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NEW WILDFIRE RESOURCES

Submitted by GYPSD

The safety of our students, staff, schools, and the greater community is always the top priority of Grande Yellowhead Public School Di-

vision. Our schools practice safety procedures multiple times per year as part of our emergency planning/ preparedness cycle. Staff and students are familiar with School Medical Emergen-

cy, Shelter in Place, Hold & Secure, and Lockdown protocols.

As we enter a new wildfire season, GYPSD has created a website page,

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CANADA'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise the launch of the

2024 Canada's Volunteer Awards. From April 15th to June 12, individuals, non-profit organizations, social enterprises, or socially responsible businesses who made a

significant contribution in improving the lives of others in their community through volunteering can be nominated. In addition,

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MAKING ELECTRICITY MORE AFFORDABLE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is making electricity more affordable by protecting Albertans from spikes in prices and helping them be more

informed about their options.

To protect Albertans on the default electricity rate from sudden spikes in prices, Alberta's government intends to introduce legislation and new regulations this spring to make electricity more af-

fordable by reducing volatility and increasing competition in the electricity market. Default electricity rates will be stabilized by being set for each provider every two years.

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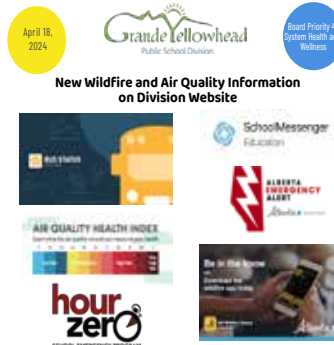
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Wildfire and Air Quality Information, dedicated to resources and information about wildfire protocols and air quality information.

We encourage our families to review the information provided at the school level in the event of a wildfire in your community. Schools have been confirming parent cellphone numbers and emergency contacts. Watch

for an information sheet going out to families via principals this week which can also be viewed on this site.

There are many ways to keep current with what is happening during the school months. Please ensure that you download the Bus Status app for information on route delays and/or cancellations. Be aware that School Messenger is the school's main source of forwarding critical information to families in times of emergencies; also check your school and the Division Facebook pages for updates. You may also find it helpful to download the Alberta Emergency Alert app and the Alberta Wildfire app.



April 18, 2024

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

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New Wildfire and Air Quality Information on Division Website

SchoolMessenger Education

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AIR QUALITY HEALTH INDEX

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2024 Wildfire Season Checklists:

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1 Families should:

- Be aware that the Province of Alberta declared an early start to wildfire season on February 22, 2024. Wildfire is occurring warmer than normal temperatures and below average precipitation in many areas of the province, leading to heightened wildfire risk.
- Download the Alberta Emergency Alert (AE) and other local emergency apps used by your town for emergency responses.
- Check out the Division website on [Wildfire and Air Quality Information](#) for more useful and useful sources of information.
- Ensure that your school has the most current emergency contact information for your children including any consent forms for other siblings to pick up younger ones in local emergencies.
- Know that all emergency information from schools will come from School Messenger and the Division's Facebook page.
- Learn more about preparing for a wildfire by visiting [Alberta Wildfire](#) or [Alberta.ca/wildfire](#) preparedness.

2 When an Emergency ALERT is Activated

- The Division's Incident Command Team will have declared an active wildfire emergency. An evacuation ALERT can lead to an evacuation order if an ALERT is activated and the fire is spreading.
- When an ALERT is activated, schools remain open and will continue with normal operations including transportation.
- During an emergency, all directions will be relayed by Incident Command Team to the schools under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, as well as all local and provincial emergency personnel.
- Authorized law enforcement (AE) will be used to enforce the order. An ALERT can lead to an evacuation order if an ALERT is activated and the fire is spreading.
- When an ALERT is activated, schools remain open and will continue with normal operations including transportation.
- Please note that conditions can change rapidly.

3 When an Evacuation Order is Issued

- Evacuation ORDERS are issued when the public must leave the area to their own safety.
- During school hours:
 - Families will be notified immediately through School Messenger to pick up their children within a 30-minute timeframe at their school. Families will also get an email notification regarding the Division's Facebook page.
 - If a home emergency contacts with the school will give release of the student with proper photo identification.
 - Over the 30-minute window, all students will be transported to a reunification centre outside of the evacuation zone for pick-up. Families will be notified of the current location via School Messenger and the Division's Facebook page.

4 Re-Entry

- Once authorities have that the evacuation order and allowed returns to start, schools will resume normal operations once it is safe to do so.
- Families will be notified by School Messenger and on social media.

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Call for Nominations for Canada's Volunteer Awards

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recipients can choose a registered not-for profit organization in Canada to receive a \$5,000 grant for the regional awards and \$10,000 for the national award.

The Canada's Volunteer Awards (CVA) consists of twenty-one awards, including one national award, the Thérèse Casgrain Lifelong Achievement award, and twenty regional awards. The regional awards are distributed across five regions in the following four categories: Community Leader, Emerging Leader, Business Leader, and Social Innovator.

Nominations are being

accepted in the following categories:

- *One national award – Thérèse Casgrain Lifelong Achievement Award for an individual who has volunteered for at least 20 years;

- *Five regional awards – Emerging Leader for young volunteers between the ages of 18 and 30;

- *Five regional awards – Community Leader for individuals or groups of volunteers;

- *Five regional awards – Business Leader for businesses and social enterprises; and*

- *Five regional awards – Social Innovator for not-for-profit organizations

and social enterprises.

More information can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/volunteer-awards/nominate.html#h2.2>



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Two guys were out walking their dogs on a hot day, when they pass by a pub. The first guy says "Let's go in there for a pint." Second guy, says, "They won't let us in with our dogs."

First guy: "Sure they will, just follow my lead."

He goes up to the pub, and sure enough the doorman says, "I can't let you in here with that dog." He replies, "Oh, I'm blind and this is my seeing-eye dog."

The doorman says, "Ok then, come on in."

The second guy sees this and does the same thing. He goes up to the pub, and the doorman says, "You can't come in here with a dog." He replies, "I'm blind and this is my seeing-eye dog." The doorman responds, "You have a chihuahua for a seeing-eye dog?" The second guy stops for a second, and exclaims, "They gave me a chihuahua?"

Making Electricity More Affordable

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This will significantly reduce spikes in prices for Albertans unable to sign a competitive contract, including rural Albertans who may not have other options available, and those who have poor credit or other financial difficulties such as seniors and other vulnerable populations.

“Albertans should not dread opening their bill each month. Unpredictable power costs make it hard for families to plan their household budgets and we simply cannot allow confusion about electricity billing to cause Albertans financial hardship. We promised we would address rising unaffordability in utility bills and we’re taking the first steps to do just that, with more to come.”

Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta

The default electricity rate’s name, Regulated Rate Option (RRO), is misleading as the term ‘regulated’ is confusing to consumers and gives them a false sense of protection that the rate

is protected by the government. Based on recommendations from the RRO Working Group, Alberta’s government intends to introduce legislation this spring to rename the default electricity rate to the Rate of Last Resort. By changing the name to the Rate of Last Resort, consumers will be able to better understand the rate they are paying and encourage them to find the best option for them.

“Knowledge is power, and Albertans need to know their options. Utility bills can make or break a tight budget where every penny counts, which is why we’re protecting those with limited options from sudden spikes in electricity prices. This will also make life more affordable for all Albertans as it puts downward pressure the price of utilities.”

Nathan Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities

When a consumer chooses not to sign a competitive contract, they automatically must purchase their electricity at the default rate from their local default

provider. To further ensure that Albertans are better informed about their electricity rate options, Alberta’s government intends to introduce additional requirements for default utilities providers. Within 90 days of providing their services, providers will be required to confirm with their customer whether they’re choosing to sign a competitive rate contract or to stay on the default electricity rate. Providers will also be required to share information with their customers on how to access the Utilities Consumer Advocate’s resources. Additionally, the government will be requiring providers to remind them of their options on their monthly bills.

“Consumers benefit when they better understand the products and services they are purchasing. Proposed changes would provide more clarity to electricity consumers and will encourage them to explore their retail energy options to find the services that best meet their household’s or business’ needs.”

Chris Hunt, Utilities Consumer

Advocate

Alberta’s competitive retail electricity market gives Albertans the choice of over 50 competitive price retailers that provide fixed and variable rate contracts. Tens of thousands of Albertans moved off the default rate in 2023, and those still on the rate should consider their options. Those who are looking for assistance with their utility bills or are experiencing a dispute with their provider should contact the Utilities Consumer Advocate.

“Not only does Alberta’s unique, deregulated electricity market attract investment and help grow our economy, but it gives Albertans the power to choose the best energy providers, plans, and payment options to fit their needs. By encouraging competition, these policies will help make utility bills more affordable.”

Chantelle de Jonge, Parliamentary Secretary, Affordability and Utilities

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MORE OF THE SAME: HOW THE LATEST LIBERAL BUDGET FAILS YOUNG AND WORKING CANADIANS

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

The latest federal budget, presented by Prime Minister Trudeau's government as beneficial for young Canadians, actually sets them up for financial hardship. It continues the same old policies that have deepened our national debt crisis, shifting the burden of today's extravagant spending onto Canadian taxpayers, and ultimately, the next generation of taxpayers as well.

The government claims this budget will help youth, yet it fails to mention that these young Canadians will be the ones saddled with the enormous debt we are

building. Our national debt now stands at \$1.255 trillion, a massive challenge that threatens our economic future. This budget ensures that young people will face the consequences of higher inflation and skyrocketing costs for essentials like housing and food.

The 2024 federal budget will impact Canadians with real needs—needs that are intensified by the current cost of living crisis, a situation made worse by ongoing Liberal policies. Promises of building a better future are overshadowed by an increase in bureaucracy, which does little to relieve the immediate financial pressures facing working Canadians. Instead

of cutting unnecessary regulations and fostering economic growth, this budget adds nearly \$40 billion in new spending that will keep prices high.

We are witnessing yet another broken promise, as this Prime Minister repeats the mistaken belief that "the budget will balance itself." Far from finding balance, the budget is sliding deeper into deficit, driven by spending-focused policies that ignore the need for sustainability. Supported by the NDP, the Liberals are set to continue on this risky fiscal path, raising taxes and increasing the cost of living, contradicting their promises of relief and support.

As Conservatives, we are

prepared to redirect the country towards fiscal responsibility. Our plan is straightforward—stop the reckless spending, reduce the excess bureaucracy, and truly tackle the inflation that affects our everyday lives. We cannot support this Liberal budget that threatens our economic health and burdens Canadians with more debt and higher taxes.

This budget rehashes old promises and unchecked spending, adding to the severe debt problem. Do you believe that repeating the same failed strategies for the ninth time will resolve these issues or only make them worse?

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GET DOWN TO BUSINESS: ALBERTA RCMP GIVES TIPS TO COMBAT BUSINESS FRAUD

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

This March, the Alberta RCMP will be sharing information and resources in support of the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's (ACCPA) Fraud Prevention Month campaign. The campaign, which will include a weekly theme, seeks to educate Albertans on the many ways that fraudulent activity impacts their communities.

This week's theme focuses on business fraud and scams, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Scams targeting businesses and/or busi-

nesses targeting consumers;

- Businesses targeted by phishing scams and/or phone scams;
- Business emails being compromised;
- Mortgage fraud;
- Money laundering in real estate;
- Door to door scams;
- Contractor and home repair schemes;
- Duct cleaning services; and,
- Unlicensed businesses.

How can you better protect yourself from these types of scams? Here are some helpful resources:

- Learn the warning

signs of script spoofing in emails and URLs;

- Learn how to protect your business from cyber attacks; and,
- Learn how to spot the warning signs on fake emails.

"I cannot overstate the importance of protecting your personal and financial information. Whether you are a business owner or someone looking to employ a company's services, you must take every precaution by familiarizing yourself with the warning signs of a possible scam."

- Cpl. Sean Milne, Alberta RCMP Provincial Financial Crime Team

If you believe you may be a victim of fraud, or are currently being targeted by fraud, please report it to your local law enforcement and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at 1-888-495-8501. Instances of compromised personal and/or financial information should be reported to your bank and credit card company. To learn more about the various types of frauds and scams, please visit the CAFC's scam webpage.

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HOW TO ADDRESS CEILING STAINS

Many stains are instantly noticeable. But while a wine stain on a light-colored carpet or a gravy stain on a white shirt tend to jump out right away, other stains sneak past our radars every day. Ceiling stains are one type of stain that tend to go unnoticed for long periods of time. But ceiling stains can be unsightly, and some are even indicative of a larger problem, so it pays for homeowners to address stains on their ceilings as soon as possible.

- Start with the source. Low kitchen ceilings tend to fall victim to oil stains, which are an unfortunate side effect of cooking. But not all stains can be so easily traced to their origins. Some ceiling stains, such as those in bathrooms, may be a byproduct of mold, while others may be indicative of plumbing problems. Identifying the source of a stain is often the first step toward eradicating it.

- Fix the problem. Once you have identified

what's causing the stain, fix the problem as soon as possible. Ceiling stains are often indicative of much larger problems, and the longer those problems are allowed to fester, the bigger they become. Some water stains on ceilings result from cracks or joints that have not been adequately sealed or caulked. Reseal or recaulk any cracks you suspect are leading to ceiling stains. If you have determined a leaky roof is behind your stained ceilings, then

have the roof inspected for damage, and prepare yourself to finance a new roof if the inspector determines that's the best solution.

- Cover nearby furniture. If you find ceiling stains above living areas, then be sure to cover the furniture below such ceilings with a tarp. Even if your stain solution will be made primarily of water, you don't want to risk compounding your ceiling stain problem by staining

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your furniture as well.

- Remove the stains. Different stains require different treatments. A solution made of water and bleach may be effective at removing ceiling stains, but only apply such solutions on days when you can open the windows and air out your home. Larger stains may require the application of a stain blocker, which may need to be applied with a roller and brush. No matter the stain, you need to leave time for the

ceiling to dry before you can move on. Opening the windows can prevent your home from being overcome by the smell of bleach and also speed up the time it takes the ceiling to dry.

- Cover the ceiling with primer. Once the ceiling has completely dried, you can apply a stain-blocking primer to prevent future stains. Allow the primer ample time to dry.
- Apply a fresh coat of paint. After the primer has dried completely,

you can then repaint the ceiling. Some paints may blend in even if you only paint the affected areas of the ceiling, but others will require a complete

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HOW TO MAKE SPRING PROJECTS MORE ECO-FRIENDLY

The arrival of warmer weather means different things to different people. Some anticipate opportunities for outdoor fun, while others may be considering redecorating or remodeling their homes. For the latter group, home improvement season provides a great opportunity to make homes more eco-friendly.

When planning home improvement projects, it's best to first choose a project and then look for ways to make the project more environmentally friendly. Such an approach may not only benefit the environ-

ment, but it also may benefit homeowners' bottom lines.

Interior decorating
Longer days and warmer temperatures often translate into wanting to freshen up the interior of a home. Heavy draperies and comforters are put away, and lighter fabrics are taken out of storage. Whenever possible, reuse or repurpose items you already have rather than purchasing new items. Longer drapes can be cut and hemmed to be used as window treatments in other rooms. Making a patchwork blanket out of old T-shirts is a crafty proj-

ect that makes use of items that would otherwise be destined for landfills.

When laundering linens, skip the energy-using dryer and let items line dry in the sun and fresh air.

If you decide to purchase some new items, look for products made from sustainable or organic fabrics. Hemp and bamboo textiles have grown in popularity. Hemp and bamboo plants grow quickly, and their durability makes these materials smart choices.

When replacing items around the house, donate older items to a charitable

organization.

Flowers and plants
Spring and summer call to mind beautiful blooming plants. Relying on native, sustainable plants is practical, environmentally friendly and cost-effective.

According to the National Wildlife Federation, sustainable plants are native plants. Native plants sustain local wildlife more effectively than non-native alternatives, so include native plants in your sustainable garden. Native plants also are less reliant on pesticides and

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Spring HOME RENO GUIDE



How To Make Spring Projects More Eco-Friendly

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herbicides to keep them healthy and viable.

Don't forget to bring plants indoors as well. Even though you may be opening the windows more, indoor plants can filter and purify indoor air. The NASA Clean Air Study, led in association with the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, found that certain common indoor plants naturally remove toxic agents such as benzene, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene from the air. Efficient air cleaning is accomplished with at least one plant per 100 square

feet of home or office space.

Proper disposal

Spring cleaning is another tradition for many families come the end of winter and dawn of spring. Many people use spring as a time to go through closets and garages to remove items they no longer use or need. In an effort to clean up fast, some people may dispose of chemical products, paints, treated lumber, and many other items in ways that can be damaging to the environment. Always learn local municipal guidelines for proper disposal of potentially harmful products.

Area recycling centers may have drop-off areas for stains and paints, used motor oil and other potentially harmful products.

Before discarding something, see if it can be donated or sold. This will result in fewer items ending up in landfills.

Exercise caution outdoors as well. Runoff from cleaning products used on home siding or driveways can leach into the surrounding soil or find its way into sewage drains that ultimately direct fluids to public waterways. Choose environmentally responsible prod-

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Springtime renovation and cleaning projects provide the perfect opportunity to adopt eco-friendly practices that pay dividends for years to come.

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THE POPULARITY OF THE COLOR WHITE

White is a versatile color in home decorating and renovation. White helps any space look effortlessly chic, blends well with just about any color and can be incorporated into various design styles from modern to traditional.

While the color white is always trendy, the paint manufacturers Benjamin Moore chose white (Sim-

ply White OC-117) as their 'it' color for 2016. White can be used nearly anywhere inside and outside the home. Improving interior and exterior spaces with white elements is easier than you might think, and it instantly can make anything look as good as new.

Kitchen
While rich cherrywood cabinets

and deeply hued granite countertops have long been popular in kitchens, creamy white cabinets paired with blonde wood countertops can work together to make kitchens seem open and airy. If all white is not your thing, brighten up kitchen spaces with white canisters, cookie jars and a fresh bouquet of white flowers to add instant

appeal.

Living Room

Use white as a base color for living room spaces so you can build on it with other hues on pillows and draperies, mixing and matching however you see fit.

Homeowners who have children and/or pets should look for furniture with removable slipcovers. This way they're easily removed and laundered.

Bathroom

White bathrooms look fresh and are easy to clean and maintain. White tiles provide a classic look. Include colored bath mats, towels and shower curtains to break up the white as you see fit. A neutral white base makes it easy to switch out color schemes whenever you feel like it.

Bedroom

Feminine and fresh, white bedrooms may not be the first choice for novice designers. If the prospect of white on white seems too sterile, offset deeper hues on bed linens and walls with white furniture. This provides some pop against the darker contrast.

Keep in mind that doing a bed up in all white means it will always be easy to find matching sheets and pillowcases, making it possible to ensure everything looks cohesive and crisp.

Outdoors

Use white paint on trims, shutters, mailboxes, and more to provide that pop of contrast against the rest of the home. White complements just about every color, making it a versatile choice on a home's accents regardless of the main exterior color of that home.

White and other light shades will reflect the sun as well, contributing to cooler temperatures on walkways, decks and other structures, which can be advantageous to homeowners who live in warm climates.

Is it any wonder that white continues to be a classic and popular color to use around the home? Whether you do so with monochromatic rooms or accent pieces, you can incorporate white into design plans throughout your home.

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TOWN OF EDSON AND YELLOWHEAD COUNTY APPROVE FINAL DESIGN FOR YCE MULTIPLEX

Submitted by Town of Edson and Yellowhead County

Construction set to begin on new recreation facility in Summer 2024, including an arena, swimming pool, a curling rink, a gymnasium and more.

A joint initiative between the Town of Edson and Yellowhead County is one step closer to becoming a regional staple, with schematic designs for the YCE Multiplex officially approved. With the innovative design given the thumbs-up, a four-phase construction plan is in the books and work is ready to begin this summer.

The initial phase of construction focuses on the continued use of the existing Edson and District Leisure Centre – a unique step advocated by both municipalities. Public parking and building access will be planned and managed during construction, working around existing amenities and various project activities. This will ensure residents’ have access to recreational opportunities throughout the entire project.

“Edson Town Council is excited to get to this stage of the project. We are no longer talking about it; we’re actually doing it. This investment will make our re-

gion more desirable for those looking to move here, and will enhance the wellness of existing residents with expanded recreation opportunities. We thank Yellowhead County for being at the table as an equal partner in this regional facility.” Mayor Kevin Zahara, Town of Edson

Phase 2 of the project will include the construction of a new ice arena and an aquatics area, including lane and leisure swimming, scheduled for completion in Spring 2026.

Phase 3 will incorporate the construction of a new lobby and a gymnasium that includes an elevated walking track and Phase 4 will see renovations to the current Centennial Arena and the conversion of the Memorial Arena to a new curling facility.

The project is expected to be completed by Summer 2027.

“The new YCE Multiplex will be a fantastic space for year-round indoor recreation for residents of all ages, from young families to seniors and every age in between. The upgrades and new amenities will be well-used, and it will be a facility that we can take pride in. We’re happy we can give new life to this well-utilized centre in our community and the results show the bene-

fit of being able to work in partnership with the Town of Edson towards this common goal. It will be a welcome addition for our residents and a draw to anyone moving to our region, now and for years to come.” Mayor Wade Williams, Yellowhead County

This new, modern facility is expected to be a major benefit to the community and to the region. It will provide increased recreational space and enhance the quality of life for Town and County residents while serving as a central hub for community gatherings, sports activities, cultural events, and more.

The new YCE Multiplex is estimated to cost \$80.2 million, including \$20 million provided through the federal Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant. The remaining funds will be shared evenly between the Town and County, in what is truly a unique partnership developed for the betterment of the entire region.

The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County look forward to the continued support and enthusiasm of residents as they witness the transformation of this landmark project.

More information is available by visiting www.edson.ca/YCE.

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TROLLS, MOOSE TICS AND SPRING

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

I know the topic headline is a little strange, well stranger than usual, but there are a few things that became clear over the last while that have helped me in conversations, and to put things in perspective.

Trolls, not the most favourable mythical characters out there. They conjure up mental imagery of nasty beings, living in dark places, unhappy with others existence, and have not had the ability, or the fortitude to change their state. Rather they gather with other trolls, squabble amongst each other, until there is someone or something else, they can take out their own personal hostility on. Misery indeed loves company. I now see why on social media they call folks that exhibit this kind of behavior as Trolls.

Many may not know it, but I have some outstanding office staff! They work their backsides off helping folks that need it every day. They literally do everything they can to make someone else's life better. They also take on the burden of sadness when things do not move as fast or turn out as well as they would have hoped.

We are all very lucky to have them.

My staff is also unable to engage on social media other than posting an article or items that I've asked them to do. They are some of the hardest working and

most conscience people I've met in my time as an MLA.

So...when I hear of a small group of local folks taking a run at my staff's integrity, or their commitment to our community, I absolutely take exception to that type of behavior. My staff are at an extreme disadvantage, and are unable to respond directly, they have to turn the other cheek as it were. I would ask that those that want to cast stones, act like trolls, and if you can't change your nature, direct your attention at me. I have no problem responding and dealing with you directly, and ironically, a number of you already have my cell phone number, and you have never been shy on using it in the past, so please, let my staff do what they need to do in peace, because you are only tearing down good folks that are trying their best to help others.

I was told by a number of folks that I am a bit of a storyteller, and they explained to me that it is a good thing. A powerful thing that helps to bring folks in on a personal level and help articulate an idea or a thought. Perhaps it's my country upbringing, when you visit with folks it's over a coffee and are catching up because it's been a while. It's about sharing real experiences, and spending quality time.

One childhood story I recently told a number of folks that I hadn't thought about for years, but with

federal policy, and listening to the debate from the opposition in the house it all came back.

When I was about 13, it was a late spring, ponds and rivers were still frozen over, snow on the ground, and we were still feeding the cows in the pens, and just wrapping up calving season.

Out checking the cows, I came across a young moose trying to jump into the water trough and trying to stay in amongst the cows for the feed. The young moose looked sick, skinny, acting funny, and had one terrible looking coat, all blotchy. We called Fish and Wildlife; they said there wasn't much we could do and to let nature take its course. The moose was probably trying to get into the water to drown the tics that were feeding from it. They had similar calls, but we were not allowed to treat the animal, we had to let nature take its course.

The moose died a few days later, and to me it was heart breaking, the animal didn't deserve to die that way, killed by parasites. It died in the corrals, and it was up to me to burn it, making sure that the cows didn't come into contact with it. Diesel fuel and a tiger torch...I know cowboys aren't supposed to cry but I wept, sadness, frustration and anger all combined, thinking of how that poor animal had suffered.

That memory came back to me recently in wake of the harmful effects the

NDP / Liberals have had both Nationally and Provincially since 2015. I can't rationalize why the Alberta NDP on a whole still support it?

It wasn't one tic that brought that moose down, it was thousands. The culmination of radical social justice, eco-utopianism, a "self-balancing budget", defund the police, and anti-freedom fear mongering have indeed taken their toll. Taxing people to change the weather, breaking people financially to punish them for not buying into the ideology in the process...it should be criminal.

I am hopeful however, even though the Liberals cruel April Fool's Day joke has taken another swing at all of us by increasing the carbon tax another 23% spring is just around the corner.

I believe that with 70 percent of Canada's Premiers pushing back, and voters nation wide who are seeing these hypocritical policies for the lunacy that they truly are.

Although our country is in a weakened state like that young moose I had encountered in my youth, we can indeed intervene, and people across the country are seeing things for what they are. I believe that they are indeed tired if the "Whack a Do Woke", eco extremist socialist policies. Spring is right around the corner, open water, and the ability to shed ourselves of these parasitic policies.

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MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN & LAND USE BYLAW DRAFTS

We invite your input for an update to
the Municipal Development Plan (MDP)
and the Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

The **Municipal Development Plan** communicates the long-term desired land use for the County and serves as a framework of how it is expected to change over time and shape its future.

The **Land Use Bylaw** regulates the use and development of land and buildings within Yellowhead County to achieve an orderly and efficient pattern of development.

Public Information Sessions

Open Houses start April 15 across Yellowhead County. Join us at these "drop-in" events for landowners, business owners, and residents to discuss the proposed changes to the MDP and LUB. The sessions aim to answer questions and provide background on the proposed changes.

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April 15, 2024. 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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Edson

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Evansburg

April 19, 2024. 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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Cadomin

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Hinton

April 26, 2024. 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Hinton Municipal Library, 803 Switzer Drive

Robb

April 29, 2024. 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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Online Open House

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Public Hearing to be held on:
June 25, 2024, 9:30 am

Council Chambers, County Administration Building, 2716 1 Ave, Edson



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Surveys are available online or at the Yellowhead County offices in Wildwood and Edson.

For the draft document and the online survey, visit:
yhcounty.ca/MDPLUB2024

KEYS TO GOOD ORAL HEALTH

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

A person's smile has an important link to overall well-being and health. Our mouths and teeth aren't just for chewing. Oral health impacts our speech, the enjoyment of food and the way we express feelings and emotions. Good oral health gives us confidence to live, work and play.

Did you know? April is Oral Health Month in Canada. In other words, there's no better time to shine a light on differ-

ent ways to prevent oral diseases. Let's unlock our healthiest smiles!

Oral Health and You

Good oral health means more than having a nice smile! Your mouth can tell you a lot about the health of your body.

Oral health and general health have a two-way relationship. Oral diseases can cause poor general health, which can lead to oral health problems. For example, diabetes increases the risk of gum disease and gum disease can make diabetes harder to manage.

Preventing Common Dental Problems

Tooth decay, gum disease, and oral cancer are chronic oral diseases. A chronic disease is a health condition that lasts a long time and can affect people of all ages. Most chronic diseases can be prevented, but they are still the leading cause of poor health, including poor oral health.

The most common dental problem is tooth decay (cavities). Bacteria in the mouth mix with sugars from foods and drinks to make acids which

weaken the teeth causing tooth decay. But it is preventable. Through good oral habits and consistency, you can ensure your beautiful smile lasts a lifetime.

Here are some tips on how to protect against tooth decay and other oral health problems:

- Brush your teeth and floss at least two times a day

- Eat a healthy diet and limit sugary food and drinks

- Visit your dentist for regular checkups or if oral health problem starts

- Avoid tobacco use

Taking good care of your teeth and gums each day is an important way to prevent tooth decay and gum disease. Finding and treating dental problems early leads to better oral health. Good oral health lowers the risks linked to diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and chronic respiratory diseases.

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For more information about fluoride visit 10 Fluoride Facts.

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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3	6	9	4	2	5	8	7	1
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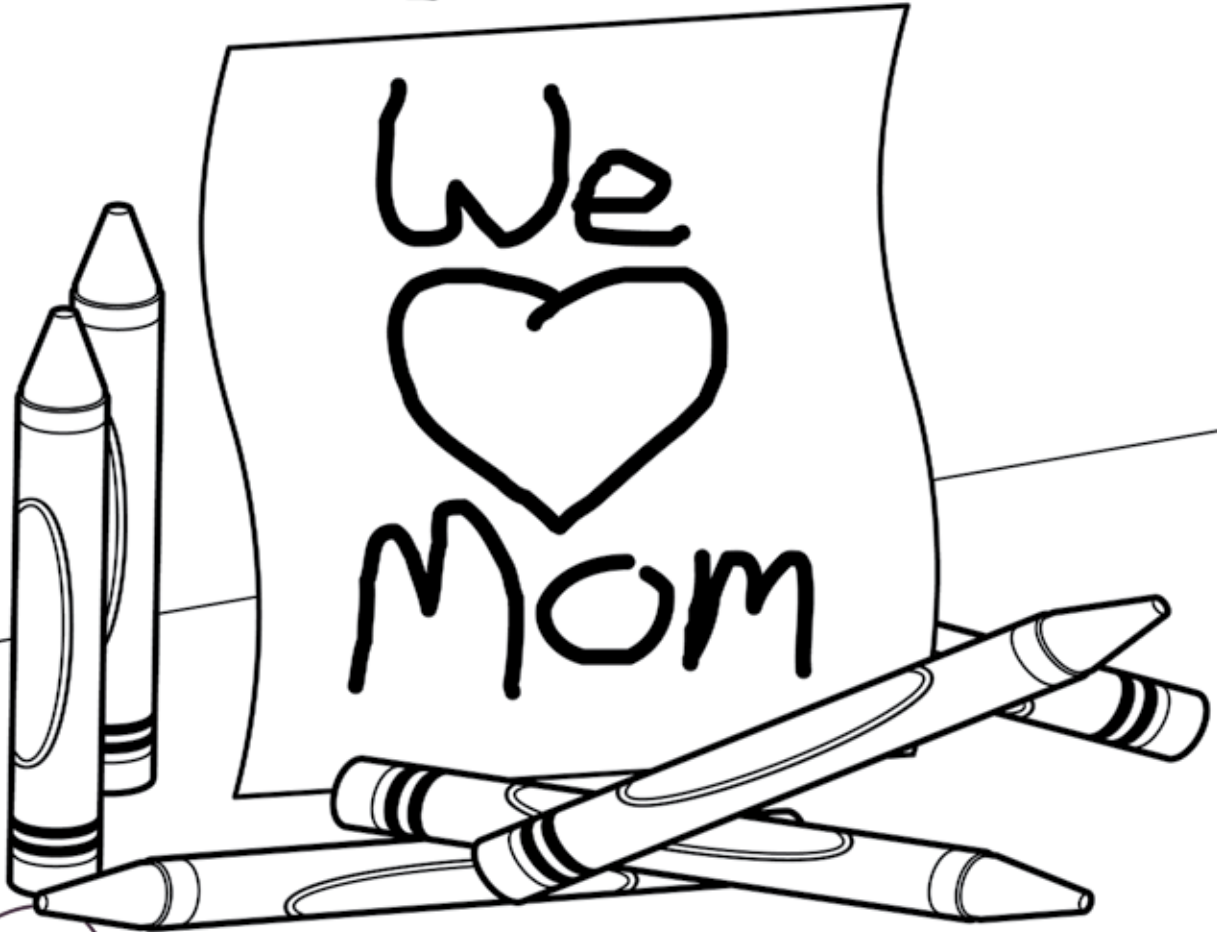
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