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March 22, 2022

GETTING INTO HORTICULTURE WEBINAR - CHOOSING LAND

Submitted by Yellowhead County

Having a better understanding of land requirements is vital to running a successful horticulture operation. Join Horticulturist Rob Spencer for a dive into the key considerations for selecting land for growing

horticulture field crops.

Horticultural ventures are high value, high intensity operations, with crops having very specific requirements for successful production. Getting off on the right foot with the right location that is suitable for your plans is absolutely critical. It is a process

that involves gathering as much data as possible from 10,000 feet above to 2 feet below the surface of the soil. It is also important to assess other factors, like climate, to ensure the greatest opportunity for success.

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LAUNCH OF THE CANADA DIGITAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise the federal government's launch of the Canada Digital Adoption Program. The \$4-billion package of grants and loans is aimed at encouraging small and medium-sized

businesses to expand their online presence. The program includes \$1.4 billion in grants and advisory services and up to \$2.6-billion in loans.

Applications for both grants and loans opened on March 3, 2022.

Smaller businesses with at least one employee can apply for a \$2,400 "mi-

cro-grant" to offset costs such as website development, search engine optimization, subscription fees for e-commerce platforms and social media advertising.

A larger "Boost Your Business Technology" grant worth up to \$15,000 will be available to companies ...


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Spencer's presentation includes general site requirements for a range of fruit and vegetable crops along with steps and on-line tools that shed light on soils and site suitability. Using example scenarios to demonstrate the processes, you will learn how to find the information you need to assess your own site or a prospective one.

Speaking about the potential for horticulture crops in this area, Spencer said "The demand for quality, locally-grown produce has been increasing steadily. The past couple of years has highlighted the value of our Alberta-grown products."

This session will benefit new producers looking to

buy or rent land as well as established farmers looking to expand into new ventures. Presented online via Zoom on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 P.M. The 80-minute webinar includes time for questions.

Participants have access to the recorded session for 30 days following the presentation.

For more information and to register visit Lac Ste. Anne County's website at www.LSAC.ca or contact Lorraine Taylor, County Horticulturist, at LTaylor@LSAC.ca or 1-866-880-5722.

This is part three in a series of extension events designed to take interested growers from planning to production and marketing of commercial horticulture crops. Hosted in partner-

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Johnny: "A sign that said 'Go Slowly, School Ahead'."

Launch of the Canada Digital Adoption Program

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... with revenue between \$500,000 and \$100-million and fewer than 500 employees. The grant can be spent in areas like new customer

software, digital inventory management systems, network security improvements and robotics.

In addition to the grant programs, companies can apply for an interest-free loan of up to \$100,000 from

the Business Development Bank of Canada for digital adoption spending.

The government has partnered with Magnet, a not-for-profit organization, to place up to 16,800 students and young Canadians with

businesses. The program involves a wage subsidy to employers of up to \$7,300 to retain a post-secondary student or recent post-secondary graduate.

FEDERAL CENSUS DATA DETAILS POPULATION GROWTH IN STONY PLAIN

Submitted by Town of Stony Plain

Federal census numbers are in! The Town of Stony Plain is officially home to 17,993 people, a 4.7 percent population increase since the 2016 census.

“We are excited to see Stony Plain’s population growth trend continue. Having reliable census data is critical for the Town and allows us to understand the rate at which our community is expanding so we can better prepare for an ever-growing resident population. This data will assist with implementing and monitoring various initiatives, from economic development to social programming,” says Town Manager Tom Goulden.

“Our community continues to experience population growth, and each year we look forward to welcoming new residents to Stony Plain. We are proud of our growing community!” says Mayor William Choy. “The updated census numbers are not only exciting as evidence of our growth but are further critical figures for developing our municipal profile and attracting new opportunities.”

Key figures from the census include:

An enumerated population change of 4.7 percent from 2016

A 7.4 percent increase in occupied private dwellings from 2016

A population density of 507.6 people per square kilometre

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WALMART CHOOSES ALBERTA TO SERVE WESTERN CANADA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

The Alberta government's work to make Alberta the most competitive place to do business has attracted the attention and investment of Walmart Canada.

Alberta's Recovery Plan focuses on attracting private sector investment to the province to help diversify the economy and create jobs. To help do this, Alberta's government has lowered taxes on job creators and created an open for business regulatory environment.

"Alberta is proud to welcome more investment to our province: we have the space, the people and the competitive advantage to attract major companies

like Walmart to build and expand here. Walmart's choice to serve their Western Canadian customers from the Calgary area is another signal to the world that our province is coming back, stronger than ever." Jason Kenney, Premier

Walmart Canada is investing more than \$118 million to build a new high-tech, sortable 430,000 square foot fulfilment centre in Rocky View County. The new delivery hub for Western Canada will help meet the needs of millions of their customers while creating jobs in a more diversified Alberta economy.

"Walmart's investment in our province is another indication that our competitive business environment is what major companies

are looking for. This new fulfilment centre is not just creating jobs for Albertans in both the short and long term, it will improve the customer experience throughout all of Western Canada." Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation

"We are tremendously proud to be investing in a new fulfilment centre in the Calgary area that will create jobs, boost the economy and deliver quicker service for our customers. This modern facility will provide our associates with the latest logistics technology to improve our supply chain. That means more products available, more orders fulfilled and more Canadians offered two-day shipping. This is how we're trans-

forming our operations to meet the needs of Canadians in Alberta, as well as all Canadians." Horacio Barbeito, president and CEO, Walmart Canada

Walmart's new fulfilment centre will create about 325 jobs when it opens, which is expected this fall. In addition to those jobs, the project is generating numerous engineering and construction jobs during its current construction.

"By investing in infrastructure projects like Airdrie's 40th Avenue interchange, our government has opened the door for major investment opportunities like this one from Walmart Canada.

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COMPETITION NO. 22-022

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The salary range is currently \$66,182 - to \$83,790 per year.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply please submit resumes online at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until **Friday April 8, 2022**.

We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Payroll Department
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 Email: jobs@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca

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- The fee must accompany the application.
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If you have any questions, please contact our office at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.

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Completed Quote Sheets may be submitted via email, mail, hand delivery, or fax to:

Jennifer Benson, Agricultural Services Supervisor
 Yellowhead County
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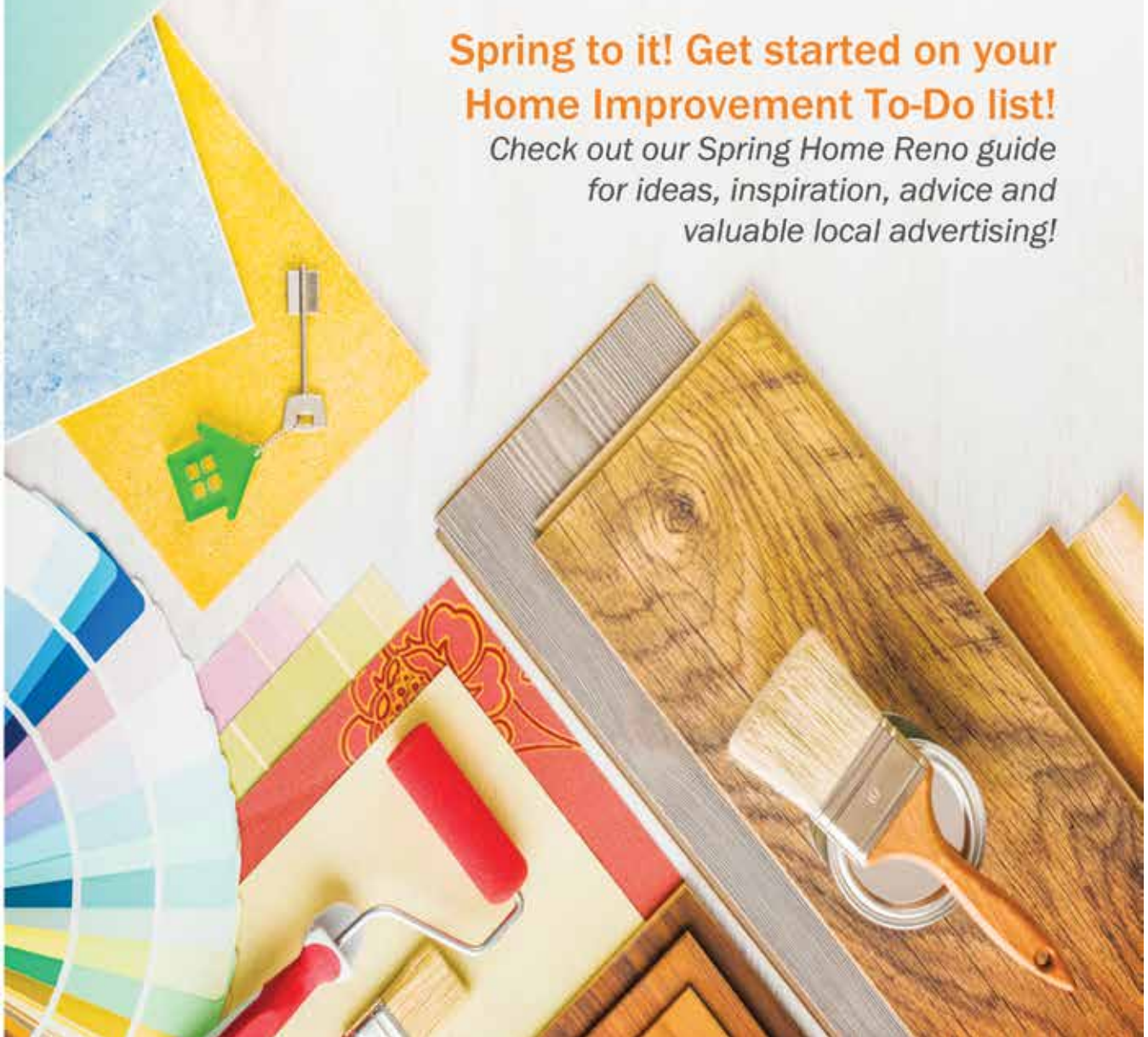
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6 EASY SPRING CLEANING PROJECTS

Warmer days are here and what better way to spend them than cleaning? Although enjoying the great outdoors is probably high on many a to-do list come spring, by the end of winter, homes can probably do with a much-needed overhaul. Owners and renters can rely on temperate days to throw open the windows and engage in some easy spring-cleaning projects. The earlier one begins spring cleaning, the more quickly he or she will be able to head out-

side and bask in the warm spring sun. Spring cleaning tasks can be stretched out across several days to make the jobs more manageable. While certain spring cleaning tasks can be time-consuming, many projects can be started and completed in 30 minutes or less.

1. Look up

Start by looking up at ceilings, molding and ceiling fans. Chances are strong that some cobwebs and dust have formed in these areas. Always begin cleaning by working from

the top downward so you don't have to clean any tables countertops or floors twice. Static-charged dusting cloths work well to catch and contain dust. Use a pillowcase on ceiling fan blades to clear the dust and keep it from cascading to the floor.

2. Blinds and curtains

Heavy window treatments can be removed and replaced with more gauzy fabrics. This lets in more light and warmth from the sun. Many curtains can be freshened up right in the laundry, but blinds may

require a bit more effort. If the blinds can be snapped out of the brackets, place them in a tub full of vinegar, dish soap and water. Allow them to soak and then rinse with the shower nozzle. Stationary blinds can be cleaned with using an old sock over your hand dipped in a vinegar-and-water solution.

3. Change linens

Remove and launder bed linens. While the linens are in the wash, thoroughly dust all furniture and vacuum the carpets.

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Move furniture so you can reach areas where dust gathers, such as under the bed or dresser.

4. Grout cleaner

Grade school science lessons can be put to use as you look to remove stubborn dirt. Combining baking soda and vinegar produces a reaction that causes the formation of gassy bubbles. These bubbles can help to break up dirt that clings to crevices, such as grout between

tiles. Some light scrubbing and then subsequent rinsing can rid surfaces of hard-to-remove dirt.

5. Vacuum vent intakes

Many houses are heated by forced-air systems. The air intake vents can become clogged with dust and other debris. Vacuum these vents so that air flow is not impeded. Let the heat run for a few minutes to catch any small particles that become dislodged, and then change the furnace filter.

6. Clean out the refrigerator

Now is a great time to remove any of those mystery containers growing fuzzy experiments in the back of the refrigerator. Take the food out of the refrigerator and use a food-safe cleaner to scour the shelves and inside of crisper drawers

Spring cleaning is a necessary task, but it doesn't have to be a headache. Break up the work into manageable chunks of time, and projects won't feel like such a hassle.



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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.

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Native plants also are less reliant on pesticides and 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 products whenever possible.

Springtime renovation

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

The advertisement features a background with wood and tile patterns. It includes a diamond-shaped logo with the word "The" and the main text "The Flooring Store & Design Center". Below this, it lists "FREE ESTIMATES" and "CASH N CARRY PRICING". A bulleted list highlights "Huge Selection of Flooring, Carpet, Vinyl, Hardwood • Cabinets" and "ALL Types of Counter Tops and Back Splashes". It also features "IN STORE SPECIALS!!", "Hours" (Monday to Friday 9:00AM to 5:30PM, Saturday 9:30AM to 4:00PM, Closed Sunday), and contact information: "226 McLeod Ave Spruce Grove (780) 960-9212 www.theflooringstore.ca".

Walmart Chooses Alberta To Serve Western Canada

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This new fulfilment centre is great news for Airdrie, Rocky View County and the Calgary region. This area is already a hub for many major distribution centres, and

we are pleased to welcome Walmart's expanded operations. This project will not only create short-term jobs while the facility is under construction but will also generate long-term employment opportunities for area residents, helping to

revitalize our local economy."Angela Pitt, MLA for Airdrie-East

The new fulfilment centre will include innovative robotic technology to help associates store, pick and sort items. It will be capable of shipping 20 million items

annually from the site to Walmart customers.

This announcement by Walmart is the latest of several significant investments international businesses have made in Alberta recently.

ARTICLE FROM MLA SMITH

Submitted by Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley

Alberta's economic recovery continues to move forward. That means more good jobs for Albertans.

The latest number from Statistics Canada are in, and February marked the fourth straight month of job gains for our province. The February increase of 8,200 jobs saw our unemployment rate fall to 6.8 per cent, the lowest rate we've seen since September 2019.

As our economy has started to boom, I have heard from employers in the Drayton Valley-Devon constituency who are concerned about their ability to fill positions. This is a very valid concern and something our United Conservative government is working hard to get ahead of.

Earlier in our term, we passed Bill 49, the Labour Mobility Act, which will address impending labour shortages, particularly in rural Alberta, by streamlining a consistent and transparent approach for recognizing the skills, education, and credentials of out-of-

province workers.

We also recently announced the launch of the Rural Renewal Stream and the Rural Entrepreneur Stream. These streams will encourage skilled and talented professionals and entrepreneurs from around the world to settle in rural communities.

With many of our rural communities struggling to find qualified professionals to meet their current and future workforce needs, these new initiatives will help attract and retain newcomers who want to contribute to our rural communities.

Every job added means another Albertan receiving a regular pay cheque. Every drop in unemployment means more Albertans returning to the workforce. Our fast-improving job market is good news for job-creators across our province who are looking to fill positions.

Although our economy is improving, I have been hearing concerns from some families about rising energy costs this winter due, in part, to market conditions, the

punishing federal carbon tax, and the long-term impacts of short-sighted NDP policies. Until these costs subside, I want to take this moment to tell you what our government is doing to address this issue for you.

Alberta's government will be providing \$150 in electricity rebates to nearly two million homes, farms, and businesses to help retroactively cover the high costs they faced this winter. Exact rebate criteria will be determined soon, but is expected to include most households, farms, and small businesses. Alberta's government will also be stopping the collection of the provincial fuel tax of 13.6 cents per litre starting April 1. This will apply to all gasoline and diesel, including marked farm fuel. Our government will review the collection of the fuel tax on a quarterly basis and, if required, consider reinstating collection in stages, based on the average price of West Texas Intermediate over several weeks. We will not start to reinstate collection before July 1.

Comparisons have been

made between these initiatives and the NDP rate-cap. The NDP rate-cap cleverly hid the true cost of energy by shifting the burden from the ratepayer to the taxpayer, plus it only provided relief to about half of the ratepayers in Alberta. This was not a sustainable solution. The United Conservative electricity rebate is putting \$150 back in the pockets of ratepayers to account for high costs this winter, as we aggressively address the core problems behind prices. Albertans elected us on promises of fiscal accountability and that is exactly what we are doing.

Finally, my heart is with the people of Ukraine, as they fight for their freedom and sovereignty. I have been made aware of several fundraising efforts in the constituency that will be happening this March and early April. One will occur in Breton and the other I am aware of is in Drayton Valley. If you would like to support these events, please phone my constituency office (1-780-542-3355) and we can connect you with the organizers. Slava Ukraini!



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - THE KING IS DEAD, LONG LIVE THE KING



Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

As a young man I never grasped the full meaning of the old saying, "The King is Dead, Long Live the King". Now in my current stage of my life nearing 49 years of age, as an elected official I have a better appreciation for the saying and its wisdom. The kingdom in our current context will never fall, there is always a successor, and the systems in place are designed with that fail safe in place to ensure when the leaders change, that the provinces and the country continue to function.

Now does it matter who the proverbial King is? Well yes, the length of reign of the King, the Kings supporters, the potential successors, and the direction that the leader expects the rest of us to follow all have great importance. We the people have a major role to play on who our leaders ultimately are in modern day, the problem is not many know how to exercise their

rights to have a better batch of politicians to pick from at election time. There are a number of groups and would be leaders that would take full advantage of that. We can see that at all levels of government, federally, and provincially. The other issue we have, is that when they become entrenched, how do we root them out? How do we drain the swamp?

I'm still a rookie as it goes in the world of politics, but I'll share with folks how there

can be a better selection of candidates to choose from when it gets to the date of a general election. Please find the easy steps below.

1. Become a member of a party, or several if you want
2. Participate in the party, help suggest direction, and policy that the party represents
3. Help pick nomination contestants, and vote for the one you like, or become one yourself
4. Participate in general meetings, vote on party policy
5. Engage in your community, make sure you also listen to folks in your area
6. Engage with your elected post-election, they will need your feedback
7. When the time comes around, fully participate in the Leadership Reviews

The key ingredient in all of the items noted above, to make sure our system works, is you. If you don't like the leaders we have, the representation you have

currently, then you have to fix it. Facebook posts, coffee shop rants, and yelling at the TV will only go so far.

An item that I want to dispel, even though political organizations, and many mainstream media outlets may want to tell you otherwise, and prey on many of the fears that they have created is that the parties are only head leader deep. I can tell you firsthand, from the several organizations I've interacted with and observed over the last several years is that none of them are only one leader deep, and that if that leader is changed, falls ill, or gets hit by a bus that the party will not fall, or the other team would not necessarily win without them. A new King will be chosen; hence The King is dead, long live the King.

I have also observed in my opinion abhorrent behavior of leaders that are feeding off of fear, driving people against each other, and quite frankly character associations of our own citizens. Governments and some of the leaders to save their own skin, have vilified people or groups, trying to turn public opinion against them. The Sewer Rats, the Embarrassing Cousins, the Fringe Minority, and the most recent one provincially, a party being taken over by "Extremists" Pot meet Kettle. Left and Right are using what I can only surmise as "Federal / Ottawa" spin doctoring, to keep the status quo, and to make sure that they drive behaviors of voters based on emotion only, and that emotion is fear. We need way more Alberta in our Alberta leaders, and way less of the Ottawa style here in the Strong and

Free province.

How have we come to a point in time, where such harsh words can be used on regular everyday Albertans who have quite frankly had enough of the norm, that are engaged, that are participating in the process? Well, simply put, by the folks who have the most to lose, the ones that want to keep things going the same way, and who would want you to believe that they are indeed the King, they are indeed the ones who make the rules for you to follow, those that have forgotten that in this province, and this country the only power that they hold in office has been granted by we the people.

Get involved, vote with your heart, and mind. Don't let the latest spin make you forget what has taken place over the last few years, and don't feed into the fear that there are only 2 options. In the particular organization I am part of I can assure you there are a number of string leaders who are not "Professional Politicians" that are more than able, competent, and trustworthy that could lead if given the opportunity, or there was a need. Perhaps it is indeed time to drain the swamp and have a made in Alberta solution to embrace the opportunities and face the challenges of the day.





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• Turn your headlights on earlier. Daytime running lights can make it easier for drivers to be seen during the day, but they are not designed for nighttime driving. If you find yourself struggling to see as evening transitions into nighttime, turn your headlights on earlier or use your car's automatic switch setting if

it has one.

• Prioritize headlight maintenance. Headlight maintenance is often overlooked, but properly maintained headlights can go a long way toward improving driver visibility at night. Check your headlight bulbs. If they are more than three years old or dimming, it would be a good idea to replace them to ensure the best performance. Headlamp clouding is also an issue. Plastic headlamp lenses, which are common on most vehicles, grow hazy and yellowed over time from the effects of sunlight, ozone, road pollution, and wash chemicals.

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disceaced by her mother

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and Gary. She leaves her
mourning husband Garth
Ward of 48 yrs. of Lake Isle
AB. Two sons Cameron
(Amanda) Ward of Spruce
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Ward of Blackfalds,
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grandchildren Julia, Jack,
Lucas and Oliver. One
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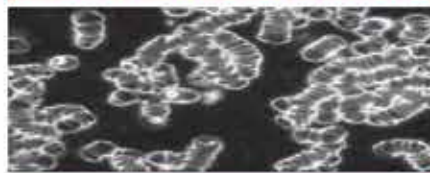
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