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## March 4, 2026

### PARKLAND RCMP CRIME REDUCTION UNIT SEIZES ILLEGAL TOBACCO AT LOCAL RETAILER

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Feb. 13, 2026, Parkland RCMP Crime Reduction Unit executed a search warrant at a convenience store located in Spruce Grove after investigating the sale of contraband tobacco.

RCMP received information that contraband ciga-

rettes were being sold at the store. Investigation corroborated the information, and as a result a search warrant was obtained. Police seized numerous packages of contraband cigarettes and contraband vape products.

A 39-year-old male resident of Edmonton, Alberta, is being charged under the Federal Excise Act.

“The illicit tobacco trade is often linked to organized crime,” says Sergeant Collin Kuca of the Parkland RCMP. “It concerns me that these illicit products become more accessible to minors and the Crime Reduction Unit will target this activity accordingly.”

### PARKLAND RCMP LAY CHARGES AS PART OF ONGOING EXTORTION INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Oct. 31, 2025, and Nov. 6, 2025, Parkland RCMP received reports of a home in Spring Meadow Estate in Parkland County being shot at. Fortunately, there were no injuries in either shooting. Investigation revealed that the victims were

being threatened to extort money from them. Parkland RCMP General Investigation Section took carriage of and led an exhaustive investigation involving law enforcement partners in other parts of Alberta, BC, and Ontario.

As a result of those efforts a suspect, Jagdeep Singh, was

identified and on Nov. 17, 2025, he was arrested as he travelled through Red Deer Alta. A search incidental to his arrest led to the recovery of a firearm. Singh was released from RCMP at that time pending further investigation which ultimately led to crown approving

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# Parkland RCMP Lay Charges As Part Of Ongoing Extortion Investigation

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the charges and the obtaining of a Canada Wide arrest warrant that is now in effect.

Investigators sent the seized

firearm away for testing at the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) / Provincial Firearms Lab and this firearm has been linked to 7 shootings across the country

not related to this event.

Continued investigation revealed several key pieces of evidence linking the suspect

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## NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SAFETY WEEK

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# GYPSD TEACHERS TRAVEL ACROSS THE OCEAN TO SHARE AND LEARN

Submitted by GYPSD

This past summer, two local educators from Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) took part in an incredible journey. Barb Madsen, Assistant Principal at Harry Collinge High School, and Assistant Principal Jodi Campbell from École Jasper Elementary, joined a program called Teaching Together.

This program connects Canadian teachers with educators in other parts of the world, like Africa and the Caribbean. It has been running since 1962, helping teachers around the globe work together to make schooling better for everyone. The program is

collaborative: the Canadian teachers work alongside their partners in a supportive role. The PD sessions are designed to be interactive, practical, and relevant to the participants' teaching context.

Teachers who apply for this program don't know where they are going until they are picked. Barb was placed on Team Ghana, and Jodi was placed on Team The Gambia. Once they arrived, they didn't just teach students—they worked with other teachers! In Ghana, Barb and her team worked with 650 teachers. They shared new ideas and activities that were fun, practical, and helpful for the local classrooms.

The program is a volunteer mission. This means the teachers don't get paid to go, but they gain an experience of a lifetime. They lived in simple homes, ate local foods, and worked very hard for two and a half weeks.

"I have wanted to do this for many years," said Barb. "The work was challenging and intense, but it felt great to help. It was rewarding both as a person and as a teacher." Barb highly recommends this program to other teachers. "It is a way to share what we know, make new friends in other countries, and learn how schools work in different parts of the world."

Jodi was also inspired by

her experience. "Working in the heat required us to slow down, which made the Wolof idea of *ndanka ndanka*—"slowly, slowly"—take on new meaning. At first, I thought it was just about coping with the sun and the heat, but I came to see a deeper meaning:

progress in life and learning comes step by step and bit by bit. Deep learning unfolds gradually, and each small effort adds to the foundation for lasting growth. *Ndanka ndanka* reminds me to be patient, to keep going and to trust that steady steps forward are what truly create change."

## MORE ALBERTANS CONNECTED TO PRIMARY CARE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

One year after the launch of Primary Care Alberta, more Albertans can access a primary care provider – and a new tool now connects people even faster.

Alberta's government and Primary Care Alberta have launched Alberta Find a Provider, a redesigned website that helps Albertans quickly connect with nearby family doctors, nurse practitioners and registered midwives, and clinics accepting new patients. By making it faster and easier to connect with a primary care provider, more Albertans can receive preventive care, earlier diagnoses and stronger support managing chronic conditions.

Alberta now has more primary care providers than ever before. As of Dec. 31,

2025, there were 6,362 family physicians registered provincewide and 1,137 nurse practitioners with active licences, both all-time highs. Through Alberta Find a Provider, more than 800 primary care providers are currently accepting new patients, making it faster and easier for Albertans to connect with care close to home.

"We've been focused on strengthening primary care across Alberta, and it is working. More Albertans have access to a regular provider, and new tools like Alberta Find a Provider help make it easier to connect more people with the care they need."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services

Alberta's new funding model for family physicians and the Nurse Practitioner

Primary Care Program are designed to strengthen community-based care and attract more providers into comprehensive primary care. These approaches are already improving access and are expected to bring even more providers into the system in the coming months.

Through the website, Albertans can find family doctors, nurse practitioners, registered midwives and clinics accepting new patients. The redesigned site replaces Alberta Find a Doctor and includes expanded search options to make it easier to find care close to home.

"Our first year was about bringing teams together and building the foundation for stronger primary care across Alberta. Now we're focused on practical improvements that make

it easier for people to find care and navigate the system. Alberta Find a Provider is one important step in that work."

Kim Simmonds, chief executive officer, Primary Care Alberta

Albertans can also track progress through new primary care indicators added to the provincial health system dashboard. These indicators provide transparent reporting on measures such as patient attachment to a primary care provider, cervical cancer screening rates and post-discharge follow-up, helping demonstrate where access and continuity of care are improving and where more work is underway.

These steps mark the first year of progress, laying the foundation for expanded access and stronger primary care for all Albertans.

# PARKLAND RCMP RESPOND TO MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Feb. 26, 2026, at approximately 8:50 a.m., Parkland RCMP responded to a motor vehicle collision on the overpass of Highway 60 and Highway 16A in Acheson. Investigation determined that a dump truck attempted to turn left from Highway 60 to the westbound ramp onto Highway 16A. While doing so, it collided with a tractor trailer that was travelling southbound on Highway 60. Significant

damage was sustained to both vehicles. Traffic has resumed after being temporarily re routed for the investigation.

Both drivers sustained non-life-threatening injuries and were transported to hospital. This investigation is still ongoing.



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# ADVANCING THE ALBERTA SHERIFFS POLICE SERVICE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

New proposed legislation is a key step in a smooth transition from the Alberta Sheriffs to the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS).

If passed, Bill 15, the Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 will ensure law enforcement operations are not disrupted and public safety is not com-

promised during the transition. It also creates a direct, streamlined path for eligible sheriffs to become ASPS police officers, supporting recruitment and accelerating the growth of the new police service.

“Criminals are becoming more sophisticated, and we’re meeting that threat head-on by transforming the Alberta Sheriffs into a modern police service. We are putting more boots on the ground and giv-

ing our officers the high-tier training they need to combat the complex crime facing our province today. We aren’t just filling gaps; we are building a coordinated powerhouse that puts law-abiding Albertans first and sends a clear message: if you threaten our communities, we have the specialized frontline capacity to stop you. This is about a safer, stronger Alberta - full stop.”

Mike Ellis, Minister of Public

Safety and Emergency Services

As part of the transition, sheriff peace officers who currently perform police-like duties will be eligible to pursue careers as ASPS police officers, subject to training and qualification requirements. This ensures officers have the appropriate training and authority under the Police Act to continue performing the same core policing functions they do today. Other sheriffs will remain in their existing peace officer roles to maintain full operational coverage across Alberta during the transition.

The Alberta Sheriffs are currently government employees, while the new ASPS will operate as an independent Crown corporation. Bill 15 enables a smooth transition of unionized and non-unionized staff from the existing structure into the new service, providing continuity for employees and ensuring policing and public safety operations continue without disruption as the ASPS is established.

“By welcoming experienced sheriffs into the ASPS, we are able to grow our capacity while maintaining the essential peace-officer duties Albertans rely on every day. Because sheriffs already perform many police-like functions, integrating them into the ASPS allows us to stand up the service faster and with a depth of experience that would take years to build through new hiring alone.”

Sat Parhar, chief, Alberta Sheriffs Police Service

The proposed legislation also protects Alberta Sheriffs branch staff employment stability. During and after the transition, employees will continue to work under their current employment terms. This builds on legislation passed last year to ensure ASPS police officers have the ability to form their own police association to negotiate future collective bargaining agreements.

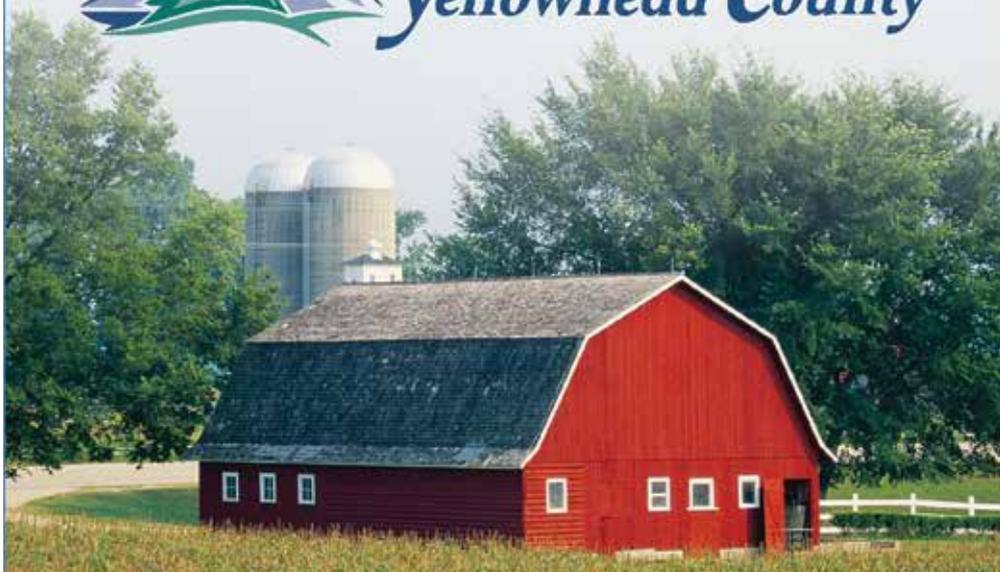
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# FARM SAFETY TIPS

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- Obtain proper training for the machinery you are using – and know its limitations.
- Go over basic farm safety knowledge with your kids regularly.

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# STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS - TILLER AND KEYES

Submitted by GYPSD

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) is pleased to announce the expansion of Nikki Tiller's role and responsibilities as the Division's Clinical Supervisor which now includes completing Educational Psychology Assessments for the division.

Nikki has an extensive clinical background, holding a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Social Work, and a Master of Counselling. As a Registered Social Worker and Registered Provisional Psychologist, she brings a dual-lens approach to student support. For the past five months, Nikki has served as the Clinical Supervisor for GYPSD's Family School Liaison Counsellors (FSLCs), supporting the division through VTRA (Violence Threat Risk Assessment) and crisis management.

Before joining the division, Nikki spent nearly a decade with the Government of Alberta's Children and Family Services. Her career there spanned from

frontline assessor to supervisor and provincial practice specialist, where she helped shape policy and practice at a high level.

Amy Corser, GYPSD's Director of Inclusion, welcomes Nikki's expertise. "Nikki's expanded role on the Inclusion team marks an exciting new chapter for our division. Her vast experience in crisis management and clinical supervision, paired with her passion for student advocacy, makes her the perfect fit for this role. We are thrilled to have her leadership and insight guiding our assessment services."

In her new role, Nikki will provide educational psychological assessments to students, working under the mentorship of recently retired Divisional Psychologist, Crystal Virtanen, to ensure the highest quality of specialized service.

In her spare time, Nikki is a passionate runner—and we mean really passionate!

Also, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) is pleased to announce the ap-

pointment of Miranda Keyes to the dual new role of Family School Liaison Counsellors (FSLC) Supervisor/ Crisis Management Lead. A dedicated alumna and long-time staff member, Miranda brings 13 years of diverse experience within the division to this essential leadership position.

Operating out of the Education Services Centre (ESC), Miranda will oversee the supervision and mentorship of Family School Liaison Counsellors across the division. Her portfolio includes coordinating Violent Threat Risk Assessments (VTRAs) and serving as a primary point of contact for the division's crisis management strategies.

Miranda's career with GYPSD is defined by a deep-rooted commitment to the community. Over the past 13 years, she has served in several vital capacities: Educational Assistant, Indigenous Liaison Facilitator, and Family School Liaison Counsellor (serving for the last seven years).

Her extensive work with students from Kindergarten

through Grade 12 has provided her with a comprehensive understanding of student and family needs, the unique cultures of local school communities, and the importance of maintaining strong partnerships with community agencies.

"Miranda is a strong advocate and a trusted support person for both students and staff," Amy Corser, Director of Inclusion noted. "She is deeply committed to helping young people navigate challenges, build resilience, and move toward a positive and meaningful life."

Miranda holds a Diploma in Child and Youth Care from Lakeland College. Her relationship-centered approach is informed by her academic training and her decade-plus of hands-on experience in the field.

When she isn't supporting the GYPSD community, Miranda remains active in the outdoors—whether she is hiking, kayaking, or cross-country skiing—and treasures time spent with her family and friends.



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Residents Opposed to Route of Pathway to the Park

Residents Collette Walker,

Shelley Byrne, and Darren Byrne presented to Council, sharing their reasons for opposing the proposed Pathway to the Park route. Concerns included increased traffic to the area, trapline interference, forest fire risk, trail management and safety, and more. Council accepted the group's presentation as information.

BF73079 Culvert Replacement Tender Award

Council awarded Tender

2026-73079, Bridge Culvert Replacement and Other Work at Bridge File 73079 to Strydhorst Enterprises Ltd. in the amount of \$617,081.60.

2026 Bridge Maintenance Tender Award

Council awarded Tender 2026-06973, 2026 Bridge Maintenance and Other Work to Volker Stevin Highways Ltd. in the amount of \$596,400.00 and authorized the unbudgeted expenditure of \$80,000.00 to be taken

from the Restricted Surplus Fund, Infrastructure: Roads and Bridges to cover the unbudgeted portion of the work.

Wildwood Surplus Property Letter of Interest

Administration was directed to submit an expression of interest to Alberta Infrastructure for the purchase of Lot 3, Plan 9620320, and Lot 4, Plan 9620320 with the noted intent to resell the land at a future time for economic development purposes.

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## PARKLAND RCMP ARREST AND CHARGE PROPERTY OFFENDER

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Feb. 24, 2026, Parkland RCMP located and arrested a 37-year-old male in relation to several ongoing property crime investigations in the area beginning on Jan. 1, 2026. The male was taken into custody without incident.

Tyrone Jason Hays, (37), a resident of Edmonton, has been charged with the following offences stemming from several incidents being investigated by the Parkland RCMP;

- Break and enter with intent - business x4,
- Theft of truck,
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000,
- Mischief under \$5,000 x3,
- Theft under \$5,000 x3,
- Failure to comply with release order,
- Operation while prohibited,
- Drive uninsured motor vehicle on highway.

Hays was remanded with his first court date set for Mar. 4, 2026, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Edmonton.

# PARKLAND RCMP SAFELY ARREST MALE IN POSSESSION OF A WEAPON

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Feb. 10, 2026, Parkland RCMP General Investigation members were in Paul First Nation when there was a male observed walking down the road with a rifle in his hands near Township-road 530 and Range-road 34. School had recently ended for the day, and a

school bus was observed nearby.

Police took quick decisive action, disarming the male who was subject to a Court Order prohibiting the possession of firearms. The male had a bolt-action rifle, air pistol and small quantity of methamphetamine in his possession.

Rodney House, (27), a resi-

dent of Paul First Nation was arrested on outstanding warrants and charged with the following offences:

- Possession of a Firearm while Prohibited by Court Order;and

- Careless use of a Firearm.

Rodney House has had his court appearance on Feb. 12, 2026, at the Alberta Court of

Justice in Mayerthorpe.

“It was a case of being in the right place at the right time and acting decisively,” says Corporal Mitch Rondeau of the Parkland RCMP. “I’m very proud of the members involved, their quick response prevented any further risk to the public.”

# LEGISLATION TARGETS TOURISM FEE TRANSPARENCY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Proposed legislation takes steps to protect consumers from hidden and misleading fees while ensuring visitors pay their fair share to help grow Alberta’s economy.

Alberta’s government is proposing legislation to introduce the new Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act and amend the Consumer Protection Act to prevent tourism

businesses from charging hidden or misleading fees while ensuring that visitors continue to pay their fair share to help maintain Alberta’s reputation as a premier travel destination. The proposed legislation will require full price transparency at booking and create clear rules for the voluntary collection and reinvestment of destination marketing fees.

“Alberta’s tourism industry is a powerful driver of jobs, investment and economic growth. This

legislation makes sure people who are paying these fees know where their dollars are going, creating the transparency and accountability that both businesses and their customers need. By introducing this legislation, our government is ensuring that Alberta continues to be the best place to stay and play.”

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

If passed, amendments to the Consumer Protection Act will re-

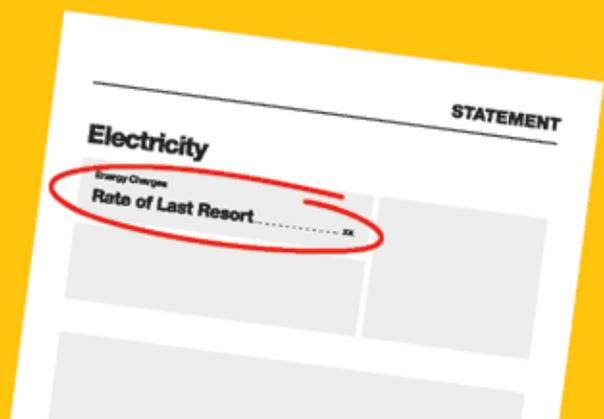
quire accommodation providers to disclose the full price of overnight accommodations to consumers at the time of booking, including all mandatory fees and charges. If requested by a customer, they must also explain the purpose of each mandatory fee and how the funds will be used. Not only will this protect consumers from bearing unexpected costs, but it will also build public trust and give travellers greater

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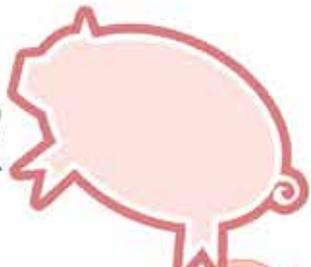
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# FARM SAFETY WEEK

## Be SAFE – Plan Ahead Assess Risk

Risk concerns the expected value of results of a situation or event. The value of those results may be positive or negative. In the farming industry, the measure of risk can be rated as high, medium or low. Once the risk has been assessed, through your regular safety checks, employers can determine whether to take immediate action of a hazard or identify those that can be monitored and fixed at a later time. Regular assessment can help with budgeting time and resources for immediate or future repairs.

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**Trades Automotive & Welding Ltd.**  
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**ATB Financial A.T.B. Financial -Wabamun**  
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**Thrive Local Wellness**  
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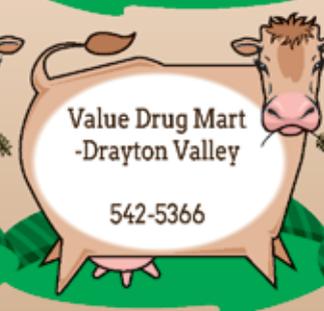
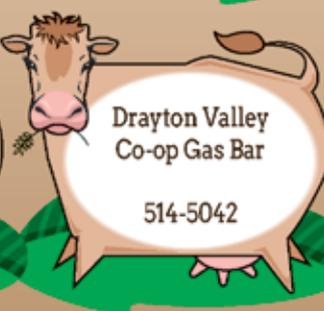


# FARM SAFETY WEEK

## Preventing Crushes

- From rolling machinery to falling front-end loaders there are countless crush hazards on a farm. While farm operators and workers can't prevent every hazard on a farm, they should prevent every hazard they can by taking simple preventative measures while working.

- Failure to block-up equipment safely can result in a fatal crushing injury. A jack may slip, a hose or overhead support may break, or the equipment may roll. Always take the precaution of placing support blocks under the equipment prior to working with raised machinery for any reason.

 <p>40 Winks Sleep Shop 514-5037</p>	 <p>Techmation Electric &amp; Controls Ltd. 542-2723</p>	 <p>Valley Concrete (2003) Inc. 542-5488</p>	 <p>T-Bone Specialty Foods 621-1778</p>
 <p>Tri-Electric Ltd. 542-4212</p>	 <p>Drayton Valley Auto Parts / NAPA 542-6881</p>	 <p>Value Drug Mart - Drayton Valley 542-5366</p>	 <p>Carol Lapointe Professional Services Ltd. 542-1571</p>
 <p>Metalnecks Salvage Ltd. 587-464-0123</p>	 <p>Affinity Funeral Services 542-3338</p>	 <p>Drayton Valley Co-op Gas Bar 514-5042</p>	 <p>DV Home Hardware &amp; Bldg Center 542-9663</p>
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# EASTER COLORING CONTEST




We're on the hunt for **EGGCELLENT** artists



**AGE GROUPS:** 4-5 YRS | 6-7 YRS | 8-9 YRS | 10 - 12 YRS

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOWN:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Entries must be received by April 2, 2026.*

**Mail to: Community Voice  
Box 3595 Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3A8**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are a LICENSED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, you are welcome to submit your announcement FREE of charge, space permitting. You are required to submit your non-profit number. Call (780) 962-9228. Please note that all submitted event listings must be limited to 25 words or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

Gunn Community Hall Easter Family Bingo March 28, 2026 Doors Open 1:00pm Games 3:00pm Turkeys, Hams, Other Prizes.

Gunn Community Hall Crib Tournament April 11, 2026 Call to Register 780-951-9452 or 780-266-0481

## FARMERS MARKETS

**DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market,** Wednesdays starting May -October from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd. dvagsocietyinfo@gmail.com for information.

**EVANSBURG FARMERS MARKET:** Every Saturday 10am - 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-515-0905

### May-Sept

URG: Sat, 10AM-2PM, Tipple Park Museum. Call 727-2240 for tables. \*May-Sept.

**SEBA BEACH FARMERS MARKET,** every Saturday 10:00 am to 12:30 pm until September 14th at the Seba Beach Pavilion (505-1 Ave South) Email is sebaeachfm@gmail.com

**SPRUCE GROVE:** at the Elevator, Sat 10:00-1:00PM, Info (780)288-6174 \*April -Dec.

**STONY PLAIN:** Saturdays, 9AM-1PM, Community Centre Downtown, Stony Plain. 587-982-8303. \*April -Dec.

**Wabamun Farmers Market:** 12:00 noon on Sunday, July 3. Old Fire Hall (53rd Ave), Wabamun

## BINGO

**ENTWISTLE COMM. LEAGUE BINGO:** Every Wednesday, Doors Open 6PM.

**STONY PLAIN SENIOR'S DROP-IN CENTRE:** public bingo every Tues, 7PM. All ages welcome. Phone (780) 963-6685

**WILDWOOD:** 4<sup>th</sup> Mon night. 6:30PM, bingo starts 7:30PM, Early Birds & Lucky 7.

## MEAT DRAWS

**C.A.N. COMMUNITIES OF ALBERTA NETWORKING FOR SENIORS,** Spruce Grove At Pioneer Center. first market March 25 1 - 5:30pm

**Evansburg:** Evansburg Legion, Friday 8-10PM & Saturday 3-5PM

**STONY PLAIN ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR# 256:** Saturdays @ 3:00PM-5:00 PM Meat Draw & 50/50.

**Wildwood:** Wildwood Legion, Saturday 3-5PM

## JAMBOREES

**CARVEL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month. \$6 lunch served. Info 780-991-300

**Duffield Hall:** Jamboree noon - 4pm 4th Saturday Sept - May 780-722-5083

**ENTWISTLE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, Doors at 1:30PM at Entwistle Community Hall. Contact Verna at 780-716-2304.

\*October - May  
**RAVINE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of each month. Info 780-325-2391

\*Sept - May  
**Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center:** 12963 - 1205th NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

**SPRUCE GROVE:** at Sandhills Community Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 1-5PM. Info Florence 780-962-3104 Margaret 780-962-3051 \*Sept - June.

**STONY PLAIN:** Stony Plain Seniors Drop In Center, 5018 - 51 Ave. Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of month, 6:30PM, \$2.

**TOMAHAWK:** Tomahawk Agriplex, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of month. 1PM. to 5PM. Doors open at noon PH: 780-339-3755. \*Oct - May

**WILDWOOD:** Wildwood Community Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri Each Month, noon 325-2180 325-2270 \*Oct - June.

## TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

**ENTWISTLE:** Wed 5 pm weigh-in, meeting to follow. WEE Foodbank building, main street Entwistle, south entrance. Call Jean at 780-270-4648 for more info.

**STONY PLAIN:** Thurs evening at 5:30PM, Stony Plain Library Susan (780) 968-0869

**SPRUCE GROVE:** Mon at 4:30pm at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Betty (780)962-3857

**SPRUCE GROVE:** Tues at 6:15PM at Anglican Church, 131 Church Rd. Sharron (780) 962-2722

**SPRUCE GROVE:** Wed at 8:45am at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 303 Church Road. Christiane (780)960-1109t Wildwood Hall, Bea (780)727-2129

## YOUR COMMUNITY

**ALBERTA PARENTING FOR THE FUTURE ASSOC:** Call 963-0549 or visit www.apfa.ca to register. All programs are confidential & free.

**Derrick Toastmasters:** Serving Drayton Valley and area since 1990 Build Communication, Leadership & Public Speaking Skills Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7-9pm, Zoom Contact derricktm6538.secretary@gmail.com for information.

**FREE HOME MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM,** for Wabamun Seniors & Wabamun Lions. Arrange for meal preparation through a local restaurant. Call Darlene, 892-2551.

**PROBLEMS WITH DRUG OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION** in a loved one? Contact Drug Rehab Resource for a free confidential consultation. 1-866-649-1594 or www.drugrehabresource.net.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

**AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB** at Keephills Library. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of every month, 1:30-3:00PM. Visit www.pclibraries.ca for info.

**HATCHET CITY READERS** at Tomahawk Library. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of every month, 10-11AM. For what we're reading next, visit our website, www.pclibraries.ca.

**SEBA BEACH LIBRARY** Summer Hours July - August Tues.- Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM. This summer we will have

TD Summer Reading Club, Story Walk, Gardening Program, and Special Events. Call us at 780-797-3940 or email sebaeachlibrary@yrl.ab.ca

**EVANSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs, 7:00PM Grand Trunk High 727-2030.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**AEROBICS:** Low impact, Mon/Wed, 11AM-12PM, Wildwood Senior's Centre, \$1/session.

**BREAKFAST SOCIAL:** 9:30AM-NOON, Parkland Village Community Centre - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. PH: 780.298.9155 Social Media: PVCentre.

**COME PLAY CRIB:** Fridays, 7:00PM at Darwell Seniors Hall; lite lunch is served. All ages!

**COUNTRY QUILTERS** in Stony Plain house a "Sew in Tuesday", 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, from 10-3PM. Drop in \$5/member, \$6/non-members. Contact Cindy 780-963-7170.

**Darwell Public Skating** 7-days weel 8am - 8pm. more details on Darwellag.com or Facebook

**EVANSBURG ART CLUB:** meet & paint First Saturday of the month 1-4pm @ Wildwood Senior Centre 780-325-2424.

**EVANSBURG SENIOR'S HERITAGE HOUSE:** Floor Curling Mon & Thurs 1 pm

**EVANSBURG TIPPLE PARK HISTORICAL BUILDING TOURS:** Wed - Sat, 10:00-5:00PM.

**OPEN HOUSE** for socializing, Crib & card playing at Entwistle Senior Center,

Thursdays at 6:45PM. Dan 780-982-0353

**PARENT & TOT PLAYTIME:** PERC Building Stony Plain Wed 10-11AM; Holborn Community Hall Thurs 9:30-11AM; Parkland Village Tues 9:30-11:30AM.

**SEBA BEACH SENIORS CENTRE, Drop Ins:** Thrift Shop open Wednesdays & Saturdays (10am-3pm); **Drop-ins - MONDAYS:** Tone & Stretch - 9am; Mahjong - 1pm; Walking Group - 4:30pm; **TUESDAYS:** International Discussion - 10am; Book Club (1st Tues of mth) 11:30am; Cribbage - 1pm; Fun Darts Nite - 7pm; **WEDNESDAYS:** Fitness Fun - 9am; Quilting & Fibre Arts - 10am; Music Jam - 4pm; **THURSDAYS:** Bridge - 1pm; Watercolour Collective - 3pm; **FRIDAYS:** Tone & Stretch - 9am; Men's Shed - 3pm (every other Friday); Socials - 7pm (3rd Friday of mth); Visit our website for up-to-date info: www.sebaseniors.ca

**SEBA BEACH QUILTERS & FIBER ARTS:** Wednesdays 9:30AM, Seniors Center.

**SENIORS WEDNESDAY\* AFTERNOON** 1-4pm at Parkland Village Community Centre. Games, Crafts & more! Call Sheryl 780.695.7032 \*exceptions incl. Weather.

**SPIRITUAL LIVING STONY PLAIN INSPIRATIONAL CINEMA & DISCUSSIONS** at PERC Building (5413-51 St.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of month at 7PM. Popcorn provided, donations appreciated. Contact 780-940-3032

**SPRUCE GROVE ELEVATOR TOURS:** Tues-Sat, 9-3PM. 960-4600.

**If you're 55+ and enjoy camping** with a group, join the 5th Meridian Nomads, the Stony Plain chapter of Alberta RVers Association. 780-499-9661 or rvalberta.ca

**Wabamun Seniors Centre POT LUCK** every Wed 12:00PM, Come on down!

## MEETINGS

**2<sup>ND</sup> TIMERS:** A support & confidential group for Grandparents Parenting. 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of month, 6:30PM. Grand Trunk High School (meet in Lobstick Literacy & Learning room). Child care provided at the Evansburg Public Library.

**299 ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS CORPS MACKENZIE:** Stony Plain Comm Center, Wed 6:30PM. Youths 12-18, 963-0843

**755 PARKLAND AIR CADETS** Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM Muir Lake School, ages 12-18. Info call 405-6585 or www.aircadet.com/755.

**AA:** Friday at 8PM, Evansburg. Call 780-995-1992, 780-727-4175 or 587-464-2466 Open Meeting

**AA MEETING:** Every Monday night at 8PM, Duffield Mewassin Free Methodist Church, (13km South of Duffield Turnoff at Shell Gas Station on Hwy 16).

**AL-ANON:** Wed 8PM. Spruce Grove United Church, 1A Fieldstone Drive. 962-5205

Hope and Help for Family and Friends, New Al-Anon meeting in Spruce Grove Wed @ 11am. 1A Fieldstone Dr Church Library

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (Evans/Ent):** 7:30PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, Heritage House.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL:** The Pembina Community Watch Patrol Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each month at 7:30PM, at the Tipple Park Museum (4924-48 St.), Evansburg. Contact 780-898-1465 or 780-727-2686.

**DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY:** 7PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Mon, Community Hall.

**DDRA MEETING:** 7:00PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, Darwell Centennial Hall 780-892-3099.

\*except Jul/Aug/Dec  
**DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:** meets 7PM at Municipal Library (5120-52 St.) every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of month. Call (780) 542-2787

**ENTWISTLE COMMUNITY LEAGUE GENERAL MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly 7:30PM. \*Except June, July, August

**ENTWISTLE SENIORS 55+ CLUB:** Tue & Fri, 1:30-4:00PM at Entwistle Hall

**EVANSBURG SENIOR'S 55+ HERITAGE HOUSE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm Paul 780-621-6148

**FALLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00PM.

**GUNN COMMUNITY HALL** every Wednesday Doors Open 6:30pm Music Jamb. with "Passin Through" @ 7:00pm also Meat Draw Sales, 50-50 Sales, Nevada Sales, Food Concession & Bar.

**LAC STE. ANNE & LAKE ISLE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri, 7PM, Alberta Beach Council Chambers.

**LAKE ISLE HALL COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETINGS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of each month @ 7:30PM at the Lake Isle Hall (Hwy 633 and RR55) Ph # 780-892-3121

**LAKE ISLE MULTI 4-H GENERAL MEETINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of each month @ 6:30PM @ Lake Isle Hall. Contact 780-242-2486.

**LOBSTICK 4-H BEEF & MULTI CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mon, Evansburg Arena, 7PM, Shannon 727-2358

**LOBSTICK GARDEN CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues, 6:30PM at Tipple Park Museum, Clara (780) 399-2205

**MACKAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** 1st Thursday of every month at MackKay Community Hall info 795-2350

**MAGNOLIA BOARD MEETINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month, 7PM at Magnolia Community Hall.

**MEN FOR SOBRIETY:** Wednesdays at 7:30PM, FCSS Building (#105, 505 Queen Street, Spruce Grove). Mike (780) 965-9991.

**MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of month, 6-8PM at Norquest College. Terra Leslie, 1-403-346-0290. \*Sept-June

**MS SOCIETY PARKLAND COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP:** Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? Last Tues of month, 7-9PM, Westview Health Centre. Contact Cassy 780-471-3034

**NA MEETING:** Tuesdays, 7:00PM. 514-6011

**PEMBINA PORCUPINES - JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS:** Entwistle Porcupine gathering: 1 & 3 Thursday of Each month 6pm @ Magnolia Hall Sheena 514-4004 Porcupines@yellowheadfjw.ca

**PEMBINA VALLEY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB:** we meet on the third Thursday at the Entwistle Community Hall Meeting Room at 8PM Contact President Lion Ron Stefanuk 780-218-5067.

**STONY PLAIN FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION & WABAMUN GUN CLUB:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, Stony Plain Comm Center, 7:30PM.

**SUNDOWNERS TOASTMASTER CLUB:** Mon (excl. Holidays) 7:30-9:30PM. St. Matthew's Church, Spruce Grove. Judy 960-5258

**TOMAHAWK SENIORS (50+)** meets every Thursday from 1-4pm at the Tomahawk Agra.

**W.E.E COMMUNITY FOOD BANK:** Call (780) 727-4043 for emergency food needs. Monthly Meeting: LAST Monday of month at 7:00PM at the Food Bank (Old fire hall in Entwistle). \*Except December

**WILDWOOD & DIST AG SOCIETY:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month 7:00PM at the Wildwood Complex. Wilma 325-2424

**WILDWOOD & DIST ROD & GUN CLUB:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:30PM at the range clubhouse, wildwoodrodandgun@gmail.com

**WILDWOOD SENIORS:** 4th Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. Contact Esther at (780) 893-4969 or Sally 780-864-9281.

\*No meetings July, August, December.

**YELLOWHEAD CENTRAL SANTA'S ANONYMOUS MEETING -** Every 3rd Tuesday, Tipple Park museum, 7 pm. New members welcome - big satisfaction for small input!

# Farm Safety Tips



When farming please follow these precautions in order to keep yourself, your family and your workers safe:

- When moving large machinery, be sure to check the location of power lines. Make arrangements with your service provider to ensure a safe route along a route you will travel between fields with large implements in travel mode.
- When working with livestock always ensure you have an escape route planned and that you are wearing the appropriate gear for the job. For example – wear a helmet and appropriate footwear when riding a horse.

## The following businesses are proud sponsors of Farm Safety & Health Week



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963-8134

Apollo Drug  
Store  
- Stony Plain  
968-0066

Stony Plain  
Auto  
963-6297

Stony Plain  
Denture Clinic  
963-2426

Summer's  
Drilling  
963-1282

West Parkland  
Gas Co-op  
963-3311

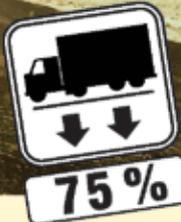
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Discounter  
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# ROAD BANS

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**Road Bans will be here soon.**  
Make sure you're ready and prepared before they start.

1. Get all trucking done that you can before they start.
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3. Make sure you have your road use agreements in place.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Solid Waste Manager Edson, AB COMPETITION NO. 26-017

Reporting to the General Manger of Infrastructure and Planning Services, the Solid Waste Manager is responsible for managing of all components of service delivery of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority (WYRWMA) which includes the Regional Landfill site in Hinton. The Solid Waste Manager will also oversee the County's solid waste program which includes the County's transfer stations, solid waste collection and recycling.

The salary range is \$110,264 to \$136,727 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit benefits package. This is a full-time, permanent position. This position is based out of Edson.

To apply please submit resumes, cover letters, and applicable certifications and/or transcripts online at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs).

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

This competition closes **March 16, 2026 at 4:30 PM.**

Thank you for your interest in Yellowhead County careers. At this time, we will only be contacting applicants who have been selected to move forward in the recruitment process. If you are selected, you will be contacted by Human Resources.

Human Resources  
Yellowhead County  
Email: [jobs@yhcounty.ca](mailto:jobs@yhcounty.ca)

The personal information collected as a result of this advertisement is under the authority of the Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) s.4(c) and will be utilized for these employment opportunities only. Questions about the collection or use of this information can be directed to HR at 780-723-4800.

# TAX TIME IS COMING!

## Get your taxes done - free!



### Yellowhead County Community Volunteer Income Tax Program!

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Tax Returns must be simple (no business or farm income, no capital gains, no depreciation and not a death return)
- Must be a resident of Yellowhead or Parkland County
- Program is for Low Income Individuals:
  - » 1 person income is \$40,000 or less
  - » 2 person income is \$55,000 or less
  - » 3 person income is \$60,000 or less
  - » 4 person income is \$65,000 or less
  - » 5 person income is \$70,000 or less
  - » Over 5 people add \$5,000 for each person

**Reminder:** A current tax return is required for federal benefits to continue without disruption, ex: child tax credit, government pensions.

**Where:** Yellowhead County Offices (Wildwood and Edson)

**This program will start March 1, 2026 to ensure that everyone receives all of their tax slips.**

For more information, please call Yellowhead County at 780.325.3782.






## Recreation Board Grants

### Quarterly Grants: Next Deadline **March 31**

#### RECREATION PROGRAM & EVENT GRANT

Registered non-profit groups are eligible to apply for funding up to \$2200 for programs and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport and/or other recreational opportunities to the community.

#### COMMUNITY HALL/ OUTDOOR AMENITY CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Registered non-profit groups are eligible to apply for funding assistance with capital projects such as renovations, repairs, furniture & equipment purchases, new facility or outdoor amenity, etc.



Robb Pump Track

#### RECREATION & CULTURE INITIATIVES FUND

Registered non-profit groups are eligible to apply for funding for new initiatives in recreation and culture facilities, programs and services that will have ongoing benefits to the community.

### Annual Grants: Next Deadline **March 31**

#### OUTDOOR AMENITY OPERATIONAL GRANT

Registered non-profit groups are eligible for operational assistance if operating an outdoor amenity. Amenities include: playgrounds, ski trails, outdoor skating rinks, ball diamonds, soccer pitch, riding arena, hiking trails.

#### COMMUNITY HALL OPERATIONAL GRANT

Registered non-profit groups are eligible for operational assistance if they are operating a community hall.

Applications at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca) or pick up at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood. Call the Parks and Rec Supervisor for more info: 780-723-4800

# Farm Safety Week

## Entanglements

° The average farm is full of machinery and device that can grab, cut, smash and entangle fingers, hands, toes, and feet causing injury to the extremities and even death. The sad truth is that most of these injuries can be avoided.

° Some of the key entanglement prevention measures to implement when working with or near machinery are:

- Before operating any machine or equipment, ensure that all guards are in place and in good condition.
- Wear tight fitting clothing, such as overalls. Avoid wearing any items that could become entangled, such as long coats or scarves.
- Never step over a PTO shaft or conveyer belt while it is still running.

° Ensure that anyone working with augers, PTOs, and other extremely hazardous machinery receives appropriate safety instruction and adequate supervision.

° Keep young children out of the farm or ranch work site, especially areas where there is moving machinery.

Sandy Views Farms Ltd. 962-0067	Calibre Drilling Ltd. 960-2992	Sunset Motors 962-4848	Royal Liquor Discounter 960-0034
TD Canada Trust -Spruce Grove 962-0404	Queen Street Dental 960-1422	Serenity Funeral Services 962-2749	Parkland Veterinary Clinic 962-6300
Parkland County 968-8888	Grove Collision Repairs Ltd. 962-3755	Preshush Jewellers & Goldsmiths 960-4200	H & E Upholstery 962-3048
Royal LePage -Noralta 962-4950	The Flooring Store 960-9212	B.W. Eavestroughing 699-1880	NAPA Auto Parts -Spruce Grove 962-4421

# Legislation Targets Tourism Fee Transparency

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confidence when planning their trips.

"We thank the Government of Alberta for listening to our members and introducing destination marketing fee legislation built on transparency, accountability and good governance. Legislation that keeps participation voluntary, ensures the system remains industry-driven rather than government-administered or destination marketing organization set, and drives local economic growth for Alberta's tourism sector."

Tracy Douglas, president and CEO Alberta Hotel and Lodging Association

Destination marketing fees (DMFs) are fees that many tourism businesses already voluntarily charge their customers to help support local destination marketing and development. While most businesses operate in good-faith, some businesses have retained DMF proceeds for profit – misleading consumers and undermining local destination promotion and development efforts.

If passed, the Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act would create a fair, consis-

tent, and transparent framework for the voluntary collection and reinvestment of DMFs. When tourism businesses voluntarily charge their customers a DMF, if passed, this legislation would require 100 per cent of fee to be used to explicitly support local destination marketing and development. DMFs will continue to be voluntary and industry-led, giving tourism businesses the ability to choose whether to charge these fees to their customers.

"We're so pleased to see this legislation moving ahead. When visitors understand where their dollars are going locally, it supports our triple bottom line: people, planet and profit."

Rachel Ludwig, CEO, Tourism Canmore Kananaskis

If passed, the Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act will create the transparency and accountability needed to encourage a coordinated approach to local destination marketing and development. The new framework will establish clear requirements for the designation, operations and governance of one local trustee, destination marketing organizations, and, if applicable, accommodation association

per region. This includes setting parameters for the use of DMFs to provide proven, measurable local economic benefits for participating businesses. To ensure this framework meets the unique needs of each region, the legislation would also enable regions to set local DMF rates, define the destination's geographic boundaries locally, and use fees to best support local growth.

"The visitor economy is one of Alberta's fastest-growing sectors, driving billions in economic activity and supporting more than ten per cent of our region's jobs. In Edmonton, hotel partners are already investing in our destination through a local destination marketing fee. That collaboration has helped build a strong and transparent local model and is driving great results. A provincial framework will strengthen accountability across Alberta and ensure visitor dollars are reinvested into our global competitiveness – creating jobs, attracting major events, and driving economic impact in Edmonton and across Alberta."

Traci Bednard, CEO and president, Explore Edmonton

"We applaud the introduction of the Traveller Protection and

Destination Development Act. This legislation strengthens consumer protection across the entire province and ensures greater clarity and accountability around destination marketing fees, while directing funds to the appropriate organizations to grow the visitor economy in the regions where they are collected. Calgary has been leading the way with a model grounded in strong consumer protection and responsible stewardship for many years. We've long supported this direction because it reflects how our market already operates – a model that has helped deliver record growth for our visitor economy."

Alisha Reynolds, CEO, Tourism Calgary

Together, these changes are a key step forward for the continued growth and success of Alberta's visitor economy. By introducing this new legislation, Alberta's government is protecting consumers, improving transparency for businesses, and ensuring local communities have the tools to promote and develop themselves as a premier destination for visitors.

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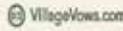
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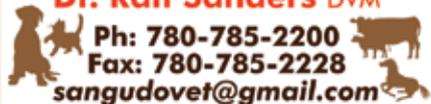
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