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December 6, 2022

YCFD MEMBERS EXCEL DURING 2022 FIREFIT CHAMPIONSHIPS



Submitted by YCFD

Throughout the 2022 FireFit season, Yellowhead County firefighters competed in several events and made the Yellowhead County Fire Department proud.

Yellowhead County, AB (December 5, 2022) - With the conclusion of the 2022 season of the FireFit Cham-

pionships, two of Yellowhead County's firefighters took a moment to reflect on this year's achievements. Andrew Kencis and Tristan Meade participated in the events, which are designed to test a firefighter's skills and endurance. They competed in regional events in Edson and Calgary,

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ALBERTA RCMP MAJOR CRIMES UNIT INVESTIGATE AND LAY CHARGES

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Dec. 1, 2022, at approx. 8:20 p.m., Mayerthorpe RCMP received a firearms complaint outside of a residence located on Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation near Glenevis.

Upon arrival, Mayerthorpe RCMP observed a victim with serious injuries. RCMP provided first aid however, the victim, identified as Alberta Beach

resident Troy Pearce (53), succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene by EMS.

The circumstances of Troy Pearce's death warranted Alberta RCMP Major Crimes taking carriage of this investigation. On Dec. 2, 2022, Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit charged Emery Joseph Mustus (29), of Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, with second degree murder.

Following a judicial interim release hearing, Mustus was remanded into custody to speak to bail and is scheduled to attend St. Albert Provincial Court on Dec. 5, 2022.

An autopsy is scheduled at the Edmonton Office of the Chief Medical Examiner on Dec. 6, 2022.

As this matter is now before the courts, no further information will be provided.

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YCFD Members Excel During 2022 FireFit Championships

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and in the Canadian and World Championships.

Andrew has been a FireFit competitor for more than 10 years, and has the greatest respect for the sport. "It keeps us focused on maintaining the high level of fitness required in our profession," he says. "One has to remember that we have to perform sometimes extremely strenuous tasks in all sorts of environments and conditions." This was Tristan's first FireFit season ever. "This is gonna be easy!" he thought. "[But] it was immediately apparent how wrong I was," he laughs.

FireFit competitions are based on common tasks that firefighters must perform in emergency situa-

tions.

Firefighters wear full protective equipment while completing several tasks, including climbing six flights of stairs with a 42-pound fire hose, simulating a forced entry, and carrying a dummy weighing 175 pounds for 100 feet. Billed as the "toughest two minutes in sports," FireFit is a challenging test of fitness and real-world skills.

At the Edson regional, Tristan was the first-place rookie, completing the course in under two minutes on his first run ever, with a final time of 1:57.00. He and Andrew also competed in the two-person technical relay, winning bronze.

In the Canadian and World Championships, Tristan

competed against his friend and fellow rookie Joseph Dostaler in a close race that saw him achieving an impressive time of 1:37.17, but losing to Joseph by just one hundredth of a second. The neck-and-neck race was one of the highlights of the championship. His relay team in the men's hybrid open won silver.

Andrew won silver for his individual run in the men's over-60 category. His over-60 relay team won gold, setting a new world record with a time of 1:41.89. Tristan and Andrew also competed in the two-person technical relay, and improvised a new technique that allowed them to shave precious seconds off their finish time.

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The technique was noticed by other firefighters, who have introduced it to their teams both in North Amer-

ica and Europe.

In October, Andrew travelled to Utah for the International Firefighter Challenge, where firefighters from over 14 countries

gathered to compete. Andrew won bronze with a firefighter from Slovenia in the over-60 tandem event, and then won silver with his four-person team in the

over-60 relay event.

Congratulations to Andrew and Tristan on your FireFit achievements!

YELLOWHEAD COUNTY'S OHV BYLAW RECEIVES UPDATES

Submitted by Yellowhead County

• OHVs are no longer restricted on which highway

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Changes to Yellowhead County's Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw (Bylaw 18.22) recently received approval by County Council.

Yellowhead County, AB (December 5, 2022) - Yellowhead County's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Bylaw defines where OHV users can and cannot use any type of off-highway vehicles within Yellowhead County, including municipal highways.

Following a review of the previous bylaw, it was clear that OHV use in hamlets and on County roads is done in a very responsible manner. However, that bylaw only allowed travel from a residence to a trail head and didn't allow for operation throughout the hamlet for extended periods or on a regular basis. This resulted in daily violations of the bylaw.

The changes in the new bylaw allow operation of OHVs in hamlets and on County roadways on a regular basis, but in a safe and controlled manner to include proper operation in County ditches.

On November 22nd, Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw 18.22 received all three readings from Yellowhead County Council and is now in effect.

Major changes include:

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Yellowhead County's OHV Bylaw Receives Updates

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routes are used within hamlets (for example: using the most direct route to a residence when either entering or exiting the hamlet)

• Rules for OHV operation on municipal highways have been made clearer:

• In hamlets, OHVs must be operated in the parking lane or far right-hand side of the roadway

• Outside of a hamlet, OHVs may be operated on the right-hand side of the roadway or they may be used in the municipal highway ditch if:

1. It is safe to do so
2. The ditch isn't in a condition where damage to the highway is likely to occur
3. It isn't prohibited by signage
4. Operators travel single file and in the direction of travel

required for that side of the highway

5. The OHV stops before crossing intersecting roads, which includes driveways and approaches

Other rules remain the same as the previous bylaw. This includes:

• Compliance with the Traffic Safety Act, its regulations, and other applicable provincial legislation

• Use of OHVs in hamlets during the hours of 11 PM to 8 AM is prohibited

• OHV speed limits remain 30 km/hr in a hamlet and 50 km/hr outside of a hamlet

• OHV usage in parks, playgrounds, and school yards is prohibited

• OHV users must operate in single file in the direction of travel required for all vehicle users

EMPLOYER APPLICATION PERIOD FOR 2023 CANADA SUMMER JOBS

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise the application for 2023 Canada Summer Jobs is now open. This is an opportunity for not-for-prof-

it organizations, public sector employers, and private sector employers with 50 or fewer full-time employees to apply for funding to hire young Canadians, aged 15 to 30, next summer. The application deadline is January 12, 2023, at 11:59am (PT).

Jobs will take place over the summer period starting as early as April 24, 2023 and will need to end by September 2, 2023. Jobs will need to be full-time with a minimum of 30 hours a week with a minimum duration of 6 weeks. Employers interested in applying for

CSJ 2023 funding can submit their applications electronically via either the online fillable application form or on the Grants and Contributions Online Service.

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www.sprucegrove.org/fcss

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Christmas Eve Masses
Lac Ste Anne - 8:00 p.m
Our Lady of the Lake,
Alexis First Nation - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass
Lac Ste Anne - 10:00 a.m

*Fill us with hope as we celebrate Christ's birthday
May we all experience the wonder of the first Christmas Day*

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

2022 CHRISTMAS SUPPORTS



Parkland County
Family and Community
Support Services

GIFTS

YELLOWHEAD CENTRAL SANTA'S ANONYMOUS:

Provided to Parkland County west of HWY 759 and the Summer Village of Seba Beach. Applications can be picked up from the post office or Wildwood Yellowhead County Office.

Application deadline: Dec. 9

Hamper collection: Dec. 16

COATS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES:

Winter clothing for children, families and adults: coats, mitts, toques, scarves, snow pants, winter boots (including adult insulated work boots).

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Family Connection Centre in Stony Plain

5600-50 St.

Call 780-963-0549 for more information.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

STONY PLAIN KINSMEN: Christmas Hampers provided to Stony Plain and Parkland County from Boundary Road west to Range Road 34. All gift hamper applications can be made by phone through Parkland Food bank at 780-962-4565 ext. 1.

Application deadline: Dec. 10, 12:00 p.m.

Hamper pickup: Dec. 16, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

KINETTE CLUB OF SPRUCE GROVE: Christmas Hampers, provided to Spruce Grove and Parkland County east of Boundary Road. All gift hamper applications can be made by phone to Parkland Food bank at 780-962-4565 ext. 1.

Application deadline: Dec. 10, 12:00 p.m.

Hamper pickup: Dec. 16, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PARKLAND FOOD BANK: All hamper applications can be made by phone to Parkland Food bank at 780-962-4565 ext. 1.

Closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 3 (reopens Jan. 4, 2023)

WEE FOOD BANK: Supplying food to those in need in Evansburg, Entwistle, and Wildwood. Call Tuesdays before 2:00 p.m. to arrange hamper pick up at 780-727-4043.

WABAMUN CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Provided to Wabamun west to Seba Beach, east to Kapasiwin and north to Brookside. Applications available at Wabamun ATB or Wabamun Servus Credit Union.

Application deadline: Dec. 8

Hamper collection: Dec. 16, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LAC ST. ANNE FOOD BANK: Applications can be picked up at the Onoway Baptist Church. When requested, applications will be shared with Santa's Helpers for families with children. Visit the church or call 780-271-3131.

Application deadline: Dec. 16

Hamper collection: Dec. 21, 9:00am - 12:00pm
(from Onoway Baptist Church)



Call 211, a 24-hour information and referral line connecting you to social, health and government services.

YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANTS



Community Hall/Outdoor Amenity Capital Assistance Grant

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding assistance with capital projects which could include renovations, repairs, furniture & equipment purchases, new facility, new outdoor amenity, etc.



Recreation Program & Event Grant

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding up to \$2000 for programs and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport and/or other recreational opportunities to the community



Art & Recreation Initiatives Fund

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding for new initiatives in recreation and culture facilities, programs and services that will have ongoing benefits to the community

**Grant Deadlines: December 31,
March 31, June 15, September 30**
Grant Applications are reviewed quarterly.

Applications can be found at www.yhcounty.ca or picked up at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood. For more information contact Kevin Myles at 780-723-4800.

Christmas Cookies & Cards

Create handmade Christmas cards and gift tags to give to loved ones, while sampling holiday treats!

ROBB: 1-2:30 PM on December 8
at the Multiplex

PEERS: 1-2:30 PM on December 15
at the Multiplex

\$10/person. All supplies provided.

Open to all ages! Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of program.

Call 780-723-4800 or email ntarves@yhcounty.ca to reserve your spot.



Yellowhead County's Christmas Decorating Contest 2022

**Who has the most festive abode
in all of Yellowhead County?**

Enter your home or business, all decked out for the holidays, to help spread Christmas cheer and have a chance to win great prizes!

How to Enter:

Email photos/video to ntarves@yhcounty.ca. Put "Christmas decorating contest" in subject line. Include name and address.

Prizes
for:

BEST OVERALL
MOST CREATIVE
BEST IN BUSINESS
MOST ECO-CONSCIOUS DESIGN

Prizes include a lawn sign and gift cards/items from County businesses!

Judging Criteria:

Entries will be judged based on: quantity and placement of decorations, creativity, number of elements used (lights, music, decorations, etc), consideration of theme, and overall appearance.

Please visit

www.yhcounty.ca

for full contest
rules and details!



Contest runs Dec 1-18th. Prizes awarded Dec 22nd.
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Private contractors interested in being listed on the County website can submit a form.

Please contact Infrastructure Services Department at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030 or www.yhcounty.ca



TAX PENALTY REMINDER

Yellowhead County would like to remind landowners that any taxes outstanding after December 31, 2022 will be subject to a 6% penalty.

Payment Options:

- Secure drop box is available 24 hours at the Edson office only.
- Chartered Bank or Credit Union
- Telephone Banking
- Internet banking (Your Tax Roll Number is your Account number)
- Courier or Canada Post (postmarked on/or before December 31, 2022)

For more information please call 780-723-4800 Monday to Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm with the exception of December 23, 26, and 27, as the office will be closed.



Corporate & Planning Services



Yellowhead County extends a warm thank you to Bluewave Energy for their kind and generous support of our fire department, YCFD.

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Bluewave Energy has graciously donated the propane and tanks that have allowed our crews to train with live-fire props.



Is Your Mailing Address Correct?

Recent changes at Canada Post and Alberta Land Titles may affect you!

Do you live in Niton Junction or did you recently purchase a property in Yellowhead County?

Your property address may not be registered with Yellowhead County. Due to recent changes at Canada Post (www.canadapost.ca), addresses have changed in the Niton Area (T0E 1S0) and your mail may not be getting to your mailbox – including Yellowhead County Tax Notices and other important information.

NOTICE FOR NEW YELLOWHEAD COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

If you purchased property in Yellowhead County within the last 12 months and have not registered your new property at Alberta Land Titles OR have not received a confirmation of change from AB Land Titles, please contact the Yellowhead County office:

For more information, please visit www.alberta.ca/land-titles.aspx

You will need to contact Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800 to see if your address is updated with us.



Yellowhead County Corporate Services

AMENDMENTS TO BILL C-21

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

This Liberal government says it has no intention to go after long guns and hunting rifles. I beg to differ. Amendments to Bill C-21 would effectively expand the Liberals ban to virtually every semi-automatic rifle and shotgun except for small caliber 22s.

What this Bill and amendments will do is make life eas-

ier for violent criminals by repealing mandatory minimum sentences for gun crimes with Bill C-5, have made it easier to get bail with C-75, and have failed to stop the flow of illegal crime guns across the US border. Then why are the Liberals targeting the tools of law-abiding hunters and farmers instead of going after the illegal guns used by criminals and street gangs?

We Conservatives are

against these Liberal proposed amendments to ban almost all semi-automatic rifles and shotguns and we will fight to repeal Bill C-21 and the recent amendments that would wrongly ban hundreds of thousands of firearms in Canada that are used for hunting. They say they are only gong after "military-style assault weapons." What they are going after are hunting rifles and hunting shotguns!

What Bill C-21 and current amendments to the bill does is not respect hunters, farmers, and Indigenous Canadians. Instead, a committee of law enforcement officials, First Nations, hunters, and sport shooters should be created to decide how firearms are classified. We Conservatives support common-sense firearms policies that keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Yellowhead County

Public Hearing Bylaw 16.22 – A Public Hearing was held for Land Use Bylaw amendment 16.22 to facilitate a change for a proposed subdivision from Rural District (RD) to County Residential District (CRD). There were no submissions or

presentations from the public during the public hearing. The bylaw amendment will be brought back to Council at an upcoming meeting.

WCFA Grant Support – Council will send a Letter of Support to the West Central Forage Association (WCFA) in support for their application for the Alberta Environment and

Park Rangeland Sustainability Grant. The grant would be used for WCFA's Evaluation of Ecosystem Health of Grazed Rangelands in West-Central Alberta project.

Lease Agreement – Council approved a five-year lease to Eugene and Wanda Miluch for the purpose of crop production for the 38 acres (15.4 Ha)

of land legally described as PT NW 20-54-14 W5M at a rate of \$950 yearly.

Bylaw 17.22 Adopted – Bylaw 17.22 received second and final reading that returns a property in Niton Junction to a district matching more closely to what it was prior to the adoption of Land Use Bylaw 09.21.

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DECEMBER 10, 2022

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

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The new bylaw changes the Urban Neighbourhood District zoning to Urban Neighbourhood District, Commercial District and Rural District. A Public Hearing was held on October 25, 2022.

Municipal Emergency Plan – The Yellowhead County Emer-

gency Plan was adopted by Council. The Emergency Plan guides Yellowhead County's response to any emergency and provides contingencies for a number of specific risk-related hazards for the agency.

OHV Bylaw Update – Council passed Bylaw 18.22 for the operation and use of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs). The new

bylaw will now allow regular use of OHVs within hamlets as a transportation option for travel in a safe and controlled manner within the hamlet. In the previous bylaw, OHVs could only go from a property in a hamlet directly to a trailhead or road leading out of the hamlet.

FCSS Board Member Ap-

pointment – Council appointed Lynette Nienaber to the Yellowhead County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). This board provides advice to council and administration regarding the provision of preventive social services under the FCSS Act.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEW CANADA DENTAL BENEFIT ARE NOW OPEN!

Submitted by Government of Canada

Seeing a dental care professional is important not only for oral health, but for overall health. In Canada, a third of people do not have dental insurance, leaving many unable to visit an oral health professional to get the dental care they need.

That is why today, the Honourable Diane LeBouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, and the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health, are taking action to help those who need it most to access dental care by announcing that applications for the new interim Canada Dental Benefit are now open. The Canada Dental Benefit will give eligible families

up-front, direct payments of up to \$650 a year per eligible child under 12 for two years (up to \$1,300) to support the costs of dental care services.

In order to access the benefit, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- They have a child or children under 12 as of December 1, 2022 and are currently receiving the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) for that child;
- They have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000;
- Their child does not have access to private dental insurance;
- They have filed their 2021 tax return; and
- They have had or will have out of pocket expenses for their child's dental care ser-

vices incurred between October 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, for which the costs are not fully covered or reimbursed by another dental program provided by any level of government.

The CRA is leveraging its experience in administering essential benefits to Canadians to deliver a smooth, secure and user-friendly application process on behalf of the Government of Canada. Eligible parents can apply for the Canada Dental Benefit quickly and easily through their CRA My Account. Those who apply online and are signed up for direct deposit could receive their payment within 5 business days. Those who are unable to apply online can call our new dedicated phone line at 1-800-

715-8836 to complete their application with an agent.

Parents and guardians will need to keep the receipts for the dental care services that their child received with the benefit for 6 years in case the CRA contacts them to validate eligibility. Applicants that are found to be ineligible for the benefit during the verification processes will be required to repay the benefit they received.

By delivering targeted financial support to those who need it most, the new interim Canada Dental Benefit represents just one of the ways that the Government of Canada is working to make life more affordable for families in Canada.

EDTECH LEAD TEACHERS LEARN TOGETHER

Submitted by GYPSD

On Wednesday, November 16th, all of the Educational Technology (EdTech) Lead Teachers across the Division met in Hinton for a day long meeting, led by Kandis Gilks, the Division's Supervisor Teacher for Educational Technology.

Part of the day included the sharing of the ISTE Educator Standards which provide the competencies for learning, teaching and leading in the

digital age, and outline a comprehensive roadmap for the effective use of technology in schools worldwide. Participants also

reviewed IT (Informational Technology) and ET (Educational Technology) best practices including the review of current platforms used by the Division such as Lumio, CS First and Scratch, and Adobe Creative Cloud.

There was great discussion around what it means to be digitally literate and what dig-

ital tools are needed to support staff and students to make productivity more efficient and engaging. EdTech Lead Teachers also had time to collaborate and brainstorm with one another to discuss the different technology practices done at their schools so they could bring back ideas to their own staff. During the afternoon portion, a representative from We Video

guided the group through a quick 45 minute session that looked at the different features

of We Video and how teachers could use this platform in their classrooms.

The entire day was Super Mario themed and EdTech Lead Teachers were grouped into teams to partake in different learning activities with a fun ice-breaker to kickoff the day! Teams had to design a Super Mario Kart for their character using the Lego provided and then describe its stats to the rest of the group.

Technology learning can also be hands-on fun!

CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST



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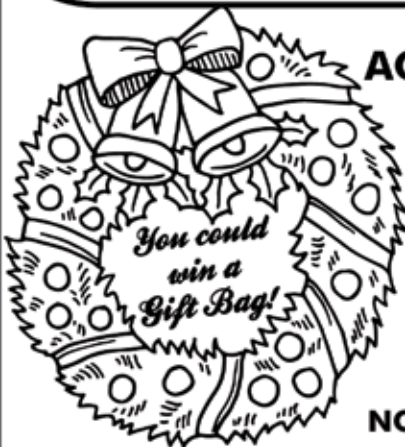
NAME: _____ AGE: _____

PHONE: _____ TOWN: _____

Entries must be recieved by December 22, 2022.

**Mail to: Santa Clause c/o Community Voice
Box 3595 Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3A8**

NOTE TO PARENTS: Please ensure that your phone number is legible.



STANDING UP TO THE BULLIES & GETTING THE RESPECT YOU DESERVE

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

I've had to stand up to bullies my entire life; many times, it wasn't just in my own defense but for others I've cared for. Growing up in small country school comprised mainly of farm kids, issues were generally sorted out on the playground, and there was little harm done. Often when the bully was trimmed up, we became good friends, and our little class became more like an extended family. Through the years playing on school sports teams, that fraternity extended to other grades as well. Things got sorted out, then we pulled together as a team, and learned to respect and rely on each other. In post-secondary, my "year" had a run in with the group a year ahead of us. That too got sorted out within the first month. My group became closer, and we got the respect we deserved from the older group. It has been the same since the dawn of time with pretty much all social animals; I'm not sure why we are wired that way, we just are.

The pervasive theme however is that when someone is pushing you or others around, and if the conflict goes against your inherent morals and ethics of what is good, typically you'd step in. There are also the variables of timing, of tolerance, and of when the "Standing Up" action is required. When is it enough? I ran in an election back in 2019 because enough was enough. Between the Liberals becoming the federal party and taking a run at Alberta to "Knock us down to Size", or "Put us in our Place", and the provincial arm of the federal NDP "getting the Social Governance" and

turning its back on many of the industries that built, and have kept our province going, I, like many others, had enough. In true Alberta spirit, we stood up for what was right, and we changed course.

Since I was elected, there have been 2 federal elections. The Liberal Party went from a majority to a minority government that has been propped up and kept in power by a formal agreement executed by the federal NDP. We have seen time and time again intrusions into our jurisdiction, and an attempt to erode what is clearly defined in our constitution. We have seen more than just overreach and misunderstandings. We have seen a systematic approach to weaken our economy and our morale. We have tried just about everything under the sun to be reasonable. So, in true 'Strong and Free' fashion, another change in leadership was initiated, this time to deal with the issue in a different way: with an act that reaffirms our constitutional rights and authority within the country that we are members of, and to which we have contributed more per capita in this confederation than any other.

As many know I have been working on defining and establishing the concept of Economic Corridors, predominantly within Northwest Canada for the last three years. Through that work, and with the concept gaining more traction, I was also invited several times to attend a virtual town hall with the Free Alberta Strategy group. There were some great discussions how to really make Canada stronger, by asserting our constitutional rights, and collaborating with other provinces and territories. I wasn't gun-shy of the con-

cept and knew that if this was to go past the concept stage, that it would need to ensure that if the word "sovereignty" was used that it would need to be clearly defined, and the context of the word usage would need to be crystal clear.

Well, a year later, here we are. A new Premier, a reinvigorated team, our Economic Corridors concept really taking the hearts and imaginations of so many that it has now been tacked onto the Ministry of Transportation. We've had our internal debates on what the "Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act" would address, and a near finished understanding of what the legislation could look like. On the 30th of November it was provided to the MLAs in the house for the first time, and the real debates began.

I say real debates, because up until that point, no one had their hands on a copy of the act. We made it Bill #1 for this sitting, simply because the federal Liberal/NDP coalition is running roughshod over so many areas, we needed to put something in place, to reaffirm our constitution and call out their habitual overreach. Basically, in times of this overreach, guided by clear definitions in our constitution, we as the Alberta Government, with consent of the legislature, (meaning the MLAs of all parties having debate, and giving direction) would stand and say no to the federal government. You see, the way our constitution was set up was with the provinces and the country being equal partners; each partner has clearly defined roles and authorities within the provinces themselves, as well as the entire country.

This Act is the 'Stand Up

to the Habitual Bully, Who Does Not Respect the People Who Live in the Land of the Strong and the Free Law'. This isn't just happening in Alberta, Saskatchewan has had enough too, and they have their own act to address the overreach of the Federal Government; both provinces could have perhaps called it the 'Enough is Enough Act'. As you can see, there is a reason why I'm better at standing up to bullies than at naming legislation.

Over the next month, you will undoubtedly hear a ton of rhetoric in the big papers, on the TV, and on the radio. Mainly paid for by those parties and their supporters who profit from being bullies in one form or another. We will make sure in the house, through fulsome debate, that any tweaks, or amendments needed will take place. The intent is to ensure that any issues between the Government of Canada, and the Province of Alberta is born by the province, not the public, nor the businesses. The act is very short, easy to read, and straight to the point. It has those that who would want to push us around in our own back yard cry foul; but the jig is up, and they know it. Time for the bullies to back off, give us back our space, to stay in their own yard, and to let us collaborate with our neighbors. This will empower all the provinces and the territories in our country again, which only gets us back on track to being the True North Strong and Free once more. The Canada, that so many fought for, and so many of us fondly remember, needs to be made real again, and the Alberta Sovereignty in a Unified Canada Act gets us one step closer to making that a reality.

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of the week

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1	8	9	2	7	4	6	5	3
3	7	4	5	9	6	2	1	8
5	2	6	1	8	3	4	9	7
8	4	5	3	6	9	1	7	2
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