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FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL RESPONDS TO STRUCTURE FIRE IN SUNSET POINT

Submitted by Fire Rescue International

Fire Rescue International Responds to Structure Fire in Sunset Point, AB – November

24, 2024 – At 13:59 hours today, Fire Rescue International (FRI) was dispatched to a high-priority structure fire (69E06) in the Summer Village of Sunset Point. The fire involved an attached

garage fully engulfed in flames, with the threat of fire spreading to the residence. The first of two FRI engines were enroute within 2 minutes,

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WHITECOURT RECEIVES PROVINCIAL SUPPORT TO CONSTRUCT A COMMUNITY FIREGUARD

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

The Town of Whitecourt, with support from Alberta Forestry and Parks, has been approved for funding from the Forest Resource Improvement As-

sociation of Alberta Community Fireguard Program. The \$1,534,180 in funding will be used to construct a community fireguard with access points, approximately 4.5 kilometres long and 100 metres wide, on the eastern boundary of town.

The Community Fireguard Program is designed to help protect communities by clearing areas near or surrounding a community. The fireguard, a strategically constructed feature where trees, brush

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with the initial unit arriving on scene just five-minutes after the page. Upon arrival, fire crews found the garage fully involved and immediately took action, deploying hose lines and applying water to prevent the fire from extending fur-

ther into the home. Shortly after the second FRI engine arrived, additional mutual aid support from Lac Ste Anne County Fire Services (LSACFS) also began to arriving. They brought the necessary water supply and additional manpower to support an offensive attack. Within minutes of the


FRI's second engine's arrival, the fire was brought under control. By 1541 hours, fire crews were well into the overhaul phase, carefully searching for any hidden fire extension. At the height of the operation, FRI had two fire engines engaged while Lac Ste Anne county had one fire engine on standby as well as two water tenders working to ensure adequate water supply. Fire Rescue International would like to extend sincere thanks to Lac Ste Anne Fire Services, Fortis Energy, Atco Gas, and the RCMP for their prompt and vital assistance in responding to the incident. At this time, the cause of the fire is unknown and the Government of Alberta has declined to investigate.

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FRI would like to remind everyone of the critical fire safety steps to follow if you ever find yourself in a similar situation:

1. Get out.
2. Dial 911.

3. Stay out

Fire Rescue International (FRI) has proudly served the Summer Village of Sunset Point for nearly a decade, responding to emergencies with professionalism, dedication, and expertise. Our teams continue to uphold

the highest standards of safety and service. As FRI concludes its nine years of service to the Summer Village of Sunset Point, we extend our best wishes to the community and its residents as they consider their options for a fire service

provider starting in March 2025. For more information or media inquiries, please contact: FC David Ives david.ives@firerescueinternational.net 780-777-4688

Whitecourt Receives Provincial Support To Construct A Community Fireguard

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and fuel sources are removed, will break the path of wildfire that could potentially move towards property, infrastructure, and other values at risk.

Minister of Alberta Forestry and Parks Todd Loewen stated, "Preparation is vital to mitigating the impacts of wildfires. Through initiatives like the Community Fireguard Program and FireSmart, our government is committed to ensuring that communities like Whitecourt are well-equipped to face these challenges head-on."

Whitecourt, in consultation with community stakeholders, recently completed a Community Fireguard Plan that involved planning and mapping the fireguard location. The project area extends from Ecole St. Joseph School in the north, to Highway 43 in the south. This span incorporates diverse terrain, including wetlands, mixed wood forests, and is located in close proximity to critical infrastructure, including schools, power substations, and wastewater treatment facilities.

"As a community surrounded by forests, fire hazard reduction and protection is a priority for the ongoing safety and security of our community. For years, Whitecourt has prioritized FireSmart practices, and the construction of an internal fireguard will further protect our community from wildfire threats," added Whitecourt Mayor Tom Pickard.

Whitecourt will be hosting an information session on the project in early December 2024 to educate the community on

the benefits of this project and how it will help to lower the risk of wildfire. Further details will be posted on [www.white-](http://www.whitecourt.ca)

[court.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) and social media pages once the date is confirmed.

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REVIEWING ASSISTED SUICIDE POLICIES IN ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is launching a public engagement to gather input about legislation and policies around assisted suicide, also referred to as medical assistance in dying (MAID).

Medical assistance in dying is a process that allows an eligible person to receive assistance from a medical practitioner in ending their life. To be found el-

igible, a person must be suffering from a serious and permanent medical condition.

Alberta's government is reviewing how MAID is regulated to ensure there is a consistent process as well as oversight that protects vulnerable Albertans, specifically those living with disabilities or suffering from mental health challenges. An online survey is now open for Albertans to share their views and experiences with MAID until Dec. 20.

"We recognize that medical assistance in dying is a very complex and often personal issue and is an important, sensitive and emotional matter for patients and their families. It is important to ensure this process has the necessary supports to protect the most vulnerable. I encourage Albertans who have experience with and opinions on MAID to take this survey."

Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice and Attorney General

In addition to the online survey, Alberta's government will also be engaging directly with academics, medical associations, public bodies, religious organizations, regulatory bodies, advocacy groups and others that have an interest in and/or working relationship to the MAID process, health care, disabilities and mental health care.

Feedback gathered through this process will help inform the Alberta government's planning and policy decision making, including potential legislative changes regarding MAID in Alberta.

"Our government has been clear that we do not support the provision of medically assisted suicide for vulnerable Albertans facing mental illness as their primary purpose for seeking their own death. Instead, our goal is to build a continuum of care where vulnerable Albertans can live in long-term health and fulfilment. We look forward to the feedback of Albertans as we proceed with this important issue."

Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

"As MAID is a federally legislated and regulated program that touches the lives of many Albertans, our priority is to ensure we have robust safeguards to protect vulnerable individuals. Albertans' insights will be essential in developing thoughtful policies on this complex issue."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

The federal Criminal Code sets out the MAID eligibility criteria, procedural safeguards and reporting obligations. The federal government has paused MAID eligibility for individuals with a mental illness as their sole underlying medical condition until March 2027 to ensure the provincial health care systems have processes and supports in place. Alberta's government does not support expanding MAID eligibility to include those facing depression or mental illness and continues to call on the federal government to end this policy altogether.

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ONOWAY LEGION NEWS



Submitted by Onoway Legion

Dec 6- Cost \$25

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Activities in the Works:

Meat Draw- We will now be hosting a meat draw every Wednesday, in conjunction with pub night. Tickets will be 3 for \$5.00. We will have four rounds with a fifth special all-in round. Tickets will go on sale starting at 6:30 pm.

Annual General Meeting: Mon Dec 2, All Legion members are invited to attend. This meeting will be focused on voting in a new Legion Executive. So make sure you come out and cast your ballot.

Club Activities:

Tuesday- Dart League Tuesday night. Cost \$3 each week. Registration 7 pm. Play 7:30 pm.

Wednesday - Join us for Pub Night-Musical Jam and our all-new meat draw.

Doors open 6:30 pm, house band starts at 7 pm. We will now be hosting a meat draw every Wednesday, in conjunction with pub night. Tickets will be 3

for \$5.00. We will have four rounds with a fifth special all-in round. Tickets will go on sale starting at 6:30 pm.

Thursday - Pool League Thursday nights. Cost \$5, play begins at 7 pm so arrive early.

Friday- Every second Friday is pub night. Next pub night is Nov 29. Come out for a friendly evening of cards, darts, or pool with

friends.

You don't need to be a Legion member to take part in these fantastic activities.

Hope to see you at the Onoway Legion!

Annual General Meeting and Elections will be held on Monday, 2 December at 7 p.m. at the Onoway Legion. Members in good standing who wish to let their names stand for a position on the

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BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

On November 12, Shane Getson, MLA for Lac Ste. Anne- Parkland and parliamentary secretary for Economic Corridor Development, travelled to Anchorage, Alaska to attend

the PNWER Economic Leadership Forum to discuss Alberta's economic trade corridors and supply chains with United States officials.

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Annual Alaska Resources Conference from Nov. 13 to 14 that showcased the importance of economic ties between Canada and the United States and discussed ways to reduce emissions while advocating for responsible energy.

BUILDING CONN 2025 CANADA SUMMER JOBS APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYERS ECTIONS

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

On November 12, Shane Getson, MLA for Lac Ste. Anne- Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that Canada Summer Jobs 2025 application period for em-

ployers from not-for-profit organizations, and the public or private sectors is now open. To qualify, private sector employers must have 50 or fewer full-time employees across Canada when applying.

The application deadline is December 19, 2024, at 11:59pm (PST). Full-time jobs will become available starting on April 21, 2025.

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More information can be found at:

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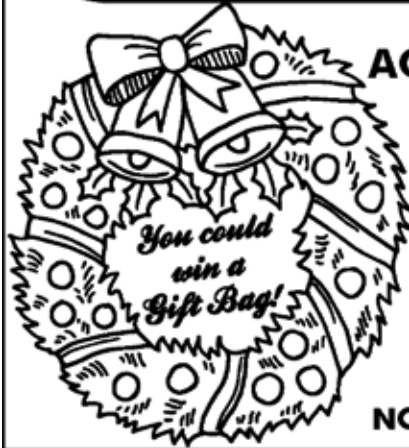
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