parents, their spouses, an elderly friend, a family member or their children.

Join us for these online Zoom confidential sessions:

- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- January 18
- February 15
- March 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21



Take this opportunity to learn from one another who are experiencing the same challenges and stresses. Free, virtual drop-in basis. 6:30 - 8:00 PM

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
Online Virtual Sessions

The death of a loved one is one of the most stressful experiences in life. Grief affects everyone in their own way. Connecting with others and sharing stories helps process the loss. Join us for:

- a friendly, safe space to share your loss
- connecting with others who are experiencing the same kind of loss
- developing friendships with people who understand what you are going through.

Please join us for online Zoom sessions from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on:

- September 28, 2021
- October 26, 2021
- November 23, 2021
- January 25, 2022
- February 22, 2022
- March 22, 2022
- April 26, 2022
- May 24, 2022
- June 28, 2022



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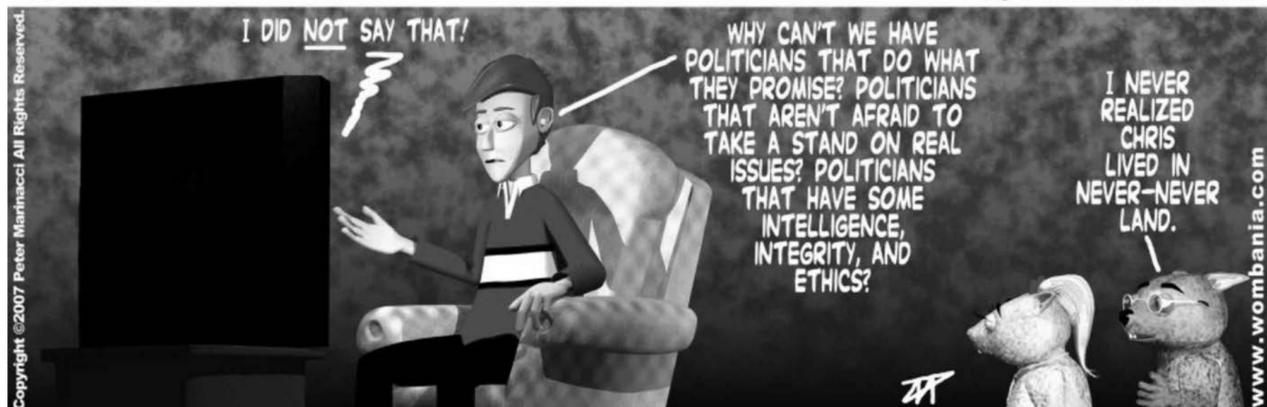
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Dreaming Big - School Visioning Workshop



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GNS: Good News Story

On March 10, 2021, the province announced that Grande Yellowhead Public School Division's number one priority on the Three-Year Capital Plan was approved for design funding to support the consolidation of three schools - Grand Trunk High School (GTHS), Evansview School in Evansburg, and Wildwood School in Wildwood - into one K - 12 school with a 500-student capacity at the current Grand Trunk High School site in Evansburg. GYPSD is working with Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure over the next few months to determine the full scope of the project, including the facility's design and funding to ensure that it meets the future learning needs of the communities of Wildwood and Evansburg.

On September 16, 2021, a School Visioning Workshop was a first step in the design process for the modernized K - 12 school. The staff, students and families from the communities of Wildwood and Evansburg came together at GTHS to hear from Alberta Infrastructure on the modernization process and parameters of the project. They also heard from Board Chair Brenda Rosadiuk who shared the Board's support for the community's goal of fundraising for a second gym, as provincial funding does not include a second gym in the budget.

Attendees were invited to identify their questions around the integration of younger students once the build is done and how current students at GTHS will be impacted during the construction phases over the next few years. Next, facilitators walked attendees through a series of questions focused on capturing everyone's 'dreams' for the modernized facility, including new spaces for teaching and learning, for collaboration, for common areas, spaces for new and exciting programs, and how the school could be used in the community during non-school hours. The evening provided a rich space for input, clarity on what is and is not viable within the government's framework for school capital projects, and the Lobstick community's plan for fundraising. Information about the project is available on the GYPSD's main webpage including a link to a survey for those unable to be present at the workshop on the 16th.

Anyone interested in joining the fundraising committee is invited to attend a meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, September 21st, at 4 pm, at Grand Trunk High School.

One Vision One Team One Goal

Rebels Football Win Home Opener

(submitted HRH)

After missing an entire season in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic, it was an amazing sight to see when the Rebels Football team took to the field for their home opener on September 16th.

"It felt like a million years had gone by since we last played," says Head Coach Mike Bachinsky. "But we were determined to get this season going, and the students could not wait to take the field."

Prior to the first game of the season, the Rebels hosted an all-day jamboree on September 11th, which was the first of its kind at HRH. Throughout the day, HRH played three miniature games that saw them end up with a solid 2-1 record.

Then Rebels squad squared off against Drayton Valley in the 2021 season

opener on the 16th.

It was a hard-fought game that saw the Rebels learn from every play and grow as a team. "One thing many people forget is that a majority of the students have not played a game yet," says Bachinsky. "It was awesome watching them learn the game firsthand. Everything we learned in practice just flooded back and became so real. Everyone played their hearts out."

In the end, the Rebels emerged victorious, 38-28.

"It was amazing to get the opportunity to finally play football," says grade 9 quarterback Hayden Roth. "All the practice and hard work really paid off."

Although the team ended up with a big win, Bachinsky still said there are things the team still needs to work on. "It's a game that the team will continue to learn and get better at, but I'm confident this team is going to be a solid squad."

The win marked the first game since their championship win in 2019.

Be sure to stay tuned to the Holy Redeemer social media pages for news on upcoming home games. Spectators are reminded to please socially distance and masks are highly recommended. There will also be a concession available at home games.

See you at the field!

If you would like more information on this article please feel free to contact the school at 780-723-7437 or holyredeemerhigh.ca.



The Holy Redeemer Rebels Football played their first game of the 2021 season on September 16th against Drayton Valley. The game was a tightly contested match between the home team and their opponents, but in the end, the Rebels emerged victorious 38-28. Be sure to stay tuned to the HRH social media pages on upcoming home games so you can come cheer on the Rebels. submitted

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Yellowhead County Votes 2021

Voting in the Yellowhead County municipal election?

Election Day is **October 18, 2021.**

There are several ways you can vote.

You can vote:



At an **Advance Vote** on various dates, at different location in Yellowhead County and in the towns of Edson and Hinton.



By **Special Ballots** using mail-in ballots. **Special Ballots** must be received at the Edson Administration office by Oct. 18, 2021 (8 PM).



On **October 18**. Voting will take place between 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. across Yellowhead County and in Edson and Hinton.

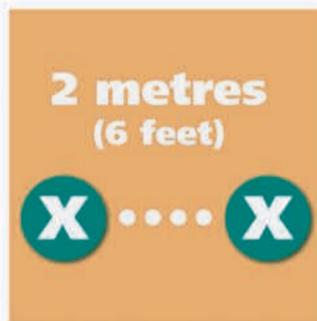
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At your polling station, poll workers will be wearing masks. There will also be:



Hand sanitizers, masks & single-use pencils if needed



Clear physical distancing markers



Only one poll worker per desk

If you have tested positive for or have symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have been in contact with someone who has the virus, visit ycvotes.ca to find out how to vote by mail using Special Ballots Voting.

Voter ID: You will need voter ID that establishes your residency. More details at elections.ab.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Casual 911 Dispatcher LOCATION: EDSON, AB COMPETITION NO. 21-023

Under the direction of the Deputy Chief of Dispatch and OH&S, the 911 Dispatcher is responsible for 911 call answer services, dispatch services and after hour communications for Enforcement Services, Public Works to Yellowhead County, partner municipalities and urban centers.

The hourly rate range for this position is \$24.55 - \$26.72.

To apply please submit resumes online, on our web page <https://yhcounty.ca/county-office/employment/>

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

The competition will remain open until *Friday, October 15, 2021*.

We thank all interested applicants in advance, screening will take place as applications arrive, however only those applicants for screening will be contacted.

Payroll Department
Yellowhead County
• Email: jobs@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca

The personal information obtained as a result of this advertisement will be utilized for these employment opportunities only, and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Equipment / Grader Operator LOCATION: EDSON, AB COMPETITION NO. 21-022

Reporting to the Area Supervisor, the Equipment Operator performs skilled work for both summer and winter road maintenance. This work includes a variety of both equipment and labour intensive tasks.

The salary range is currently \$59,763 - to \$75,658 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

To apply please submit resumes online, on our web page <https://yhcounty.ca/county-office/employment/>

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

The competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

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On October 18th

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FOR EDSON TOWN COUNCIL



My Vision for Edson

- ✓ Enhance facilities & infrastructure
- ✓ Create job opportunities
- ✓ Prioritize safety & inclusivity

Who is Peter Taylor

- Local drama & social studies teacher
- Longtime Edson resident
- Active volunteer in the community



Feel free to reach out to discuss my vision for Edson.

votepetertaylor@gmail.com

780-725-2006

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Town of Edson 'Restriction Exemption Program'

Town of Edson – After some clarification from the province, and much deliberation, the Town of Edson has decided to implement the Provincial Restriction Exemption Program (REP) at Repsol Place. The health of our user groups, spectators, and staff remains a top priority for our organization, as well as the commitment to providing strong and comprehensive programming for the community.

By implementing the REP, it allows us to operate Repsol Place as normal, including both youth and adult group sports. While we understand this is a controversial program for some, it is mandated by the province if we want to continue offering our programs at full capacity.

Under this program, starting Friday, September 24th, the Town of Edson will be requiring all patrons/attendees aged 12 and over to provide valid:

- proof of vaccination, or
- proof of a privately-paid negative rapid test result taken within 72 hours of service, or
- documentation of a medical exemption

At no time will these medical documents be kept or stored by staff. The documentation must be shown on each visit to the facility. Please **ONLY** use the main entrance to Repsol Place at this time.

Youth under the age of 18 who are accessing the facility for the sole purpose of taking part in a youth sport or recreational activity would NOT need to provide proof of vaccination status, medical exemption, or negative test.

However, those participants are required to:

- screen for symptoms
- maintain 2 metres distancing, except youth while engaged in physical activity
- wear a mask, except while engaged in physical activity

Individuals 12 years and older that are attending to spectate or use any other amenity in the facility **MUST** show one of the acceptable options for proof of vaccination, medical exemption, or paid negative COVID-19 test.

The Town of Edson will be working closely with our user groups to streamline this process as much as possible. Users are asked to show up a bit early and please have patience as staff work through the new system.

The remainder of the Town of Edson facilities will not be running the Restrictions Exemption Program but will be open to the public with a reduced capacity with masking and distancing required.

We're asking all residents and visitors to be patient and understanding while we implement this system. We understand there will be some frustration, however, there is zero tolerance for abuse of staff at any time. **Media Contact:** Steve Bethge Communications Coordinator Town of Edson 780-723-4401 steveb@edson.ca www.edson.ca -2-

Obtaining online vaccine records

Albertans 12 and older can get a card-sized vaccine record through the new express system at www.alberta.ca/CovidRecords.

- No account required. Enter your personal healthcare number, birthdate, and month and year of vaccination.
- Download your card and print out or save on your phone.
- Note - If you were vaccinated recently, it may take up to 2 weeks for your records to be available online.

Participating Registry Agents can also print out your vaccine card from www.alberta.ca/CovidRecords at no cost starting September 21.

'MyHealth Records' is still available for Albertans 14 and over who wish to use a verified account to view their health records, including lab tests and medications.

Records from vaccination appointment

You will receive a paper record at your vaccination appointment.

If you lost it or require another paper copy, request

a copy through your vaccination provider:
 • Pharmacy or physician's office – contact the

location you received your vaccination.
 • AHS Clinic – call 811 to request a copy be mailed to you.



TOWN OF EDSON
Public Information & Notices 2021

**Town of Edson
Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
10am to 3pm
(Closed Stat Holidays)**

FORM 7R5E

Notice of Election and Requirements for Voter Identification

*Local Authorities Election Act
(Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)
Alberta Senate Act
(Sections 5, 37)
Referendum Act
(Section 7)*

LOCAL JURSDICTION: Town of Edson, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given:

A. That an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Mayor	1	
Councillor	6	

B. That an election will be held for the election of a Senate nominee for the purposes of the *Alberta Senate Election Act*;

C. That a vote of the electors will be held on the following referendum question(s) under the *Referendum Act*:

Question 1: Equalization
Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada’s commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?

Question 2: Daylight Saving Time
Do you want Alberta to adopt year-round Daylight Saving Time, which is summer hours, eliminating the need to change our clocks twice a year?

Advance voting will take place on the 2nd day of October, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Voting Stations will be located at:

Repsol Hospitality Suite
1021 49 Street
Edson, AB T7E 1T4

Voting will take place on the 18th day of October, 2021, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Voting Stations will be located at:

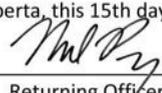
Edson Royal Canadian Legion Branch 51
5016 5 Ave
Edson, AB T7E 1T4

In order to vote, you must produce identification for inspection. The identification must be one or more of

- Identification issued by a Canadian government, whether federal, provincial or local, or an agency of that government, that contains a photograph of the elector and their name and current address.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence for Tenant Elector issued by the authorized representative of a commercial property management company.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence for Incarcerated Elector issued by the authorized representative of a correctional institution.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence issued by the authorized representative of a First Nations band or reserve.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence for Post-Secondary Student Elector in Residence issued by the authorized representative of a post-secondary institution.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence for Homeless Elector issued by the authorized representative of a facility that provides services to the homeless.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence for Elector in Long Term Care or Supportive Living Facility issued by the authorized representative of a supportive living facility or treatment centre.
- Supportive Living Facility issued by the authorized representative of a supportive living facility or treatment centre.
- Bank or credit card statement or personal cheque.
- Correspondence issued by a school, college or university.
- Government cheque or cheque stub.
- Income or property tax assessment notice.
- Insurance policy or coverage card.
- Letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee.
- Pension plan statement of benefits, contributions or participation.
- Residential lease or mortgage statement.
- Statement of government benefits (for example, employment insurance, old-age security, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefit).
- Utility bill (for example, telephone, public utilities commission, television, hydro, gas or water).
- Vehicle ownership, registration or insurance certificate.

as required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

DATED at the Town of Edson, in the Province of Alberta, this 15th day of September, 2021



 Returning Officer

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- Jerry Ford
- Castle Rentals
- Barry Neiffer Transfer
- Car Rey Picker
- Clear Cut CNC Trophies
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- Moonshine Creek Liquor
- Formula Powell
- Wilson Skate Sharpening
- Rick Hofland - Brutus Duramaxx
- Dave Klut Contracting
- Brian Janish

- KSM Construction
- Country Boyz
- JRF Oilfield Services
- Mountainside Sales and Rentals
- Morad Communications
- Mint Homes
- Sids Janitorial
- Yellowhead County Fire Dept
- Lance and Cheryl Preer
- Riderz
- Backwoods Energy
- Darcy Grainer
- Kinder Morgan
- Stu Wightman (announcer)
- McLeod Valley Trading
- GFL Waste
- Preer Family
- Rick and Dawn Lapierre
- Chlyn Safety Services
- Liberty Energy Services
- Sunshine Building Products



Town Council highlights: Sept. 21

Outfall Piping Replacement Project.

Council has approved a \$500,000 increase to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Pipe Replacement project. The project is to replace the failed section of outflow pipe that conveys treated wastewater from the treatment plant to the McLeod River, approximately 3km away.

Following the tendering process, it's estimated that the total project cost will be just under \$1.5M. \$1M has already been allocated to the project from the Provincial Government's Municipal Stimulus Program. The extra \$500,000 will be funded by a transfer of \$200,000 from the Infrastructure Reserve and \$300,000 from the Degas Wellhouse Project Budget.

Evergreens Foundation Support.

Council has confirmed its support for the Evergreens Foundation's Strategic Plan and development of new seniors' supportive housing in Wildwood and Victor Lake.

Meeting Schedule Review.

Council accepted a report and survey details regarding municipal meetings as information. The report is a starting point for discussion around Edson's Council and Committee meeting schedule moving forward.

On October 18...

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Yellowhead County Council

Re-Elect

Troy SORENSEN
For Edson Council



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Sorensen Announces Re-Election Bid

Troy Sorensen officially announces his re-election bid for Edson Town Council.

"Council has made such a positive impact on the community over the last 4 years, I'm proud of our progress and I look forward to continuing that work in my second term," says Sorensen. Sorensen served the Town on many boards during the past term: Youth Council, Edson & District Recycling Society, West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority, Edson & District Chamber of Commerce, and the Multi-Use Facility Steering Committee.

When asked about his campaign platform, Sorensen explains it hinges on his slogan of 'Focused on Progress'. "I continuously encourage Council into proactive decisions that drive community improvements and prosperity. As a Councillor, we must not only focus on serving the immediate needs of our community, but also focus on its long-term needs and goals." In short, Sorensen hopes to focus on four areas as Councillor in the next term.

- Simplify business development & encourage diversification;
- Support parks, trails, & green initiatives;
- Expand recreational & cultural facilities through fiscal responsibility; and
- Enhance senior & youth services

Over the coming weeks, Sorensen will discuss his platform with local voters and business leaders. "Now that we are back on the campaign trail, I look forward to talking with as many people as possible to hear everyone's concerns, offer possible solutions to the many issues our community faces, and challenge voters to describe the Edson they would like to see by 2025."

Troy Sorensen moved to Edson 24 years ago with his wife, Monica, a Vice Principal at Vanier. They have three children: Josie, Emily and Jakob. Sorensen is a Real Estate Broker and owner of Alpine Realty 3%, and is also an active outdoorsman and martial arts instructor. "Edson has been very good to my family and I believe it's my responsibility to give something back."

For more information, please go to the Facebook page "Troy Sorensen for Edson Town Council". You can also contact him directly at 780-725-3061 or ElectSorensen@gmail.com.

Bikez 4 Kidz initiative a huge success

by Shaylyn Thornton

The Mobbinkingz are a custom motorcycle club in the Edson and Hinton communities with a passion for giving back to the community. While their Mother chapter is based out of Los Angeles, the local chapter started in our area in 2018.

The Mobbinkingz contribute to the local food bank and help out when they need it through volunteering, and they have also assisted the Kinettes with their Christmas Hampers. Mobbinkingz President Bil Teskey said that the club is looking forward to doing it again this year.

In addition to that, the club's Bikez 4 Kidz Poker Run is the biggest event that they run. The group started their Bikez 4 Kids initiative in Hinton in 2019 and handed out 13 bicycles to children there. In 2020, they decided to expand the initiative to Edson and between the two communities they gave away 29 bicycles.

This past summer's event hit a record high, as over 120 sponsors and donations helped the club give away 100 brand new bikes to kids – 50 in Edson, and 50 in Hinton. "Next year we want to try to double that if we can," Teskey said.

The 2021 event was held on July 24, and started at the Hinton Green Square where the club presented the Hinton children with their bikes.

"The Hinton Fire Department then led us on a small parade through town before we departed to the Coal Branch Hotel in Robb for our second stop and lunch, then we came down Hwy 16 to Edson where the Gold Carpet was laid out for us by the town and the fire department," said Teskey.

Their next stop was Colleen's Biker Barn where the Edson kids received their bikes. "We then departed to Peers to the Shady Lady Hotel for our 4th stop and then to Pine Grove Hall on the North Road for the pig roast supper, bike games, prizes, camping, and live music by the Weebles," Teskey said.

"Rocky Mountain Bighorn Distillery was on-site providing liquor sales and Crew Haulers donated two SUV's and drivers to help get people home safely."

The group purchases their bikes "from wherever we can get them!" Teskey said, noting that Canadian Tire in Edson has worked with the group for three years now. "Management has always gone above and beyond to help us out for this cause, so they are the first stop until we empty their shelves."

To determine who receives a bike, the Mobbinkingz ask the public to nominate a child or children in need of a new bike, or parents that are having a "tough go around and need a little bit of help."

"We've all been there, and if Mobbinkingz can help

out by getting a new bicycle to a child in need, then we're going to do it!" Teskey said.

Teskey described the community support in Edson as "so overwhelming." He noted that there are some great companies and businesses in Hinton that have supported the group since the beginning, but "Hinton Town Administration support was non-existent."

In comparison, "[The] Town of Edson worked along with us and made everything so easy, they rolled out the red carpet when we came into town with 73 motorcycles in line!" Teskey said. "Seeing Mayor Zahara come to the event and show his support, he personally even purchased a bike to donate, showed great support towards our event and encourages us to only make it larger each year."

The group is already planning their event for next year and have dates set for July 22-24, 2022 out at Pine Grove Hall. They are hoping to make it an entire

weekend long event with live music Friday night, poker run on Saturday followed by music and games in the evening, and a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning.

Teskey noted that pulling off an event like that will require a lot of planning, volunteers, and community support.

The group is also currently running a few private fundraisers for children in our communities, and anyone that wants to donate or help out can reach out to mobbinkingzab26@gmail.com and a member will get in touch with you. You can also reach out on their social media.

"We would like to thank our communities for their continued support towards us and what we do in our communities. We look forward to your continued support and hope to make 2022 bigger and better than 2021," said Teskey, "Everyone Deserves To Ride."



The Mobbinkingz gave away 100 bikes to children in the communities of Edson and Hinton on July 24. photo submitted



The Mobbinkingz' Bikez 4 Kidz poker run is their biggest event of the year. This year 120 sponsors and donations helped give 100 children in Edson and Hinton brand new bikes. photo submitted



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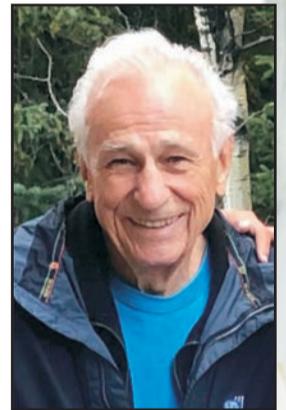
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~ Obituary ~

Ernie Mushtuk



It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Ernie Mushtuk, a beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Ernie was born on February 13, 1938 in the small village of Waugh, just north of Edmonton. In 1958, he got his first job in radio working in sales and copy at 630 CHED.

He met Olga in Edmonton in 1961. They married on July 10, 1965.

In 1968, Ernie and Olga, along with their eight-month-old son (Jason), moved to Edson where, along with the original partners, Chuck Benson and Ernie Mykyte, started CJYR (YR Radio). During the days of YR Radio, Ernie and friends created the Ukrainian Closed Golf Society (U.C.G.S) Contrary to what the name implies, it was not exclusive to Ukrainians. The group of friends created an annual tournament which lasted for 35 years. The YR Radio family used to like to have fun with radio and often created fictitious characters. Some may remember Horst Hoskolovich from River Bend.

Ernie continued to run YR Radio alongside the YR family, as he affectionately called them, until 1999 when it was sold to what is now known as Real Country West. During that time, Ernie and Olga raised their family with the addition of a set of twins (Dean & Lisa) and became a part of this community. Ernie was also involved in the building and running of The Pick n Lantern Pub (now the Moose Creek Hotel), Yellowhead Travel, Yellowhead Registries and the Sundowner Inn. In his retirement years, Ernie continued to be an advocate of his community and area. He was a long-time member of the Edson Kinsmen (K40) where he published the monthly "Curmudgeon". Ernie was also in charge of staffing the annual Kinsmen Slo-Pitch Tournament's Beer Garden. He was also a helping hand on the 100th Anniversary Celebrations Committee that took place September 2011.

Ernie contributed greatly to our Town in numerous ways such as being part of a team that sought to quantify commercial air travel to/from Edson Airport, volunteering his time on Yellowhead Synergy Group as well as assisting with the Parkland Lodge Expansion Committee, raising funds for furnishings in the Common Area.

Ernie had a great zest for life and was known as a kind, compassionate man with a great sense of humour. Although he said public speaking was one of his biggest fears, he was often asked to speak in public. This included being a speaker at the 1986 Alberta Winter Games held in Edson.

He had a deep respect for people and community involvement and his thoughtfulness and kindness touched all who met him.

Ernie is survived by his wife Olga, children Jason (Annie), Dean and Lisa as well as grandchildren Jaedinn and Awstten.

In respect of Ernie's wishes, there will be no funeral services. He said that anytime you get together for a kubasa bake, he will be there.

The surviving family would like to thank all the people in the community for their support, wishes and condolences in helping us through this trying time. It is clear how many people Ernie touched. He will be deeply missed.

~ Obituary ~

Rechner, James "Jim" Ernest



The family of Mr. James "Jim" Rechner of Stony Plain, AB is saddened to announce his passing on September 15, 2021 at the age of 80 years.

Jim will be lovingly remembered by his children: Randy (Sue), Patricia (Leonard), Karen (Boyd) and Brian (Shelley); stepdaughter, Judy (Darcy); nine grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Yvonne and Ellen as well as numerous dear nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Vallorie; his companion, Wendy; his parents, Joseph and Mary and his brothers: Mathew and Joe.

Dad was born on May 21, 1941 in the Fulham, AB area. He married his one true love, Vallorie Jean Newsom on June 23, 1961. He loved farming on the homestead and later on, driving school bus. Jim also found immense pleasure working on the farm that Lorne & May and Bill & Lill Hartum owned in Stony Plain, AB. Dad retired to Meridian Meadows in Stony Plain, AB in 1993 and lived there for the last 28 years.

Our Father was a very kind and gentle soul. He was always willing to give a helping hand to friends and neighbours whenever needed. He will always be in our thoughts, hearts and prayers, but never forgotten.

Due to COVID restrictions, a private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In keeping with Dad's wishes, he will be laid to rest beside our Mother at McLeod Valley Cemetery.

In lieu of other tributes, donations in Jim's memory may be made to Alberta Diabetes Foundation, 1-020 Li Ka Shing Centre for Health, Research Innovation, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, T6G 2E1.

Written Tributes may be made to www.parklandfuneralservices.com



Parkland Funeral Services, Stony Plain, 780.963.2520.

THANK YOU!

I would like to say how deeply humbled I am by the expression of confidence and support from my Community on acclaiming me. I am fully committed to Division 2 and Yellowhead County.

I look forward to serving residents of Wildwood and area and residents of Yellowhead County for the next four years.

Again, thank you for believing in me.

**- Anthony Giezen
Councillor of Division 2
Yellowhead County**

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Division News

For Immediate Release September 20, 2021

October 18 2021 School Board Elections

Notice of Election
Local Authorities Election Act Section 12, 35, 46, 53
Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, Province of Alberta

become a
school trustee

NOMINATIONS REMAIN OPEN IN THE TOWN OF HINTON.
NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN 10AM TO 12 NOON ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST AT THE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE LOCATED AT 3656 1 AVENUE, EDSON.

**Public School Trustees UnOfficial Nomination Results
ELECTIONS 2021 UPDATE**

As of noon on September 20, 2021, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division advises the following is the unofficial list of public school trustee candidates:

- Electoral Sub-Div.#1 (Hinton) SHIRLEY CAPUTO, Incumbent
Nominations Remain Open
- Electoral Sub-Div.#2 (Edson) FIONA FOWLER, Incumbent
JOAN ZAPOROSKY, Incumbent
JOCELYN PETTITT
- Electoral Sub-Div.#3 Lobstick BRENDA ROSADIUK, Incumbent
MELODIE BOBILEK
- Grande Cache Ward DARREL DELISLE
- Jasper Ward DALE KARPLUK, Incumbent

Please see the Notice of Advance Polls Locations for details on applicable dates and locations for each sub-division and/or ward. Regular voting will take place on the 18th day of October, 2021, at various locations across the Division. Special Ballots are available for eligible voters who are unable to vote at Advance or on Election Day. Residents can request to vote by special ballot in writing or in person.

Grande Yellowhead stretches from Jasper National Park, east to Evansburg, and north to the Town of Grande Cache. The jurisdiction includes seventeen schools, five Learning Connection Centres, approximately 5,000 students, and 600 staff members.

 For more information, please contact:
Communications Services P 780-723-4471 E communications@gypsd.ca

3656 - 1st Avenue, Edson, AB T7E 1S8 P 780-723-4471 T 780-723-2414 www.gypsd.ca

Yellowhead County Election Nominations

Yellowhead County Municipal Nominations (Unofficial) - Sept 20, 2021

Yellowhead County, AB (September 20, 2021) – Nominations have closed, and the Municipality of Yellowhead County will have both a Mayoral race and Council race on October 18, 2021.

The following is a list of the nominees that have submitted their nomination papers for the upcoming election.

Ken Bitz	Mayor
Sandra Cherniawsky	Mayor
Sonja Christopher	Mayor
Doug Elzinga	Mayor
Wade Williams	Mayor
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Lavone Olson	Councillor Division 8

Voting will take place on the **October 18, 2021, between 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.** Voting stations will be located at several locations across Yellowhead County and in the towns of Edson and Hinton.

An Advance Vote will be held on several dates each at a different location in Yellowhead County and in the towns of Edson and Hinton. Residents can also vote by mail-in ballot. Please go to www.ycvotes.ca for a complete list of voting locations and dates.

Note - This list does not become official until Tuesday, September 21 at noon.

Edson Election Nominations

Municipal Election Nominations - Official

Edson, Alberta, September 21st, 2021 – The list of the nominees for the Edson Municipal Election is now official. The Town of Edson will have both a Mayoral race and Council race on October 18th, 2021. Three residents have submitted papers to run for Mayor and ten residents have submitted papers to run for the six Town Council positions.

Annie Marie Desjarlais	Mayor
Janet Wilkinson	Mayor
Kevin Zahara*	Mayor
Krystal Baier*	Council
Trevor Bevan*	Council
Gean Chouinard *	Council
Marsha Jensen	Council
Charl MacPherson	Council
Ed Moore	Council
Greg Pasychny	Council
Troy Christian Sorensen*	Council
Peter Taylor	Council
Doug Woodhouse	Council

* Incumbent

Voting will take place on the **October 18th, 2021, between 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.** The voting station will be located at the **Royal Canadian Legion, 5016 - 5th Avenue, Edson, Alberta.**

An Advance Vote will be held on the **October 2nd, 2021, between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.** The voting station will be located in the **Hospitality Room of Repsol Place, 1021 - 49th Street, Edson, Alberta.**

More details on the election can be found online at www.edson.ca/election.

What's happening, when and where in the community

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Sept 25: Grandparent Walk-A-Thon

Fundraiser. The walk will take place and start at

10:00 AM at the new Parkland Lodge. Everyone welcome.

September 26: Free Family Luau Party at Repsol Place was cancelled and a free swim will take place.

September 30: Orange Shirt Day: A Healing Journey #ICMMITOSD

October 1: Fall Prevention Workshop at Wildwood Hall Raising awareness of concerns of older adults.

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Karen at kschatz@yhcounty.ca

Oct 4-10: National Family Week: Connect

Challenge- email

jtruemner@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca

October 15: Farmer's Appreciation Day -see page 10.

October 18: Voting day for Municipal Elections

Support Groups: see page 11.

First Wednesday of Every Month: Senior's Recycling Day. Between 10 am and 2 pm, senior citizens are welcome to visit the depot for snacks and refreshments while their staff unloads your sorted recyclables free of charge. See the Senior's Day Facebook Event for more details.

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Wildwood Community Hall To book please contact: Marjorie Russell at 780-325-2180 or Mary Anderson at 780-514-6105.

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A Local Pharmacist's Top Tips for Keeping Coughs and Colds at Bay

Shawna Whipple, Shoppers Drug Mart Pharmacist/Owner

The COVID-19 pandemic has drastically changed the way we think about germs. Common cold symptoms that we might have previously brushed off – like a sore throat, sniffles or cough – are no longer simply a minor inconvenience or annoyance. Although a common cough or cold may seem minor, I've seen how they can leave both kids and adults feeling miserable.

Many Edson and County residents are more self-conscious when it comes to getting sick with visible symptoms. Now more than ever, we don't want to feel ill, and we certainly don't want to appear ill either.



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We are starting to see colds circulate which is why I've put together a few of my top tips to help you and your family stay healthy, including how to treat and manage your symptoms if you do come down with a bug:

- **Mask up:** Wearing a mask, particularly in crowded and public spaces, continues to be a simple yet effective way to keep germs away from your nose and mouth. Make sure you wear your mask this cold and cough season, and don't forget to sneeze or cough into your elbow (not your hands)!

- **Keep up the hand hygiene:** Clean hands are an

important step in protecting against germs. Washing your hands frequently is one of the best ways to remove germs and prevent the spread to others. Make sure you wash your hands for 20 seconds, with special attention to your palms, the back of each hand, between fingers, thumbs and under nails. To help keep track of time, try humming or singing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. Since washing your hands with soap and water isn't always an option, I recommend having hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol available as a backup. Make sure to keep some in your bag and your little one's backpack to help keep hands clean on the go.

- **Be prepared:** Despite our best efforts, sometimes we find ourselves with a cough or cold. We've all been there! Thankfully, if you find yourself or a loved one sick with a cough or cold, an over-the-counter medication can provide fast and effective relief to help you get back to normal. Your local pharmacist can help you find the right medication to address your symptoms. Keeping your medicine cabinet stocked will also ensure you're ready to address any cold or cough quickly, so you or your loved one can feel better as soon as possible.

There are many steps we can take to protect ourselves and loved ones this cold and cough season. Don't forget to visit your local pharmacy to get your flu shot this fall or winter— it's your best shot at preventing the flu this season.

Shawna Whipple is the pharmacist and owner at the Shoppers Drug Mart in Edson. Visit ShoppersDrugMart.ca to find your nearest store.



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