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Woodlands County Council took a deep dive into their Public Participation Policy recently. The group discussed the importance of increasing two-way communication with ratepayers. Councillor Kuelken made the initial motion to bring the policy forward for discussion.



Upping the communication & engagement game between Woodlands County and its residents

By Serena Lapointe

Woodlands County's Public Participation Policy was up for discussion at a recent Governance and Priorities Committee meeting. The policy aims to promote public participation and create

open, two-way communication.

It outlines the need for enhanced transparency in the governing process of Woodlands County so that residents are informed of decisions made by Council and ad-

ministrative actions that could affect their property, business, or person. It also outlines the distribution of information and the receipt of feedback from ratepay-

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Major street improvements coming to six areas, including Nylan Cr. Cul-de-Sac

By Serena Lapointe

Summer, or construction season, as it is lovingly referred to in Alberta, is upon the municipality. The Town of Whitecourt recently revealed the 10,790 square metres of pavement structure rehabilitation they would perform at six key community locations as per the 2023 Street Improvement Program.

Two schedules of work were provided. Schedule "A" is the overlay work that will take place at areas where there was a water main break or underground service repairs causing damage to the pavement and at the six identified locations: 55

Avenue & Dahl Drive/ Mink Creek Road, 48 Street (from 56 Avenue to 57 Avenue), the Nylan Crescent Cul de Sac, 56 Avenue (from 47A Street to 48 Street), 51 Avenue (from 47 Street to 48 Street), and the 38 Avenue & Kepler Street intersection.

Schedule "B" works with concrete, such as drainage improvements and repairing areas where concrete infrastructure has deteriorated. Drainage-specific work includes reconfiguring existing curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and swales. Schedule "B" also includes sidewalk enhancements in areas where

sidewalks are failing and need special attention. The final piece is driveway enhancement, replacing a straight-face sidewalk with a roll-face sidewalk so residents can access their driveways.

Schedules "A" and "B" comprise the 2023 Street Improvement Program. Five bids were received through the tender process, and Whitecourt Town Council recently awarded E-Construction with the contract, totaling \$596,192.49 plus GST. Council also authorized any additional work required, if needed, provided the cost stayed

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A large chunk of Nylan Cres is due for work this year.



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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- Election of Directors
- Appointment of an auditor

MAYERTHORPE INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

6:30PM REGISTRATION

7:00PM CALL TO ORDER

MAYERTHORPE LEGION
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THIS SESSION IS INFORMATION ONLY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

6:30PM REGISTRATION

7:00PM CALL TO ORDER

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NEIGHBOURHOOD INN
CONFERENCE ROOM
6011 49 STREET



Cracks and holes will be fixed at the 55 Ave/Mink Creek Road intersection.

Six areas of the community will be seeing some road attention this summer. Significant improvements will happen at one uptown location and five downtown locations, including the 55 Avenue and Dahl Drive intersection by St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

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within the available budget for the yearly program, which is \$757,759.

CAO Peter Smyl explained that Whitecourt had received a good response on tenders and bids over the last fifteen years, with competitive pricing regularly acquired through the process. He said it was likely due to the timing of the proposals being put out. "We get them in early and seem to always get good prices," commented Smyl.

Juan Grande, Infrastructure Services Manager for the Town of Whitecourt, said this year's Overlay Program focused on the downtown area, with only one place receiving significant work uptown. "Our pavement management system actually identifies the locations. In springtime, we do a walkthrough of those locations, and that's when we actually put together the program and tender it out. This year, once again, we've received competitive pricing. We can see that three of those bids are within a fairly close margin. It's fairly typical of the process that we follow." The three closest bids were

Knelsen Sand & Gravel for \$669,095.40, Border Paving for \$640,829.10 and E-Construction for \$596,192.49.

Deputy Mayor Braden Lanctot asked how much variation Administration saw between the tendered amount and the budget set aside for the program each year. "Is there much variation, or do we pay the tendered amount?" Smyl explained that the cost is based on quantity. "We do our best to get estimates. Juan and Kamruz (Zaman, Director of Infrastructure Services) may expand the program depending on situations that they find out in the spring after the thawing season happens, and maybe additional work is required, but the amount tendered is the amount we pay per unit. That's how we break it up. That's why we are recommending working within the budget to the maximum of the budget, and whatever is left not used gets spent the following year, adding to the 2024 projects."

Grande added that they have an extensive cost analysis process using historical data from over the years. He said they could see cost trends depending on the strength

of oil prices and other variables. Using their data and getting an estimate on costs in any given year, the Infrastructure team puts together an estimate along with a budget to cover the proposed expenses.

Zaman added that with Schedule "A" and "B" happening simultaneously in one contract, it saves the municipality on mobilizing costs of the contract winner. Rather than pay twice or multiple times to have a company come in to do road work, the tendered company only has to set up once. "We have in our schedule the mobilization costs for our contractor to come in and then the unit rate for the asphalt and concrete. There is a one-time mobilization rate for them, and then the unit rate goes as per our quantity of asphalt or concrete." Compiling the projects into one contract also provides a more competitive cost.

The cold milling material removed under the surface during the work this construction season will be recycled and used during roadway maintenance, parking lot resurfacing, back alley resurfacing, and the firefighter training grounds.



A rough entrance to the Nylan Cres cul-de-sac will soon be a thing of the past.

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RURAL HEALTH WEEK MAY 29 – JUNE 2, 2023

Whitecourt Town Council encourages the citizens of Whitecourt to recognize May 29 – June 2, 2023 as Rural Health Week. Rural health providers are powerful assets in our communities, using their health care skills and practices to enhance the community's quality of life on a more personal level, creating special relationships with their patients and community as family, friends, neighbours, volunteers, teachers, and mentors. Rural Health Week gives us all an opportunity to say thank you both to our health care providers; and to the many local volunteers, who go above and beyond to support health care and health care providers in the community.

NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application 23-052: 4703 52 Avenue – Variance to remove the requirement for off-street parking – Approved with conditions.

Date of Decision: May 25, 2023 **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** June 15, 2023

An Appeal of the above decision(s) may be made by submitting a written appeal and appeal fee (\$300) to the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Town of Whitecourt Administration Building, Box 509, Whitecourt, Alberta, T7S 1N6 prior to 4:00pm on the above noted date. Any person(s) affected by the said proposal(s), has the right to appeal prior to the above date.

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ers concerning things like existing or proposed programs, policy changes or the creation of services.

Woodlands County uses several means of communication with residents, including a bi-annual newsletter, Council highlights and media releases, their website, social media, and weekly newspaper ads. The policy also lists fact sheets and brochures as options. The method(s) used depends on the information being shared.

To receive information from residents, Woodlands County uses public hearings, open houses, surveys and forums, regular Council meetings that residents are encouraged to attend, public input sessions, emails and letters, and personal interactions with Administration and Council members.

Joan Sloomweg, Manager of Community & Planning Services, explained that Woodlands County's Public Participation Policy came into effect on July 17, 2018, to follow amendments to the Municipal Government Act (MGA), which changed to require Councils to establish a policy for their municipalities. She said that smaller municipalities, like Woodlands, did their policies in a simple manner.

"There are various different policies that municipalities had entertained at the time. Some are more robust; those were generally the larger municipalities." Sloomweg explained that larger centres typically added more detail to their policies outlining information specific to certain events. Smaller centres might have a policy for open houses in general. In contrast, a more significant centre might specify the difference between a budget open house and a land-use open house, giving more detail.

She said that policy creation and bylaw creation followed a similar pathway to completion, with either a consultant coming on to help or the Administration taking the reigns. Sloomweg explained that Administration typically has a good sense of what's working and not working within policy because they hear back from residents.

Policies and bylaws start as draft documents as various people take a peek and help mould them (through workshops), including the Municipal Planning Commission and Subdivision & Development Appeal Board. "Once they've had their round, we make those amendments and then bring those forward to Council for a discussion." After Council's discussion, the public would share their thoughts or concerns by attending one of two open houses, one in the Whitecourt area and one in Fort Assiniboine.

Reeve John Burrows said Council had recently seen a Public Engagement Policy from another municipality and saw an opportunity within it for increased engagement in Woodlands County.

"This (policy) is quite structured and tends to be triggered by a process, whereas I think what Council was trying to drive at was trying to get a little more open communication between residents. It would be nice to be able to have that communication."

Councillor Kuelken said that increased communication was exactly where they needed to go. "There's a real interest in the public because of events that have happened in the past, and there's a pretense that they haven't been part of that process, and whether it's right or wrong is irrelevant. I think going down this path, we will have that mechanism in place

where we can get that information, and Council is able to sit with Administration in front of the residents with the process in place."

Kuelken said the "big one" was having the Administration part of their conversation with residents. "We know they (the residents) want to have the conversation, and I don't think they realize that it's far more complex than what any one of us as individuals

on Council can explain."

Sloomweg said that in talking with their consultant about the County's Municipal Development Plan, they are looking to reach out to the public about amendments that could "impact the farming community" with talks of a potential future subdivision. "We are looking at maybe doing a workshop beforehand to get the sense of, are people open to this or are they not? I thought per-

haps we could look at one in the Anselmo area and one at the Fort Assiniboine area to get a sense from the public as to what their thoughts are on the direction we are looking at going to protect that farmland," she explained.

Reeve Burrows thought it was a great idea. He said people had appreciated being asked questions through surveys in the past. Reeve Burrows said residents liked being involved in process-

es before money was committed to something or planned thoroughly. He added that increased communication was an opportunity to "up the game."

The Governance and Priorities Committee accepted the discussion as information. Policy refreshers are ongoing, and any proposed updates will be brought up the communication chain before reaching Council for consideration.

LIVE ON SITE AUCTION

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780-779-0079, Kim Nendsa (President of Whitecourt Cancer & Wellness Society) **780-778-0932**
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Last year, the Town of Whitecourt added speed bumps into the Festival Park parking lot to slow vehicle movement, making it safer for those on foot or wheel. This year, they've added in more. Along with the ring road, each crosswalk section within the parking lot now has a speed bump beside it. With increased activity in the warmer months, the black and yellow striped bumps will go a long way in keeping motorists slow and pedestrians safer.

Whitecourt AA Group Of Alcoholics Anonymous



Meetings three times each week

- Monday 8:00 p.m..... (12 Step Meeting)
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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
15-027-23	PT. SE 23-59-12-W5M Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 832-2016	Accessory Building: Shop (personal use)	24-May-23	14-June-23
15-028-23	PT NW 5-59-12-W5M	Accessory Building Shed	24-May-23	14-June-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.

REMINDER TO ALL RATEPAYERS OF WOODLANDS COUNTY

Woodlands County mailed the 2023 tax notices on May 23, 2023. Payments are due **Friday, June 30, 2023**. Penalties will be applied on payments made after June 30th.

If you have not received your 2023 tax notice(s), please contact either Woodlands County office to request a copy.

Woodlands County Municipal Office
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Whitecourt, AB
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1-888-870-6315

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61053A Highway 33, Fort
Assiniboine, AB
780-584-3866
1-866-584-3866

Office Hours
8:15 am – 12:00 noon
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Gordon Frank
Chief Administrative Officer

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 **Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 4:00 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 development 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., May 31, 2023**, or you may attend the meeting.

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER	PROPOSAL
PT. NW 10-59-10-W5M Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 112-0353	15-025-2023	Intensive Recreational Use: (personal use only)

Information regarding this application may be obtained by inquiring prior to **4:30 p.m., May 31, 2023**.

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

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

2023 ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Woodlands County Agriculture Services will be carrying out its roadside vegetation management program once again this year.

COMMENCING APPROXIMATELY JUNE 12, 2023

No Spray Agreement holders must have the No Spray signs posted **prior to June 5, 2023**.

Upon signing the No Spray Agreement, the Landowner accepts the responsibility for **vegetation control** along the road right of ways adjacent to their property. Landowners must carry out control prior to **August 1**,

2023. Agriculture Services will conduct inspections on the above dates to determine if control methods are satisfactory.

In cooperation with the landowners we can make our roadside vegetation management program an efficient and economical way of controlling the spread of weeds, and make our road system safer for the general public to drive on.

Dawn Fortin, Manager, Agriculture Services
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A look at the local weather

	Tue., May 30	Wed., May 31	Thu., June 01	Fri., June 02	Sat., June 03
P.O.P.	Chance of a shower	Mainly sunny	Chance of a shower	Cloudy with sunny breaks	Chance of a shower
High	40%	30%	40%	10%	40%
Low	21°C	22°C	22°C	21°C	21°C
Wind	8°C	10°C	11°C	11°C	11°C
24-Hr Rain / Snow	SE 15 km/h ~1mm	NW 16 km/h <1mm	E 13 km/h <1mm	NW 19 km/h <1mm	NE 15 km/h ~1mm

A homestead experience from the Millar Family coming to the FIC grounds this summer



Some new and exciting additions are coming to the Forest Interpretive Centre this summer. A busy group of Whitecourt & District Heritage Society members will bring over two old buildings from the Millar Family, creating a homestead experience at the John & Audrey Dahl Heritage Park and Museum.

By Serena Lapointe

The Whitecourt & District Heritage Society is looking to greatly improve the Forest Interpretive Centre (FIC) grounds with several significant additions to the property. The John & Audrey Dahl Heritage Park and Museum is already a popular spot for exploration and enjoyment. Numerous outbuildings and machinery, a beautiful flower garden, and a swath of artifacts lining the path to the big red barn make it an interesting and enjoyable

place to visit, rich with local history.

During a recent Whitecourt Town Council meeting, the Whitecourt & District Heritage Society requested help to bring a big project to fruition. Though there are more pieces to the project, they had five requests to get things started. "They have looked at an overarching plan for the Heritage Park and Museum and are still working on that. They would like to present that to Council in September, but, in the meantime, they

have five items they would like to work on through the summer months," explained Chelsea Grande, Director of Community Services.

Over the last two years, with an influx of new members bringing a fresh perspective and vitality to the group, the society has been busy putting its ideas together. They developed plans, attended planning sessions, and started community partnerships with other groups and societies in the community. Their objective, as stated

in the meeting's RFD, is "to create a vibrant and inclusive anchor point at the entry to Whitecourt, to showcase Whitecourt's and Woodlands County's rich history, historic sites, and current attractions, leaving a lasting legacy of the Communities' heritage and identity."

The first ask from Council was to create a cement pad southwest of the parking lot with the assistance of local community partners. "It's to move some heavy equipment that is right in front of the For-

est Interpretive Centre, as well as possibly some new items depending on what they decide with Millar, as Millar has some items that they may move over as well," explained Grande.

With the equipment currently near the building, alongside the parking lot, moved to a new spot, it would free up room for something else to fill the space. That's where the second request comes into play. The society wants to move the Millar Family's log summer home and the Millar Western black-

smith shop onto the freed-up land. "The blacksmith shop has all the working equipment. It would be a neat addition to the FIC. That would be placed in the area where the equipment is right now and kind of build a yard almost all around the Heritage Garden that's there currently. It could be almost like a little homestead there," explained Grande.

The third request from the society is for help cleaning up around the

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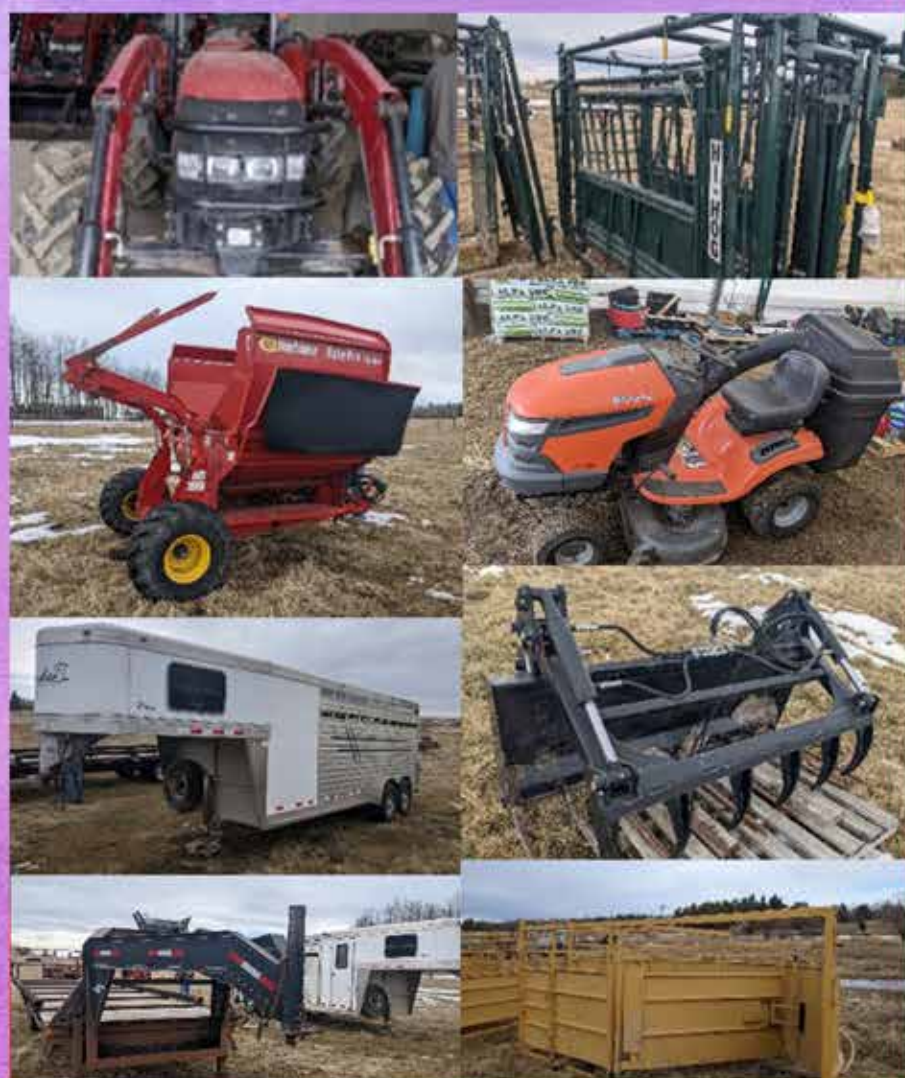


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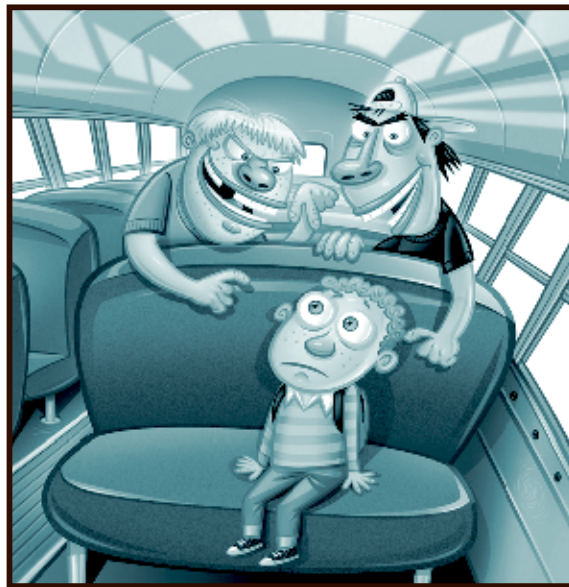


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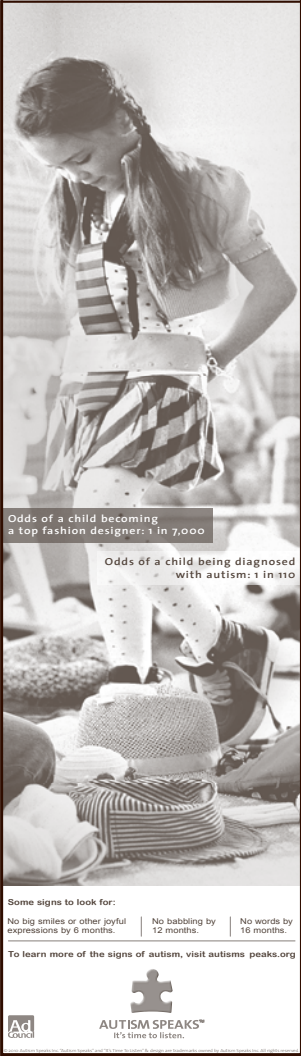


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The U18AA Royals baseball team took on their Edson rivals, the Prospects, on Wednesday night at Graham Acres in exhibition action. The parking lot was absolutely jam-packed with several other sports on the go that night, including soccer and slo-pitch. A large group of friends and family were out to support the Royals. Last year, they didn't have any home games to enjoy the benefit of a hometown crowd, so seeing so many out to cheer was nice. The Royals didn't come away with the win, losing 10-7, but gave a strong effort. The game kickstarted the team's season after a brief postponement due to the wildfires.

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Moraine Power Generation Project Comments Invited


What is happening?

May 18, 2023 — Moraine Initiatives Ltd. (the proponent) is proposing the Moraine Power Generation Project, a new natural gas-fired power plant located near Whitecourt, Alberta.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) invites you to review the summary of the Initial Project Description and provide comments on the proposed project. This will help the Agency prepare a summary of issues for the proponent and decide whether the project should undergo an impact assessment.

How can I participate?

- Submit your comments online by **11:59 p.m. on June 16, 2023**. All comments will be published online.
- Participant funding will be available to eligible participants during this comment period and details will be announced shortly on the Registry. The Agency will retroactively reimburse eligible participants for their participation in this first comment period.
- Join a virtual information session to learn more about the project, the impact assessment process, and how to submit comments.



Scan the QR-Code to visit the project homepage.

Have a question?

Write to us at moraine@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or visit the Agency's website at canada.ca/iaac.

For media inquiries: media@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or 343-549-3870.

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Moraine Power Generation Project Participant Funding Available

May 24, 2023 — Funding provided by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) is now available to help the public and Indigenous Peoples participate in the impact assessment process for the proposed Moraine Power Generation Project, a new natural gas-fired power plant located near Whitecourt, Alberta.

Funding is available for eligible individuals and groups to support their participation throughout the planning phase of the federal impact assessment process. During the current comment period, which ends on June 16, 2023, the public and Indigenous Peoples are invited to review the summary of the Initial Project Description and provide comments. The Agency will retroactively reimburse eligible participants for their participation in this first comment period.

Applications received by **June 23, 2023**, will be considered.

For more information about the Funding Program, including eligibility criteria and the application form, please visit the project home page on the Registry website, reference number 84591. You can also contact the Participant Funding Program by writing to fp-paf@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or by calling 1-866-582-1884. Details about the project can also be found on the project home page.

As a next step, the Agency will determine whether a federal impact assessment is required for the project. If one is required, eligible applicants will receive additional funding to participate in a second comment period to provide feedback on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the draft Public Participation Plan.

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Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Cashiers NOC 65100

Responsibilities:

- Greet customers
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- 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
- Must be able to complete AML

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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barn. “If you walk out there, you’ll see there are some different items that have been out there for a while, and some are no longer any good. They would like to have the town’s assistance with the disposal of those. Then they would lift up the remaining items and put them on skids so that they stay and are preserved for the future.”

The fourth task involves placing two temporary storage units, placed discreetly. “They would be for inventorying the barn and for the blacksmith equipment to be in until they get the blacksmith shop moved over. There are a lot of items in the barn right now, and this would allow them to go through them and figure out what they want to keep and put on display and then where they want to place the other items,” said Grande.

The final request from the Whitecourt & District Heritage Society involved the foul odour that sometimes wafts over from the nearby lift station, making the playground and picnic table area a bit stinky. “They’ve asked for Administration to look into that.” They also wondered if the lift station could be disguised or camouflaged to help it blend in with the area better.

Council voted unanimously to authorize the placement of the two new buildings and the concrete pad. The Millar Family is forever part of the fabric and identity of the municipality. Their contributions are a big reason Whitecourt is the bustling community it is today, an impact that cannot be overstated. The blacksmith shop was one of the first in the community. The work is planned to take place by the end of the summer.



Heavy equipment will soon be moved to a new spot on the property.

Kids fishing day

On Sunday June 4, the Whitecourt Fish & Game Association will be hosting Kids Fishing day. The event will be held at the Whitecourt Pond from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fishing equipment will be available, or you can bring your own. Adults will be present to assist those who need it. The main purpose of the event is to introduce our youth to a very enjoyable sport, which can be experienced right in Whitecourt’s backyard. Anglers will learn different techniques for catching trout, how to clean their catch and the correct way to catch and release fish. You need not register

to attend the event and there are no costs to participate.

There are some special rules that apply to the Rotary Pond. Adults (16 years old or older) may fish there but must be accompanied by a person under 16 years old.

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

Responsibilities:

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- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- Requisition of supplies and materials
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
- 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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- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- 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.

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Between midnight and 8:00 a.m. this morning alone, a total of 50 vehicles were stopped. All digital and posted signage indicating the reduced speed limit has been in place since the reopening Highway 43 on May 21st.

Disregard for posted speed limits and other safety signage, especially in communities affected by the wildfires, puts the lives of working crews and emergency

responders at an unnecessary risk. The Alberta RCMP will continue to provide enhanced support for these communities to ensure the people working hard to re-establish services in these areas can do their jobs safely.

RCMP set up check stops in an 80 km/hr zone where there were active crews roadside.

- On May 21, 2023, numerous vehicles were stopped at speeds ranging approximately 115km/hr to 140km/hr
 - On May 22, 2023, numerous vehicles were stopped at speeds ranging approximately 115km/hr to 130km/hr
 - On May 23, 2023, well over 50 vehicles were stopped at speeds ranging approximately 105km/hr to 130km/hr
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- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- Requisition of supplies and materials
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
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- Resolve work-related problems
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- Supervise, co-ordinate and schedule (and possibly review) activities of workers
- 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.
- Must be able to complete Smart training course
- Must have a valid driver's license class 5
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Experience: 2 – 3 years.

Education: Completion of secondary school an asset.

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