

County prepares for threat of wildfire with Operation West Yellowhead

On June 13 and 14, 2008 Yellowhead County teamed up with Sustainable Resource Development and the Town of Hinton to conduct a mock wildfire exercise west of Hinton. Operation West Yellowhead helped test local emergency response systems and served as a training opportunity to better prepare local agencies to respond if a wildfire were to threaten rural properties in the county.

“Wildfires pose a very serious threat to communities nestled within Alberta’s forests,” said Kevin Freehill, Foothills Wildfire Prevention Officer. “By preparing our emergency responders and engaging residents in FireSmart activities we can better protect Albertans and their communities from the threat of wildfire.”

Over the course of the exercise, firefighters reacted to a simulated wildfire that burned near the communities of Seabolt, Grandview and Maskuta Estates. Simulated smoke, firefighting aircraft and ground crews made for a very dynamic and realistic exercise. Several residents even participated in a voluntary evacuation from their homes. The ‘evacuees’ joined about 400 other residents from Hinton and area at the nearby KOA Campground to watch emergency services personnel protect homes and battle the mock wildfire.

“This exercise was a great opportunity to practice interagency cooperation with both SRD and the Town of Hinton,” said Yellowhead County

Fire Chief Cory Chegwyn. “I believe all the agencies are now better prepared to deal with a wildfire threatening one of our communities, and we can all pool our resources to provide the most effective services possible.”

Partners with the county in this exercise included: Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, Alberta Emergency Management Agency, the Town of Hinton, Kinder Morgan, Fortis, Yellowhead Gas Co-op and other municipal and provincial emergency response agencies.

The information gathered from the two-day event form the basis of training material to help better prepare municipalities across Alberta to respond to similar emergencies.

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Yellowhead County Fire Chief Cory Chegwyn relays an update to the Emergency Operations Centre while an SRD officer films the events for future training purposes.

Exercise organizer and consultant Stew Wakinshaw briefs the Yellowhead County and SRD crews before the start of the mock wildfire emergency exercise.



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Yellowhead County Recreation Grants

Yellowhead County administration is currently in the process of reformatting the four Recreation Grant Application Forms. The grants are available to provide support to community groups running programs and facilities for the benefit of residents. They are reviewed and granted by the Yellowhead County Recreation Board, which focuses on promoting and supporting recreational opportunities and groups within Yellowhead County.

The 4 available grants are:

Recreation Initiatives Fund

available to promote new initiatives in recreation facilities, services and program delivery. While this fund will be offered annually, it is a "one-time only" grant for each project submitted.

Recreation Program/Event Grant

provides funding for community non-profit groups that are providing cultural, fitness, sport and other recreational programs and events to residents of Yellowhead County.

Community Hall/Outdoor Amenity Operational Grant

available to community organizations in Yellowhead County who are operating a rural community hall or outdoor amenity and who are not funded operationally by another level of government.

Community Hall/Outdoor Amenity Capital Assistance Grant

available to community organizations that operate a community hall or outdoor amenity to assist with funding capital projects.



The old application forms are still being accepted as the new forms are not quite ready but will be very shortly and we encourage all community groups to view the grants and see which grant(s) your respective group is/are eligible for. Also, all community groups are encouraged to contact Yellowhead County for assistance in completing the grant application. Applications can be picked up at both the Edson and Wildwood offices or online at www.yellowheadcounty.ab.ca. Deadlines for grant submission are highlighted on the applications.

Evansburg lots for sale

- Fully serviced lots from \$28,000 to 38,000
- Thriving community with all amenities
- Excellent tax rate
- Architectural controls
- Lots back onto green space
- 18 lots still available
- Multi-family development lot priced at \$65,000

Yellowhead County is in the process of developing available lots in some hamlets, for information regarding specifics please contact the planning department at 1-800-665-6030



Food Security for All

For many people in Yellowhead County being hungry means that it is time to stop work and dash over to the café, or it is time to get home for supper. What happens to those who don't have enough money to eat out, and don't have food at home either? About 10 per cent of Canadians do not have food security. If we apply that average to the Yellowhead region it is possible that over 2,700 people living between the Jasper Park gates and the Pembina River do not have food security.

Food security is the ability to get enough food to eat that is safe, nutritionally adequate, and personally acceptable. Food security is especially important for children. Undernourished children are more susceptible to illness, have diminished attention spans and are unable to perform tasks at school as well as their adequately nourished classmates. Low-income Canadians of all ages have poorer than average health, and suffer from more chronic health conditions. This may be a direct result of poor nutrition due to an inadequate food supply.

Immediate and temporary relief to hunger and food shortages is often provided by food banks. There are three food banks that residents of

Yellowhead County can access, and the statistics which the banks collect indicate a serious need. The Edson Food Bank filled 1,041 requests for food last year which is almost 50 per cent less than in the peak year which they experienced four years ago. The Hinton Food Bank filled 1,056 requests for food last year and kept statistics that show 1,642 children were involved, and 98 new families. The WEE (Wildwood, Evansburg, Entwistle) Food Bank filled 128 requests for food in 2008.

Although many requests are from families with young children, the food banks have also served both seniors and young single people. Many food bank clients are working at minimum wage jobs; others receive social assistance, or a pension, or have had an unexpected job loss. Food banks all have policies that limit the number of times that a client may apply and make it clear that they can only provide short term assistance until other resources can be located. For more information on food banks call 780-865-6256 in Hinton, 780-723-5816 in Edson or 780-727-4043 in Evansburg.

Capacity Building

In addition to the short term relief provided by food banks there is a growing movement toward capacity building to increase food security. Capacity building requires commitment from those who are experiencing food insecurity, but it has the advantage of empowering people and providing long term benefits.

Community kitchens are one capacity building program available in Evansburg and Wildwood. These kitchens bring people together to share shopping and food preparation while they exchange tips for cutting costs. They meet about once a month and participants pay a fee of \$7 for each person in their household. After cooking and socializing together each person goes home with four ready-to-eat family meals. For more information on this program call 780-727-4077.

Community gardens are another capacity building idea. Hinton is one of 20

Alberta rural communities that were accepted to participate in the ACE (Active, Creative, Engaged) initiative. One of their visions for this project is an all-season, organic, community garden that will have the capacity to feed the community without the use of fossil fuels. Their goals are:

- To make Hinton self-reliant in food, in the event of a disruption in agricultural production or distribution.
- To reduce carbon dioxide emissions by eliminating the transportation of food from point of production to consumption, and by self-generation of heat and electricity through the use of renewable and geothermal energy.
- To promote social cohesion, recreation and inclusiveness by functioning as a "Third Place" where all citizens of all ages can participate.

For more information on Hinton's community garden project email Jerome at arctos@telus.net

All the food security activities in the Yellowhead area rely on volunteers and donations to continue their programs. If you are able to help out in any way they will welcome your support.



Stop Illegal Dumping

Yellowhead County is working with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) to decrease the amount of illegal dumping that occurs throughout the county.

Dumping waste in unauthorized areas is an environmental hazard, and is also illegal. The provincial Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act prohibits any disposal of waste on public land, except in designated containers.

Illegal dumping is a hazard to our environment, as well as an eyesore. Wildlife, flora and fauna are all affected by illegal dumping, as are our water systems. Yellowhead County provides landfills and transfer stations throughout the county to dispose of waste. Please make use of these facilities whenever necessary.

Yellowhead County Peace Officers as well as SRD officers and the RCMP will

be patrolling throughout the county to crack down on illegal dumping. However, public assistance is also needed. If you see someone dumping waste illegally please note down the time, place and any identifiable characteristics and contact a Yellowhead County Peace Officer at 1-800-665-6030 to report it.



E-waste, Paint and Toxic Round Up

Every May and September, see local paper for exact dates

**Edson & District Recycling Depot
(5237 – 1st Avenue)**

**Hinton Rowan Street
Recycling Centre
(Rowan Street and MacLeod Ave.)
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The household e-waste and Toxic Round Up gives you the chance to clean your house of hazardous wastes. Check your kitchen, bathroom, laundry room, basement, utility/workshop, garden shed and garage. None of us consciously generate hazardous waste. But take a look around your home. The countless items we use in our daily activities inevitably result in some form of waste. Many of these wastes are potentially damaging to our environment and to our health and safety. We all have a responsibility to ensure that these wastes are managed safely and effectively. Items can include (but are not limited to):

- Computers & all accessories
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Paint Aerosols
- Pesticides
- Oven cleaners
- TV's & electronics
- Batteries
- Household Cleaners
- Hairspray Cans
- Any container with a warning label or symbol on the container itself.

For more info contact Edson Recycling at 780-723-4002 or Hinton Recycling at 780-865-1411

County to Improve Waste Management Practices

Yellowhead County is currently working with the Town of Edson to conduct a solid waste audit throughout the town and county. The goal of this project is to provide a comprehensive picture of the region's current waste management stream.

Sonnevera International Corp. has been hired to conduct the audit and will be tracking a random selection of household waste throughout the hamlets and at the transit stations. The audit will be

completed throughout the spring and summer of 2009, with a possible second audit depending on initial findings.

The region's recycling and composting programs will also be reviewed in order to determine waste diversion, cost, public acceptance, and greenhouse gas implications. Currently, the county's recycling programs are coordinated through the Edson and District Recycling Society.

Upon completion of the audit, Yellowhead County will be presented with a list of options on how to best improve their waste management programs, in order to make these programs more cost efficient as well as more environmentally friendly.

Yellowhead County will work with the Town of Edson, through the Edson and District Recycling Society, to find more partnership opportunities in order

to develop better waste management practices throughout the region. This may include more recycling opportunities at transit stations, or public education on the facilities already available.

Yellowhead County is committed to utilizing the best waste management practices available, with a focus on economic efficiency and environmental sustainability.

WASTE TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Parkcourt | 12 to 8 p.m. | | | 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | | 12 to 8 p.m. | |
| Wildwood | | | 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | | 12 to 8 p.m. | | 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. |
| Mackay | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | | | 12 to 4 p.m. | | | |
| Niton | 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. | | 12 to 4 p.m. | | | 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. | |
| Hattonford | | | | | 12 to 4 p.m. | | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. |
| Peers | | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | | 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. | | | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Bear Lake | 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | | 12 to 4 p.m. | | | | |
| Pinedale | | 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. | | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | | | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Marlboro | | | 12 to 4 p.m. | | 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. | | 12 to 8 p.m. |
| Obed | | 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. | | 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. | | | |
| Entrance | | | | 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. | | | 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. |
| Brule | | | 12 to 8 p.m. | | 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. | | 12 to 8 p.m. |
| Overlander | 12 to 8 p.m. | | | 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. | | | |
| Cadomin | 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. | | | 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. | | | 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. |
| Robb | 12 to 8 p.m. | | 12 to 8 p.m. | | | | 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. |
| Hinton | | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | 12 to 5 p.m. |

***All County sites closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Hinton Regional closed on all Sundays and Statutory Holidays.**

The following pre-sorted household items will be accepted at all the landfills and transfer sites.

- Household Waste
- Dry Fibre (Paper / Cardboard, etc.)
- Used Oil
- Lead-Acid Batteries
- Clean Burnable Wood Products (except Entrance)
- Compostible Yard Wastes (except Entrance)

The following odd-items are accepted only at designated sites:

- Construction and demolition rubble will be accepted at Wildwood, Peers and Hinton Regional.
- Scrap metal, tires, appliances, and vehicle hulks will be accepted at Parkcourt, Wildwood, Peers, and Hinton landfill sites and the Marlboro and Robb transfer stations.
- Some scrap metals will be accepted at Niton Junction.
- Empty triple rinsed pesticide and herbicide containers will be accepted at Parkcourt, Wildwood and Peers.

The attendant at each site will direct you. Please contact the attendant prior to disposing of your items. Information regarding disposal of these and other odd item wastes can be found below. Please contact Yellowhead County Public Works Department for more information at 723-4800 locally, or 1-800-665-6030.

Yellowhead County Disposal Guidelines For Common Household Waste and Odd-Item Wastes

Yellowhead County now operates fifteen (15) solid waste management facilities. Some are waste transfer stations, others are modified landfills. Our partnership with the Hinton Regional Sanitary Landfill brings to sixteen (16) the total number of facilities available to County ratepayers for the disposal of most common household solid wastes. Yellowhead residents regularly produce common household wastes. Food wastes, personal hygiene items, paper products, plastic or other packaging and containers, along with many other similar materials are produced on a daily basis and need to be safely disposed weekly or bi-weekly. For the convenience of ratepayers, all sixteen sites are designed to accept these materials during all open hours. Some pre-sorting of easily diverted materials which can be recycled (paper fibre including cardboard) or safely incinerated (clean wood products) will be required before disposal. All sixteen also accept some hazardous recyclables including lead-acid batteries and used motor-oil (up to 20 litres per visit) which are accepted during all open hours.

From time to time, most residents also have odd-items for disposal.

Construction and demolition materials, used tires, large appliances and other scrap metals cannot be handled in the same fashion as common household waste. Some of these materials, like concrete or metals, can damage transfer equipment. Others, like tires and some scrap metals, can be recycled at a lower cost than burial. Still others, like appliances containing refrigerants, are subject to special handling by Federal or Provincial Law. For the convenience of ratepayers, a network of selected waste management facilities was designated for the acceptance of large, odd-item wastes. As directed by the 1994 Yellowhead County Solid Waste Strategy, the network of odd-item disposal facilities include: Robb, Marlboro, Peers, Wildwood, Parkcourt and the Hinton Regional Sanitary Landfill. All six (6) sites accept residential volumes of:

- Tires
- Metals in a four-way sort including:
 - Lead-Acid Batteries
 - Auto Hulks
 - White Metals (or White Goods, those crushable metals including appliances with a metal wall thickness of less than one-eighth inch).
 - Heavy Scrap Metals (Those rigid, non-crushable metals with a wall thickness of one-eighth inch or greater.)

Construction and demolition rubble (concrete, brick, asphalt shingles, drywall, siding, carpet, fencing, wire and similar materials) are accepted at Peers, Wildwood, and Hinton Regional.

Not included in the 1994 strategy, but added for ratepayer convenience, is limited acceptance of some additional odd item wastes. Some rigid, non-recyclable "dry" waste items may require separate handling. Please follow attendant's direction.

At Niton Junction a limited metals sort includes only the following:

- Lead Acid Batteries
- White Metals
- Heavy Scrap Metals

Non-Recyclable Metals (barbed wire, chicken wire, banding, rusted, contaminated or other metals which a metal hauler can not remove). These non-recyclable materials are stored until volumes are large enough for economical transfer and burial.

- Empty, triple rinsed pesticide and herbicide containers are accepted at Parkcourt, Wildwood and Peers.
- Dead animals are accepted only at Hinton Regional and only with prior notice.
- Toxic, hazardous or liquid wastes are not accepted at any sites.

Yellowhead County Campgrounds

Yellowhead County is comprised of thousands of acres of pristine, undisturbed beauty. From the banks of the Pembina River west to the Jasper Park Gates, there is something here for everyone. Get out in your own backyard this summer and take advantage of the beautiful campgrounds and day use areas that Yellowhead County has to offer! Yellowhead County campgrounds are self-registration parks and are patrolled daily and nightly by campground operators to ensure a safe and enjoyable stay.

Bear Lake

Location: 30 kms east on Secondary Hwy 748

Lake: 353 acres, 4'-30' in depth. Good fishing and swimming area

Fishing: Fish species: Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye. Boat launch and trailer parking

Campground Information: 32 pull in campsites (no hook-ups), 4 tents sites, 8 day use areas, picnic shelter, concession stand, large sandy beach, boat and swimming docks, serviced washrooms, volleyball net, playground and lots more

Reservations: For reservations phone K & E Campgrounds at 780-693-2479 (note: min. 4 day booking)

Fees: \$17/night

Firewood: \$5 per bundle, sold from campground operator



Bear Lake Campground

Beta Lake

Location: 5 kms North on Secondary Hwy 751 off Hwy 16

Lake: 95 acres, 6'-14' in depth

Fishing: Fish species: Northern Pike and Perch

Campground Information: 9 campsites, sandy beach, boat launch

Fees: \$15/night

Firewood: \$5 per bundle, sold from campground operator

Jerry Vanderwell Memorial Park

A peaceful and quiet place to relax.

Location: 13 kms North on Hwy 32, off Hwy 16

Campground Information: 27 campsites, day use sites, picnic shelter, playground, and trails to McLeod River

Fees: \$15/night

Long Lake

Location: 30 kms east on Secondary Hwy 748, 15 kms north

Lake: 560 acres, 6'- 14' in depth. Good fishing and swimming area

Fishing: Fish species; Northern Pike, Perch. Boat launch and trailer parking

Campground Information: 14 campsites, washrooms, boat docks, playground and lots more

Fees: \$15/night

Firewood: \$5 per bundle, sold from campground operator

Miller's Lake Day Use Area

Location: 20 kms west on Hwy 16

Fishing: Fish Species: Trout stocked lake

Day Use Area Only: Boat launch, playground

Nojack Provincial Recreation Area

A great day stop for travellers as well as a campground!

Location: 45 minutes East of Edson on Hwy 16

Campground Information: 24 campsites, day use shelter

Fees: \$15 per night

Firewood: \$5 per bundle, sold from campground operator



Shining Bank Day Use Area

Riverside Campground

Location: 14 km north on Hwy 32, off of Hwy 16

Campground Information: 8 unserviced campsites; quick access to McLeod River for great fishing, swimming and rafting

Fees: \$15/night

Firewood: \$5/bundle available from campground operator

Shining Bank Lake

Location: 48 km north of Hwy 16 on Hwy 748

Lake: 1133 acres 4'-21" in depth

Fishing: Fish species: Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

Campground Information: 33 pull in campsites, 5 tent sites, sandy beach, playground, boat launch and boat docks

Reservations: For reservations phone K & E Campgrounds at 780-693-2479 (note: min. 4 day booking)

Fees: \$17 per night

Firewood: \$5 per bundle, sold from campground operator

Shining Bank Day Use Area

Location: 7 km west of Hwy 32, southwest side

Day Use Area: 5 day use sites, playground, sandy beach, boat launch and boat docks



ASB Web page Update

Check out the new Agriculture Services Department web page. Here you will find information on partnering organizations and up to date information on many ASB programs such as:

- Rental Equipment pricing, pictures, and general operations guidelines for each piece of equipment
- Fact sheets from the Alberta Invasive Plant Council of Restricted, Noxious and New Weed Threats in Alberta
- Links to the West Central Conservation Group and the West Central Forage Association Web Pages
- Wild Boar frequently asked questions
- Updates on all Agriculture Service Board programming and upcoming events
- Weed of the month

This winter the Agriculture Services Board did a review of the Rental Equipment pricing. Prices have been adjusted to reflect those of other ASB rental equipment agencies from around Alberta

Weed Inspection Program

The Weed Inspection Program in 2009 will begin north of Evansburg. Weed Inspectors will be out scouting from May until mid-September inspecting all lands accessible by road. The program continues to increase the public's awareness of invasive plants through information sessions, personal contacts with landowners, information letters and presentations to various community groups, clubs and organizations.

Field of Ox-Eye Daisy



Extension Events

What to look forward to this spring:

- Pest Workshops: Clubroot of Canola and Weed Control
- PFRA Shelterbelt Workshop
- County Pride contest and tour
- Yellowhead Invasive Plant Initiative projects
- 2nd Annual Family BBQ in Peers

Yellowhead County is always looking for ideas for different workshop or extension events, and resident or landowner input is always welcome.

Clubroot of Canola Inspection Program

Yellowhead County staff will be out in mid-late August inspecting all fields seeded to Canola. Clubroot of Canola was named to the Provincial Agricultural Pest Act in the spring of 2007 and under this Act, the Agricultural Service Board of a municipality is legislated to inform residents, inspect fields that are growing the above species and, if necessary, enforce the Act to minimize the impact of this disease on the industry.

If you are looking for additional information about Clubroot of Canola and the management of this disease please contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services Department or reference the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan (AGDEX 140/638-2).

Roadside Vegetation Control Program

This year the team will start roadside vegetation control in both the Hinton and Evansburg area, the trucks will split up at the start of the season and work towards the center of the county. The team will be focusing on fence lines and Yellowhead County lands as a priority. The purchase of a UTV unit and sprayer will aid us in cleaning up areas that aren't accessible with the larger truck sprayer units. In the 2008 season the ASB spray team sprayed a total of 964.5 km of roadside vegetation, and hopes to have another successful year in 2009!



ASB Rental Equipment

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Agents: Ditner's Feed Service & Supply Ltd.
Phone: (780) 325-3828

| Equipment Available | Damage Deposit | Rental Per Day |
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| Cattle Squeeze Chute | \$100.00 | \$40.00 |
| Corral Panels (13 panels - 10 ft. ea.) | \$100.00 | \$20.00 |
| Cattle Weigh Scale | \$100.00 | \$50.00 |
| Boomless Pull-type Sprayer (300 ga) with handgun | \$250.00 | \$20.00 |
| Boomless Slip In Truck Sprayer (125 ga) with handgun | \$250.00 | \$20.00 |
| A.T.V. Sprayer (15 ga) with handgun | \$100.00 | \$10.00 |
| Backpack Weed Sprayer (3 ga) | \$50.00 | \$5.00 |
| Post Pounders | \$150.00 | \$60.00 |
| Cattle Loading Chute (c/w panels) | \$100.00 | \$30.00 |
| Calf Cradle | \$100.00 | \$30.00 |
| Wire Coyote Traps | \$50.00 | \$10.00/wk |
| Grasshopper Bait Applicator | \$50.00 | \$10.00 |

All towable equipment is equipped with a 2-inch ball hitch, with the exception of the post pounder and the 300 ga boomless type sprayers which have pin hitches.

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| Cattle Hoof Trimming Chute (motor driven) | \$100.00 | \$50.00 |
| 240 Gallon Water Tank for Shock Chlorinating | \$50.00 | \$5.00 |
| Munks Cowlifter | \$100.00 | \$5.00 |
| Seeder Spreader (3 pt hitch, PTO driven) | \$75.00 | \$20.00 |

Rental Equipment Rules

1. Equipment is to be returned by 10 am the following day of rental.
2. Equipment is to be washed before returning. A \$20.00 charge will be imposed for equipment returned unwashed.
3. A \$15.00 fee will be imposed for equipment booked, but not picked up.
4. Equipment will be returned to the rental agent where it was picked up.
5. Please call either rental agent or Yellowhead County Office in Wildwood at 780-325-3782 or toll free 1-800-814-3935 for location of equipment.

PFRA Shelterbelt Tree Program

The Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration's (PFRA) Shelterbelt Centre in Indian Head, Saskatchewan produces trees and shrubs that are provided at no cost for agroforestry plantings on agricultural land in Alberta (including Yellowhead County), Saskatchewan, Manitoba and in the Peace River region of British Columbia.

The seedlings provided are an incentive to producers adopting beneficial management practices and environmental stewardship.

The aim of the Prairie Shelterbelt Program is to improve the performance and sustainability of the agricultural sector by helping to achieve the social, economic and environmental benefits of agroforestry.

Eligible applicants are responsible for seedling transportation costs, planting, and maintenance. Seedlings range from 1-4 years old and are distributed as either bare-root, containerized or cuttings depending on species and availability.

Eligibility

- Rural land owners of 5 acres (2 ha) or more throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Peace River Region of British Columbia
- Managers of federal, provincial or municipal lands for establishment of shelterbelts, buffers or research trials
- First Nations councils and individuals for planting on reserve land
- Community service organizations can access seedlings for planting projects on eligible land with a signed application from the land owner.

Species Available

- Trembling Aspen
- Manitoba Maple
- Hybrid Poplar
- Acute Willow
- Peachleaf Willow
- Deciduous Shrubs
- Cottonwood
- Silver Buffalo Berry
- Sea Buckthorn
- Deciduous Tree
- Coniferous Trees
- Green Ash
- White Spruce
- Bur Oak
- Colorado Spruce
- Caragana
- Scots Pine
- Silverleaf Willow
- Siberian Larch



Encana partnering with Yellowhead County to support RCMP

Yellowhead County currently supports two Enhanced RCMP positions, one based out of the Hinton detachment and one based out of the Edson detachment. This program was implemented in 2007 in order to show the county's support of our urban municipalities, as well as the need for more policing within the boundaries of the county.

The two enhanced positions focus on public education and support. This includes school visits with a focus on drug awareness and prevention (DARE and PARTY programs), as well as anti-bullying campaigns

and student support. The constables spend a portion of their time on community policing initiatives and interaction with the public in preventative roles.

Encana has recently come on board to support Yellowhead County's Enhanced RCMP program. They have committed \$10,000 per year to the Edson position of the program through their Community Investment Initiative.

The Community Investment Initiative is an Encana program that supports meaningful initiatives that strengthen and enrich the

community. They chose to support the Enhanced RCMP program because it was linked to educational outreach and focused on community youth enhancement; something Encana has always been a strong supporter of.

"In addition to reinforcing/supporting our relationship with Yellowhead County, supporting youth well-being and helping to empower youth through these types of sponsorships was the critical piece for us," said Carley Knutson, Encana Community Relations Advisor. "Like a lot of communities, Edson struggles with issues related to drugs,

so helping to arm youth with the confidence/tools to make smart choices is key. Linking this to our efforts to support other youth empowerment/outreach seemed like a natural connection.

Yellowhead County still carries the main portion of the cost of these policing positions, and is committed to maintaining them. Council is aware of the problems facing their urban neighbours and recognizes the need to work together with both municipalities and industries in order to build a safe and successful community together.

Preventing Crime – A Rural Safety Update

In the rural community of Yellowhead County, it is impossible to have a strong police presence at all times since the service area is so vast. Citizens need to work together to ensure the safety of their own community and inform the RCMP of any problems that are occurring. Residents should always contact the RCMP if they notice anything suspicious or witness any criminal activity.

Residents are also encouraged to take away any temptation for thieves, especially in their vehicles and homes. Yellowhead County is committed to working with the local RCMP in the Evansburg, Edson and Hinton detachments in order to continue to build a better community for present and future generations.

Here are a few tips residents can try on their own to help prevent crime:

- Do not leave any items in your car overnight, including change, mail, cds, etc.
- Do not leave the keys in the ignition or the vehicle running unattended
- Consider installing an alarm system in your home and have proper outdoor lighting and motion sensors at the front and back entrances as well as the garage
- Keep the doors and windows locked whenever you are away from home and at night
- Inform a family member or friend when you will be out of town and ask them to check on the house and pick up any mail or deliveries
- If you see someone or something suspicious, contact the local RCMP



Fire Smarting Your Home

Follow these simple steps to help protect your home from fire. For more information on the FireSmart program go to www.srd.alberta.ca/wildfires/firesmart

- Prune branches on evergreen trees one to two meters above the ground to prevent surface fires from spreading to treetops.
- Mow grass and weeds within a 10 meter radius around your house. Remove leaves and debris from the yard.
- Remove leaves, twigs and other debris from your roof and eavestroughs.
- Burn debris in a screened barrel, after obtaining burning permit (required after April 1).
- Stack firewood at least 10 meters from your house.
- Clear the area around your fire pit. Cut away from overhanging vegetation.
- Clean and check your chimney or stovepipe. Check the spark arrester or screen.
- Have a garden hose, ladder and firefighting tools within easy reach.
- Ensure exterior water supply is adequate for emergency use.
- Place fire extinguishers, 10 pounds or heavier, within reach.
- Designate an area where chainsaws and small engines can be easily refueled.
- Ensure your street, lot number and name are clearly visible from the road.
- Ensure your driveway is unrestricted and wide enough for emergency vehicle access.
- Plan and practice a fire escape route with your family. Know what to do and who to call.

Alberta's FireSmart program provides proactive ways to protect against the threat of wildfire while promoting enhanced environmental stewardship, ecological benefits and the prevention of wildfires.



Come check out the Green Grove Pool this Summer!

Yellowhead County maintains an outdoor pool in Niton Junction and it is a great place to spend a hot summer day. The pool underwent renovations last fall and now has a new DLW Delifol Membrane, giving the floor and sides a smooth surface.

For pool info and schedules call 780-795-3746.

Fee Schedule

| | Drop-in | Season |
|------------|---------|--------|
| Pre-School | Free | Free |
| Child | \$2.50 | \$40 |
| Student | \$3.50 | \$50 |
| Adult | \$4 | \$60 |
| Family | \$10 | \$115 |
| Senior | \$3.50 | \$50 |

Lessons

| | Cost per person |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Pre-School | \$25 |
| Swim-kids | \$30 |
| Levels 6,7 | \$35 |
| Levels 8,9,10 | \$37 |

Green Grove Pool



Get Outside

this summer in Yellowhead County!



152 Spacious Campsites

16 Pristine Parks

7 Scenic Parks

3 Major Rivers

1 Great Vacation!

See pages 6 and 7 for a listing of all our great campgrounds!



Feel free to contact Yellowhead County's Chief Administrative Officer or Directors with questions, concerns or comments.

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