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**February 21, 2023**

## STRUCTURE FIRE ONOWAY UFA GAS BAR

Submitted by Onoway Regional Fire Services

At Approximately 1802hrs Fire Rescue International - Onoway Regional Fire Services was paged to a Structure fire in the Town of Onoway. Within 2-minutes fire units were responding to the scene. The first unit arrived on the scene within 4-minutes after being dispatched to the local UFA gas

station. Upon arrival, crews noted smoke showing from the store building and began to take steps to protect volatile exposures.

Shortly after arriving on the scene, crews secured a water source and engaged the fire in an offensive attack. The fire was brought under control within 24 minutes of arriving on the scene with loss. An overhaul was conducted on the

structure thereafter. Thankfully, no one was injured as a result of the fire or the ensuing firefight.

Fire Rescue International - Onoway Regional Fire would like to thank its Partners: Lac Ste Anne Fire Services for responding as back-up if needed along with Alberta Health Services, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Atco

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## PARKLAND RCMP WARN OF RECENT AMAZON PHONE SCAMS

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Parkland RCMP would like to notify the public of a recent surge in scams involving individuals claiming to work for Amazon.com. Parkland RCMP has received multiple files within the last week involving


the following scenario:

A person claiming to be an employee of Amazon calls the victim. The "Amazon employee" states they are attempting to verify a new account in the customer's name. Upon being advised that it is a fraudulent account, the "Amazon employee" will offer a refund.

They instruct the victim to download an app in order to conduct the refund, and complete a form which includes the victim's bank account number.

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## Structure Fire Onoway UFA Gas Bar

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Gas, and Fortis who also responded. Fire Rescue International would also like to thank passers-by for calling 911 immediately when they recognized there was an emergency as fires

can grow exponentially in a very short time.

Fire Rescue International - Onoway Regional Fire would like to remind citizens that not all emergencies have "Smoke Showing." For your safety, please ensure you have properly

sized address markings on your homes. Finally, if you are interested in serving your community and learning a lifetime of skills and knowledge, Fire Rescue International is currently accepting new members.

## Parkland RCMP Warn Of Recent Amazon Phone Scams

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The money then appears to be "refunded" to the account in excess of the stated amount. The "Amazon employee" then instructs the recipient on how to return the money, either via bitcoin deposits or allowing remote access to their accounts through the pre-

viously downloaded app. The "refund" subsequently disappears, along with additional funds.

Police are reminding the public not to provide banking information over the phone. If uncertain about any banking activity, call your bank directly.

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## JOKE of the week

A guy is sitting at home when he hears a knock at the door. He opens the door and sees a snail on the porch. He picks up the snail and throws it as far as he can. Three years later there's a knock on the door. He opens it and sees the same snail. The snail says: 'What was that all about?'

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# ONOWAY LEGION NEWS



Submitted by Onoway Legion

## Old-fashioned Pot Roast Dinner

On Friday, February 24, Lynne T. and crew will serve old-fashioned pot roast, complete with potatoes, gravy carrots, pickle tray with mini Black Forest cakes for dessert. A special Veteran & guest table is sponsored by Big Trux Company.

Doors open at 3 pm, with dinner served at 6 pm. Reserve your spot by text or phone to 780-909-4558 by Wed., Feb. 22. Pre-ordered take-out meals are welcomed.

## Dinner Schedule

The Onoway Legion is pleased to announce that firm dates have been set until the end of June for our Friday night chef-led dinners. Full-course dinners will be offered only every second Friday, with the remaining Fridays designated as casual Pub Nights. As in the past, the legion will be closed on holiday long weekend Fridays.

Mark your calendar for dinners on March 3, 17 & 31; April 14 & 28; May 12 & 26; and June 9 & 23. Details about each meal will be publicized in the paper and on social media.

On Pub Nights there will be a full bar service along with snacks and freshly-made hot dogs to enjoy with your cold beer. Running from 5 to 7:30 pm, Pub Nights also gives you full access to darts, pool, or cards with friends.

## Legion Draw Winners

Three lucky people won draws at the Valentine dinner on February 10. The meat draw (four chicken breasts) was won by Bill Isley. Lisa Johnson won \$143.00 in the 50:50 draw, and the \$20 Friday night supper gift certificate went to Chris Yeoman.

## President's Message

Friday, February 10, 2023,

was our first themed event of 2023: a Valentines Day dinner. The event sold out quickly and a delicious four-course meal (appetizer, salad, main course, and dessert) was served. We received a lot of favourable comments from attendees. Many thanks to our lead organizer for the event, Anneliese!

Also at this event, our

Branch Chairman, Scott Sadler, presented RCAF veteran David Ritter with a beautifully done portrait arranged through our District Service Officer. Bravo to both presenter and recipient!

Coming up at our February 24 Friday night supper, we will be introducing a new feature:

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-Sherry & Shaylin Brown of Breadcrumbs Bakery for their donation of supplying the homemade buns for our Annunal Christmas Party  
-Elaine from the Community Voice for her kind donation

Also,

We would like to thank the following volunteers that took the time and worked the Casino for our club on Feb 8 & 9, 2023.

Corinne Feth  
Allen Feth  
Bobbi Dingwall  
Gary Damon  
Chris Tiessen  
Lynne Tonita  
Liane Wenckowski  
Randy Wenckowski  
Sylvia Potter  
Kelly Huxley  
Ira Austin  
Donna Krezek  
Amy Warren  
Marlaine Janke  
Harry Ratz  
Ken Bouchard

A Special thanks to the ones that came out, that are not members of our society.

Your time was very much appreciated.



# Onoway Legion News

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a table reserved for veterans and spouses/partners, with a corporate sponsor donating the costs of the meal. Our first table sponsor will be The Big Trux Company Ltd! It will take some time for us to reach out to all our Veterans and offer you a spot.

If you are a Veteran (former or currently serving Ca-

nadian Armed Forces member, or RCMP), we want to know about you! We want to check in with you to ensure that you are receiving all of the benefits to which you may be entitled as a Veteran, and of course we want to include you in our events and entertainment. You can contact me directly at: [president@onowaylegion132.com](mailto:president@onowaylegion132.com) or by texting

or calling 780-297-2203.

### Thank You to Veterans

Onoway Legion Branch 132 will be expanding our guest list at the February 24 chef dinner when Big Trux Co., a locally owned and operated business, will sponsor the first Veterans' Table. The legion will be inviting local veterans, each with a guest, to enjoy a complimentary dinner. We hope to

have six special guests enjoy our Veteran & Guest table every six to eight weeks, with a different sponsor (and different guests) each time.

### Wednesdays Are Pub Nights!

Join the fun at the legion every Wednesday evening! There's a "kitchen party"-type jam, starting at 7 pm where everyone is welcome. Feel free to play an instrument, sing, dance, tap your feet, or even just sit and listen. If you want, you can also play darts, cards, crib or try your skills at pool. It's a great way to spend a Wednesday evening.

### Darts and Pool

Come out and throw some darts at the legion every Tuesday evening on a drop-in basis (no membership needed). Doors open at 6:30 and play begins at 7:30. There are seven games of 501 in teams of three or four (depending on numbers – teams are made up each week).

If shooting pool is more your style, the legion pool club runs every Thursday evening on a drop-in basis. Play begins at 7:30 pm, so please arrive no later than 7:15 to be included in the evening schedule. No membership is required.

### Did You Know?

The Onoway Legion donates a percentage of its gaming revenue back to the community through support of a variety of local groups.



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# PARKLAND RCMP ARREST MALE FOLLOWING FIREARM COMPLAINT

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On January 27th, 2023, at approximately 11:15 p.m., Parkland RCMP received a complaint regarding a male riding a bicycle and checking vehicle door handles in a Spruce Grove neighborhood. Police immediately attended the area and began patrols.

A short time later, Parkland RCMP received a second complaint regarding an individual that allegedly pointed a firearm at the complainant before fleeing on a bicycle. Police contained the neighbourhood. With the assistance of RCMP Police Dog Services and Edmonton Police Service Air One (helicopter), the suspect was successfully arrested and a loaded .22 caliber rifle with sawed-off stock and barrel was recovered.

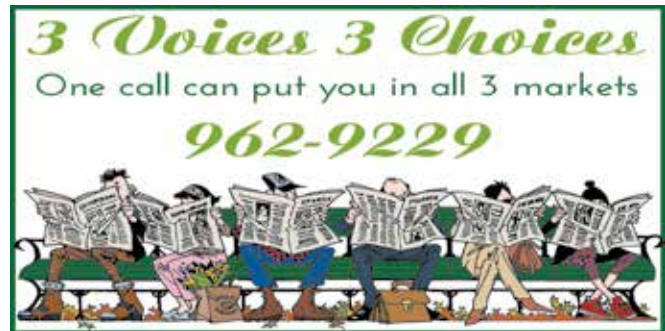
19-year-old Kaleb Derek Timm, a resident of Onoway, was charged with the following:

- Pointing a Firearm;
- Assault with a weapon;
- Unauthorized possession of firearm;
- Possession of a loaded firearm;
- Possession of a firearm with tampered serial number;
- Common Nuisance.

Kaleb Derek Timm was held for a Judicial Interim Release Hearing and was subsequently released on conditions by a Justice of the Peace. He is set to appear next at Stony Plain Provincial Court on Feb. 15, 2023.

Parkland RCMP would like to emphasize that although these types of firearms of-

fences are uncommon in Spruce Grove, this incident should act as a reminder of the importance of reporting crimes to police. Attempting to intervene by yourself could put you in harm's way.



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# GRASS ROOTS ENGAGEMENT & OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

Given the recent level of local attention to land use bylaws, urban planning, federal and provincial policies, jurisdictional overlaps, economic impacts, and the upcoming election season I thought I'd take the time to cover off a few items this week as a bit of an update, or an explanation of sorts. The key item I believe with all the "Goings On" over the last little while, is that it has become apparent to a larger number of people that for the system we have to work, and for the freedoms that we enjoy, it's a team effort. The system has a few kinks in it here and there, to be sure. It's not a bad one, however, we just need to use it.

I'll cover the basic configuration of our country to start with, and bear in mind, I only have a thousand of words or less to work with here, so it is going to be brief. Canada (the Federal Government) and the provinces were created equal. The responsibilities for the most part, are distinct. When it affects all, it's a federal thing, when it can stay within a provincial boundary, it's a provincial thing. There are times where there are overlaps, and it's a "both of us" kind of thing. It's a marriage of sorts; normally it works, and sometimes, as we have seen for a while now, a little refreshing of the vows, and confirmation of roles and responsibilities is required. The municipalities, counties, towns, villages, hamlets, medium and large cities, are the children of the provinces. They are given their authorization and autonomy to operate

under the Municipal Government Act. Villages and hamlets for the most part fall under the counties in which they are located.

Each level of government has its own representation, and they are given authority to make decisions by you, the voter. If you do vote, fantastic! If you don't, shame...shame... shame. For the system to function as it was designed, the higher level of participation by the voters, the better it is, and the better the chance that you get folks to better reflect the will of the people. Historically, voter apathy is terrible, but over the last few years, many folks have begun to pay attention to what is going on in all three levels of government. This is to everyone's benefit, because I believe there is not only better representation, but also some shared vision within the levels of government. I believe when folks get involved before a candidate is selected at the provincial and federal levels and are involved with the parties of their choice, better policy is produced. With municipal government and school boards, people typically run as themselves, and these people have a major impact on our daily lives; I believe many of us, myself included, haven't given this level of government the amount of attention it deserves.

My inbox, phonedlines, and social media pages exploded recently over what a county in Alberta was considering for amendments to their current land use bylaw. In addition, there were also some recent statements made regarding "Smart Cities" or "15 Min. Cities" or whichever catch

phrase was being used to articulate a change in the concepts of urban planning. I had to reach out to several municipal representatives that I've come to know and trust over the last few years to find out what the heck was going on, because some of the items seemed way too far out of the left field, almost like they were being snuck in through the back door of town and county councils.

So for the record, and for those that have been hounding me for an "Answer On where I stand" on these ideas of putting in place cities or towns that restrict the movement of its inhabitants, where people would only be allotted a given number of passes in a year to move from one zone to the next....do you really have to ask? I mean come on, really? I'm the same gent who has been on the firearms file for the last 3 years, who stuck my neck out more than once on the Covid restrictions, drove my own gravel truck in the local Edmonton convoy, I was accused in the papers for inciting dissidence by telling officers to remember their oaths before they acted on orders given under the Emergency Act, only a day later to see horses knocking a lady to the ground who used a walker. I spoke openly against the vaccine passports and never got one myself. I was attacked consistently by the Opposition for not disclosing my vaccine status, and when I did, it was to their chagrin that I had a vaccine injury. I fly airplanes, ride motorcycles, shoot old revolvers off horseback, and have been doing my best to stand up for people's personal rights

and freedoms publicly at my own "political expense" for the last 3 years.

So no, I would never support a system by which people needed passes to move freely in their own country, province, or city. What I am in favor of however, when it comes to urban planning, is making sure that there are plenty of green spaces and services within a reasonable distance from where people live.

I've had the ability to travel for work in Canada, the USA, and in Germany. I've seen some old cities, and their contrast to the new ones. I've seen architectural and styling cues that were better than others, and I must admit, I'd take a small town over a big city any day of the week. However, some of the best big cities I have ever seen have that feel of a small town, or a community designed right in it, where there are always green spaces and parks within easy reach. These places feel better on the soul, so if that type of planning was being considered for our new towns and cities, I am all for it.

On the land use bylaws: wow! I believe that there were some big lessons learned for everyone involved. Here are a few I've gathered up over the last week:

- 1.Hire a good consultant
- 2.Ensure that there is a staged progress evaluation, and clearly communicate the scope of work
- 3.Always, and I mean always, have a squad check prior to release for final approvals
- 4.Review the work that you are going to be signing off on

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# *Bridal Guide*

## *Your* Guide to Planning Your Big Day

Filled with helpful planning advice, savvy how-to tips and the latest wedding trends, as well as a host of local wedding vendors here to help you plan the perfect day!



# Bridal Guide



## 7 WEDDING TRICKS TO MAKE THE BIG DAY EASIER

Wedding planning is no small task. From sending out engagement announcements to gifting guests with take-home favors, a couple will pour over scores of details as they plan their weddings.

As if selecting a photographer or choosing the right passed appetiz-

ers isn't challenging enough, some unknown variables are sure to pop up on the big day as well. Couples can take their cues from others who have walked the aisle before them with these tricks of the trade, which may help couples' wedding days go smoothly.

1. Host everything at a single location. Couples who want to simplify their wedding day can select a site that can host the ceremony and reception and also house guests. The cost of such facilities may be more affordable than couples think, as transportation costs will be minimal

and the venue may offer discounts on group packages.

2. Think about a day coordinator. Couples who cannot afford a wedding planner to handle all of the details often find that a day-of-service provider is within their budget. This person can handle all of the details of the wedding day so brides and grooms can fully immerse themselves in the festivities.

3. Bring extra cash. Unexpected expenses may pop up. Couples may have to feed an extra member of the band or a guest who was able to get a babysitter at the last minute. Brides and grooms may want to offer a bigger tip than anticipated to the waitstaff or deejay who went above and beyond.

4. Learn how to bustle. Walking around with a free-flowing train all day can become tiring for brides. Brides should make sure that one person practices how to bustle the train and will step in to do so for the reception. Also, it may not be the height of fashion, but having a garbage bag on hand can keep the train clean during inclement weather, or if the bride has to trek across grass or soil for photo opportunities.

5. Give an outgoing person a job. Enlist a boisterous friend or family member to wrangle guests for photo opportunities. He or she can be the photographer's helper and give the happy couple one less thing to do.

6. Stock the bathroom. Some venues will have courtesy items for their guests, but couples also should bring their own necessities, such as breath mints, toothpaste, extra pantyhose, hairspray, lip gloss, and/or sanitary pads.

7. Be all smiles. Couples can't predict everything that will happen on their wedding day, but they can help create the mood. Smiling couples can make things better for everyone, even when zippers break or someone gets the chicken instead of the salmon.

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## CATER WEDDING MENUS TO GUESTS' DIETARY NEEDS

Gone are the days when wedding reception menus were limited to the one-size-fits-all offerings of meat, chicken or fish. Thanks to modern diets, couples hoping to accommodate guests may need to provide a wide array of food choices.

It is impossible to pinpoint an exact number, as there are no definitive surveys classifying all dietary preferences, but there are believed to be around 7.9 million people in the United States who follow a vegetarian-based diet. Of those people, around one million are strictly vegan, according to data in *The Economist*. In addition, NYU Langone Health says one-third of Americans are trying to avoid gluten. The Gluten Free

Agency, which is a consulting group dedicated to helping advertisers, says some nine million people in Canada are going gluten-free now for medical or personal reasons. Toss in the scores of people with peanut or other allergies and even more caution is needed when designing wedding menus.

Savvy couples who have guests' health and comfort in mind recognize the importance of offering a varied meal plan for wedding-related parties and receptions. The following are some ideas to consider when planning wedding menus.

- Consider a buffet-style service. Although couples might like the tradition

and flair that a seated/plated meal offers, it creates a much more limited selection of meal options. Buffet-style dinner service often provides couples with multiple choices, and it's much more likely they can come up with a combination that caters to any food allergies or dietary restrictions guests may have.

- Opt for food stations. In lieu of one long buffet table, a modern approach is to have staffed food stations. Foods as well as their ingredients can be clearly stated on food table placards so guests can make appropriate choices.

- Offer alternatives for dessert. Wedding cake can be a challenge to someone with a

gluten sensitivity or an egg or a nut allergy. While not every guest indulges in dessert, make it a point to offer an alternative to cake. Perhaps a groom's cake can be revamped into gluten-free cookie bars or a nut-free trifle.

Couples who know in advance which types of dietary restrictions their guests have can work with caterers to devise a menu that suits everyone.

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# ALBERTA RCMP TRAFFIC UNIT STOPS SPEEDING SEMI TRUCK AND THE DRIVER BLOWS "CAUTION" FOLLOWING MANDATORY ALCOHOL SCREENING TEST

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Feb. 8, 2023, shortly after 4 p.m., Alberta RCMP Traffic - Whitecourt was conducting speed enforce-

ment on Highway 43 near Whitecourt. A semi-truck with an unloaded flat deck tractor trailer was observed traveling at a high rate of speed. The Alberta RCMP Traffic officer obtained a

laser speed reading of 130 kms/hr in the posted maximum 100 km/hr zone.

The semi-truck was stopped and the driver was required to provide a mandatory alcohol screening

breath sample into an Approved Screening Device. The sample came back as a "CAUTION". This indicates to the officer that the driver, a 43-year-old class one driver from Edmonton, Alta., had a blood alcohol concentration between 60 and 99 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

Any driver who provides a breath sample that leads the officer to have reasonable and probable grounds that the driver's blood alcohol concentration is between 50 and 100 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood, will receive a three day Immediate Roadside Sanction and the vehicle will be seized for three days as well. This driving suspension comes with a \$360 fine. In addition to the Immediate Roadside Sanction and vehicle seizure, the driver was also issued a \$175 speeding ticket.

The Immediate Roadside Sanctions (IRS) Program holds commercial drivers, operating in a commercial vehicle, at a higher standard due to the complexity and size of commercial vehicles. Commercial drivers must have a zero (0.00) blood alcohol concentration or blood drug concentration when driving a commercial vehicle. As a result of providing a "CAUTION" reading, this driver was dealt with as a standard IRS CAUTION.

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• 3 Persons	\$47,500
• 4 Persons	\$50,000
• 5 Persons	\$52,500
• More than 5 persons	\$52,500 plus \$2,500 for each additional person

Returns cannot be completed by our Volunteers if any of these situations apply:

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# Grass Roots Engagement & Out of the Mouths of Babes

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5. Change everything, or delete the items that do not apply

6. Ensure you give accolades to those who find the mistakes and participate in the process prior to something terrible coming into effect. Thank them for being watchful, and sharing information with others to keep them informed

7. It's better to learn from another's mistakes than your own

The other great item that I heard is that the counties that I work with in our constituency were all over the issue, and did the work to ensure that there were no issues like those in the other counties as they fully understood the ramifications of not putting in the time to make sure that the "non-applicable" bylaws didn't creep in. Elections matter, engagement matters, and they respect that process.

Switching gears a little bit

here; I was recently asked by a few students in a grade 6 class of how I was elected, and if I was effective in my role as an MLA. Out of the mouths of babes. So here are the Coles notes version on how to become an MLA for Lac Ste Anne.- Parkland.

1. Be a member of the UCP  
2. Fill out your nomination forms when the "Local Party Election" is called

3. Get 50 fellow members or more to sign off on your papers

4. Commit a \$1000 conduct deposit, and make another \$500 dollar contribution to the provincial party, and the local Constituency Association as an application fee

5. Raise money to run your campaign, and to pay for signage

6. Sell as many memberships as you can to folks, and get them out to vote

7. Listen to and talk with as many people as possible to understand that that if elected, you will work for

them, and must represent them.

8. Stand in front of a crowd and debate other folks who want to make the province a better place just as much or more than you.

9. Win your internal election, if not, support the person who did win

10. Run in the general election, raise money for the campaign, manage the team of volunteers, coordinate with your constituency board, be part of the provincial team, and help them out where ever you can, drink lots of coffee, drive lots of miles, take the heat from what everyone who was ever a politician ever in the history of our province ever did...because you are all the same...and hopefully win to prove them wrong.

It's just that simple. I believe I have been quite effective on number of fronts, but there are always areas that I can improve upon. The last few years have hampered several items

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

**ANSWER:**

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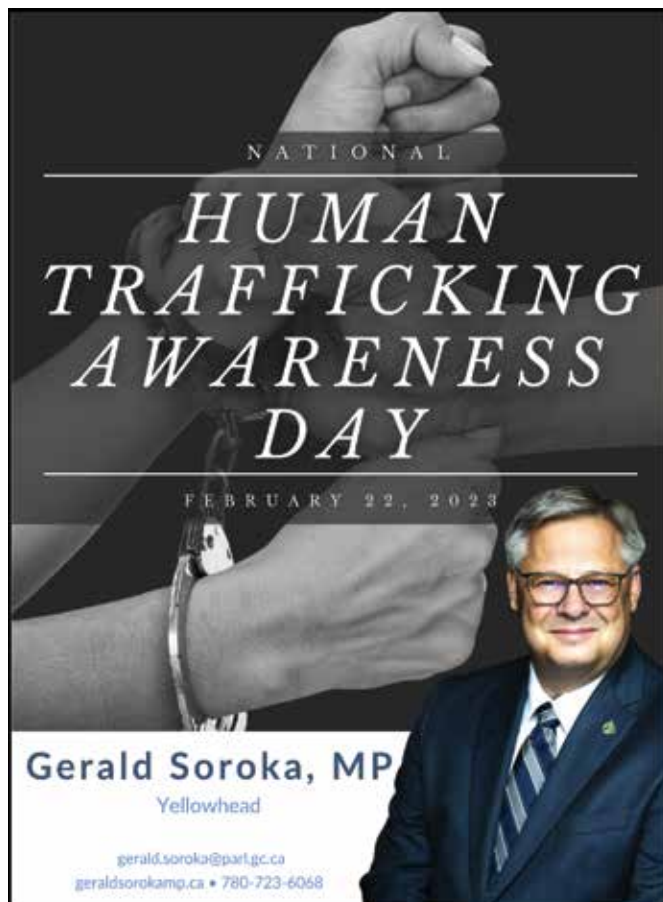
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