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By Serena Lapointe

When Yellowknife residents received evacuation orders on Wednesday, August 16, 22,000 people had one mission: get out before Friday at noon. With fears of losing

highway access and air traffic being unable to get residents out if they waited any longer, authorities made the difficult decision to order everyone out.

Residents from Yellowknife and near-

by Ndilo and Dettah communities could fly out or drive out and had several places to go. Photos of the long traffic lines heading south down the high-

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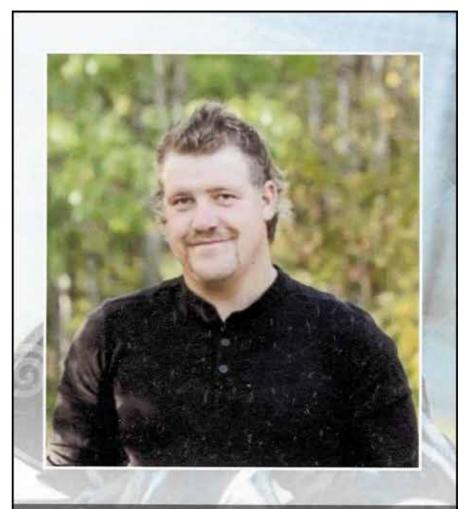


MR MIKES GM Paulette Plummer (right) with Nathalie and Rene Beaudoin.





The community recently came together to support a local family following the devastating loss of their home to fire. On August 17, Nathalie and Rene Beaudoin watched a long line of family, friends, coworkers and strangers participate in a BBQ fundraiser to support them, held at MR MIKES. Alexander Safety teamed up with MR MIKES to run the BBQ, which started at 11 a.m. From the start, the lineup remained steady as more and more vehicles pulled up. When all was said and done, the donations totalled over eight thousand dollars as diners generously filled the till to support the Beaudoin's. Tears were shed, hugs were given, and much love was passed to a deserving family needing a community-sized hug. Well done, Whitecourt!



IN LOVING MEMORY Nicholas Bourgeois August 30, 1991 - December 5, 2022

As we remember Nic even more at this time, we would like to thank everyone for all the support since December and that continues, there really are no words. We wish we could name you all but are sure there are many we do not even know about, especially on the day of the service for the set up and take down at the arena. The support was truly amazing. We would also like to thank Nolan and the Beer Hogs for starting the annual memorial hockey tournament for Nic, as well as everyone that turned out this year - again there really are no words for that weekend and all the support from the turn out to the teams to the donations/silent auction and the support for the food and beverages upstairs. Please know we appreciate each and every one of you and all of this goes to show Nic is not just missed so very much by his family but by so many others that lives he impacted with his silly laugh, his personality, giving nature, work ethic and love - especially for family but mostly his three girls (his world).

No words can be enough, but thank you all, Eugene, Jo, Vanessa, Nova, Stella, Nina, Tim, Marrit, Theo, Steven, Kayla, Wren, Dali, Tina, Shawn, Amelia and Macey - Nic loved being a big brother so much to you both, Alvin and all the rest of our extended families.





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A beautiful blue 1970 Boss 302 Mustang.



Grabbing a snapshot.



This 1948 Jeep Willys drew lots of attention.



This award-winning 1939 Chevy Coupe rivaled the sunshine.



In Loving Memory of Juliana Lindekugel





Ralcomm held its 7th Annual Car Show on Saturday. The popular event brought out all kinds of fabulous rides from vintage to modern, luxury to muscle, and everything in between, giving attendees all sorts of things to look at. From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., the road in front of Ralcomm was littered with vehicles and pedestrians. The array of cars

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on display included a 1948 Jeep Willys, an award-winning vibrantly yellow 1939 Chevy Coupe, a 1957 Chevy 210, an eye-popping green four-door hard top 1956 Belair, a 1966 Galaxy 500 Convertible and a 1969 Chevy Nova, to name a few. Attendees voted for their favourites and enjoyed face painting, a BBQ and chatting with vehicle owners.



MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA NOTICE OF CANDIDATES



DEAR MNA CITIZENS,

This notice is to inform you that we now have the final list of candidates for the General Election of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government. The people listed below have courageously raised their hand to lead us in the first Otipemisiwak Métis Government. Now it's up to you – review the list of candidates and make a plan to vote and help shape the future of our Nation. **Visit MetisElectionsAB.com for more information.**

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Council Chat - How best to help in the event of a catastrophic event in Woodlands County, be it wildfire or flood

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By Serena Lapointe

Early this summer, Woodlands County Council motioned for their Administration to bring back a revised version of Policy 62-04 – Relief Assistance for Catastrophic Events. Created in 2008, the policy's intent at the onset was to provide \$1,000 to a homeowner whose home was destroyed by fire. While discussing flood-affected homeowners, Council decided to look into updating the policy and include other means of devastation, like floods or natural disasters. It also raised concerns about what would happen should a wildfire decimate the County, resulting in a staggering bill.

In mid-August, the County Council re-

ceived a draft policy with updates. Joan Slootweg, Manager of Community & Planning Services, said the policy was intended to support in the immediate aftermath of a house fire, helping a homeowner get a hotel room or personal items. "In 2012, it was amended to then include, because often it seemed to be that mobile homes were the ones that were being destroyed, an additional amount of another \$1,000 for landfill fees so they could take that destroyed mobile home and put it to the landfill," explained Slootweg.

Changes brought forward to Council for the proposed revision included updating the eligibility of what con-



With recent catastrophic events in and around Woodlands County, the conversation around what to do in the event of a disaster and the support to provide has become a priority for Council. Pictured is Woodlands County Council at their Fort Assiniboine chambers.

stitutes a catastrophic event. In the newly created form attached to the policy, residents are asked for details on what kind of catastrophic event affected their primary residence. Within the definitions and eligibility portion of the policy, the amendment reads "due to fire, wildfire, flood, weather event, or other natural disaster." A resident seeking support under the policy must be in good standing with the municipality, have current taxes paid, have not received other financial assistance from the County, like vouchers for accommodations or food due to evacua-

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CYZU AIRPORT VICINITY PROTECTION PLAN

The County has retained HM Aero Aviation Consulting and ISL Engineering and Land Services to conduct a study to explore protection measures to ensure the safe and sustainable growth of the CYZU Airport through the development of an Airport Vicinity Protection Plan. Based on the study findings, a set of draft recommendations have been developed, and now the County is seeking public feedback to help refine the plan for future consideration by Council.

We want your feedback on the draft Airport Vicinity Protection Plan.

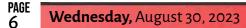
Questions? Contact Woodlands County Planning & Development: 780-778-8400 • planning@woodlands.ab.ca

You're invited to share your feedback at the upcoming <u>open house on Tuesday, September 12,</u> 2023, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the CYZU Airport Maintenance Garage (adjacent to the terminal building).

Can't attend the open house? Share your thoughts online!

Take the online survey, between September 11 to 26, 2023 by visiting https://woodlands.ab.ca/p/public-consultation

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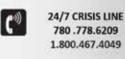
The Whitecourt Food Bank is operated by the Town of Whitecourt Food Bank Coordinator and dependent on volunteers to operate. The Food Bank relies on donations of cash or food from individuals and organizations. Local grocery stores drop off baked goods including bread and pastries weekly. Other corporations and schools schedule food drives throughout the year. Open: Mon, Wed, & Fri 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Phone: 780-778-2341



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A look at the local weather	Wed., Aug 30	Thu., Aug 31 Mix of sun and clouds	Fri., Sept 1	Sat., Sept 2 Mainly sunny	Sun., Sept 3
P.O.P.	Mix of sun and clouds	20%	Mainly sunny 10%	20%	10%
High	20% 25°C	21°C	23°C	21°C	18°C
Low	13°C	13°C	13°C	11°C	10°C
Wind		NW 16 km/h	SW 13 km/h	SE 12 km/h	NW 19 km/h
24-Hr Rain / Snow		-	-	-	-

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way showed the seriousness of evacuating a large municipality with bumper-to-bumper traffic as far as the eye could see.

For several hundred NWT residents, that home became Whitecourt. Local authorities created a welcome set up for registration, just like they did for residents from Fox Creek and Little Smokey earlier this summer. Whitecourt staff welcomed evacuees in with a caring smile and words of comfort, providing resources and vouchers.

Just as they did with previous evacuees, the Whitecourt Food Bank staff geared up to supply food. Needing more support, Whitecourt Food Bank Director Lori Coffey reached out to Alberta Food Banks, hoping to get a much-needed delivery. "I called and spoke with Francesca, an amazing human being. She changed the system to make it easier when there's an emergency like this, and it shows.

They are using my list of items as a template now because those are easy, good things you need immediately. They are now keeping those things in stock for emergencies, and I think that's cool of them to do that." Coffey said within a day and a half of calling, eight pallets appeared on the food bank's doorstep.

How the eight pallets arrived in Whitecourt is another part of the story. "Matt Joyal at Whitecourt Transport is honestly the greatest human. I can't thank him enough. He got Leduc Trucking involved, donating their services to help get the food here. It was all done for free to help the people. It's super cool," said Coffey.

She explained that Joyal reached out on his own accord to Leduc Trucking and asked if they would like to join him and help get the food to Whitecourt to support the evacuees. "It made me cry yesterday when he called me and told me that they were doing what Leduc Trucking was doing and working together to do it for free to help the evacuees. This community truly, truly is amazing, and that's what the people say. They say that everyone is so kind and nice and that everyone is being taken care of," she said, speaking of the evacuees.

"The evacuees are really lovely. They are so kind and grateful. It's so nice when everyone comes together to help. This is the second time we are doing this. It's sad to know that people are evacuated and in this position to need help, but we are getting a system going now that makes it smoother. We are happy to be able to help," said Coffey.

On Thursday, August 24, at 10 a.m., a Whitecourt Transport delivery truck beeped its way back to the food bank door, ready to be unloaded. With help from driver Garry Singh, they unloaded each pallet. "It was awesome of him to

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Evacuees from the Northwest Territories are spread around the province while their communities remain a battleground. As firefighters and front-line crews work tirelessly to save their homes, residents have made temporary homes in numerous municipalities, including Whitecourt.



Amanda Stanchfield

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help. We worked together to get these off the truck."

Once inside the building, food bank staff worked to prep boxes for evacuees to pick up. "We will get through this quickly because we serve at least thirty boxes daily. We want to make sure they have some food to tie them over. They are getting vouchers, too, but you still need additional items. That's why we tried getting easy stuff for them like pop-top cans, snack items, juice, water and baby food."

Three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, evacuees can visit the food bank and grab a box. Perishable boxes provided to Whitecourt residents each week are paused while they offer them to evacuees. "Evacuees come first, and if there's anything left over, then Whitecourt residents can have it. Right now, that's just something we have to shift to make sure that we take care of everyone.

Whitecourt residents can still access our services at the Food Bank at the other intake window using their ID. So, we aren't taking food away from Whitecourt residents that need the food bank. We are just making it so that everyone is being helped."

Without knowing how long evacuees will be in the community, Coffey said they've prepared for three weeks. "It goes to show that no matter who comes here and no matter what happens, we all rally together and make sure they are taken care of." Coffey said she hopes evacuees feel the love. "We hope they feel at home here. I can't imagine what it would be like to be in your vehicle in a random town and be wondering if your house is burning down. I can't imagine that feeling." She said evacuees needing extra support should mention it when they pick up their perishable boxes at the food bank. "Just talk to us. We will do whatever we can."

Coffey said a recent heartwarming interaction with a youth

during a food bank tour showed just how meaningful the bond is between the community and those who support it. "There was a little boy, and for his recent birthday he asked all his friends to bring food instead of presents, and he donated it to the food bank. While on the tour, he said, now I get to see where my food goes."

She said explaining what it's all about and how amazing the community is was a wonderful experience. "It's a whole new generation understanding that the food bank isn't just for poor people. Things happen in life, and we've got you, and when you're back on your feet, you can help us. It's full circle, and everyone is part of it."

Who knows, that youngster may have donated something now in the hands of a grateful evacuee. "The community continues to surprise me in ways that make me cry, and they don't even know it. It's absolutely beautiful."

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Application 23-085: 3732 Kepler Street – Third approach and variance to reduce separation distance between approach and intersection – Approved with conditions.

Date of Decisions: August 24, 2023 Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: September 14, 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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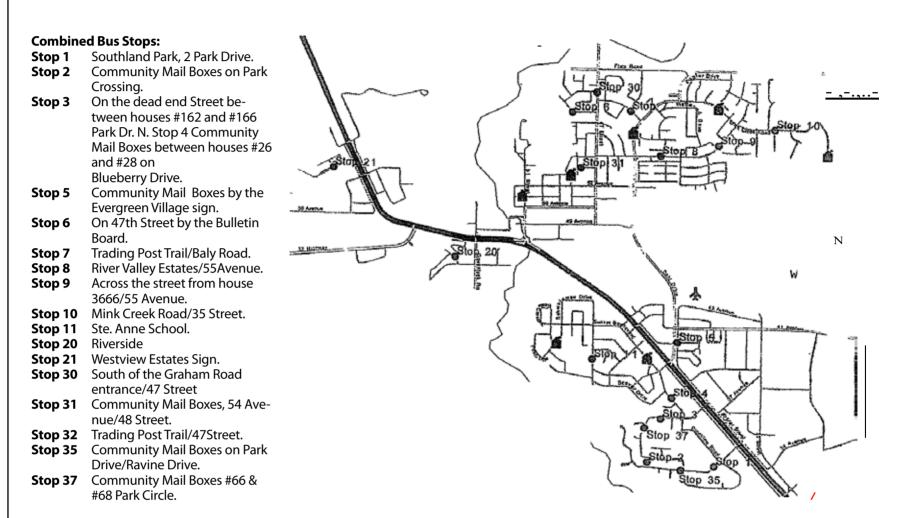
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Whitecourt School Bus Routes

The Press

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Whitecourt Town Council updates

The Town of Whitecourt is preparing for the 2024 budget, and has scheduled the following:

> The 2024 Budget Public Input Session is scheduled for

September 25, 2023 at 4:00pm. ٠ A Special Meeting of Council scheduled is for October 11, 2023 at 4:00pm. TimberChic Designs has been awarded

\$10,000 through the Launch Whitecourt Grant Program to develop a 350 square foot interior design showroom. Whitecourt Launch was created earlier this year to provide additional financial support for business development projects that stimulate business retention, growth and expansion. Applicants were required to provide a presentation to the Economic Development Committee to compete for the onetime grant. Thank you to all of the businesses that applied and shared their ideas!

The Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society is hosting a National Truth & Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day event in Festival Park on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The event will include a parade, starting and ending in Festival Park through down- town following the standard parade route, to recognize the impacts of the residential school system and honour the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools. Reminders of the road closures will be posted closer to the event date.

Council has adopted Bylaw 1567 that closes Road Plan 4273KS to accommodate the future consolidation of Town owned lots north of the Whitecourt Seniors Circle.

EAGLE RIVER

Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Executive Chef NOC 6321

Responsibilities:

- Plan and direct food preparation and cooking banquets and specialty functions.
- Plan menus and ensure food meets quality standards
- Estimate food requirements and may estimate food and labour costs
- Supervise activities of sous-chefs, specialist chefs, cooks
- Arrange for equipment purchases and repairs
- Recruit and hire staff
- May prepare and cook food on a regular basis or for special guests or functions.

Qualification:

- Post Secondary diploma in Business Management, Culinary Arts, or Hospitality
- 3-5 years of supervisory or management experience in the Hospitality or Restaurant industry.
- Ability to provide leadership and communicate with all staff members.
- Ability to compute basic mathematical • calculations.
- Knowledge of proper sanitation procedures and food safety guidelines.
- Understanding of food handling and sanitation standards.
- Understanding of restaurant operational procedures.
- Effective decision-making skills.

- Demonstrate new cooking techniques for and new equipment to the cooking staff
- Prepare and cook complete meals or specialty food, such as pastries, sauces, soups, salads, vegetables, meats, poultry, and fish dishes. Create and decorate food displays for special events such as banquets.
- Instruct cooks in the preparation, cooking garnishing, and presentation of food.
- Maintain records of food costs, consumption, sales, and inventory
- Analyze operating costs and other data
- Ability to acquire and maintain relationships
- e.g., associates, customers, and vendors. Positive communication and interpersonal skills
- Positive attitude and a consistent display of professionalism.
- Innovative, detail-oriented, and quality conscious.
- Ability to endure abundant physical movements in carrying out job duties.
- Demonstrated ability to lead and direct a team.
- Ability to respond quickly in a dynamic and changing environment
- Knowledge of cost analysis, fiscal management, and budgeting techniques as an asset

by PETER MARINACCI

Education: Post-secondary in business management, Culinary Arts or Hospitality Experience: 5 years or more Terms of Employment: Permanent full-time, 44-hour work week Language: English Employment Conditions: Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights. Wage: \$70,000 - 80,000 depending on experience.

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

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lifetime. Slootweg also provided potential impacts on the budget. "If you looked at the number of residences in the municipality, and I know this is probably grandiose, but if every residence was destroyed, it would cost the County about \$2,042,000 if you gave each residence \$1,000," she explained.

Councillor Bruce Prestidge asked what the policy would do for someone who lost their home via flooding. "If somebody's house was flooded but wasn't destroyed, they wouldn't be eligible, right?" Slootweg said yes. She said it would have to be damage that made the home unliveable. "There are instances where it fills it up totally with water, and they are out of the house because they can't live in it; eligibility would be

year's taxes were due. "Last meeting, if you didn't pay your taxes, vou got no penalties. If you did pay your taxes, well, you paid your taxes, and you had no access to any of that money. It was an unequal thing," he explained.

Burrows said he felt the idea behind the policy before him set a "dangerous precedent." He felt the County's risk of being wiped off the map was low for floods. "I can't see Woodlands getting wiped off the map by a flood, but a wildfire, I can. Typically, in these types of things, wildfires they actually exclude. I would like to see this kicked back to the Governance and Priorities Meeting and see if we can hash through this a little bit." He said the financial risk to Woodlands County in having to pay out a large sum by giving each affected homeowner \$1,000 wasn't a good thing.

Council voted unanimously to send the conversation around relief assistance during a catastrophic event in Woodlands County to an upcoming Governance & Priorities Committee meeting, allowing Council to delve deeper into the topic and choose the best option for the municipality and residents. Councillor Burrows then asked what his colleagues thought about bringing the conversation to the Prov-

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there." She said a damaged basement with a liveable top level wouldn't count.

Councillor John Burrows initially raised the topic of financial support for residents affected by a disaster at an earlier meeting. His idea was to allow residents who had already paid their yearly municipal taxes to access the funds to help offset immediate costs, with the onus on the resident to repay the amount before the following

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ince. "The Province of Alberta has almost the worst flood mitigation building practices in Canada. They will let you build just about anywhere." He said he had recent conversations with members from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) around insurance and uninsurable properties and events, which led them to discuss the possibility of a provincial insurance fund around floods and wildfires.

Slootweg said the Province changed the Govern-Municipal ment Act (MGA) in 2014, specifically for properties. "They were supposed to provide municipalities with a regulation around development in the floodway and flood fringes, and that never transpired. I know we have a couple of property owners that have lobbied the MLA and the higher-ups trying to get the province to reopen that. For whatever reason, the MGA says there's a regulation, but there isn't.'

Councillor Peter Kuelken said it sounded like the ball was being bounced back and forth between who should be taking responsibility for it. "I think it serves a purpose for us to open that can of worms and try and figure out whether we can push some of those further up the chain," he said. He then asked Slootweg what she thought about putting together a resolution and having it go up the ranks with the intent of having RMA support it and bring it to the Province.

"I think it would be good to bring it forward again because it is putting us in a situation. We have individuals, as Burrows indicated, that essentially can't develop their properties because they are in the floodway. The province back in the day had promised they would provide a regulation as to some passive uses these properties could have on them and some conversation around flood fringe areas where things can be buildup in different matters."

Reeve Dave Kusch said the best way to get provincial backing was to start a paper trail, adding his support to the idea. Burrows' motion to have Administration draft a resolution to RMA around the 2014 regulations and bring it to an upcoming Governance and Priorities meeting for discussion passed unanimously.

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Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

Now Hiring Surveillance Supervisor NOC 62029

Responsibilities:

- Completes routine surveillance of the gaming floor identifying potential problems, such as poor game
 protection, suspicious individuals, and acting as a support unit to other departments in relation to the
 protection of company assets.
- Maintains accurate logs of all procedure violations or completing reviews of all material that is pertinent to site operations.
- Always maintain awareness of gaming operation and comply with security policies and procedures to secure company assets.
- This position requires the ability to communicate clearly, deal tactfully and work effectively with Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza, staff, and management.
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work.
- Monitor quality and production levels.
- Resolve work-related problems and prepare and submit progress and other reports
- May perform the same duties as workers supervised.
- Handle emergency situations.
- Monitor quality and production levels.

Qualifications:

- Completion of college courses related to the area supervised may be required.
- Completion of secondary school is usually required.
- Possesses detailed knowledge of casino table games, slots, poker policies, cash/slot cage, and count room policies and procedures.
- For this position you will be required to sit for long periods with computer monitors.
- 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
- Must be able to complete AML.

Experience: 2 – 3 years.

Education: Completion of secondary school an asset. Terms of Employment: Permanent full-time 44-hour work week. Language: English Employment Conditions: Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights. Wage: \$20.77 per hour. Benefits Package: Vision, Dental, Health after 90-day probation period. Location: Twp.Rd.602A, Hwy 32 North, Whitecourt, AB Canada. Address: Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza P.O Box 10 Whitecourt, Alberta Canada T7S-1N3 Contact: 780-779-2727 or Fax 780-706-7451 Visit our Website: www.eaglerivercasino.ca How to Apply: Send resume to <u>HR@eaglerivercasino.ca</u>, mail or fax

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EAGLE RIVER Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Cashiers NOC 65100

Responsibilities:

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- 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



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- 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.
Benefits Package: Vision, Dental, Health after 90-day probation period.
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Now Hiring Security Guard Supervisor NOC 62029

Responsibilities:

- Co-ordinate, assign and review the work of security guards and other service workers not elsewhere classified
- 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
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
- Monitor quality and production levels
- May perform the same duties as workers supervised.
- Arrange for maintenance and repair work
- Assist clients/guests with special needs

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
- Must be able to complete AML.

Experience: 2 – 3 years.

Education: Completion of secondary school an asset. Terms of Employment: Permanent full-time 44-hour work week. Language: English Employment Conditions: Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights. Wage: \$20.77 per hour. Benefits Package: Vision, Dental, Health after 90-day probation period. Location: Twp.Rd.602A, Hwy 32 North, Whitecourt, AB Canada. Address: Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza P.O Box 10 Whitecourt, Alberta Canada T7S-1N3 Contact: 780-779-2727 or Fax 780-706-7451 Visit our Website: www.eaglerivercasino.ca How to Apply: Send resume to HR@eaglerivercasino.ca, mail or fax

EAGLE RIVER 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
- 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
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
- Establish work schedules and procedures and co-ordinate activities with other work units or departments
- 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.

- Co-ordinate activities with other work units or departments
- Ensure smooth operation of computer equipment and machinery
- Establish work schedules and procedures
- Handle emergency situations
- Monitor quality and production levels
- Prepare and submit progress and other reports
- Requisition or order materials, equipment, and supplies
- Resolve work-related problems
- Supervise the operation of mechanical equipment and machinery
- Supervise, co-ordinate and schedule (and possibly review) activities of workers
- Train staff/workers in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies.

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- 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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