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### May 5, 2020

## CITY OF LEDUC LOOKS AHEAD TO RECOVERY FROM PANDEMIC

#### Submitted by City of Leduc

As the City of Leduc continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, Leduc City Council took steps toward a brighter future tonight by endorsing support and recovery plans created by staff. City administration has established a governance structure and task forces to ensure a smooth, consistent and comprehensive approach to recovery. The task forces are set to begin meeting this week and will address three primary areas of concern – economic support and recovery, community and social ser-

**MESSAGE TO MY** 

**CONSTITUENTS** 

vices, and civic operations and service delivery.

"While we continue to navigate the day-to-day changes resulting from the pandemic, it is equally important that we look forward to the recovery process," said Leduc Mayor Bob Young.

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#### Submitted by Gerald Au Soroka, MP for Yellow-

Support has been announced for students and post-graduates. The Canada Emergency Student Benefit will provide \$1,250 per month for eligible students or \$2,000 per month for eligible students with dependents or disabilities and will be available from May to

#### August 2020.

The government also announced the Student Service Grant. Under this program, students who choose to serve their communities during the COVID 19 pandemic will be provided with up to \$5,000 for their education in the fall.

New measures were also announced for small businesses. The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent

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Assistance will provide forgivable loans to qualifying commercial property owners to cover 50 percent of three-monthly rent payments payable by eligible small business tenants experiencing financial hardship during April, May and June.

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"Council, staff, and our community will truly be working together to make the City of Leduc's recovery as seamless and vigorous as possible. Our community and our organi-

zation are resilient - and we will work tirelessly to help it bounce back from this crisis." The recovery task forces,

which are made up of City of Leduc staff, members of Council, and community stakeholder groups, will establish plans to support the community in its recovery as well as plans and timelines for the resumption of civic operations and service delivery.

Several Council members were nominated tonight to sit on the task forces:

 Councillor Lazowski will Chair the Economic Support and Recovery Task Force, and Councillor Tillack will sit as member of the Task Force

· Councillor Hansen will Chair the Community and Social Services Task Force, and Councillor Beckett will sit as member of the Task Force

"The work to plan and secure our community's and organization's recovery is the priority for staff over the coming weeks and months," said Acting City Manager Mike Pieters. "The plans we establish will balance the need for decisive and swift recovery action with the need for continued compliance with provincial guidelines and the health and safety of residents

Recovery plans will be brought before Council again



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### May 5, 2020 Community VOICE Page 3 A MESSAGE FROM MLA MARK SMITH: WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 28

#### Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

It seems that spring is finally upon us! The temperature is starting to warm up and plans for vegetable gardens and colourful flower beds are in process. I hope that you and your loved ones are finding ways to enjoy the warmer weather while staying safe and practicing physical distancing. While cooped up kids are yearning to get out and enjoy the sunshine, I urge you to continue to avoid playground equipment and other collective group play spaces.

COVID-19 is a challenging time for many of us. If you are struggling, support is always available through the Alberta Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642. Updated information on COVID-19 and resources for coping can also be found at alberta.ca/covid19. I am pleased to share that our government has launched a new program to address the economic challenges that Alberta faces. The new Site Rehabilitation Program will provide grants to oilfield service contractors to perform well, pipeline, and oil and gas site reclamation. The program, which is expected to create 5,300 direct jobs for Albertans, will lead the cleanup of thousands of sites here in our province. Applications for contracts by service companies will open May 1, and will help get Albertans back to work during a period of unprecedented challenges for the oil and gas industry. Our government is taking action to get Albertans back to work and look ahead to economic recovery.

Our government is listening to Albertans and making significant investments to recognize the unique challenges of providing health care services in rural Alberta. This week, as a result of frank discussions between the Minister and rural MLA's our government made changes to physician compensation in rural areas, including removing the cap on incentives through the Rural, Remote and Northern Program, increasing rural on-call rates, and freezing rural and family medical liability rates at \$1,000. In addition, our government is introducing a program to pay for 20 young Albertans from rural communities to attend medical school in exchange for working in a rural community for three years. These new investments will help recruit and retain physicians in rural areas of our province. I am happy to share that additional relief measures are on the way for Alberta's small businesses. Many small businesses have been required to close or limit their operations to protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, and are facing extreme financial pressures. Our government is joining a Government of Canada program to support a loan program that will reduce the rent costs for small businesses by 75 percent. This program, which is expected to start up in mid-May, will offer forgivable loans. Small businesses are the backbone of our communities, and this program will help support them through COVID-19.

Thank you for doing your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Having said the government is now preparing to roll out the re-launch of the Alberta economy in a series of stages over the next few weeks and months. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

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The COVID-19 outbreak has changed our daily routines and adjusting hasn't been easy. Not for anyone. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed and struggling to cope, help is available—24/7.

Visit alberta.ca/mentalhealth to find resources.

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#### Submitted by City of Leduc

The city is turning to the virtual realm to engage with residents on the updated draft of Leduc's Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

An MDP is a high-level planning document designed to shape a community's future and is used as a reference doc-

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ument to define policy and decision-making practices on land-use planning, community service priorities and investments in infrastructure. The last time the city updated this plan was in 2012 and since then Leduc has grown by 30 per cent; so it's time for a thorough review of this important governing document.

Originally, the city was plan-

ning an open house event in March which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent public health order of no gatherings greater than 15 people.

As public engagement is an essential component of the update and review process, all information is posted online for residents to review at their leisure and to provide input until May 18, 2020. The website (https://www.leduc. ca/mdp-update/engagement) includes a copy of the draft MDP and information material in PDF, along with an email address to provide input (mdp@ leduc.ca).

Visit Leduc.ca/mdp to learn more about this project and any inquiries can be forwarded to mdp@leduc.ca

### GET PREPARED THIS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Submitted by Leduc County

While emergencies like floods, wildfires, severe storms and chemical releases may be beyond our control, we can help lessen the impacts by becoming emergency ready.

This Emergency Prepared-

ness Week (May 3 to 9, 2020), Leduc County encourages its citizens to take action to prepare for the emergencies they could face.

The following actions will help citizens become emergency ready:

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Tenants can qualify if their rent is less than \$50,000/ month and who have temporarily ceased operations or have experienced at least a 70% drop in pre-COVID-19 revenues.

I have received many emails asking when things will fully return to normal business operations. This question is not easy to answer. Why?

There are too many variables.

• We need to know how the virus works

• Need to assist with worldwide efforts to develop a safe, effective vaccine.

• Will face masks, and physical distancing be frequent?

• Will large gatherings still be discouraged?

• For those most at risk from the virus, will they still be asked to spend as much time at home as possible?

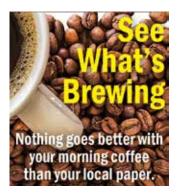
• When will border and travel restrictions be lifted?

• When will essential industries start up?

I will be sure to keep you informed every step of the way as I update my Facebook daily.

Please reach out to my office at 780-723-6068 or Gerald.Soroka.cla@parl. gc.ca if you have any questions.

Please be patient, take care and don't despair. We are in this together.



#### May 5, 2020 Community VOICE Page 7 Get Prepared This Emergency Preparedness Week

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• Know the risks: knowing the emergencies you could face and how to respond to them allows you to act fast when seconds matter.

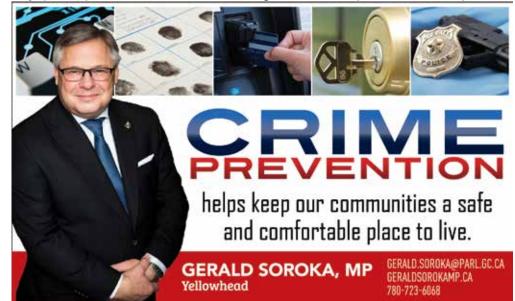
• Make a plan: emergency plans only take 20 minutes to develop and detail what your family will do, who they will contact and where they will go during an emergency.

• Build a kit: you and your family should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least the first 72 hours after an emergency. Your kit should reflect your unique needs and include enough non-perishable food, water, medicines, warm clothes and comfort items for all family members, including pets.

· Stay aware: downloading

the Alberta Emergency Alert app to your smartphone will help you stay aware in an emergency situation. Alberta Emergency Alerts provide critical, life-saving information about emergencies including where it is occurring and what you need to do to stay safe.

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# COVID-19 INFORMATION SENIORS, BE SAFE. STAY HOME.

Please stay safe at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ask a loved one or neighbour to bring you groceries and prescriptions, and stay informed with current information from the Government of Alberta.

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# BULLYING Tips for Dealing With Bullying

1) Take complaints of bullying seriously. Do not dismiss your child or expect your child to work through the situation alone.

2) Praise your child for reporting bullying situations to you and assure your child you will take action.

3) Talk to your child's teacher, counselor, or other caregiver about reports of bullying.

4) Work together to address the bullying situation. Don't confront the parents of the bully directly.

5) Ask your child specific questions about how your child is treated by peers, who he or she eats lunch with, and how other children are treated.

6) Teach your child to be assertive. Your child should be able to express feelings and needs clearly, without shouting or other aggressive behavior.

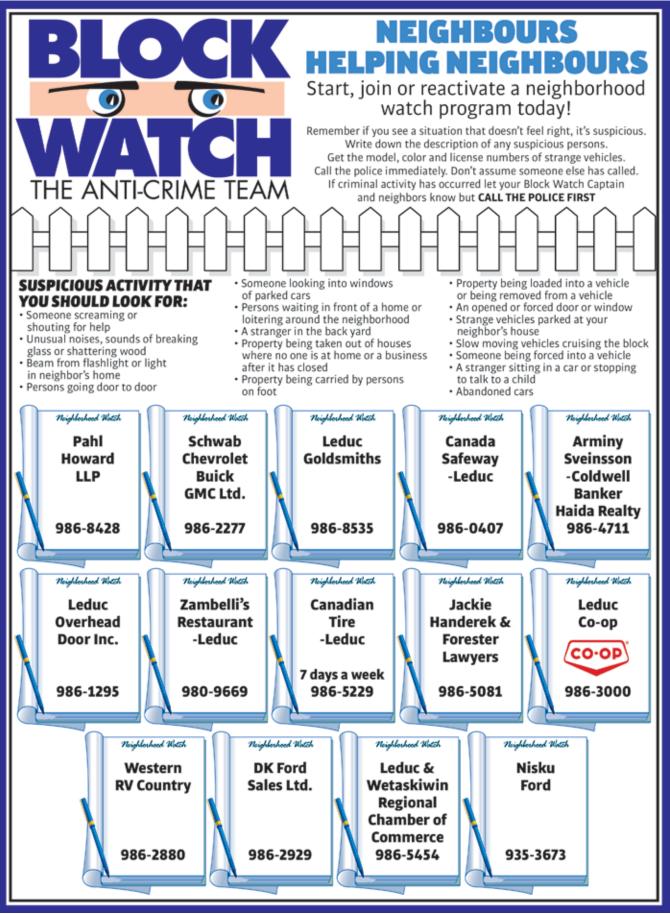


7) Provide opportunities for your child to make friends. Identify some of your child's interests and encourage your child to pursue them through sports, clubs, or other group activities.

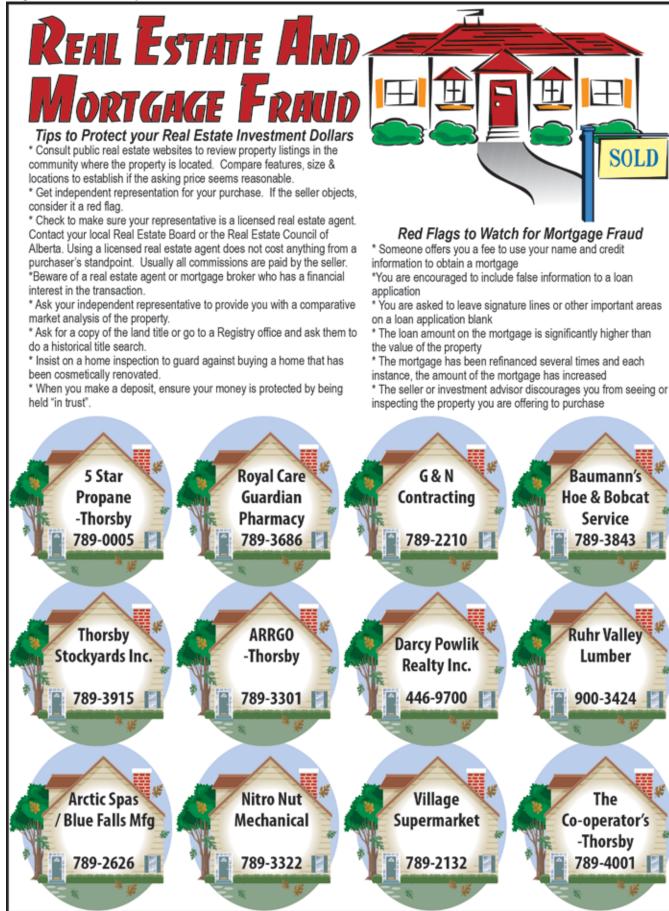
**8)** Teach your child to identify bullying behaviors. These include hitting, damaging possessions, threatening, name calling, & excluding someone







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# RURAL CRIME AWARENESS

Protect machinery from theft by leaving valuables locked in a shed or storage facility and by marking equipment with your drivers licence and province of issue (an engraver can be borrowed free of charge from most local police detachments).

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Rural Crime Watch Members are concerned citizens who are watchful for unusual activity in their community. They record information on suspicious people and vehicles and pass it along to local police. Join together with your neighbours to install a crime watch program in your area.Do not approach suspicious individuals on your own.





#### TIPS TO SPOT AN IMPAIRED DRIVER

Drivers who are impaired by fatigue, drugs, alcohol or other distractions such as cell phones, are a danger not only to themselves, but also to the innocent drivers around them. If you witness any of the behaviors below, call 911 and tell the operator that you are calling to report an impaired driver. Be prepared to describe the make, model, color and license plate number of the vehicle, and provide its exact location.

#### Signs of impaired driving include:

• Failure to turn on headlights at night. • Illegal or sudden turning. • Turning within an unusually wide radius. • Nearly striking other cars or objects. • Sudden or erratic braking. • Drifting, swerving or weaving. • Driving with the face close to the windshield. • Drinking alcohol in the vehicle. • Driving much slower than the posted speed limit. • Rapidly accelerating. • Tailgating. • Driving in the middle of the road, or with the left tires on the center line. • Responding slowly to traffic signals

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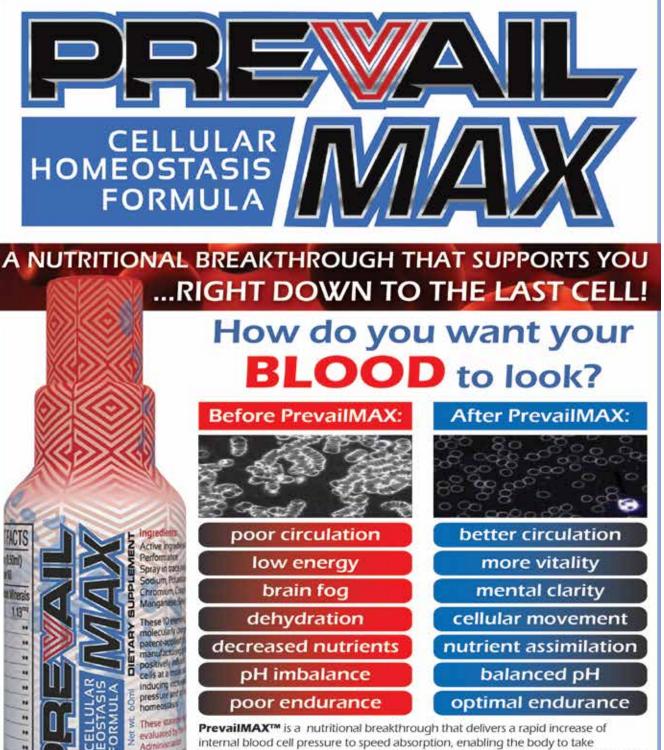
Opening all workplaces and relaxing restrictions on public gatherings.



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