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January 3, 2023

PARKLAND RCMP – "STUFF THE SLEIGH" EVENT A SUCCESS

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Dec. 10, 2022, the Stony Plain Kinsmen and the Spruce Grove Kinettes held their annual Stuff the Sleigh event in partnership with the Parkland RCMP, Stony Plain Fire, Stony Plain Enforcement and Spruce Grove Enforcement.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, a cou-

ple of elves, Elmo and even the Grinch were on hand to spread the Christmas cheer.

The Kinsmen and Kinette Christmas Hamper program helps local deserving families that need a helping hand during the holiday season by providing them with food and gifts. In the past, the local residents have been very generous and this year, the communi-

ty did not disappoint. Without their support, this event would not be possible.

"Our communities demonstrate their kindness, compassion and generosity every year. We appreciate the Kinsmen, the Kinettes and all of the businesses that make it possible for families to have a Merry Christmas."





HONOURING THE AWARD PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

As the MLA for Drayton Valley - Devon, I had the distinct honour of awarding the Queen Elizabeth II'S Platinum Jubilee Medal to 18 deserving recipients in our constituency.

I would like to pay tribute to those who have given of their time and talents in service to their communities, our province and our country.

As you know, Alberta's Platinum Jubilee Medal commemorates the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada upon the death of her father, King George VI, on February 6, 1952.

Her Majesty was crowned on June 2, 1953, during Her Coronation ceremony, which was held at Westminster Abbey, as Coronations have been for 900 years. Steeped in this rich history, Her Majesty's Coronation made history as the first ever to be televised and was watched by 27 million people in the UK alone and millions more around the world.

And so, with Her Majesty representing both the

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storied past of Britain, as well as the modern-day world, she has dedicated more than 70 remarkable years of continuous service to Canada, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. This extraordinary achievement makes her Britain's longest reigning and longest-lived monarch.

Her Majesty has expressed her wish that Jubilee events be an occasion for enjoying a sense of togetherness and optimism about the future which makes this the perfect opportunity to celebrate the achievements of people who make our community better.

Our medal recipients lead rather than wait to be led. They tackle challenges head-on. They see problems as opportunities instead of obstacles. I would like to congratulate the following outstanding individuals on receiving this special distinction in the Drayton Valley – Devon constituency.

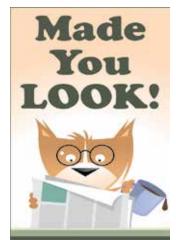
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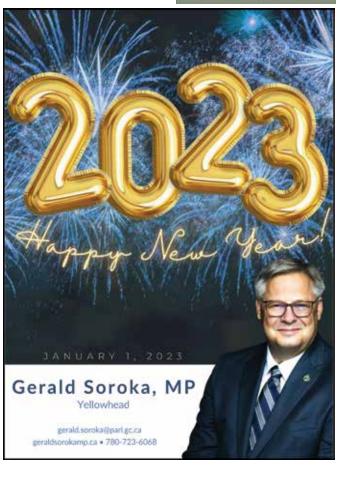
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PARKLAND RCMP HELP LAUNCH CATALYTIC CONVERTOR MARKING PROGRAM

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Engrave It to Save It

With the theft of catalytic converters and other vehicle parts a concern, the Stony Plain and District Crime Prevention Association and Rural Crime Watch groups have partnered with the Parkland RCMP to launch a catalytic converter marking program.

Police face a number of challenges when investigating and proving a theft of catalytic converters, or other items that do not have a serial number. This new marking program called Engrave It to Save It will help police trace these stolen parts back to an owner. By doing so, the police can lay appropriate charges for those in possession of stolen property, or

Parkland trafficking in stolen goods.

Local participating automotive service facilities can engrave the last eight digits of the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) onto your catalytic converter while your vehicle is in for service. In addition to the engraving process, the catalytic converter will have a paint marking applied. This will de-value the metal to a degree and become another indicator to metal recyclers and officers that the item is possibly stolen. After the process is complete, customers will be given a small window decal that indicates that the catalytic converter is police traceable.

As an initial start up, four businesses have joined in the effort to spearhead this activity and to help protect their customers. These businesses are Stony Plain Auto in Stony Plain, Fountain Tire in Spruce Grove, Country Automotive in Onoway and Jack's Auto Mechanical in Alberta Beach. Other businesses have expressed interest and will be added to the list of repair shops willing to help their communities in reducing criminal activity.

The cost of these and other types of thefts impacts everyone. The costs covered by insurance companies reach in the multi-millions of dollars annually in claim payouts. Since insurance companies are business entities, their funds are limited. At some point, the increased expenditures made by the companies are passed on to everyone else. Bottom line, everyone is paying for the cost of crime.

Notification

Notice to Creditors, Claimants and Others in the estate of Sandra Ann Laushway (nee McLean), deceased, late of Wabamun, Alberta who died on November 19, 2022. Take notice that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named must file with the undersigned Estate Trustee by February 21, 2023, a full statement of their claims and of securities held by

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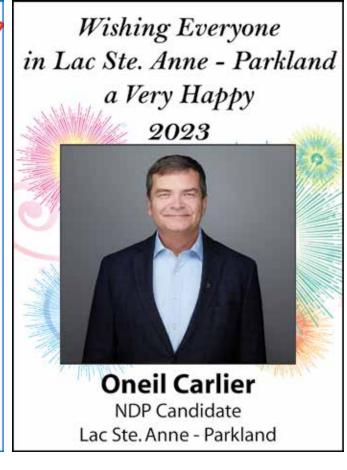


ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2023 7:30 p.m.

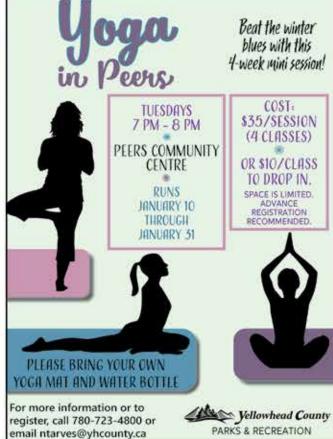
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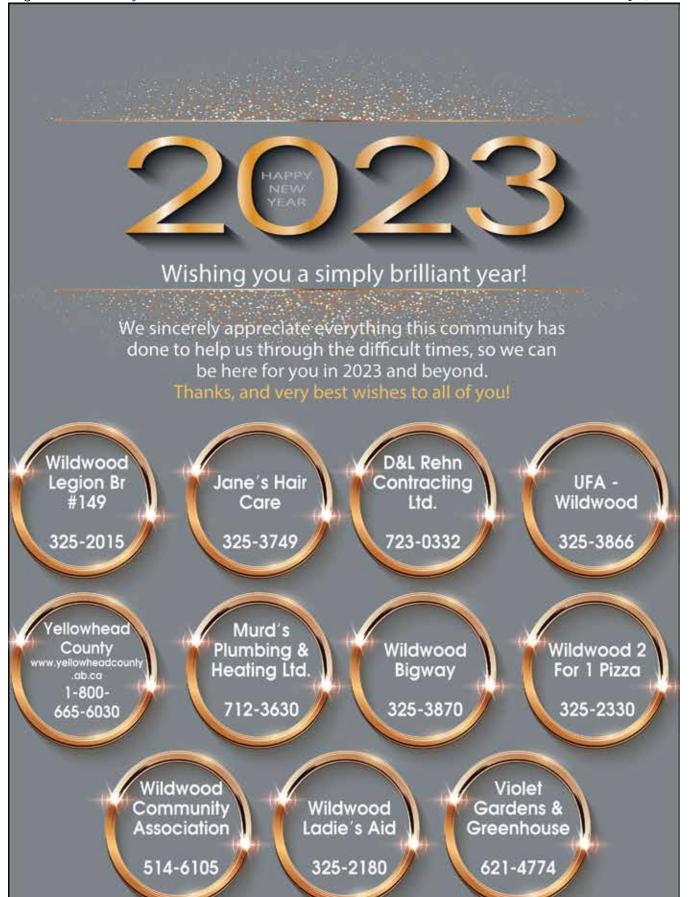
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Yellowhead County

2023 Interim Budget & Tax Rate – Council adopted the 2023 Interim Budget that included a 2% increase in the municipal mill rate. The \$173.5 million budget will be effective January 1, 2023 and includes Yellowhead County's operating and capital costs; the provincial seniors and school requisitions; contributions to local governments; and contributions to reserves.

YCE Multiplex Committee Appointment – Council appointed Mayor Williams to sit on the Yellowhead County and Edson Multiplex Steering Committee for the term ending October 31, 2023.

Community Care Foundation - Council for Yel-

lowhead County denied a financial support request from the Community Care Foundation of Edson & District for the Ophthalmology Program as it did not fall within policy parameters.

YCE Multiplex Design – Council approved plans to renovate the current recreation facility, combined with new construction that would facilitate ice arenas, a curling rink, walking track, gym space, and a new aquatic facility. The County and Town will apply for federal and provincial grants to assist in financing the new multiplex.

Bylaw 20.22 – Bylaw 20.22 received first reading and would allow for a property in NW 32-53-17-W5M to be redistricted from Rural District (RD) to Country Residential District (CRD)

and Protection District (PD). This would allow for a subdivision of the property to create two new country residential parcels. A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 10, 2023.

Road Plan Closure – A resolution was passed by Council for a road closure on part of road plan 2748EU to address an alignment issue from when the road plan was registered in 1943. Referrals were sent to external agencies or adjacent landowners and no objections were received.

Bylaw 16.22 – Bylaw 16.22 was passed by Council and allows a lot within SW 08-54-16-W5M to be rezoned from Rural District (RD) to Country Residential District (CRD) allowing the property to be subdivided to accommodate a single lot

subdivision. A public hearing was held on November 22, 2022.

Utility Bylaw 22.22 – Council passed Bylaw 22.22 to increase utility rates for Yellowhead County relating to water, wastewater, and solid waste services beginning in 2023. The rates will increase by 3% for water and 5% for wastewater and solid waste services but will still be below the 50% cost-recovery rate paid by the County.

Infrastructure Review – Council acknowledged Don O'Quinn on his nineteen years of service for his time as the Director of Infrastructure Services in Yellowhead County and his upcoming retirement.

2023 INTERIM BUDGET MEDIA RELEASE

Submitted by Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County Council adopted the 2023 Interim Budget on December 13, 2022. The Interim Budget was developed with a conservative approach, holding costs as reasonable as possible with a 2% tax rate increase to the municipal

portion of the property tax rate.

Following two days of budget deliberations, held on November 14 and 21, 2022, Council finalized their budgetary planning for the upcoming year with an Interim Budget of \$173,516,498. During these meetings, Council concentrated on developing a bud-

get that focuses on continuing services for Yellowhead County residents and businesses while reducing the municipal operating costs for the upcoming year.

"The goal of council was to look at opportunities to reduce operational costs, while still meeting residents' expectations, with no reduction in services. That has been achieved with this interim budget," said Mayor Wade Williams. "Council has been very, very diligent over the years and kept the taxes as low as possible."

There has not been a municipal tax rate increase from Yellowhead County since 2018. Yellowhead County Council also

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approved a 5% decrease in 2020. Mayor Williams points out that "While there hasn't been an increase in the municipal mill rate in several years, the recent increases in the cost of most items and services and inflation needed to be reflected in the 2023 budget, resulting in the 2% increase."

This budget reflects many

of the goals from Council's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan and policies that tie into future long-term planning for the County. These include Yellowhead County's long-term bridge and road plans as part of the connectivity road network system. There are over a dozen road and bridge projects and community building and infrastructure projects in this budget.

2023 Interim Budget Sumnary

Total 2023 Interim Budget \$173,516,498

Operations \$43,850,480 Capital projects \$63,629,346

Requisitions \$30,961,220* Contribution to reserves \$7,524,485

Revenue Sharing agreement \$7,238,975

Contribution to local government \$2,696,541

Amortization of capital assets \$17,615,451

The budget will be finalized in the spring once the Seniors requisition and the province's school tax requisitions are

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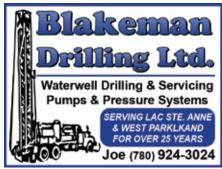
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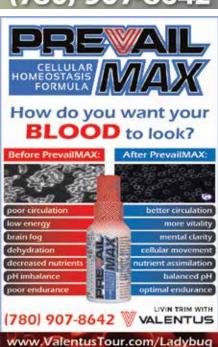






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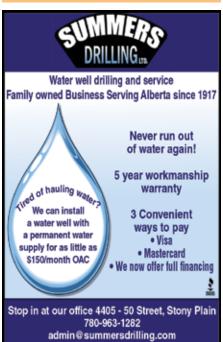
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