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NOTICE OF DECISION

The following development permits have been conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw

PERMIT	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	DATE OF DECISION	APPEAL DEADLINE
15-011-23	PT. SW 18-58-11-W5M	Accessory Building: Garage/Storage	12-Apr-23	3-May-23

Any person affected by this decision may appeal to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board by forwarding a written appeal along with a \$500.00 fee, to the address listed below, prior to **4:30 p.m. of the appeal date noted above.**

Attention: Peter McKay, Development Officer
Woodlands County
Box 60, #1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt AB T7S 1N3
Telephone: 780-778-8400
Toll-Free: 1-888-870-6315

Information regarding this application may be obtained by inquiring at the address noted.

DISCRETIONARY USE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

The Municipal Planning Commission will be making a decision on the following development permit application as per the Woodlands County Land Use Bylaw, at their regular meeting on **Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the Whitecourt Municipal Office**, downstairs.

Section 19 of the Woodlands County Land Use Bylaw provides opportunity for any person who may have comments on the proposed developments to deliver to the Development Officer, a written statement of their concerns indicating: their full name and address and the reasons for their comments to the proposed use.

If you have any comment or concern regarding this proposal you may provide a written statement via email to peter.mckay@woodlands.ab.ca prior to **4:30 p.m., April 18, 2023** or you may attend the meeting to voice any comments.

Comments received will be taken into consideration by the Municipal Planning Commission.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER	PROPOSAL
PT. NE 5-59-11-W5M Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 042-6181	15-010-2023	Garden Suite

Information regarding this application may be obtained by inquiring prior to **4:30 pm, April 18, 2023.**

Attention: Peter McKay, Development Officer
peter.mckay@woodlands.ab.ca

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS ON BORROWING BYLAW

For the resurfacing of Horse Creek Road at Woodlands County

This Notice is issued in pursuant to section 258 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

Woodlands County Council has given first reading to the Borrowing Bylaw 598/23, which will, upon approval, authorize the County to borrow funds from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority as a debenture for the purpose of resurfacing the Horse Creek Road at Woodlands County.

Woodlands County needs the financing of \$1,966,740.93 for a period of up to 20 years, through the issuance of a debenture, and on the terms and conditions referred to in this bylaw, including the following:

- The project being financed is estimated to serve residents for 25 years or more
- All required approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is in compliance with all acts and regulations in the province of Alberta.

Electors of Woodlands County who wish to file a petition with respect to this proposed bylaw must comply with Part 7 of the MGA. The petition must be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer by **4:30pm on April 25, 2023.**

The proposed borrowing bylaw is available on the Woodlands County's website in the April 5, 2023, Council Meeting agenda package: www.woodlands.ab.ca, or by contacting the Municipal Office.

Questions regarding this notice or the proposed bylaw may be directed to:

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
Woodlands County, Box 60, #1 Woodlands Lane
Whitecourt, AB, T7S 1N3
Phone: (780) 778-8400

NOTICE TO ELECTORS ON BORROWING BYLAW

For the reconstruction of Township Road 602A, west of Range Road 125C (ANC Service Road) at Woodlands County

This Notice is issued in pursuant to section 258 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

Woodlands County Council has given first reading to the Borrowing Bylaw 599/23, which will, upon approval, authorize the County to borrow funds from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority as a debenture for the purpose of reconstruction of Township Road 602A, west of Range Road 125C (ANC Service Road) in Woodlands County.

Woodlands County needs the financing of \$1,707,088.90 for a period of up to 20 years, through the issuance of a debenture, and on the terms and conditions referred to in this bylaw, including the following:

- The project being financed is estimated to serve residents for 25 years or more
- All required approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is in compliance with all acts and regulations in the province of Alberta.

Electors of Woodlands County who wish to file a petition with respect to this proposed bylaw must comply with Part 7 of the MGA. The petition must be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer by **4:30pm on April 25, 2023.**

The proposed borrowing bylaw is available on the Woodlands County's website in the April 5, 2023, Council Meeting agenda package: www.woodlands.ab.ca, or by contacting the Administration Office.

Questions regarding this notice or the proposed bylaw may be directed to:

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Phone: (780) 778-8400

DUST CONTROL

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Donna Angela Jane Bray

July 18, 1955 – April 8, 2023

Donna Angela Jane Bray passed peacefully surrounded by those she loved Saturday, April 8, 2023, at her home in Whitecourt, Alberta, she was 67 years of age. Donna had a deep love for her family, her grandkids meant everything to her, she was always helping out in ways she could just so she could be with them. They all loved coming to see Grandma, upon arrival they would be greeted with treats. Donna found joy in gardening and took pleasure working in her flower beds. She sprouted love like flowers, grew a garden in her mind, and even on the toughest days, from her smile the sun still shined.



Edna (Dennis) Witter, Jimmy (Sandra) Kallbom, Shena (Chuck) Romeo and sister-in-law Esther McCallum as well as by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. Donna was predeceased by their son, Kenny Bray and parents, Donald and Margaret Kallbom. Cremation has taken place with a memorial

to be held at a later date. Donna's family wish to extend their great appreciation to Dr. Kulak, the nurses and staff at Whitecourt Healthcare Centre, Cross Cancer Institute and all the family and friends who came to help and offered their support. A special thanks goes out to Aimee and the Home Care staff for their care and compassion shown. As an expression of sympathy memorial contributions in Donna's name may be made directly to Haying in the 30's Cancer Support Society, Box 35 Mallaig, Alberta, T0A 2K0 or by visiting www.hayinginthe30s.com.

Donna is survived by her devoted husband of fifty and a half years; Vernon, loving children; daughter, Jodie Bray and son, Brent (Melissa) Bray; seven wonderful grandchildren, Cassidy, Keagan, Hailey, Gracie, Cohen, Emerson, Caulder; siblings,

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- Monday 8:00 p.m..... (12 Step Meeting)
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Cleaning up for cash is an excellent way for community groups to fill their piggy bank

By Serena Lapointe

The chance to earn cash while working as a team and helping clean up Whitecourt is available to those interested. The Town of Whitecourt's Community Cleanup Program is a yearly opportunity allowing non-profit organizations, sports teams, and other community groups to apply for access to funds in exchange for some elbow grease.

Chelsea Grande, Director of Community Services, was the acting CAO during a recent Town Council meeting and explained that groups would be cleaning up roadside ditches, playgrounds, and sports fields. "The program provides each group with a maximum of \$1,200 based on the number of hours worked," she said.

"To date, six groups have applied for the program. Administration is recommending that the six applied groups be approved," explained Grande. The groups were Spruceview Lodge Activities Group, St. Patrick's Anglican Church, Whitecourt Taekwondo, U15 Whitecourt Warriors Boys Soccer Team, U15 Whitecourt Warriors Girls Outdoor Soccer Team, Scuba Diving Team for Rotary Pond Cleaning.

Five groups applied to clean on foot, in the ditches and parks, and one group, the Scuba Diving Team for Rotary Pond Cleaning, applied to remove trash from the pond. The total budget alloca-

tion for the 2023 program is \$9,600. If all six teams complete 100 hours of work, funding would still be left over. Grande said Town Council could allow the Administration to select other community groups that apply, up to the remainder of the budget.

Deputy Mayor Braden Lanctot asked if there was a map of where groups would be cleaning and when. He also asked if it was a spring-specific program or if groups could work on the areas throughout the summer. Kamruz Zaman, Director of Infrastructure Services, said groups had until the end of August, at which point the program would wrap up for the year.

He also explained that they would provide each group with a map of the areas. The Town of Whitecourt supplies picking sticks, gloves, and vests to keep volunteers safe. Groups are also provided with garbage bags and water bottles.

Another part of the process is that groups must undergo mandatory safety training before heading out to clean. Volunteers could likely come across something hazardous or heavy, and the Town of Whitecourt wants them prepared to deal with it. Participants should avoid picking up broken glass, needles, syringes, or chemical/pesticide containers. Instead, they will flag those items with provided flag markers and mark the site on their maps. Town staff will then

return to dispose of the flagged items safely.

Groups must designate certain leadership positions, such as a first aid person, who is responsible for bringing along a first aid kit, and a managing supervisor who will keep everyone on track, make

sure they are following safety rules and will manage the collection of provided supplies at the end of the day. For sports teams that want to participate, there must be one adult supervisor for every two children between 9-14 and one adult for ev-

ery five children between 15-17.

When asked if groups that complete their clean-up, and collect their funds, could apply again for another round if there was still funding in the budget left over, Zaman said yes. He explained that once

the first round of groups had completed their work and submitted their claim form for payment, if funding remained, they would select more groups to participate.

Zaman said that last year, only one group applied for the program. He said it was nice to see more groups using the program this year. When asked how large of an area the groups would be cleaning, Zaman explained that it was based on something other than distance or location size. "It depends on hours worked, not the area." He said the areas to be cleaned included along Highway 43 and Dahl Drive, Govenlock Road, Tower Road, and in parks and sports fields such as Rotary Park.

"When they finish in one, groups can go to the next area on the map if they need the hours," said Zaman. When groups apply, they specify the hours they will be cleaning for, either 50 or 100 hours, and will work in whatever areas on the map necessary to fill that quota. They will receive \$12 for each hour of service they complete. As cleaning occurs, groups will put up signage to inform motorists of their activity. Town of Whitecourt staff will pick up filled garbage bags after a group is finished. Town Council voted unanimously to approve the six applications presented and gave discretion to Administration to accept more applications up to the program's budget of \$9,600.



Govenlock Road is also on the clean up map.



Areas along Highway 43 will be cleaned by groups.

With the snow melting away in ditches and parks, garbage has reared its ugly head and needs to be disposed of. To help community groups and sports teams grab much-needed cash, the Town of Whitecourt is again offering its Community Cleanup Program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DAY IN WHITECOURT APRIL 23, 2023

Whitecourt Town Council encourages the citizens of Whitecourt to recognize April 23 as Royal Canadian Legion Day in Whitecourt.

The Whitecourt Legion supports numerous youth and adult groups in our community, and helps veterans and their families who may be in need of medical care or other needs. As a community member, you can help support these initiatives by becoming a Legion member, or just joining in at one of their special events. Please share with the Town in celebrating the accomplishments of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #44 in Whitecourt.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Current opportunities are posted on the Town's website. Currently Whitecourt has the following opportunities:

- RFP: Mountain Pine Beetle Management Program – Closes on April 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

For further details on this opportunity visit www.whitecourt.ca and search the project title.

TOWN OF WHITECOURT – PUBLIC NOTICE LOAN BYLAW 1569

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 606 and 265(3) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M.26 of proposed Loan Bylaw 1569, respecting the loan of \$19,000 at a rate of 0% for a period of 10 years, to Tennille's Hope Community Kitchen Society for the purposes of upgrading the community kitchen facility.

The proposed bylaw was given first reading at the Council meeting held on April 11, 2023. A copy of the proposed bylaw is available for inspection at the Town Administration building located at 5004 52 Avenue, Whitecourt Alberta T7S 1N6.

Anyone wishing to file a petition regarding the proposed bylaw must do so in compliance with the requirements contained in Sections 222 to 226 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 which includes, but is not limited to the following:

A petition must be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Whitecourt within 15 days after the last date on which the bylaw is advertised;

Only electors of the Town of Whitecourt are eligible to be petitioners;

The petition must be signed by the electors of the Town of Whitecourt equal in number to at least 10% (ten percent) of the population.

Each page of the petition must contain an identical statement of the purpose of the petition, the petitioner's printed surname, given name and signature, the street address of the petitioner or the legal description of the land on which the petitioner lives, and the date on which the petitioner signs the petition. An adult witness to the signature of each petitioner must sign opposite the petitioner's signature stating that to the best of the person's knowledge the signatures witnessed are those of a petitioner who is entitled to sign the petition. All affidavits must be attached to the petition. The petition should also attach a signed statement of a person who states to be the representative of the petitioners and whom the municipality may direct inquires about the petition.

Any questions or comments should be directed to Judy Barney, Director of Corporate Services, Whitecourt Alberta T7S 1N6, Phone: 780-778-2273 Fax: 780-778-4166

Last date of publication of the notice will be Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

A different farmer's market experience is coming to Whitecourt this summer

By *Serena Lapointe*

Attention all artisans, farmers, bakers, jam aficionados, meat smokers, cake makers, jewellery designers, veggie growers, egg suppliers, knitters, herbalists, brewers, cooks, artists and everyone else who bakes, makes, or creates. This summer, the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce is bringing a Saturday farmers market event to the community. The Fresh Community Market with kick off on June 24 and run for four-

teen Saturdays through the summer before ending on September 23 and will take place in the Staples parking lot.

Chamber President Louise Meier said she is excited to get things rolling and hopes to see a packed parking lot come June 24. "It was on our radar and has been for probably four years. The feeling was there was this missing link with farmer's markets. Typically, they are on Saturdays, and we didn't have that here."

She said this new farm-

er's market isn't meant to take away from the Tuesday market held at the Whitecourt Legion. Instead, Meier said it compliments it because it gives producers another day to sell their products. "It gives them another day, another opportunity to market their product and get in front of residents," said Meier.

The idea was born from a couple of local producers who had set up booths in the Staples parking

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The corner of Staples' parking lot where the market will be.

An outdoor farmer's market has been added to the calendar of activities happening locally this summer. The Whitecourt Chamber of Commerce is embarking on a new venture called The Fresh Community Market, which aims to bring local produce and products to the Staples parking lot every Saturday morning.

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lot on Saturdays last summer. "They had great success doing that." The two businesses, Shinning Moonlight Gardens and Twin Acres Greenhouse, had an arrangement with the property owner, Northern Developments, to use the space in the Staples parking lot last year. The pair approached the Whitecourt Chamber about putting on something more significant.

"Residents have been asking for it. The response has been tremendous. People say they can't wait for the market to start. It's surprising how many producers there are in the County. We hope they will get in here with their stuff and sell it," said Meier.

She said they would use the Staples parking lot area this summer but that next summer, they might change things up. "If we could've had it in Rotary Park, then we would've been there in a New York second. This was our second choice." Road construction at Rotary Park this summer was a deterrent, but Meier hopes they can use Festival Way as the market grows.

Meier explained that the market would be given an 80/20 split to keep things as local as possible. "Eighty percent has to be locally grown, produced, or made. Just because you have a home-based business doesn't mean it's a local product. That eighty-twenty split has to be solid."

A recently hired Market Manager will see that everything comes together smoothly and will handle all the behind-the-scenes intricacies. Sasha Stang, said Meier, will ensure everyone does what they need to so that the market runs efficiently. "The big part of what we want to do is promote our local producers. It's not a criteria to be a Chamber member to be in the farmer's market, but we certainly encourage it as there are a lot of benefits to being one," explained Meier.

The Whitecourt Chamber created a Facebook page for the event. Google forms are available there to apply. The forms are also on the www.whitecourtchamber.com website. Meier said that to keep the market orderly, vendors need to apply and be approved beforehand. She said there are also AHS requirements that must be followed. "If you are selling food, for instance, you must meet AHS's criteria. There are some rules and regulations that we need to follow so that we don't lose our license." All pertinent information will be provided to applicants.

Meier has experience running a farmer's market in Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, and is a big fan of the St. Albert farmer's market. She said her goal is to bring some of that experience to Whitecourt and help showcase the area's rich agricultural lands and the producers that call it home. She said musicians could even join and play for attendees. "There's lots of potential growth for something like this."

The Fresh Community Market will run from 9 am to 1 pm every Saturday through the summer starting June 24. Vendor fees are \$15 for a full spot and \$10 for a half, with the option of purchasing a seasonal spot and saving a bit of cash. Storefront businesses can also get booths as long as they sell local products. "For example, Sagitawah Brewing Company could bring their products to sell, for consumption later, because they are made in Alberta. The

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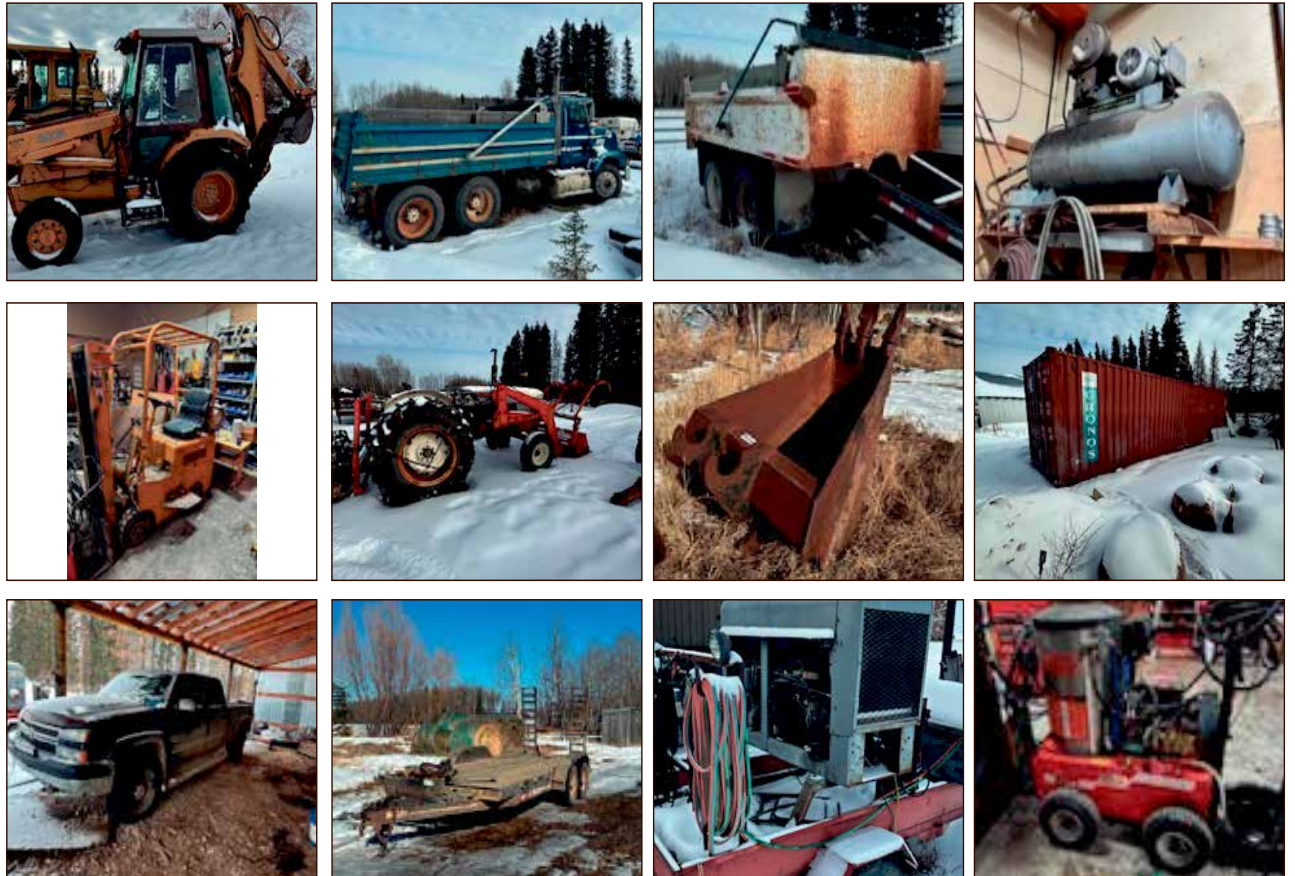
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First responders lit up the ice red and blue as RCMP and firefighters battled it out for bragging rights



YMCA dance competition between the two mascots.



Crossing center line.



Playing hard.

A fun hockey game between RCMP officers and firefighters divided fans in the stands, with some wearing blue and others wearing red as they cheered for the community's first responders. Some even split it down the middle, wearing both colours, as they rooted on the heroes playing below.

By Serena Lapointe

Back in 2017, a conversation between a local police officer and a firefighter brought back into action a fun scuffle that got both departments together. Firefighters and police officers work together often as they meet on emergency scenes and provide aid to those in need. It's a serious line of work for both; no community would be the same without their sacrifice.

But, just as important as working together in serious times, it's also essential to work together

er in a fun way, allowing everyone to build a relationship outside of the uniforms and away from an emergency.

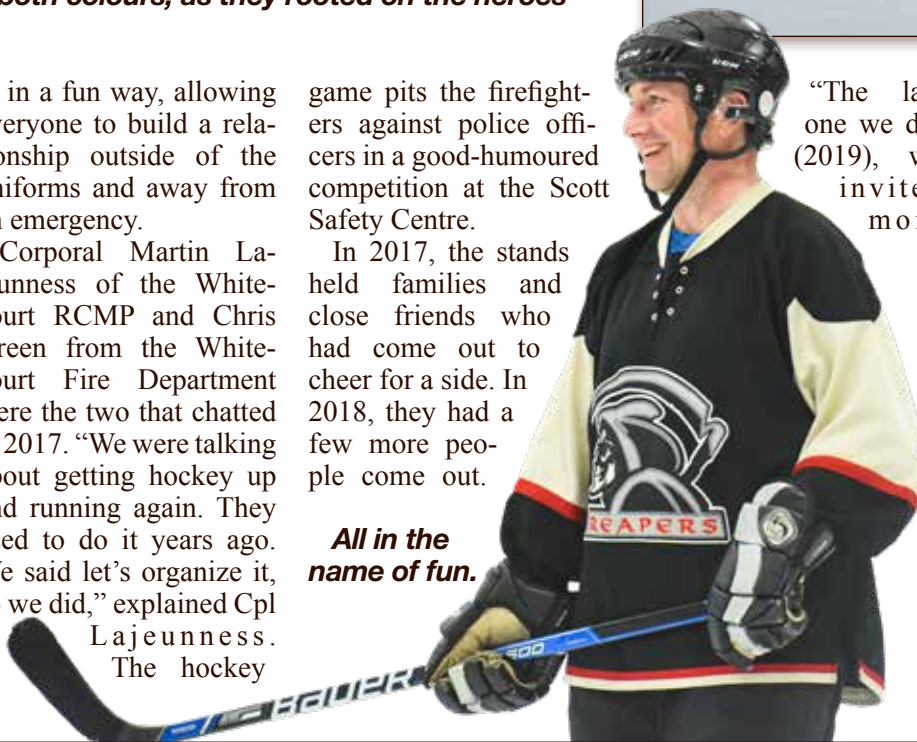
Corporal Martin Lajeunesse of the Whitecourt RCMP and Chris Green from the Whitecourt Fire Department were the two that chatted in 2017. "We were talking about getting hockey up and running again. They used to do it years ago. We said let's organize it, so we did," explained Cpl Lajeunesse.

The hockey

game pits the firefighters against police officers in a good-humoured competition at the Scott Safety Centre.

In 2017, the stands held families and close friends who had come out to cheer for a side. In 2018, they had a few more people come out.

All in the name of fun.



"The last one we did (2019), we invited more

of the public out to watch. But we didn't do it like this (points to this year's poster)," said Cpl Lajeunesse. It was also the first time they took in donations for a charity. Event-goers were encouraged to bring a food bank donation as their entry.

The poster circulated on social media was eye-catching. The hope was to encourage Whitecourt and area residents to come out to watch the game and join in on the fun. Cpl Lajeunesse said it was important for residents to see first respond-

ers as people outside their job. "The public will see that we are not just guys in uniform. We also get involved and play hockey and do stuff in the community, and the same with the fire guys. They aren't just the people that show up when your house is on fire or when you're in a car accident. They also go out and have fun and are people too."

He added that it helps to build a relationship between them and the public. "Anybody you talk to

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Beautiful, handmade Macramé by Kords by Karli.



Children enjoyed Wild and Free's sensory buckets.



Hand-painted wood pieces by Marge @ It's Been A Slice.

The Whitecourt Country Mamas Show and Sale kicked off the market season on Saturday at the Seniors Circle. Upon entering the hall, attendees were met with delicious baked goods from the Anselmo 4H group as the kids raised money for their club. The Seniors Circle was filled with over 50 vendors with everything from stained glass art to wooden wine goblets and cutting words to Macramé and earrings to beef jerky and hoodies to herbs and spices to sensory toys and sourdough cinnamon twists to jams and salts and even planters made out of repurposed propane tanks. A beautiful day outside brought out many shoppers as residents snagged many locally-made Albertan products.



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	Mix of sun and clouds	Cloudy with sunny breaks	Light snow	Mix of sun and clouds	Mix of sun and clouds
P.O.P.	20%	30%	70%	30%	30%
High	11°C	6°C	3°C	6°C	8°C
Low	-1°C	-3°C	-3°C	-2°C	-1°C
Wind	E 16 km/h	E 11 km/h	NE 7 km/h	NE 4 km/h	SE 13 km/h
24-Hr Rain / Snow	-	~1mm	1-3cm	-	-



Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Cashiers NOC 65100

Responsibilities:

- Greet customers
- Receive and process payments by cash, cheque, credit card, or automatic debit
- Provide information to customers
- Calculate foreign currency exchange
- Calculate total payments received at end of work shift and reconcile with total sales
- Verify the age of customers when selling lottery tickets, alcohol or tobacco products
- Operate cash register
- Process money, cheques, and credit/debit card payments
- Scan Items
- Tabulate total payment for goods or services required
- Receive payment for goods or services
- Calculate daily/shift payments received and reconcile them with total sales
- Suggestive selling
- Provide excellent customer service
- Assist customers with self-service items
- Participate in promotional activities

Qualifications:

- Some secondary school education is usually required. High school graduation may be required by some employers.
- Eligibility for bonding may be required.
- A casino gaming license may be required for cashiers working in gambling casinos.
- Must be able to complete Smart training courses
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Experience: 2 – 3 years, or we will train.

Education: Some post-secondary, high school may require.

Terms of Employment: Permanent full-time 40-hour work week.

Language: English

Employment Conditions: Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights.

Wage: \$15.00 per hour.

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market would enable them to market themselves differently, maybe even to a different audience."

Meier said that's the kind of thing they want. "They are local and produce a local product, so, of course, we want them here. The bit of time, energy, and a little bit of cash it would take to set it up would be well worth it when you think of the volume of people that have the potential to go through. How many campers whip through this area through the summer on Saturday morning? Perfect time to come by, grab your fresh vegetables, throw them in the fridge and off you go."

Another aspect of the event will be the opportunity for non-profit organizations to make some money. "We are looking for non-profits to host barbeques every Saturday," explained Alyssa Calliou, the Chamber's Executive Director. "Non-profits must be a Chamber member to apply for that, but that barbeque could pay for the membership in one day."

The Whitecourt Chamber plans to hold a ribbon cutting on opening day. Anyone interested in nabbing a spot is encouraged to join the Facebook page, The Fresh Community Market, and fill out an application form. "This market is going to be the place to be on Saturday morning in Whitecourt," smiled Meier. "I can't wait to see how it all comes together."

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Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Casino Shift Manager NOC 62022

Responsibilities:

- Co-ordinate, assign and review the work of casino workers
- Establish work schedules and procedures and co-ordinate activities with other work units or departments
- Resolve work-related problems and prepare and submit progress and other reports
- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- Requisition of supplies and materials
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- May perform the same duties as workers supervised
- Perform the same duties as workers supervised
- Assist clients/guests with special needs
- Co-ordinate, assign and review work
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- Requisition materials and supplies
- Resolve work-related problems and prepare and submit progress and other reports.

Qualifications:

- Completion of secondary school is usually required.
- Completion of college courses related to the area supervised may be required.
- Experience in the occupation supervised is usually required.
- AGLC casino gaming license will be required.
- Must be able complete Smart training courses
- AML certificate

Experience: 3 – 5 years.

Education: Completion of secondary school is required, casino gaming license.

Terms of Employment: Permanent full-time 44-hour work week.

Language: English

Employment Conditions: Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights.

Wage: \$23.08 per hour.

Benefits Package: Vision, Dental, and Health after a 90-day probation period.

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All smiles for the RCMP team after a goal.

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joined the RCMP because they want to help people, not to punish people. So, if we can help in any way possible, we do, and then when they see us doing stuff like this, they can approach us and say, hey, I saw you playing hockey.”

Cpl Lajeunesse said the bragging rights that accompany the game are important. “The police have won the three years of games we’ve played. We have bragging rights.” He said year one and two were tighter games, with the RCMP edging out fire by a closer margin, but that the last game in 2019 was “pretty bad,” he smirked. “They are really looking to beat us this year.” He added that there are eight hockey players at the detachment, but injuries have them down to four. “We’ve got Mayerthorpe members coming. We got them involved in the last couple of years. We have four coming from there to help us out.”

Cpl Lajeunesse said the game helps build camaraderie and that everyone looks forward to it. “We see them on scenes and

everything, but we don’t really get to see them in a social setting, so this way, we go out and meet up. Then after the game, we always went to the fire department, ate pizza, and visited. It was good.”

This year’s event included the donation collection for the food bank and noise makers for the first 100 kids in attendance. After the game, players joined at center ice for a group picture. “We want other people to come out and see us and try and make it a bigger event for the town,” said Cpl Lajeunesse. In the future, he hopes to grow the event by getting more people out to watch and incorporating more charities.

Saturday’s game was back-and-forth, with the fire department scoring first. The game was tied, or within one goal of a tie, for most of the night until the last five minutes, when the RCMP pulled ahead. The final score from the Scott Safety Centre saw the RCMP officers retain their title with an 8-6 victory over the firefighters. Until next year, folks!

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- Requisition of supplies and materials
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- Arrange for maintenance and repair work
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- Handle emergency situations
- Monitor quality and production levels
- Prepare and submit progress and other reports
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- Train staff/workers in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies.

Qualifications:

- Completion of college courses related to the area supervised may be required.
- Experience in the occupation supervised is usually required.
- Certification or licensing AGLC.
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Experience: 2 – 3 years.

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