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March 14, 2023

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR PROGRAMS CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that applications are now being accepted for federal programs under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable

CAP) that will go into effect on April 1, 2023.

The federal programs, which include AgriAssurance, AgriCompetitiveness, AgriDiversity, AgriInnovate, AgriMarketing and AgriScience, are currently delivered through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership and are being renewed for 5

years to support key priority areas, including:

- strengthening the sector's ability to grow by focusing on technological advances, attracting a new generation of farmers, and creating a more diverse and inclusive workforce
- accelerating the

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JOBS ARE CONTINUING TO INCREASE

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

According to Statistics Canada's latest labour force survey, our province created nearly 11,000 new full-time jobs in February. With nearly two million Albertans working in full-time positions, more people are working full-time jobs today than at any point in our

province's history.

Alberta has created hundreds of thousands of jobs since 2021. These jobs represent more than just numbers on paper. They represent regular paychecks that families can count on to pay their bills and plan for their futures.

Virtually every month, Alberta is creating more and more jobs. Although Alberta

represents just 12 per cent of the Canadian population, we were responsible for 23 per cent of all jobs created in 2022. We've seen employment gains in 11 of the last 13 months, and at \$1,278, Albertans are enjoying in


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development and adoption of research and innovation in both primary agriculture and value-added processing

- advancing measurable action on climate change and the environment, including a reduction of 3-5

megatonnes in greenhouse gas emissions

- expanding markets for Canadian exports through global business development and trade promotion, supported by a stronger and more resilient supply chain, with a goal of increasing exports to \$95 billion and overall industry sales to \$250 billion by 2028

- establishing even greater trust in the sector by developing and enhancing quality and safety assurance systems.


In addition to these programs, the Sustainable CAP includes \$2.5 billion in cost-shared programming that will be delivered by provincial and territorial governments. Bilateral agreements between the Government of Canada and the provincial and territorial governments are in the process of being finalized.

The Sustainable CAP will enable agriculture to be an innovative, productive, and internationally competitive sector that can continue to feed Canada and a growing global population at a time when rising costs and global food security are significant concerns.

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**Blueberry District Crime Watch Association Annual
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Monday, March 27, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

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JOKE of the week

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

Jobs Are Continuing To Increase

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the highest weekly earnings in the nation. We expect these number to continue to grow in 2023, and, as mentioned above, we are already off to a hot start.

This kind of tremendous job growth doesn't happen by accident. Our United Conservative government has spurred this growth by implementing policies that support Alberta job-creators and entrepreneurs in doing what they do best – creating jobs and growing the economy.

Our plan to attract investment and create jobs stands in stark contrast to the previous government. As you saw in Budget 2023, our United Conservative government is committed to keeping taxes the lowest in the country, balancing the budget, paying down the debt, passing pro-business policies, saving for the future, and welcoming record numbers of new people to

our province.


The previous government's first order of business was raising taxes on businesses. The move was so short-sighted, they took in less and less business tax revenue, as investment fled the province to other jurisdictions across Canada, North America, and the world. They oversaw six credit downgrades and

13 consecutive quarters of negative outmigration. In total, Alberta lost 183,000 jobs due to the policy decisions of the previous government.

Budget 2023 represents the renewal of the Alberta Advantage. Everywhere you look, across all sectors, people are going back to work and optimism is growing for the future. Our United

Conservative government is committed to growing and diversifying the economy, and we are working tirelessly to ensure all Albertans are participating in our newfound prosperity.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO CLOSE PORTION OF ROADWAY AS HEREIN DESCRIBED

Pursuant to the authority of the County Council and as provided in Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the proposal of Council to pass Bylaw 2023-04 and Bylaw 2023-03 to close, for the purpose of sale and consolidation, that portion of undeveloped road in Parkland County in the Province of Alberta described as follows:

Bylaw 2023-03:

MERIDIAN 5 RANGE 5 TOWNSHIP 53

ALL THAT PORTION OF BEACHWAY ROAD AS SHOWN ON PLAN ADJOINING PLAN 2664CL BLOCK A OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15 EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

Bylaw 2023-04:

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Map for Bylaw 2023-03

Copies of Proposed Bylaw 2023-04 and 2023-03

Copies of the proposed Bylaws 2023-04 and 2023-03 and location plans are available free of charge prior to the Public Hearing date by making an appointment to visit Parkland County Centre during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) or by e-mailing linda.murtha@parklandcounty.com.

Date: April 11, 2023

Time: Bylaw 2023-03: 9:30 a.m.

Bylaw 2023-04: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Parkland County Council Chambers, 53109A Hwy 779, Parkland County, AB

Hearing Procedure

This is a formal Public Hearing and Council is prepared to hear and receive formal submissions and presentations (verbal or written) from those who wish to speak to the proposed Bylaws. Written submissions or presentations may either be submitted in advance to Engineering Services (linda.murtha@parklandcounty.com) by 4:00 p.m. March 28, 2023, or submitted at the commencement of the Public Hearing on April 11, 2023.

Anyone wishing to make a verbal presentation to Council should notify Engineering Services in advance of the Public Hearing by 4:00 p.m., on March 28, 2023. Verbal presentations at the Public Hearing will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes. Anyone wishing to make a verbal presentation who has not made prior arrangements may be allocated a time at the commencement of each Public Hearing. Council advises that this is your last opportunity to comment on the proposed Bylaw as Council is unable to receive further submissions after each Public Hearing is closed.

The personal information you provide will be used for the purpose of the items described above and is collected under the authority of Section 33 (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. If you have any questions about the collection, use, and disclosure of this information, please contact the FOIP Coordinator at Parkland County, 53109A HWY 779, Parkland County, Alberta T7Z 1R1 (780-968-3229) or email foip@parklandcounty.com

ARE YOU EFFECTIVE?

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

Recently on a school tour in Wabamun I was asked by one of the students if, as the MLA, "have you been effective".

As someone who I'm convinced has management in her future, she was absolutely on point.

With some honest reflection, I told her that yes, I believe I have been an effective MLA. I feel this way mainly because I have managed to help folks in our constituency with a variety of issues and have helped to influence and affect some very noticeable changes in the brief time I have been here.

The initiatives that I've been involved with:

- Bill 31: We managed in short order to mitigate a potential shortage of clay, gravel, sand, and marl by not classifying them as minerals, and defining how they could be ex-

tracted.

- Bill 1 Carbon tax repeal: We killed the tax, and although the "ill contrived trojan horse wealth transfer scheme" loved by the NDP/ Liberal socialist ideologues came back like a twisted Frankenstein monster, we did prove in a court of law how flawed it really is.

- The creation and implementation of an Alberta CFO: I was very happy to be part of the Firearms Task Force, which engaged so many Albertans regarding their concerns as it related to federal overreach, property rights, and representation for law abiding Albertans, in addition to our ability to own and use firearms.

- Motion 501 -Economic Corridors: The conceptualization of pulling together all Albertans, and our provincial, territorial, and state trading partners through the for-

malization and definition of economic corridors. Implementing a linear infrastructure asset to be the anchor tenant, allowing the corridor to expand and grow means that these corridors will facilitate responsible trade and commerce for generations.

- Leading the Economic corridors Task Force: having the Ministry of Transportation evolve into the Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors, and being named as the Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Corridors.

- Meeting with various groups and promoting our province, in addition to highlighting its potential with state, territorial and provincial representatives at NCSL, PNWER, and CSG conferences.

- Helping promote the formalization of treatment and expansion of use of Trikafta for folks with Cystic Fibrosis,

which for them is literally a lifesaving drug.

- Helping a man through the connections made with the CF group, avoid the need for a lung transplant, while respecting his medical choices.

- Advocating for "our hero Harper" Hanki, and her family to have a second chance in life, thanks to the efforts of so many with big hearts.

- Being there for a lady who was house sitting in our area, when she was at her wit's end, at a low point in her life, to take her call, and talk with her until first responders could see her in person.

- Helping to facilitate the return of the International Airshow out in Villeneuve, and further pitching the idea of an accredited Aviation course to be taken by high school students in my area. I'm happy to report that this

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Public Engagement Sessions are being held to engage with residents in Parkland County on Bylaws and Trails.
In-person sessions will occur in the same location | Online sessions will be done independently

MAJOR BYLAW REVIEW	TRAILS STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>The Major Bylaw Review includes updates and changes to seven (7) current bylaws and the addition of one (1) new bylaw. Parkland County seeks to inform and consult with residents on proposed changes to further refine these bylaws.</p> <p>Bylaws being reviewed are: Community Standards, Animal Control, Fire Services, Parks, OHV, Traffic, Cat, and Unauthorized Use of County lands (NEW).</p> <p>JOIN A ZOOM SESSION (ONLINE - REGISTRATION REQUIRED)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, March 29, 5:00-8:00 pm <p>DROP-IN SESSIONS (IN-PERSON)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tues, March 21, 5:00-7:00 pm - Clymont Community Hall • Thurs, March 23, 4:00-6:00 pm - Wabamun Jubilee Hall • Mon, March 27, 4:00-6:00 pm - Parkland Village Community Centre • Tues, March 28, 5:00-7:00 pm - Tomahawk AGRA Centre <p><small>Sessions will cover the same information. For full project and public engagement details and/or to register for a session, please visit the project website or call 780-416-9255.</small></p>	<p>For Trails Strategy, during this second stage of engagement, trails recommendations will be shared and feedback gathered from the public to further refine the recommendations.</p> <p>All residents who use trails in Parkland County are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>JOIN A ZOOM SESSION (ONLINE - REGISTRATION REQUIRED)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, March 22, 2:00-4:00 pm • Wednesday, March 22, 6:00-8:00 pm <p>DROP-IN SESSIONS (IN-PERSON)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tues, March 21, 5:00-7:00 pm - Clymont Community Hall • Thurs, March 23, 4:00-6:00 pm - Wabamun Jubilee Hall • Mon, March 27, 4:00-6:00 pm - Parkland Village Community Centre • Tues, March 28, 5:00-7:00 pm - Tomahawk AGRA Centre <p><small>Sessions will cover the same information. For full project and public engagement details and/or to register for a session, please visit the project website or call 587-405-2537.</small></p>
Go to www.parklandcounty.com/bylawreview	Go to www.parklandcounty.com/trailsplan

Are You Effective?

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program is now in its second year of successful operation at Grand Trunk High School in Evansburg.

- Leading the Career Education Task Force: making solid recommendations for career education delivery for years to come.

- Listening to folks, finding out what matters to them, and articulating these ideas not only here in the House, but in public, influencing change for the better.

I was only able to be this effective, because of the party I belong to; they want strong MLAs, and they will listen to any good idea, and act upon it when appropriate.

As my term as the MLA representing over 46,000 people in the 30th Alberta Legislature sitting is coming to a close, it was a good time to be a lit-

tle more reflective. There are events that have taken place that no one would have expected, nor been fully prepared for. You simply do the best with whatever information you have at your disposal at the time and soldier on. As a person whose whole career was based on major projects, this is not so dissimilar. There are short term objectives that need to be met, and there are always going to be a ton of issues that arise, possibly setting you off course, but you must react and get the job done... always ahead of schedule and under budget.

With running 2 years of back-to-back balanced budgets, boasting the strongest economy in the country, experiencing a net migration into our province to rival the numbers in 1957, and diversifying our economy into growing sectors that are less commodi-

ty based, we are seeing incredible accomplishments after weathering some very dark times. Like many, I can tell you full well that it was tough to keep moving forward and taking the hits; it was tough to see that light at the end of the tunnel, to keep the faith, to not give up. Knowing that there are people counting on you, especially families with children who are literally worried for their future, you just dig deeper. We were a team going through the same challenges, and we did an incredible job of helping each other along the way. I can't thank my office staff enough for all they have done over the past few years and continue to do today.

As many of you know I never intend to be a "career politician", and I believe because of that, despite it having some potential impacts on my political career or possible pro-

motions, I've kept my word to those of you that gave me that job interview and marked an x on the box beside my name. I'll be going through that process again this spring, and if I have learned anything on all my other projects over the years, it's that a person is only as good as his last job. I have done my best, and despite any of my failings, I hope that folks in my area recognize I've given it my all; I've done what I could to be as effective as possible to represent what matters to you. I hope to hear from you over the next few months, and I intend to make sure I get as many loose ends tied up before the folks in our area make their pick for the next person they want as their MLA to represent them in the 31st sitting of the Alberta Legislature.

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ALBERTA CULTURE DAYS GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is accepting grant applications for Alberta Culture Days 2023 events.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to help eligible

community organizations offset the cost of planning and hosting events, showcasing local talent and highlighting cultural programs in their communities during Alberta Culture Days, which will take place Sept. 1-30. Applications close March

17. "It's a great pleasure to announce that grant applications for Alberta Culture Days are officially open. Each September, Alberta celebrates talent, community spirit and our diverse cultures. I encourage all

community organizations to apply for a grant to help host their event during this month-long celebration." Jason Luan, Minister of Culture

PARKS CANADA SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that Parks Canada, upon a request by the Municipality of Jasper, is inviting input from Cana-

dians on sharing responsibility with the municipality for the delivery of land use planning and development services, and whether a new model should be explored.

This includes determining who should execute what land use planning and de-

velopment responsibilities within the Town of Jasper, and how the Municipality of Jasper and Parks Canada could work together in the delivery of these services. Following consultations, a 'What We Heard Report' will be published summa-

rizing the feedback received and will outline the next steps for Parks Canada to respond to the Municipality of Jasper's request.

YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANTS
Grant Deadlines: March 31, June 15, September 30, December 31 (Reviewed Quarterly)
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 \$2200 for programs and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport and/or other recreational opportunities to the community.
Recreation & Culture 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 Deadline: March 31 (Reviewed Annually)
Community Hall Operational Grant Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating a community hall.
Outdoor Amenity Operational Grant Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating an outdoor amenity. Amenities include: playgrounds, ski trails, outdoor skating rinks, ball diamonds, soccer pitch, riding arena, hiking trails.
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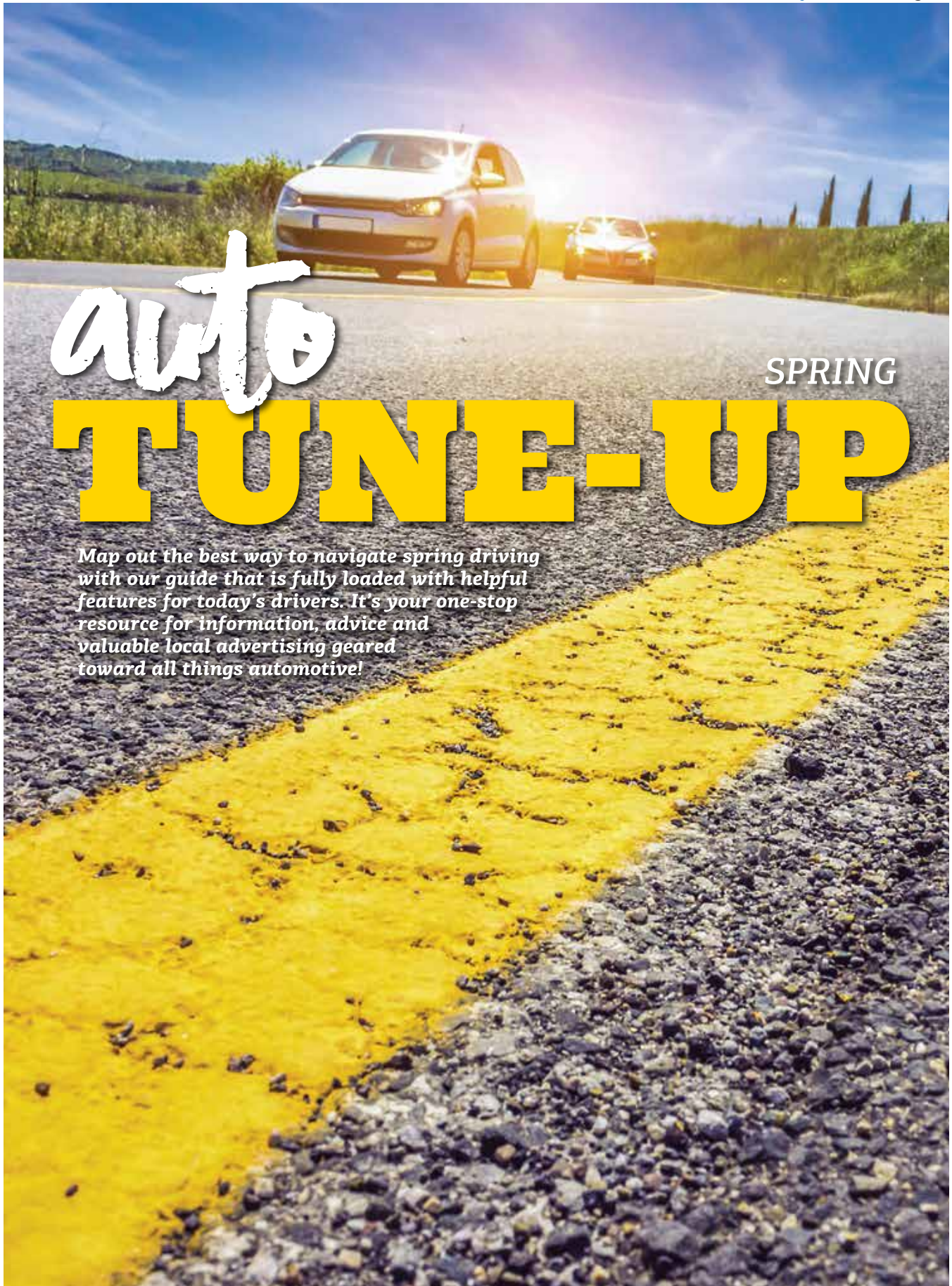
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INDICATORS IT'S TIME TO CHANGE AIR FILTERS

Vehicle maintenance can protect drivers' investments and help their automobiles run efficiently. One area drivers should pay particular attention to is their vehicles' air filters. When operating at optimal capacity, an air filter improves fuel efficiency while ensuring vehicles accelerate smoothly without taxing the engine. But when air filters are clogged, fuel efficiency is reduced and emissions are increased, a 1-2 punch that costs motorists money and hurts the planet at the same time. Drivers can check their owners' manuals to determine the recommended intervals to replace

air filters, but the following are a handful of indicators that suggest it's time to change them.

- Gas mileage: Unless you just purchased your vehicle, you likely know how many miles you can drive on a full tank of gas. If that gas mileage is suddenly slipping and you find yourself visiting the filling station more frequently, then it might be time to replace your air filter.

- Engine light: Drivers may be alerted to engine issues when the "Check engine" lights up on the vehicle's dashboard. This light may come on to indicate a problem with the air filter,

as clogged air filters reduce air flow to the engine, resulting in an imbalanced air-fuel mixture that adversely affects the engine.

- Starting and idling problems: Vehicles sometimes don't start up as smoothly as they once did, and drivers may also notice vehicles are not idling smoothly. These symptoms may indicate misfiring spark plugs that are being polluted (and made less effective) by a dirty air filter that is reducing the flow of air to the engine.

- Acceleration difficulties: Automobiles that are operating at peak capacity accelerate quickly. But dirty,

worn out air filters adversely affect acceleration. Drivers who notice that their cars are struggling to accelerate when stoplights turn green or on highways may need to replace their vehicles' air filters.

- Dirty air filter: Perhaps the biggest indicator that an air filter needs to be replaced is the filter itself. If you cannot find the air filter on your own, consult your vehicle owner's manual to determine where it is. Once you find the air filter, examine it in broad daylight. Clean air filters are white, so if the filter has darkened, it may need to be replaced.



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SIMPLE WAYS TO TRIM AUTO INSURANCE COSTS

The cost of owning an automobile extends beyond maintenance and fueling costs. One of the biggest expenses motorists must plan for is auto insurance, the cost of which can vary greatly depending on geography and driver history.

But no matter where drivers live or what their histories are, there are some simple ways for drivers to save money on their monthly insurance premiums.

- Reassess your driving habits. Auto insurance companies consider how many miles drivers drive per year when determining the cost of an insurance policy. Many drivers provide this information when opening a policy, but then never update it when renewing or extending their policies. If you drive less now than

you did when you opened your policy, notify your insurance company and you might end up paying less each month, especially if your daily commute is considerably shorter than it used to be.

- Check your credit rating. Another way to save money on your auto insurance is to check your credit rating and, if necessary, take steps to improve your credit score. Credit rating is another variable insurance companies use to determine drivers' premiums, and a good credit rating can save drivers a substantial amount of money on their policies. If your credit rating has improved since you opened your policy, contact your insurance company and you might see the cost of your insurance reduced

dramatically. It's also good to periodically view your credit report to determine if there are any errors that are negatively affecting your rating. Such errors may be inflating your auto insurance premiums.

- Hit the books. No matter how many years you have behind the wheel, your auto insurance company may offer you discounts if you periodically take defensive driving courses. Such classes are inexpensive, but they may save you as much as 10 percent on the cost of your auto insurance policy. Young, inexperienced drivers and seniors tend to benefit from defensive driving courses more than other drivers.

- Change your policy. Drivers also can save money by making changes to their policies. Raising

your deductible is perhaps the easiest way to save money without affecting your coverage, and such a decision can save you as much as 15 percent depending on how high a deductible you're willing to pay. Drivers whose cars are older and completely paid off might want to drop their collision insurance, which pays you if your car is damaged or destroyed in an accident. Such insurance won't yield much in return if your car is not worth much money, and dropping it from your policy can save you between 10 and 15 percent.

Auto insurance is a necessity for drivers of all ages, but there are several ways to cut the costs of insurance premiums without affecting coverage.



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Priority 4: System Health and Wellness

Submitted by GYPSD

Educational Assistants from across the Division and the Inclusive Learning Team - BEST mental Health Team, Family School Liaison Counselors, Therapy Aids, Speech Language

Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, and Psychologist - came together in Hinton on March 9th to learn about the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) from presenter Bonnie Randall, a national trainer for the Centre for Trauma-In-

formed Practices.

Adverse childhood experiences can have a tremendous impact on future violence victimization and perpetration, and lifelong health and opportunity. They can shape the architecture of the human brain, often forming the foundation for behavioural struggles, learning difficulties, and even health challenges over the course of a lifetime. Similarly, resiliency changes brain architecture and can often overcome even the gravest of damage incurred by adversity, trauma.

Participants came together for this day-long experiential workshop on how neurobiology is impacted by adversity—and why learning the ACEscores -

as your score increases, the risk of health problems and social and emotional problems increases helps everyone more robustly understand the limitations that may be faced by students... and where they can best rebuild internal capacity.



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