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October 18, 2023

PARKLAND RCMP AND RCMP HISTORICAL CRIME UNIT LAY CHARGES IN 2016 MURDER

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Dec. 26, 2016, the human remains of Christian

Grayhorseman were located on the Paul First Nation. Mr. Grayhorseman's identity was learned at the time of his autopsy, and his death

had since been investigated as a homicide.

On Oct. 4, 2023, members from the

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RCMP MAJOR CRIMES UNIT INVESTIGATE A HOMICIDE ON ERMINESKIN FIRST NATION

Submitted by RCMP Major Crimes Unit

On Sept. 29, 2023, Maskwacis RCMP responded to an aggravated assault on

Ermineskin First Nations. The victim, a 52-year-old male resident of Maskwacis, was transported to the hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Major Crimes Unit took carriage of the investigation, in partnership with Maskwacis RCMP General Investigation Section,

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2023 TERRY FOX RUN

Submitted by GYPSD

In September, students and staff across the Division honoured the legacy of Canadian Terry Fox. Students

learned about the teenager who challenged himself to run across Canada to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. The Terry Fox Run is an annual non-

competitive charity event held around the world to raise money for cancer research in commemoration of Terry, and his

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Parkland RCMP And RCMP Historical Crime Unit Lay Charges In 2016 Murder

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Alberta RCMP Historical Homicide Unit (HHU) arrested and charged a 34-year-old resident of Edmonton, Alta., for the 2016 murder of Christian Gray-

horseman.

Oskie Pehaeso Dion has been charged with:

- Manslaughter
- Indignity to a body

Dion has been remanded into custody and is set to appear on Oct. 18, 2023, at

the Alberta Court of Justice in Edmonton.

HHU is a unit of specialized investigators within the RCMP which investigates historical homicides.

RCMP Major Crimes Unit Investigate A Homicide On Ermineskin First Nation

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Maskwacis RCMP, Red Deer Forensic Identification Unit and the Edmonton Medical Examiners office.

As a result of the investigation, Matyrus Minde (25), a resident of Wetaskiwin, was charged with second degree murder.

Minde was brought before

a Justice of the Peace where he was remanded into custody. His next court appearance is on Oct. 10, 2023, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Wetaskiwin.



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2023 Terry Fox Run

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Marathon of Hope that started 43 years ago.

In Grande Cache, Summitview students and staff raised \$625 and were cheered on by a special guest - the Summitview Eagle!

Students at Evansview Elementary School in Evansburg were challenged to

raise \$1,500 or more with the chance to throw a pie at their principal! Look out Mr. Randall; your students raised over \$1,800!

October 12, 2023



Students Give Their All: Terry Fox's Legacy Continues



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Yellowhead County

Cadomin Community Society - Council received an invitation from Curtis Wey on behalf of the Cadomin Community Society inviting Council to attend the ribbon cutting for the Cadomin Community Hall on June 29, 2024. Council accepted the invitation as information.

Wildland Urban Interface Wildfire Response - The County is requesting a meeting with the province's Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services to discuss concerns with the province's Wildland Urban Interface program and representatives of the program. During the spring wildfires, there were several incidents of unprofessional conduct by members of this program, including stepping outside their agency duties, as well as actions that disrupted structural protection systems.

Ag Services Bursary - The Agricultural Services Bursary was awarded to Emery Unger in the amount of \$500 as recommended by the Yellowhead County Agricultural Services Board. The bursary is for students pursuing post-secondary education in an Agricultural or

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Council Highlights

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Environmental related field. Bylaw 6.23 First Reading – Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 6.23 to dispose of the Municipal Reserve on a portion of Plan 8122322 Block 5 Lot 7MR. The changes will require a survey of the property and will be paid for by the adjacent property owner. The Public Hearing for Bylaw 6.23 is scheduled for November 14, 2023.

Hinton West Urban Fringe ASP – Council gave second and third reading to Bylaw 5.23 to repeal Bylaw no. 24.02 (Hinton West Urban Fringe Area Plan) as it doesn't align with the Intermunicipal Development Plan. A Public Hearing was held on September 26, 2023.

Flood Damaged Culverts Tender – Council awarded the culvert rehabilitation contract for eight culvert

sites that were damaged by the spring flooding to Martushev Logging Limited in the amount of \$1,236,048.67 excluding GST. These sites were deemed the top priority for culvert rehabilitation in addition to the other culvert sites also damaged this spring.

Letter to Minister on Wildfire Preparedness – A letter will be sent to the province's Minister of Forestry and Parks requesting a meeting to discuss issues encountered in the 2023 Wildland season, and the province's plans for the 2024 Wildland season. The letter highlights concerns including the lack of aircraft to fight fires, availability and firefighting readiness regarding training and resources, and several other key items.

Parkland County
Municipal Development Plan

We want to hear from you! Parkland County is updating its Municipal Development Plan (MDP) – our long-term plan to guide County growth and services for the next 30 years. Phase 1 of public engagement for the MDP update will be happening this fall. We invite you to provide your feedback by participating in the following activities:

- Join us for an in-person drop-in open house on **October 26** from 6PM to 8PM at the Parkland County Centre
- Complete the online survey at yourparkland.ca/mdp from **September 20** to **October 29**
- Complete a written survey at Parkland County Centre or the Entwistle Recreation Centre from **September 20** to **October 29**

For all project updates on the Municipal Development Plan and future engagement opportunities, visit yourparkland.ca/mdp

UPGRADES ENSURE QUICKER ACCESS TO SAFE, SECURE HEALTHCARE

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

More than \$650,000 in redevelopment work at the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre will improve patient flow and speed up the triage process for patients presenting to the emergency department.

Renovations to the hospital's triage space and admitting desk are now complete, providing staff with better sight lines to monitor patients in the waiting room. Patient privacy and security have also been enhanced with the installation of additional cameras and secure doors. Removal of the previous admitting desk and the laying of new floor throughout the space is expected to be complete by

early next month.

Funding for the project comes from the Alberta government's Rural Health Facilities Revitalization Program.

"These improvements to the emergency department will improve the quality of care for people in and around Drayton Valley," says Andrew Boitchenko, MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon. "The Alberta government's commitment to this important project will ensure those who need emergency services receive the best care possible in a modern space that keeps them healthy and safe."

A further \$2.2 million of government funding is currently supporting active facility upgrade projects at the Drayton Valley Hos-

pital and Care Centre, including reconfiguration of the emergency department and elevator modernization. A government-funded roof upgrade project has been recently completed at \$875,000.

"It is critical that patients and staff feel welcome and safe when they come to an emergency department, so I'm pleased these renovations will help create an environment where people can be comfortable while being seen as quickly as possible," says Janice Stewart, Chief Zone Officer in the Central Zone of Alberta Health Services (AHS).

AHS, in partnership with Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Health, is building and renewing facilities across the province to pro-

vide accessible, sustainable, quality healthcare to all Albertans. AHS currently has about 540 maintenance projects underway throughout the province.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait-times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

Wabamun Waterfront Improvements

Final Design Concept

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023
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Join us at Jubilee Hall for an information session on the finalized Wabamun Waterfront Improvements Design Concept.

Drop-in any time during the hours listed above to speak with project team members, ask questions and learn about the future of Wabamun's Waterfront!

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3 WAYS TO CONSERVE FUEL DURING YOUR DAILY COMMUTE

Commuting is a part of daily life for many working professionals. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey, the average American spends 25 minutes commuting to work each day. However, Citi's 2015 Thank You Premier Commuter Index says the average commute time in the United States is 45 minutes. The reasons for that disparity are unknown, though if one accepts the latter statistic as more accu-

rate than the years-old Census Bureau data, it's fair to say Americans spend far more time getting to work than their neighbors to the north. But commutes in Canada also can be lengthy, as Canada's National Household Survey found that, in 2011, commuters in Canada spent an average of roughly 25 minutes traveling to work each day.

While many people enjoy their daily commutes, feeling it's a time to prepare for the day

ahead and, if using public transportation, to relax and let someone else do the work, it's fair to say the majority of commuters would like to spend less time getting to and from work. Many would also like to spend less money getting to and from their offices, and finding ways to conserve fuel is an effective way to do just that.

1. Maintain your vehicle. Poorly maintained vehicles endure undue stress that can be prevented by adhering to

routine maintenance schedules. Peruse your vehicle's owner's manuals to determine the recommended intervals to change the oil and replace the air filter and spark plugs. These simple maintenance tasks are easy and inexpensive, but they make it easier for engines to run smoothly and make efficient use of fuel.

2. Keep tires properly inflated.

Properly inflated tires reduce drag on

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Auto TUNE-UP

3 Ways To Conserve Fuel During Your Daily Commute

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the engine. Engine drag makes the vehicle work hard to move, and that wastes fuel. But the type of tires a vehicle has also can affect how efficiently it uses fuel. According to the Transportation Research Board, tires that reduce rolling resistance by 10 percent can improve gas mileage by as much as 2 percent. While that figure might seem insignificant, that 2 percent savings can add up to a substantial amount of

money for commuters who spend 50 minutes every day getting to and from work.

3. Drive a vehicle with stop/start technology.

Stop/start systems, in which engines shut off automatically when drivers brake and restart automatically when the driver lifts his or her foot off the brake pedal, can make more efficient use of fuel. Once exclusive to hybrid cars, stop/start technology is now more widely available and can cut back on fuel

consumption and vehicle emissions. That's especially attractive to eco-conscious commuters who live in big cities where stop-and-start traffic is unavoidable. What's more, many modern air conditioning compressors operate off electricity and not via a car's engine, meaning vehicles with stop/start technology will stay cool in the summer even when the engine shuts off.

Commuting to and from work may not seem

like the most eco-friendly daily ritual. But there are ways to commute and conserve fuel at the same time.





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WET WEATHER DRIVING TIPS

Driving in the rain can be more hazardous than driving in the snow, particularly because drivers fail to realize the dangers wet roads can impose. After averaging 10 years of statistics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that 46 percent of weather-related crashes happened during rainfall, but just 17 percent occurred while it was snowing or sleeting.

Drivers often think rain is no big deal, but while it's not necessary to avoid driving when the raindrops begin to fall, exercising caution when the roads are wet can decrease the risk of being in an auto accident.

- Slow down. Wet roadways cause tires to lose traction, as friction is reduced between the rubber and the asphalt. It's possible to lose up to one-third of traction in the rain. To compen-

sate, slow down to reduce sliding and stopping distances.

- Improve visibility. Turn on windshield wipers and lights when it is raining. This makes it easier to see the road and makes your vehicle more visible to other motorists.

- Leave more distance between cars. In addition to improving your reaction time, giving others more space can improve visibility by reducing the amount

of mist or splashing caused by other vehicles.

- Stick to daytime driving. If possible, when it is raining, drive only during the day. Glare from wet roadways and headlights at night can further compromise poor visibility.

- Watch for wind gusts. Anticipate gusts when traveling through windy road corridors or over bridges.



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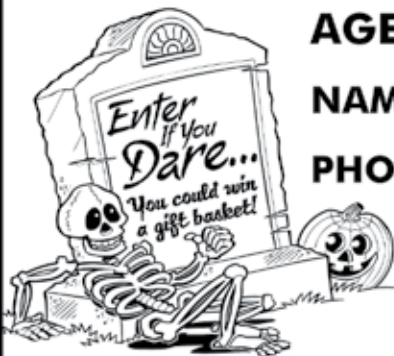
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ENERGY TRANSITION: ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL.

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

I am writing this week's column as I sit at a desk in my hotel room at 12:33 AM in the city of Essen, Germany. I was brought here three days ago as a guest of the German Government, through the Trans-Atlantic Climate Bridge, a member of the Energy Sub Committee for the Confederation of State Governments. Two fellow MLAs are also in attendance: one from my own caucus, and one from Ontario. A few Senators and representatives from the USA are also a part of the Legislative Study Tour, and it has been a very enlightening excursion thus far.

Germany is going through a transformative change in their use of energy, what is acceptable to them, and what will be used by other European Union Members. Germany, which is half the size of Alberta, has 85 million people, and they are not energy independent. Through their political process, they have made the commitment to no longer use nuclear energy that they produce themselves, and they no longer will be using their "brown coal" (Lignite) thermal power plants past 2030. They want to transition using green electricity and being a hydrogen powered nation. They want to only import energy that meets those tight standards. This is one heck of a tall order, but they are all in.

They won't be able to do this alone though. Germa-

ny will need the EU members, as well as Canada and the USA, to achieve these goals. At the federal level, the three governments have signed an agreement to meet these objectives and to transition their energy.

Here is the wrinkle: Canada, specifically Alberta, is not in an energy crunch. Heck, we account for 99 per cent of the USA's imported natural gas, and 53 per cent of their total imported oil. We are sitting on roughly 80 per cent of Canada's coal, and it's not the low thermal "brown coal" (of which Germany has about 200 years left of electrical generation). We have very low sulfur thermal coal and metallurgical coal. We are sitting on 223 trillion cubic feet of gas, and the fourth largest known oil reserve on the planet. What we are not in a position of is an ocean, nor a ton of rivers, that we can dam off to create hydro power like some of our other provincial friends down east, out west, or far up north. We are not interconnected like they are in the EU, so simply balancing a load between countries isn't as easy for us. We are also sitting on a large potential for hydrogen production, as well as lithium extraction.

So... why in the heck would we, or our friends in the USA, buy into the definitions that are being made over in Europe regarding how we should use our energy assets, and produce our own power? The short answer: we shouldn't. There is another

wrinkle former premiers who signed the constitution back in 1980 had foreseen that basically gave us a huge leg-up for freedom. The provinces control their resources, inclusive of electrical generation. You see in Germany, that does not exist. The states and municipalities must do what the federal government says.

So, it has become abundantly clear to me why our own federal government wants to box in Alberta and Saskatchewan. They want us to fall in line and do as they say, and it's driving them crazy that we are saying no. There must be a made in Alberta solution for Albertans. I believe that we can broker the deals with our fellow provinces and states when it comes to the definition of "clean energy", and I can tell you it is not the same as a highly populated country in Europe. We are simply not in the same position as they are, and we don't need to put ourselves in that corner. In fact, we can help them out as trading partners, but we need to close the gap on the trade differential. We need to define what their overall needs are, and not just in energy, but what they need for their industries for raw and refined materials. We can help bridge investment opportunities by relocating some of their industries to North America, reducing the carbon footprint by putting manufacturing closer to the resources, and where energy is still economical.

Electricity here is at

\$0.40 per kwh, and we do not need to get into a position of "saving the planet". We need to make sure that we reduce pollution, conserve where needed, do things smarter, but we cannot pretend that what works in Europe is what will work for us. I believe we can work collaboratively to solve several collective challenges, wean ourselves of dependency from other countries that are at odds with our values as a nation, but we simply can't hold hands and jump off the same cliff.

Alberta started a campaign across Canada called "Tell the Feds". A campaign to voice the concerns of all Canadians that we don't want to be left cold in the dark. To raise awareness that we are not just stamping our feet for no reason; we are advising them of what the real impacts are going to be if we allow them to step on our constitutional rights. They are taking an approach to make it illegal for us to generate electricity from anything they deem to be "non-green". I've now seen firsthand over here what that definition is, and for us, it does not look pretty. The feds won't relent; they have drunk the Kool-Aid and are out of touch with what our North American reality is. Please take the time to tell the feds that this is not right. We need to allow our provinces to do what is right for them, not for Europe, or for the out-of-touch-CN-Tower-climbing environment ministers' delusional ideas.

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