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September 16, 2026

PARKLAND RCMP WARN PUBLIC OF BAIL SCAM

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Parkland RCMP are investigating a fraud in which an individual was deceived into depositing \$3,000 into a cryptocurrency machine. On Sept. 10, 2026, the victim received a phone call from a male claiming to be police, stating that their sister was being charged and required bail money. The suspect gave the victim the location of the machine in Edmonton and instructed her to make the deposit.

It is important for the public to recognize the red flags in these phone calls:

- The caller asks you to pay some kind of bail, fine, or fee through a gift card, money transfer, cryptocurrency, or offers to send someone to pick it up from you in person,
- The RCMP will not deny anyone medical care while waiting for bail,
- The RCMP will not offer to drop charges in exchange for bail or fines being paid,
- The bail system nev-

er solicits money from people, nor do they use couriers to help in any such process.

Fraudsters can make a call appear as though it is coming from a legitimate source, including police, and advances in technology can even allow them to mimic a person's voice. If you receive a call claiming a loved one has been arrested or requires emergency funds, do not send money. End the call and independently verify the information by contacting the family member or another trusted contact.

DEVON AND PARKLAND RCMP POLICING SERVICES OFFICIALLY INTEGRATED

Submitted by Devon and Parkland RCMP

Effective Aug. 14, 2026, Devon RCMP and Parkland RCMP have officially integrated their policing operations, strengthening public safety through enhanced collaboration, resource sharing and increased operational capacity across the region.

Under the new model, policing services in Devon operate within the Parkland RCMP Detachment while maintaining a dedicated RCMP presence in the Town of Devon. Residents will continue to

have access to local policing services, while also benefiting from additional resources, specialized support, and greater operational flexibility.

The integration follows a successful pilot project that demonstrated operational and administrative benefits for both communities. By working as an integrated policing team, officers can be deployed more efficiently, resources can be shared across municipal boundaries, and policing services can be adapted to respond more effectively to changing public safety needs.

One of the most significant benefits for Devon residents is the transition from overnight on-call policing to 24-hour, seven-day-a-week policing coverage under the integrated model.

The Devon RCMP detachment office will remain open and active, providing front-counter services Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The integration comes as Devon continues to see positive trends in several key crime categories. Between January and May 2026, compared with the same

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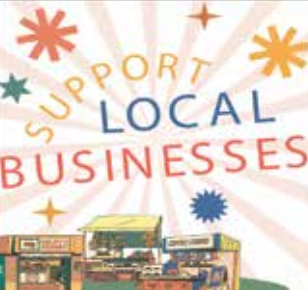


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Devon And Parkland RCMP Policing Services Officially Integrated

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period in 2025:

- Crimes against persons decreased by 15 per cent, including a reduction in robberies from three incidents in 2025 to zero in 2026.
- Overall property crime decreased by 25 per cent.
- Break and enters declined from five incidents to two.
- Vehicle thefts decreased from nine incidents to two.
- Theft-under occurrences decreased significantly, from 40 files in 2024 to four files in 2026 during the same reporting period.

"The integration of Devon and Parkland policing operations represents an important step forward for policing in the region," said Insp. McGillivray, Officer in Charge of Parkland RCMP. "Throughout the pilot project, we saw positive improvements both operationally and administratively. Bringing our resources together enhances our ability to respond

to community needs, provides greater support to our officers, and gives us increased flexibility to deploy resources where they are needed most. Most importantly, residents can continue to expect professional, effective, and responsive policing services. We look forward to building on the success of the pilot as we move into this new era of policing in Devon."

Devon Mayor Jeff Craddock said the integration strengthens regional policing while preserving a strong local presence in Devon.

"For Devon residents, this partnership means stronger, more coordinated policing while maintaining a dedicated RCMP presence in the community. By working more closely with the Parkland Detachment, our local officers have access to a broader team, additional resources, and greater flexibility to respond when and where they are needed. Ultimately, this strengthens our ability to provide consistent and

effective policing and keep our communities safe."

Craddock added that the integrated model allows both communities to benefit from a more coordinated regional approach to policing.

"Bringing the Devon and Parkland policing operations together allows us to build on the strengths of both detachments. It provides greater access to specialized resources, improves coordination across municipal boundaries, and gives the RCMP greater flexibility to deploy officers based on operational needs. Most importantly for Devon, we are maintaining a strong local policing presence in the community while also benefiting from the capacity and resources of a larger regional team."

The RCMP remains committed to working closely with municipal leaders, community partners and residents to promote public safety, reduce crime and support community well-being throughout Devon and Parkland County.

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PHONE: _____ **TOWN:** _____

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Assessors in Yellowhead County

Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. is contracted by Yellowhead County to handle all Residential Inspections. They work year-round assessing properties.

Here are a few things that residents should be aware of regarding AAG Assessors:

1. They all wear **identification lanyards** and if not, they **must produce identification upon request**.
2. They **must produce their letter of authorization** from Yellowhead County.
3. If you are not home, they **will leave a notice on the door** letting you know they were there.
4. All Accurate Assessors **vehicles are marked with this logo** on their vehicle doors:



If you have any concerns regarding this matter, please contact the Yellowhead County office at 780-723-4800.

Yellowhead County

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT SENIORS HOUSING



Yellowhead County is completing a Seniors Housing Review to understand the need for seniors housing in Peers, Rosevear, and Shiningbank.

Get involved and attend the community meeting:

Date: Monday, September 21, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Peers Multiplex, 5114 51 Street, Peers, Alberta

Or fill out the survey by October 6, 2026:

<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/yhchousingsurvey>

All County residents are welcome and encouraged to participate in the project. The input provided will help the County make informed decisions about seniors housing in these areas in the future.



Have questions or looking for more information? Contact us:

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www.yhcounty.ca/housing

Fall 2026 Yellowhead County

FAMILY TIME



Join us Wednesdays for some indoor fun!
Program runs from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

There will be activities and unstructured free play each week.

MARLBORO COMMUNITY HALL

SEPTEMBER 23
OCTOBER 7 & 28
NOVEMBER 18
DECEMBER 2

PEERS MULTIPLEX

SEPTEMBER 30
OCTOBER 14
NOVEMBER 4 & 25
DECEMBER 9

This is a free program for caregivers with children ages 0-5.



Registration is required.
Register at yhcounty.ca/registration
Light snacks and refreshments provided.



Senior Benefits Workshop



Come out and learn about the provincial and federal benefits that are available for seniors and how to access them!

Info about:
OAS, GIS, CPP, Alberta Seniors Benefit, the Seniors Financial Assistance Program, and more!

The Special Needs Assistance for Seniors will be discussed, as well as the income thresholds.

September 22: • Robb Multiplex 10am-12pm
• Marlboro Community Hall 2:30pm-4:30pm

September 28: • Pinedale Hall 10am-12pm
• Niton Community Hall 2:30pm-4:30pm

September 29: • Wildwood Community Hall 10am-12pm
• Sunshine Place Lodge Rec Room 2:30pm-4:30pm

Snacks and refreshments available!

To register visit yhcounty.ca/registration or contact Karen at 780-325-3782 or kschatz@yhcounty.ca



 **Yellowhead County**

Recreation Board Quarterly Grants

Next Deadline: **September 30**

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 and 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.

Applications at 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

 **Yellowhead County**

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER AWARD

Now Accepting Nominations for Outstanding Farm Families!

We want to recognize farm families who enhance and contribute to the Yellowhead County communities in which they live.



- 🏆 A selected producer will be recognized at our Annual Agricultural Services Supper on November 6, 2026 at the Wildwood Hall.
- 🏆 The producer will also receive a gate sign and certificate of recognition.
- 🏆 Equal consideration will be given to the family's role in agriculture and their community involvement.

Visit yhcounty.ca for more info on this award!

Nominate a deserving producer at bit.ly/yhcproduceraward26 before September 30th, 2026

 **Yellowhead County**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Outreach Coordinator Wildwood, AB COMPETITION NO. 26-035

Reporting to the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Supervisor, the Community Outreach Coordinator is responsible for the planning, coordination, delivery, promotion, and evaluation of community-based programs and services that support seniors, caregivers, and vulnerable residents throughout Yellowhead County. The position services as the primary coordinator for community outreach initiatives, senior's supports, the Home Support Program, the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), and public education workshops.

The salary range is \$75,167 to \$93,208 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. This is a full-time, permanent position. This position is based out of Wildwood.

To apply please submit resumes, cover letters, and applicable certifications and/or transcripts online at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs.

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. This competition will remain open until September 30, 2026 at 4:30pm.

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.

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The personal information collected as a result of this advertisement is under the authority of the Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) s.4(1) 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.

 **Yellowhead County**

You're invited! Council Open Houses!



Drop in and chat with us!

Three dates and locations!

East Open House

October 6, 2026 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Pembina Rec-Plex (5712 52 Ave, Evansburg)

Central Open House

October 13, 2026 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Pine Grove Hall (17230 Township Rd 542)

West Open House

October 20, 2026 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Cadomin Community Hall (5215 50 St, Cadomin)

Come meet Council and members of Administration! Ask questions, share feedback, and connect with the people working on behalf of County communities. Light refreshments will be provided.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Yellowhead County

For more information contact Yellowhead County at 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800.

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YCE Multiplex Schedule Strategy

Council approved the YCE Multiplex schedule recovery strategy. Weather disruptions and other factors have delayed construction. The revised schedule will maintain the planned demolition date of the exist-

ing pool in April 2027 and avoids additional costs and keeps the project closer to the original schedule. The new schedule will result in a seven-week interruption to pool operations.

2026 Property Tax Auction & Reserve Bids

Council set the 2026 Property Tax Auction date for

November 19, 2026, at 10:30 am at the Edson Administration Building and adopted the reserve bids and conditions for the properties listed in the 2026 Property Tax Auction.

ALBERTA MAJOR CRIMES UNIT INVESTIGATES SUSPICIOUS DEATH

Submitted by Alberta Major Crimes Unit

On Sept. 5, 2026, at approximately 5:30 a.m., Maskwacis RCMP responded to a 911 call to a residence on the Samson Cree Nation, Alta. Upon arrival, officers

found a 25-year-old male resident of Maskwacis deceased. The Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit has taken carriage of the investigation.

RCMP is seeking the public's assistance in reviewing any avail-

able video surveillance or dash camera footage recorded between 4:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Sept. 5, 2026, in the area of Cranes Crossing in Maskwacis.



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ENOCH RCMP TRAFFIC STOP RESULTS IN DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGE AND NATION BAN

Submitted by Enoch RCMP

On Aug. 30, 2026, at approximately 5:14 p.m., Enoch RCMP conducted a traffic stop on Enoch Cree Nation after observing a vehicle with a burnt-out headlight.

The lone occupant, a 52-year-old Edmonton resident who is not a member of the Enoch Cree Nation, was identified by officers. The investigation during the traffic stop resulted in a search of the vehicle, where officers located approximately 9 grams of suspected cocaine, 4 grams of suspected crystal methamphetamine, small distribution bags, two scales and other drug paraphernalia consistent with drug trafficking.

As a result of the investigation, the male was charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and is scheduled to appear for court in St. Albert on Dec. 23, 2026. Enoch Peace Officers also issued the male a \$1,000 trespassing ticket and banned him indefinitely from Enoch Cree Nation lands. Any future unauthorized return to Nation lands will result in increased fines.

"This enforcement action highlights the continued efforts of Enoch RCMP and Enoch Peace Officers to proactively

address criminal activity and help keep Enoch Cree Nation safe," said Sergeant Warren Munro of the Enoch RCMP.

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WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY: JOINT STATEMENT

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister Rick Wilson and Minister Searle Turton issued the following statement on World Suicide Prevention Day:

"On World Suicide Prevention Day, we pause to remember the people we have lost and to offer support and strength to the families, friends and communities who continue to be impacted. Every life

lost to suicide is a tragedy, and every Albertan should know that help is available.

"Suicide prevention begins long before a crisis occurs. That is why Alberta's government continues

to raise awareness and invest in mental health services, including early intervention and community-based supports that help build resilience. This includes providing

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affordable counselling through partnerships with Counselling Alberta and supporting youth-focused services like CASA Mental Health Classrooms and Kickstand's integrated youth services.

"We also know that maintaining strong connections plays an important role in supporting mental well-being. Today, I encourage Albertans to check in with those around them and take the time to listen with compassion and understand-

ing. Small actions can make a meaningful difference.

"If you or someone you know is struggling, please call or text 211 or visit ab.211.ca to connect with mental health and addiction services in Alberta. It is free, confidential and

available 24-7. If your safety is at risk, call 911.

"Help is available, and reaching out for support is a sign of strength."

– Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

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young person deserves to feel connected, supported and safe.

“Through the Youth Suicide Prevention Grant Program, our government is helping communities deliver programs that build resilience, foster belonging and support youth mental health. From mentorship and education to cultural activities and more, these locally designed initiatives are empowering youth across Alberta, including those in rural, Indigenous and higher-risk communities.

“Additional supports are available to protect the mental health of young Albertans, including prevention and early intervention supports delivered through communities, schools and Family Resource Networks.

“To all children and youth across the province: you matter. No matter what challenges you may be facing, there are people, services and communities ready to help. Please remember that there is hope, and you do not have to go through it alone.”

– Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR SPECIAL BALLOTS CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Submitted by Elections Alberta

After consulting with service providers, Elections Alberta is moving the last day to apply for a special ballot forward to September 25, 2026.

This step is being taken to ensure electors can receive and return their special ballots to Elections Alberta's Edmonton offices by mail by the legislated deadline, 5:00pm on October 16, 2026.

"Elections Alberta wants to ensure that every elector who applies for a special ballot and returns their package by mail can do so successfully in the time allotted. After assessing current special ballot ap-

plication volumes and considering the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, October 12, we are making this change to ensure electors have enough time to cast their votes by mail," says Gordon McClure, Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Alberta.

The original deadline to apply for a special ballot was October 9, 2026. The new deadline is September 25, 2026.

Completing special ballot packages

Declarations

Special ballot packages include a declaration that electors using this voting method are required to sign and return in their special ballot package. It contains a line "I declare

that I am unable to vote at an advance voting place or a voting place on Election Day" that is causing concern and confusion for electors. We recognize this is carryover language from a previous version of the Election Act which required reasons to apply for a special ballot.

Electors may cross out the statement "I declare that I am unable to vote at an advance voting place or a voting place on Election Day" and complete the rest of the declaration, and Elections Alberta will accept it.

The declaration will be modified to remove that line for special ballots packages that have not yet been sent out.

Ballot folding

Several electors have expressed concerns about how to fold their ballots in their special ballot package. Elections Alberta will accept all ballots returned in completed special ballot packages, regardless of the way they are folded.

Important Dates for Special Ballots

Special ballots mailing begins September 1, 2026

New deadline to request a special ballot September 25, 2026

Completed special ballot packages must be received by mail at Elections Alberta 5:00pm October 16, 2026

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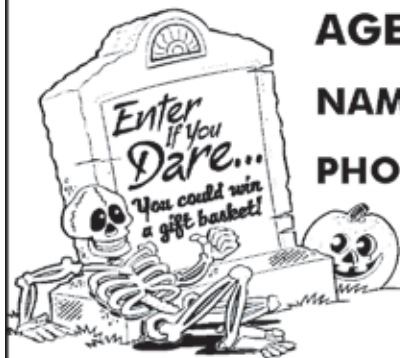
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Darwell Seniors, Phone Debra 780-785-2907

Duffield Hall, 780-722-5083, 780-892-2425

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**ANSWER:
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You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

3	5	7	6	1	9	8	2	4
1	9	8	5	2	4	3	7	6
4	2	6	8	7	3	5	9	1
7	4	5	9	3	6	1	8	2
6	3	1	2	5	8	7	4	9
2	8	9	7	4	1	6	3	5
9	1	2	3	6	7	4	5	8
5	7	4	1	8	2	9	6	3
8	6	3	4	9	5	2	1	7

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