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March 30, 2021

TOWN WELCOMES NEW COMMERCIAL RETAIL INVESTMENT TO COMMUNITY

Submitted by Town of Mayerthorpe

The Town of Mayerthorpe is happy to announce the development of 4,500 square feet of new com-

mmercial retail space that will include a Tim Hortons restaurant and drive-thru.

The new space is a project of Bedford Commercial Developments and will be located along Highway

22/50th Street beside the United Farmers of Alberta (UFA) Petroleum Agency and Cardlock.

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THANK YOU COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

March 22, 2021 - OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, was pleased to recognize community volunteers in the House of Commons during Members' Statements.

He said:

"Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize the great work of volunteers in my riding of Yellowhead. I want to give special recognition to the brand-new food pantry at the Edson United Church who have already been supplying free

nutritious hot meals to the community. I recently had the opportunity to visit the church and it was fantastic to see the shelves stocked and volunteers in action.

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STOP THE QUARANTINE CHAOS

March 23, 2021 - OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, during Question Period, asked the Liberal government the following:

He said:

"Mr. Speaker, last week constituents of mine working in the pipeline repair and inspection services were detained upon arrival into Canada, despite having provided a travel letter and

a government essential service workers' permit to the CBSA agents. Workers who cross the border for essential work have been deemed essential for a reason.

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Town Welcomes New Commercial Retail Investment to Community



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With highway visibility, new highway access, and future highway signage, the Town anticipates this national brand will bring additional new investment and employment opportunities to the community. This Canadian staple will entice new visitors to the Town, create tourism opportunities and increase demand for exist-

ing services.

Along with the 2,500 square foot Tim Hortons restaurant, there will be an adjacent 2,000 square feet of commercial retail space for a new or growing business. Working with Avison Young, the Town seeks to attract one or two businesses for the additional retail space. Inquiries about the opportunity have already been received by the Town.



"I'm thrilled to see this exciting new investment in our Town! It's been a while since we've had a new commercial build. Along with the employment opportunities, the brand recognition that comes with Tim Hortons should be a catalyst for growth. And, the boost to the local economy from highway traffic and tourism is most welcome. Between the traffic lights and Tim Horton's, people won't just drive on by anymore!" - Mayor Janet Jabush

The total number of new full- and part-time jobs is unknown, but the Tim Hortons is anticipated to be a busy, 7-day a week operation with extended hours.

Parties interested in developing the additional retail space can contact Ben Snider with Avison Young at 780.915.8417, ben.snider@avisonyoung.com, or the Town's Economic Development Officer for information at edo@mayerthorpe.ca or the Town Office.

For questions or additional information please contact Mayor Janet Jabush at Janet.Jabush@mayerthorpe.ca or contact the Town Office.

Congratulations to Violet Gertrude Nelson of Alberta Beach

with love, hugs and kisses from her Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren



Thank You Community Volunteers

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It is working in co-operation with the Edson food bank, so they are not duplicating services and the community gets the best of both organizations.

Another fantastic initiative I would like to recognize is Edson's new shelter pods for the town's home-

less population. Once completed, this project will help some of Edson's homeless find a safe and warm place to stay. These shelter pods are a commendable initiative that should be considered in all corners of the country.

I am proud to represent a riding with such great organizations that have a

strong sense of community and support people who are in need. Keep up the great work."



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Stop the Quarantine Chaos

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Why is the government causing quarantine chaos, locking them up in their COVID hotels, even when proper credentials were presented?

Reply: Hon. Marco Mendicino (Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Lib.):

"Mr. Speaker, we have taken the measures that are necessary to protect the

health and safety of all Canadians. At the same time, we have introduced exemptions for workers, including essential workers, to ensure that we can keep our economy going. We will continue to apply those measures with great rigor so that we can both protect the health and safety of Canadians as well as meet the needs of Canadians economically."

The video of the exchange can be found at: <https://fb.watch/4q0bBneWEH/>

JOKE of the week

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Bobby stayed home from church with a baby-sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Bobby asked them what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father told him. 'Wouldn't you know it,' Bobby fumed, 'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVALS

The following Development Permits have been approved or conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw. This list does not include Permitted Uses. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Planning and Development department at 1-866-880-5722 or devassistant@LSAC.ca, Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm to request additional information on a permit.

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL DEADLINE
21-D0054	Lot 312, Block 2, Plan 0425881 Nakamun Lake Estates within SE 35-56-02 W5M 312, 56514 RGE RD 21	RV 32.0' x 8.0' (250.0 sq. ft.)	April 19, 2021

Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of the above developments must do so in writing on the applicable form on or before 4:30pm on the above noted date(s). Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, c/o Lac Ste. Anne County, Planning & Development department, Box 219, Sangudo, Alberta, T0E 2A0.

PLEASE NOTE: Lac Ste. Anne County requires that a non-refundable fee of \$250.00 be paid for every appeal served on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Fees may be paid by Cheque, Visa, MasterCard, Interac or Cash.

ROAD BAN NOTICE

This Road Ban Notice applies to all Lac Ste. Anne County road surfaces, and supersedes the County's standing weight restrictions on certain chip seal coat roadways.

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY granted under the provisions of Section 18(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Vehicle Axle Weight Restrictions are effective **2:00 pm Tuesday, March 16th, 2021**.

This Road Ban will remain in place until June 1st or as determined by the County.

The following allowable weight will be permitted on all local roads in Lac Ste Anne County:

Description	Percentage-Axle Weights
All Gravel Surfaced	75%
Cold Mix Surfaced (unless otherwise posted)	75%
Hot mix Surfaced	75%
Residential Subdivisions	75%
RR 33 from Twp 535 to Hwy 633 (newly constructed in 2020)	50%

This Notice shall remain in effect until further notice. If you require further information or seek Road Use Agreements, please contact the Public Works department via the contact details below.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2021.



Mike Primeau
County Manager
Lac Ste. Anne County

Managing and Mitigating Infrastructure Strain

Lac Ste. Anne County is responsible for the preservation and maintenance of all municipal roads, highways and bridges within Lac Ste. Anne County which are under the direction, control and management of the County. A very important part of this responsibility is the protection of roadways during the spring thaw. This time of year can create serious structural damage to roads and bridges if appropriate measures are not taken.

When a road ban occurs, signs indicating the allowed axle percentages are posted on some oiled surfaces and subdivisions. Road ban signage is not posted on gravel roads; however, all roads will be monitored and road bans enforced by Lac Ste. Anne County Enforcement Services to ensure compliance.

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APRIL NEWS FROM THE RICH VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Melanie Fitzgerald, Library Manager | Rich Valley Public Library

This month's programs:

Online Storytime & Craft Kit for ages 2-5 on April 14, 2021. Don't miss out on a great Storytime just because occupancy is limited at the library! On April 14, 2021 Online Storytime and Craft will be posted on our Facebook page. This craft kit includes materials to build a Robot Sensory Bag and a Sorting Sensory Bag. This kit will become available for pickup on April 13, 2021. Registration is necessary so we can ensure we have enough bags for all who want to participate. The registration deadline is April 8, 2021. This program is funded by Lac Ste Anne County FCSS.

Online Storytime & Craft Kit for ages 2-5 on April 28, 2021. Don't miss out on a great Storytime just because occupancy is limited at the library! On April 28, 2021 Online Storytime and Craft will be posted on our Facebook page. This craft kit includes materials to make Spin Art Flowers. This kit will become available for pickup on April 27, 2021. Registration is necessary so we can ensure we have enough bags for all who want to participate. The registration deadline is April 22, 2021. This program is funded by Lac Ste Anne County FCSS.

Plant & Seed Exchange from April 22 to May 21, 2021. We invite you to bring in cuttings or starter plants to exchange. Plant, grow and enjoy with free seeds from the library and return new seeds to share. Because occupancy is limited at the library, we will not be able to hold the exchange in per-

son instead we will be listing the plants and seeds that are available every Thursday on our website from April 22 to May 21, 2021. Contact the library to reserve your plant or seeds for pickup. This program is funded by Lac Ste Anne County FCSS.

The Rich Valley Public Library will be offering curbside pickup for our patrons on Tuesday from 7:00-8:00

pm, Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 pm, Thursday from 5:30-6:30 pm, and Friday from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Please contact us during library hours to book a time slot. The library will be closed to the public at these times.

Rich Valley Public Library is open to the public on Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday from 10:00

am-1:30 pm, Thursday from 2:00-5:30 pm, and Friday from 9:00-11:00 am.

We are located in the basement of the Rich Valley Community Hall. We look forward to seeing you!

Please check out our website at www.richvalleylibrary.ab.ca Facebook and Instagram for all our programs and news.



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Northern Gateway School Division (NGSD) Request For Proposals (RFP) AUDIT SERVICES

NGSD is seeking proposals for interested parties for Audit Services.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a proposal for furnishing independent audit services to NGSD in accordance with the requirements of the *Education Act*, Sections 137 – 142.

Proposals must be prepared in accordance with the Request for Proposal – Audit Services, which can be obtained at ngps.ca under menu/about us/requests for proposals.

Interested parties must submit their proposal no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, April 23, 2021.

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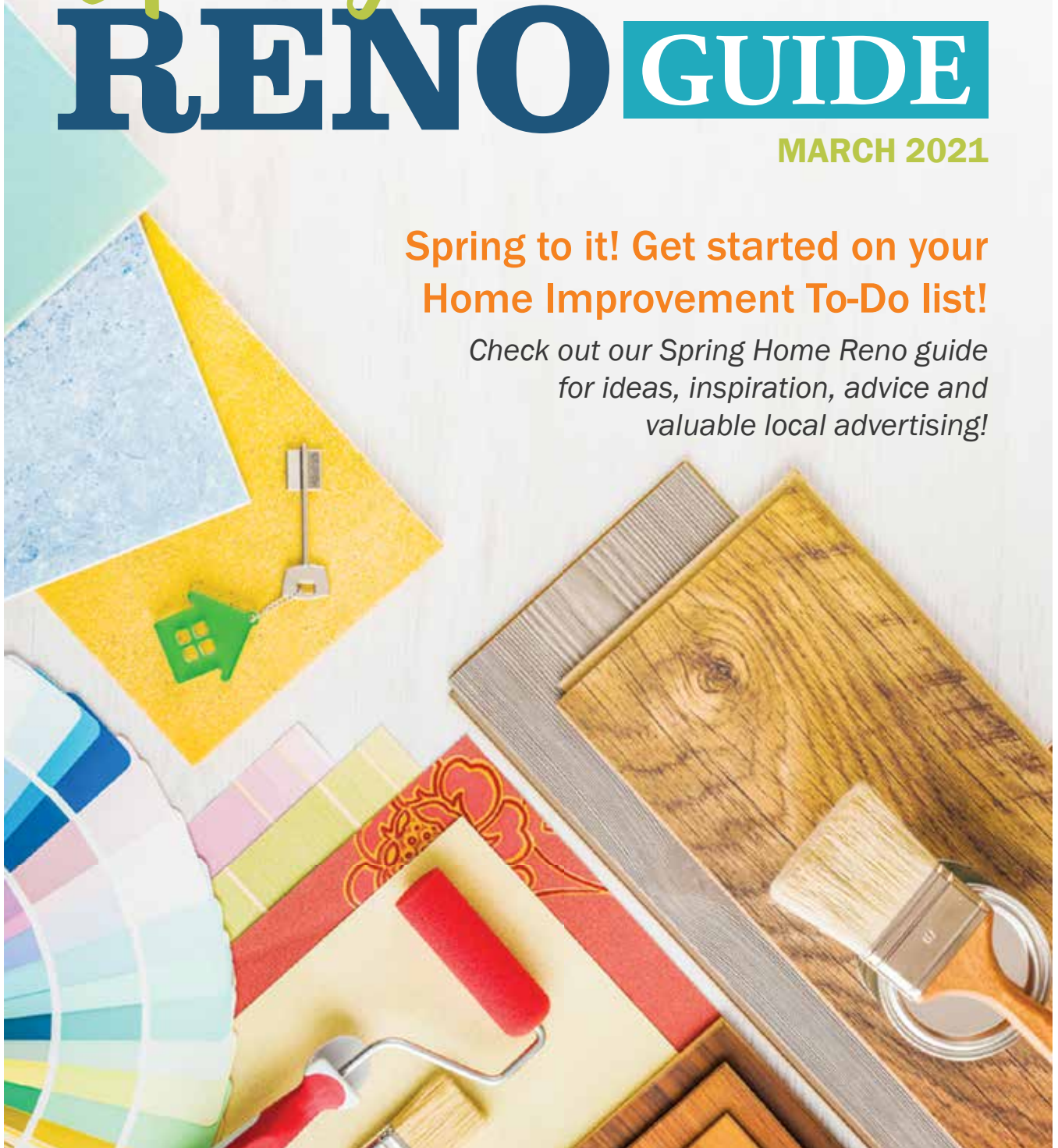


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DECOR IDEAS TO GIVE HOMES A FRESH LOOK THIS SPRING

Spring is a season of rejuvenation, and that spirit of renewal can take hold inside a home.

Warm weather and longer hours of daylight make spring a perfect time to imagine a home's interior design in a new light. The following are a handful of decor ideas that may inspire homeowners to give their homes an entirely new look this spring.

- **Wallpaper:** Wallpaper fell out of favor years ago, but new styles that aren't so heavily patterned can make for wonderful additions to any room. Large-scale prints can give a room a whole new feel without giving homeowners or their guests the impression that they have stepped back in time. A simple, mural-style floral wallpaper on the walls surrounding a table

in a breakfast nook can bring nature inside.

- **Pastel colors:** Nothing embodies the spring quite like pastel colors. If colorful, bright flowers dot the garden in the backyard, homeowners can bring those uplifting pastels inside by painting an accent wall or even adding some brightly colored accent furniture to rooms that could use a lift.

- **Declutter:** Clutter is often conquered during spring cleaning sessions, but homeowners who want to create more free-flowing interior spaces can downsize their furniture and/or look for multipurpose features that make it hard for clutter to take over a room. Create more open space in entertaining areas by mounting the television and getting rid of

a bulky entertainment center. Create even more space by replacing rarely used end tables with a storage ottoman where books and magazines can be stored to give a room a fresh, clean look.

- **Accent features:** Sometimes the smallest changes to an interior space make the biggest impression. Replace dated accents like vases and table lamps with newer items that reflect the latest styles and trends. Such adjustments won't break the bank, and they can give rooms a whole new feel.

Spring is a great time to reconsider home interiors. This spring homeowners can embrace various strategies, both big and small, to give their homes a whole new feel.

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WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE INSTALLING BUILT-INS

After purchasing a new home, buyers often want to put their own fingerprint on the property. Homeowners anticipate the day when their homes are transformed into spaces that reflect their style and not the preferences of previous owners.

When deciding how to renovate interior spaces, homeowners will make some relatively temporary changes, but they also may consider some permanent adjustments. Built-ins fall into the category of permanent adjustments, and while realty professionals note that built-ins tend to provide a good return on investment, homeowners can learn more about built-ins before deciding if they want to install them in their homes.

What are built-ins?

Realtor.com defines built-

ins as any feature that is built into the interior of a home. The term "built-ins" may immediately conjure up images of bookshelves, but built-ins also include benches and entertainment centers.

Why install built-ins?

Built-ins can be both utilitarian and aesthetically appealing. Built-ins are functional because they provide storage space that homeowners may otherwise find hard to create. Built-ins are embedded in walls that may otherwise be useful only to hang artwork. This can provide much-needed storage space in homes with limited square footage. Professionally installed built-ins also can transform rooms, making them appear more organized. Customized built-ins also can give

homes their own unique character, though it's important to note that prospective buyers may or may not appreciate that uniqueness.

Are there disadvantages to built-ins?

The permanence of built-ins may not appeal to some buyers. If buyers don't like built-ins at all or are not fond of the look of customized built-ins, that may be enough to convince them to walk away from a property. However, Realtor.com notes that functional built-ins, like built-in bench seats with storage capacity, appeal to modern buyers and their preference for as much storage space as possible.

Permanent built-ins also can be costly. The home remodeling resource Fixr.com notes

that built-in entertainment center installations can cost between \$8,000 and \$9,500. Built-in seating and bookshelves are not as costly, but such projects still cost more than simply buying premade furniture.

Some buyers also may see built-ins as limiting what they can do with a space. That can be a major disadvantage as more professionals work from home and seek multi-functional spaces in their homes.

Built-ins can dramatically change the look of a room and provide some much-needed storage space. But it's imperative that homeowners give ample thought to built-ins before deciding to install them in their homes.



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RENOVATION TRENDS THAT FIGURE TO BE POPULAR IN THE YEAR AHEAD

Home renovation trends are ever-changing. Renovations that might have been de rigueur 20 years ago may seem dated now. Recognizing the potentially popular trends of tomorrow is a great way for homeowners to give their homes a fresh new look and put themselves in position to capitalize on popular trends when they put their homes on the market. That's especially so after 2020, a year when millions of people spent more time at home than ever before. All that time working from home and relaxing at home gave millions of homeowners ideas about what they like about their homes and what they hope to change. The following are some renovation trends that various experts suspect could emerge in 2021.

· Eco-friendly living: Climate

change, and how to combat it, was a hot button issue during the 2020 presidential election in the United States. So it should come as no surprise that urdesignmag.com, a web magazine that showcases creative trends in design, architecture, art, technology, and fashion, predicts that eco-friendly living solutions figure to be hot commodities in 2021. Eco-friendly appliances, furniture and designs can help to conserve energy and reduce waste, which environmentalists and government agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency note are two critical components in the fight against climate change.

· Large windows: Large windows can provide stunning views of the outdoors and allow ample natural light into a home.

It may not be a coincidence if large windows prove to be a hot trend in 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic that dominated much of 2020 forced many people to spend considerably more time at home. Darker homes without much natural light can adversely affect mood, especially when people are spending more time at home. HGTV predicts that homeowners will seek ways to bring more natural light into their homes in 2021, and large windows naturally brighten homes while making rooms appear bigger, helping people feel less cramped. That's an especially beneficial characteristic when spending more time indoors at home.

· Minimalism: The anticipated popularity of minimalism in 2021 may also be connected to the pandemic. As profession-

als were forced to work from home and many families spent more time together inside their homes than ever before, they may have recognized a need to cut back on clutter, including extra furniture. A minimalist approach is both simple and clean, which can make homes feel less claustrophobic.

· Multi-functional spaces: Homeowners asked a lot of their homes in 2020, as rooms were transformed into multi-functional spaces seemingly overnight. HGTV notes that spending more time at home showed homeowners that it may not make sense to dedicate entire rooms of a home to a single purpose. Renovations that can help homeowners transform rooms into multi-functional spaces figure to be hot commodities in the years ahead.



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TIPS TO KEEP PESTS OUT OF CRAWL SPACES

Crawl spaces tend to be no-go zones in many homes. With little room to maneuver and no heating or cooling, it's no wonder people avoid crawl spaces. But pests may see crawl spaces in a wholly different light.

Rodents and insects that find their way into crawl spaces can do significant damage. According to the pest control experts at Terminix®, pests can destroy insulation, gnaw through wiring and air ducts and damage the wooden sub-structures of a home. Though many homeowners may go months if not years between trips to their crawl spaces, periodic visits to inspect for the presence of pests can help uncover any issues before they escalate into significant problems.

The discovery of pest problems in a crawl space can be

unsettling. Some homeowners may wonder how long they've been hosting these uninvited guests, while others may wonder what they can do to evict them once and for all. Fortunately, homeowners can employ various strategies to keep pests from taking over their crawl spaces.

- Seal cracks and openings. Pests may enter a crawl space through small cracks or openings, much like cold or warm air can enter through similar cracks around windows and doors. Terminix® notes that homeowners can apply caulk or foam insulation around cracks or openings in their crawl spaces. No crack is too small to seal, as small insects like termites and ants don't need much room to maneuver their way into a home.
- Encapsulate the crawl space. Crawl spaces are dark

and damp. Wet, humid conditions attract rodents and insects, increasing the risk of infestation. Encapsulation closes and secures a crawl space with a thick vapor barrier that lines the floor and walls of the crawl space. Vapor barriers can keep moisture from condensing on wood, making the area less likely to attract pests.

- Run a dehumidifier in the crawl space. Dehumidifiers can help homeowners control moisture in a crawl space. In fact, many companies that install vapor barriers recommend running dehumidifiers after a barrier has been installed.
- Examine the perimeter of your home, particularly the exterior walls. Periodic examinations of a home's exterior may reveal brush that can make for ideal shelters for

pests. Pests sheltering along the exterior walls of a home will eventually try to enter the home, likely through the crawl space. Remove piles of brush during routine walk-arounds of the home and trim any bushes or shrubs that also may be providing shelter to pests.

- Keep an eye on the crawl space. Though crawl spaces can be difficult to access, homeowners should visit these spaces periodically. Inspections can help homeowners determine if dehumidifiers are still running and allow them to check for pests or other issues, such as cracks, that may be inviting unwanted guests into their homes.

Crawl spaces can become homes and breeding grounds for pests if homeowners don't take measures to prevent such issues.



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SWIMMING POOL LANDSCAPING IDEAS

Backyard pools provide a way to cool off and enjoy a taste of luxury without having to travel. Backyard pools provided even more convenience and a welcome respite in 2020, as many public pools were closed in response to social distancing restrictions put in place during the pandemic.

After installing pools, many homeowners realize that touching up the landscaping around the pool can provide the finishing touch to their backyard retreats. Not all landscaping is the same, and homeowners should choose plants that look beautiful, are tolerant to pool splash-out

and won't outgrow the area. The home and garden resource The Spruce notes that a plant that is attractive at two feet tall can grow rapidly and drop leaves or other debris into the pool.

When selecting options for pool landscaping, there are some considerations to keep

in mind:

- Choose plants that will provide privacy.

- Know which kind of climate a plant needs prior to purchasing it. Tropical plants may be fitting poolside, but will they endure when the season is over?

- Design according to the theme of the home, as plants should complement the existing style. Modern foliage may not blend well with a home styled after a traditional English cottage.

- Decide whether you can accept spreading or trailing plants that can cascade over retaining walls and other infrastructure.

- Look at trees that won't drop too many leaves, flowers or fruit into the water.

- Think about having layers of plants to soften the landscape, which can make a small pool seem bigger and more luxurious, indicates the landscaping company Earth Development, Inc.

- Don't overlook the possibility of a lawn abutting pavers or concrete surrounding a pool, as it can soften the edges and keep spaces open and inviting.

- Incorporate herbs or fragrant plants, which can transform a pool day into a spa experience. Consider low-maintenance lavender as an option.

Pool landscaping must marry a variety of different features and plant requirements. As a result, a professional consultation may be the route to take. Landscape architects will have the know-how to select plant varieties that will be tolerant, beautiful and fulfill homeowners' wishes.

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NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT ENGAGEMENT PAPER

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that the Department of Infrastructure and Communities has launched an Engagement Paper on Canada's first National Infrastructure As-

essment. This will set out the purpose and benefits of undertaking a National Infrastructure Assessment and seeks input from the public, Indigenous Peoples, provinces, territories, municipalities, and stakeholders on three main priorities of the assessment:

- Assessing Canada's infra-

structure needs and establishing a long-term vision;

- Improving coordination among infrastructure owners and funders; and
- Determining the best ways to fund and finance infrastructure.

The National Infrastructure Assessment, once in place, will help identify

Canada's evolving needs and priorities in the built environment and undertake evidence-based long-term planning toward a net-zero emissions future.

Deadline for receiving feedback is June 30, 2021.

More information can be found at: nia-eni-doc-eng.pdf (infrastructure.gc.ca)

WHITECOURT TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

MARCH 24, 2021

The Government of Alberta recently announced changes to the Alberta Disaster Recovery Program which provides financial assistance to help restore uninsurable property lost or damaged by a disaster. The Province has implemented a 90:10 cost-sharing arrangement with local governments and private-sector applicants, with the Province assisting for up to 90% of eligible disaster costs. In addition, a \$500,000 funding cap per homeowner application, and a one-time limit on disaster financial assistance per property has also been added to the program guidelines. The Town of Whitecourt, as a community susceptible to natural disasters due to its location and topography, is concerned about the impact these program changes will have not only on the municipality, but also local property owners. The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), which advocates on behalf of communities across Alberta, is reviewing the potential impact this will have and the information published by AUMA will be presented to Council at a future meeting for further discussion. For information

on the Disaster Recovery Program and recent changes visit: www.alberta.ca/disaster-assistance-and-recovery-support.aspx.

Whitecourt recently received notice from the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General that it has implemented a chargeback model for the provincial portion of its Biology Casework Analysis Agreement (BCAA) expenses. As a result of this new model, Whitecourt received an invoice in the amount of \$22,691.66 representing the Whitecourt RCMP Detachment's portion of the BCAA expenses for the year ending March 31, 2021. Municipalities across Alberta were unaware of the Province's intention to implement this chargeback model, and had no provisions in place to pay this expenditure. Whitecourt will be working with AUMA to determine the long term impacts of this change, and has deferred further discussion on the item to 2021 final budget deliberations.

The newly established Whitecourt Tourism Committee will be administering the 2021 Tourism Enhancement Grant Program, and applications for funding will be accepted until April 22, 2021. The program provides financial assistance to enhance tourism related events and/or products.

Information on the grant program and application forms are available on www.whitecourt.ca/Government/Municipal-Grant-Opportunities.

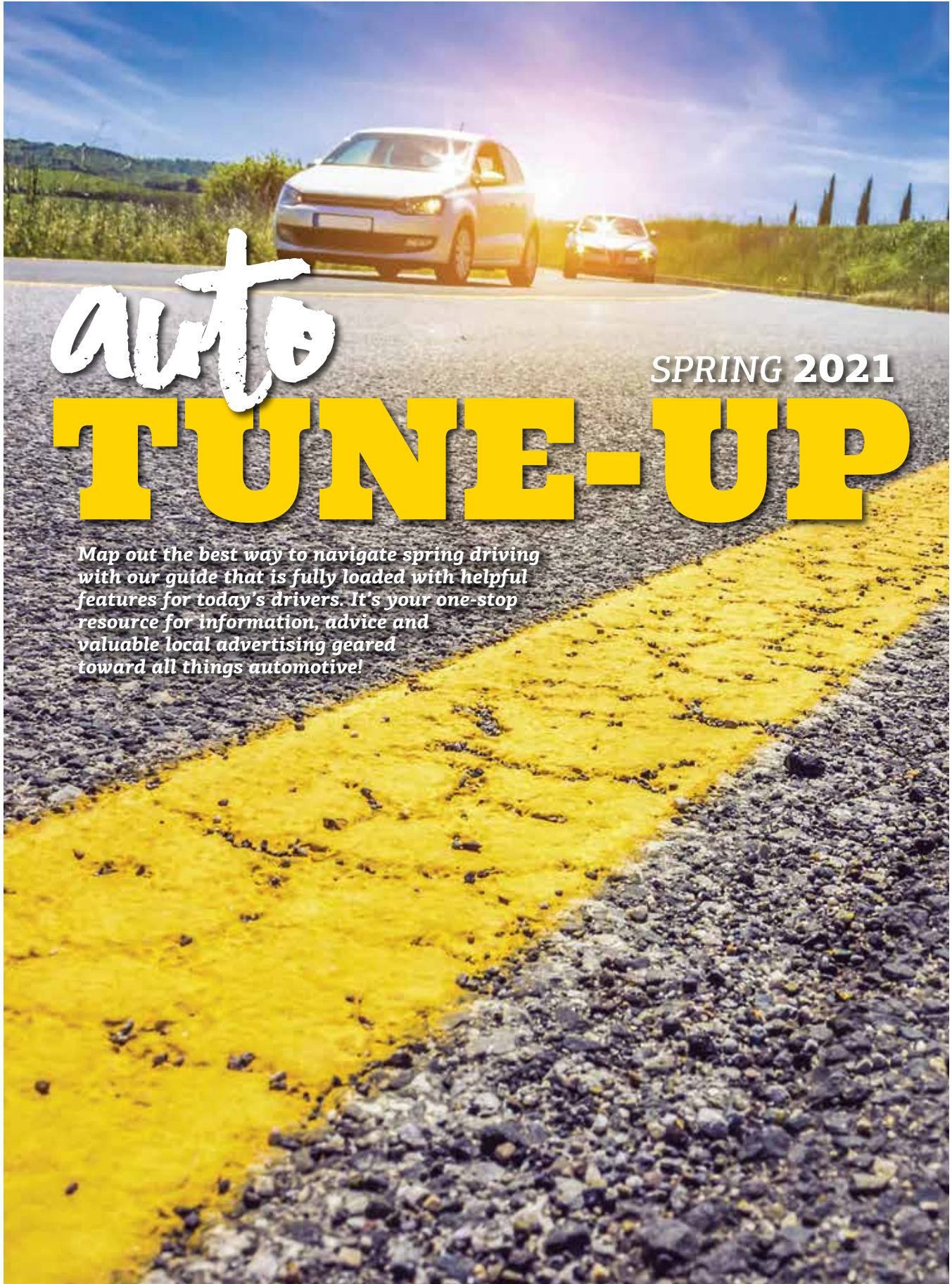
Whitecourt has adopted a 2021 Tourism Strategic Plan. The Plan identifies goals and initiatives for the marketing and promotion of Whitecourt as a year-round tourism destination.

Whitecourt has adopted Road Bans Bylaw 1564 which will aid in protecting local roads during the spring thaw and unseasonable weather conditions. When bans are in place, the posted axle weight on the majority of weight restricted roads will be lowered to 75%. For overweight vehicles that are travelling along area highways as well as local roads, the issuance of permits under this Bylaw will be completed by the Transportation Routing and Vehicle Information System-Multi Jurisdiction (TRAVIS-MJ). For overweight vehicles travelling within the community, permits will be issued by the Town of Whitecourt. Information on the bylaw, and details on how notices of the ban will be communicated to the public as well as permit application forms, will be posted on Whitecourt's website in the coming weeks.

Whitecourt is preparing a

request for proposals for a long-term growth plan. The study, which was identified in the 2020 Strategic Plan, will help guide future infrastructure, servicing and other long-term plans for the community for the next 50 years.

Whitecourt and Woodlands County are proceeding with voluntary arbitration to finalize an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) and new cost sharing agreements. Both municipalities have agreed that the decisions made through the arbitration process will be retro-active to January 1, 2020, and it is anticipated that new agreements will be finalized at the end of 2021. As Whitecourt is the main service provider, and continues to provide services to Woodlands County ratepayers, Whitecourt requested minimum partial payments totaling \$2.25 million to assist with related carrying costs for joint services. Woodlands County has paid \$500,000 towards 2020 services, and recently confirmed its intention to pay \$500,000 for 2021 services in June 2021. Due to this funding shortfall, Whitecourt will be reviewing cash flow projections and the financial impact on the 2021 final budget.



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nents of braking mechanisms that need to be maintained and serviced.

Drivers may wonder how frequently they have to replace brake parts. Car and Driver magazine states brake pads are among the most crucial braking components. Brake pads create the friction that helps stop a car when they are pressed against the brake rotor, also known as the brake disc. It's in drivers' best interests to ensure that brake pads, as well as rotors, always function properly and are replaced

before their effectiveness is compromised.

Replacing brake pads Brake pads are made from different materials, but all will wear down over time, losing a portion of material every time the brakes are used. Eventually brake pads will not be able to generate enough friction to stop the vehicle quickly. Industry experts generally recommend brakes be replaced every 20,000 to 60,000 miles. Since that is a wide mileage range, drivers can listen for squealing noises or grinding sounds



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or feel for vibrations when deploying the brakes. Each of those signs may indicate brakes need to be replaced.

Replacing rotors

Like brake pads, rotors also will wear out over time. Brake rotors must meet a certain thickness to be considered safe. If they are below that thickness, then they must be fully replaced. Some drivers opt to have their rotors resurfaced. This means removing any grooves, hotspots or anomalies on the rotors that can cause uneven wear of the brake pads. However, if the rotors are too thin, they can-

not be resurfaced, as this removes some additional rotor material. Rotors can only be resurfaced once before replacement. Some vehicles have rotors that cannot be resurfaced at all.

Rotors can go thousands of miles before they need to be replaced, but vibrations while braking and squeaking noises are usually indicative that rotors need to be checked and/or replaced. Even though brake pads and rotors may wear out at different intervals, many automotive professionals advise replacing rotors when brake pads

are changed for optimal performance and safety.

Brakes are an essential safety component. Work with a qualified mechanic to have brake pads and

rotors serviced before wear and tear adversely affects driver safety and vehicle performance.

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VEHICLE MAINTENANCE TASKS DRIVERS DON'T WANT TO OVERLOOK

Savvy drivers recognize that maintenance is essential to keeping their vehicles running strong for years on end. Such maintenance ensures vehicles are safe to take out on the road, and basic upkeep also protects drivers' financial investments in their cars and trucks.

Drivers who are not mechanically inclined tend to put their vehicles in the hands of a trusted mechanic to perform routine maintenance like oil changes. But there's a host of simpler vehicle maintenance tasks that drivers don't want to overlook, some of which can be performed without visiting the auto body shop.

· Brake inspections: Brake in-

spections are best left to the professionals, who can check the thickness of brake pads and look for other indicators of excessive wear. The automotive resource Cars.com recommends having brakes inspected during routine tire rotations, which many automotive professionals suggest should be done every six months.

· Car wash: Car washes might not be the first task drivers associate with vehicle maintenance, but they can prevent long-term damage to cars and trucks. Damage from bird droppings and road salt and ice melt products in the winter can damage a vehicle's paint job and its

undercarriage. Wash the car on your own at home or visit a professional car wash to perform this simple yet vital maintenance at regular intervals and whenever you notice significant buildup of dirt and grime on the car's exterior.

· Air filter: The air filter on a car or truck prevents debris, dirt and other contaminants from getting into the engine. The auto insurance experts at Allstate® advise drivers to inspect their vehicle air filters once a year. Air filters in need of replacement may appear dirty, and reduced fuel economy, unusual engine sounds and reduced horsepower are some other potential indicators that an air filters needs to

be replaced.

· Windshield wipers: Windshield wiper blades are easily overlooked, but various automotive experts recommend replacing wiper blades every six to 12 months. Old wiper blades won't perform at peak capacity, dramatically reducing visibility during heavy rain and snowstorms. Anyone can replace their own windshield wiper blades in a matter of minutes, and new blades won't break the bank.

Vehicle maintenance is not exclusive to tending to what's under the hood. Keeping a car running smoothly for years involves routine tasks that many drivers can perform without professional assistance.

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