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An update to the West End Bus Program hangs in limbo



A four to two vote defeated the motion. See story page 10.

Another sure-to-be-hit coming this fall from Pumpjack Players

By Serena Lapointe

Having been involved with Pumpjack Players for seven years, local Braeden Mattson has taken on various roles and is currently the board treasurer. He has played Cedric Bottomly in The 1984 Dal-

mar Biker War, Amos Hart in Chicago the Musical, Sam Radcliffe in According To Schedule and most recently the hilarious Mr. Green in Clue On Stage.

Mattson grew his love for acting in high school festivals and

dinner theatre productions at Mayerthorpe High School, often playing a lead role. Being a self-described shy kid to being fully in the spotlight has been a gradual change that

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Director Braeden Mattson, (center) watches a tryout performance.



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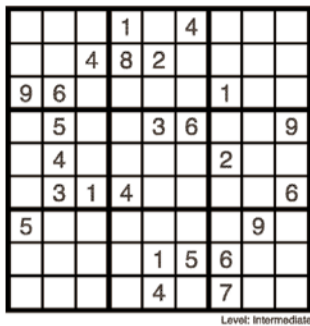
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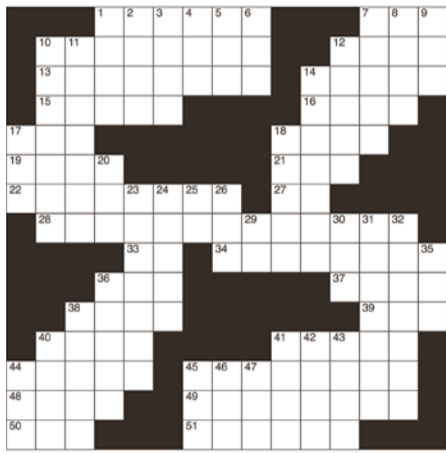
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Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of crayon
- 7. Fashion accessory
- 10. Most cerebral
- 12. Incline from vertical
- 13. Dependent on
- 14. Broken in
- 15. Strongly desires
- 16. Mounted soldier
- 17. Ad __: when necessary
- 18. Cattle
- 19. Ottoman military commanders
- 21. __ student, learns healing
- 22. Composed in poetic meter
- 27. Promotional material
- 28. Where people live
- 33. Sodium
- 34. Embarrassing
- 36. Medical man
- 37. Mother of Hermes
- 38. One who saves the day
- 39. Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

- 40. Not clothed
- 41. Slope covered with loose stones
- 44. Used to cook
- 45. Praises enthusiastically
- 48. Rooney is a famous one
- 49. Beekeeper
- 50. Pigpen
- 51. Potato chip brand
- 1. Living quarters
- 2. Horizontal passage
- 3. Attacks
- 4. Vietnamese offensive
- 5. Midway between east and southeast
- 6. Confined (abbr.)
- 7. Book of Esther antagonist
- 8. Port in Yemen
- 9. CNN's founder
- 10. Type of bulb
- 11. Prepare
- 12. Promoted
- 14. Dinner jackets
- 17. Partner to cheese

- 18. Nebraska city
- 20. Human gene
- 23. Pays no attention to
- 24. Lowland South American plain
- 25. Blood group
- 26. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 29. Atomic #37
- 30. Unit of electrical resistance
- 31. Jeweled crowns
- 32. Nastiest
- 35. Traditional cars need it
- 36. Bowler hat
- 38. Robust
- 40. Not straight
- 41. Stony waste matter
- 42. Have an interest in
- 43. Jacob __, journalist
- 44. Maintains possession of
- 45. Swiss river
- 46. Average cost of market goods
- 47. Spanish soldier: El __

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Nomination packages are available at the Living Waters Board Office or online at the following link:
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FORM 3 Notice of Nomination Day
Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)


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Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 25, 2023 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on June 28, 2023 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
School Board Trustee - Whitecourt	2	Ward 3

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he hopes others will take the leap as he did. "Everyone was so great (Pumpjack Players), and because it's all volunteer, everyone who's here wants to be here. It's a really good group, and we have a lot of fun. I've made a lot of friends over the years."

This fall, Mattson is taking on a new role that he has never taken on: directing. "I was always interested in directing. I acted so often that I chose a play with less male characters because we had trouble getting male actors to show up. So, taking myself out of one of those roles lets us hopefully get some new blood in here." The lack of male characters was what originally inspired Mattson to join Pumpjack Players.

When it came time to pick a play for this year's fall dinner theatre production, Mattson had a shortlist of what he wanted to see on stage. "Usually, we will have someone from the group bring us something and say, hey, I want to direct this one, but we didn't have that this year, so everyone on the board chose a couple of plays, and we voted as a board on which one we wanted. My play was chosen, so I said I would direct it."

So, what is this year's play? It's called *Blithe Spirit* and was written by Noel Coward in 1941. The play has made it to the big screen at least twice over the years. The first time was in 1945, and it was done again just three years ago, starring Dan Stevens and Leslie Mann. "It follows this English author named Charles, who decides he wants to study a



Facing the panel.

A rib-tickling, side-splitting, laugh-out-loud local theatre production is in the works. Pumpjack Players recently held auditions for their fall performance and have already had their first script read-through with the cast.

medium to base a character on her. So, he invites her and this other couple over, and they have a séance. During the séance, his late wife's spirit is brought back and not released," explained Mattson. "What follows is the antics of him trying to live with his current wife and be haunted by his late wife. It's very comical," he laughed.

Mattson said the supernatural comedy should make for a hilarious night out once the play hits the local stage in November. "After reading the synopsis, I thought it would be hilarious. It checked a whole bunch of boxes for me." When asked what his favourite part of the play is, Mattson said anytime the medium, Madame Arca-

ti, showed up. "She's so eccentric and wild. She's a nineteen-forties medium. That sold it for me. She's very colourful."

The cast for *Blithe Spirit* consists of five female and two male characters. Mattson and several board members for Pumpjack Players recently held auditions for the play at the Forest Interpretive Centre. Being on the other side of the audition desk was an interesting experience for Mattson. He said his past experiences being on the other side helped him make the experience less overwhelming for would-be actors trying out.

"The first time auditioning for me was tough, but afterwards, as you get to know people, it gets easier

and easier. It's always a little awkward for the first three lines because you have no idea what they are looking for or want you to do. Making those decisions on your feet is a little tough, but we understand that, and it's all considered," he explained.

Mattson said he is excited to see everything come together, with auditions now over and preparations underway. The cast came together on Tuesday, September 5, to read through the script for the first time. Pumpjack is still looking for volunteers to help with set design, creation, building, costumes, and front-of-house setup. Mattson said getting involved behind the scenes is a great way to become accustomed to local

theatre. "That's nice about working backstage because no one has to see you. You never show up on stage, but you still get to hang out with everybody and see how everything is. Volunteering in one of the crew positions is a nice entry into Pumpjack."

The dates for when the shows will happen in November have yet to be set as of this article, but they are aiming for the last two weekends of November. "It's great entertainment for a fairly cheap cost, and you don't have to go very far for it because you don't have to go to the city. It's a great time. I've never heard any complaints from anyone in the audience. Even someone who isn't really into theatre

has a good time watching, and there's always a great meal, too," said Mattson.

Lots of work goes into each year's production, with volunteers clocking long hours perfecting each scene. One way to support them as they pull the show together is to attend their 80's themed Prom Night event on September 23 at Whitecourt Central School. "This is Pumpjack Players' 40th year, so we are pretty excited about that," said Mattson. "The prom event is a full meal, a dance, a midnight lunch, a cash bar, a 50/50 and door prizes. We even have a disco ball," he grinned. "It's going to be great." Tickets can be purchased at the Whitecourt Library.

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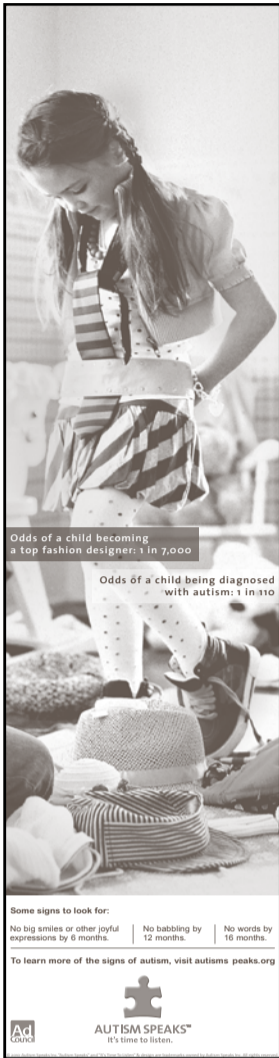
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Low	8°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	9°C
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Current export value overshadowed by last year's record high

By ATB Financial's Economics & Research Team

The dollar value of Alberta's international merchandise exports was higher in July than in June. However, exports continued to trend well below the record-setting levels seen last summer when energy and agriculture prices soared.

The value of the goods Alberta exported to foreign markets increased by 1.9% in July compared to the month before, but was down by 31% compared to 12 months earlier—the fifth year-over-year drop in a row.

While Alberta's exports have come off their peaks, they were 11% higher than in July 2021.

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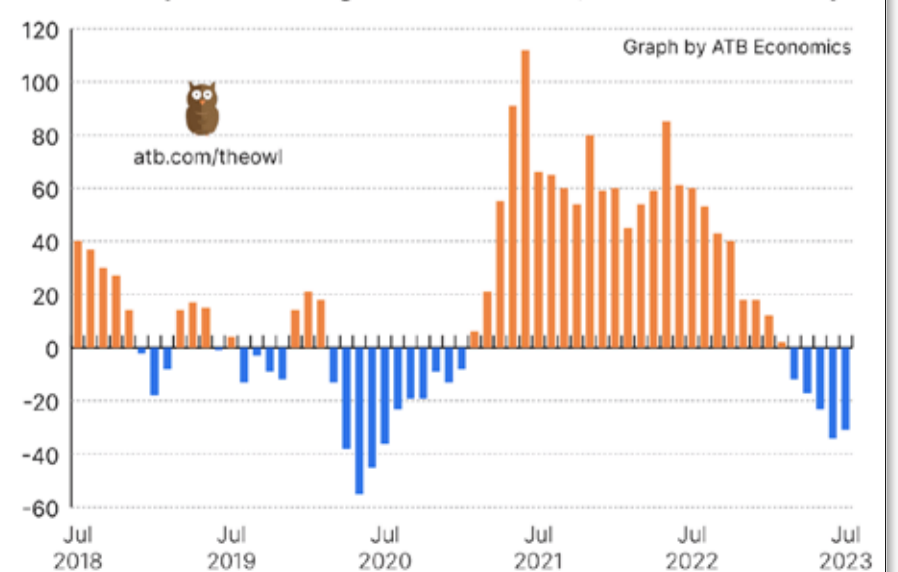
It's a similar story for chemicals (-19% y/y) and forest products (-37%), which have both come off last year's peaks.

While agriculture exports were higher than last July (+9%), they too have come off their unusually high levels

posted last fall, winter and early spring.

The port strikes in BC influenced the July trade numbers for Canada. Statistics Canada reports that exports leaving BC Marine terminals fell 23%, with declines in exports to Japan, South Korea, and India. However, with grain terminals remaining open, exports to China rose as a result of higher canola shipments. Alberta saw declines in its exports to several Asian countries between June and July but this was more than offset by higher exports to the U.S.

Monthly international exports from Alberta
 Year-over-year % change in dollar value, merchandise only



Source: Statistics Canada table 12-10-0119-01 and ATB Economics

An update to the West End Bus Program hangs in limbo

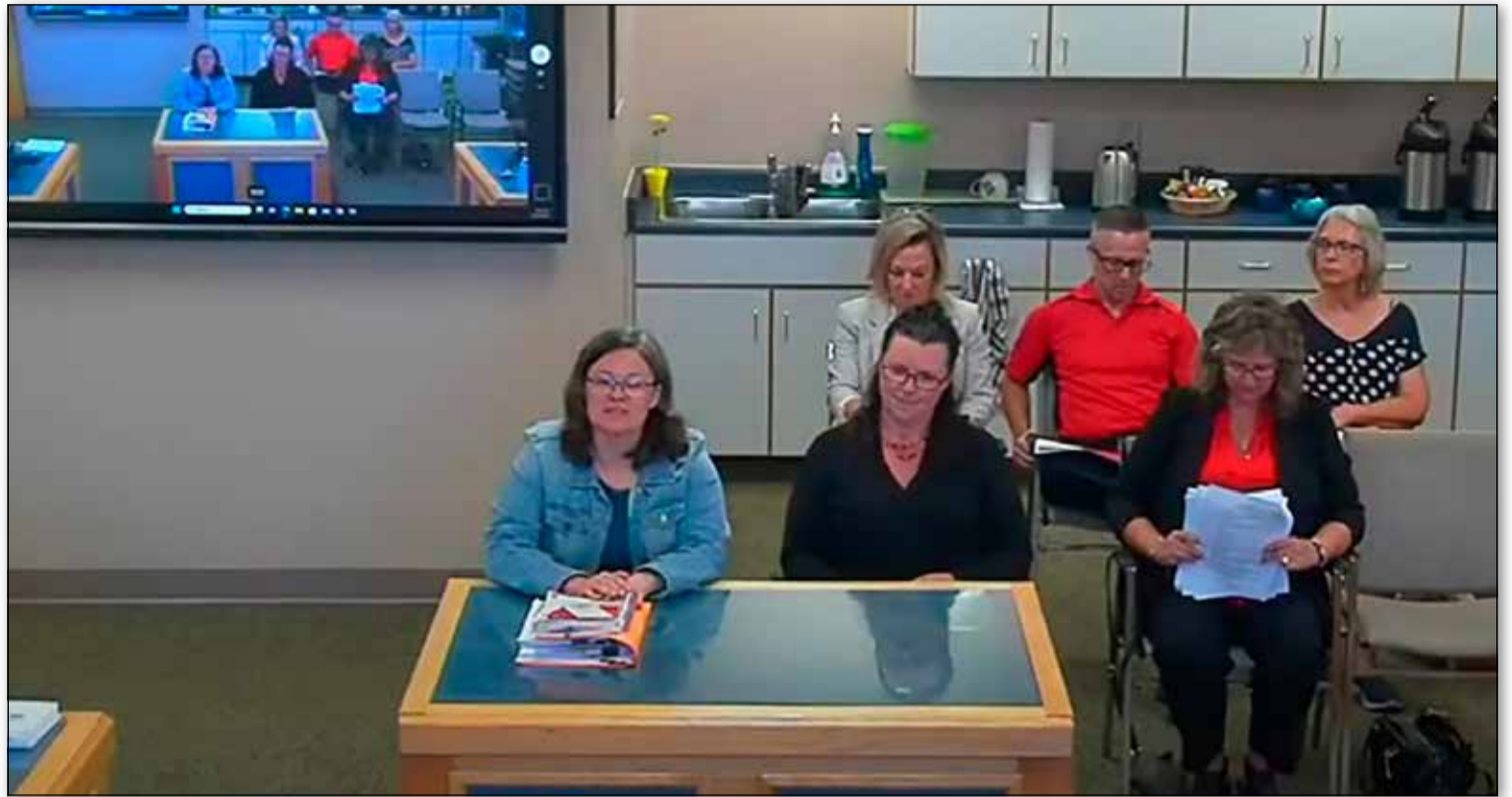
By Serena Lapointe

A delegation from the Town of Mayerthorpe recently presented to Woodlands County Council concerning a potential boost in service for the West End Bus Program. Jennifer Sunderman, Mayerthorpe's CAO, and Karen St. Martin, recently retired Mayerthorpe CAO, presented together. Sunderman explained that they had been approved for a federally funded grant through the Rural Transit Solutions Fund to enhance the West End Bus Program. "We are looking to add a one-day program that would help Mayerthorpe residents, Blue Ridge residents, and Sangudo residents come into the Whitecourt area." She added that the program would be for all ages.

The program would include glass bus shelters and a facility to house an electric van capable of travelling 300km on one charge. The program also included adding slow charging stations to the region, with one going into each community, Mayerthorpe, Sangudo and Blue Ridge, and one at the main facility. Sunderman explained that the charging stations could provide some revenue if opened to the public.

Sunderman said they had been approved for approximately \$594,000. She said the vehicle would cost between \$110,000 and \$130,000 and that the glass bus shelters would be just under \$7,500, with one planned for each community. She said the West End Bus Committee would discuss where the facility and each shelter would be placed. Sunderman explained that they were also throwing around the idea of reducing the size of the bus shelter, currently pegged at 2,300 square feet, and the possible change from an electric vehicle to a hybrid.

Sunderman said the grant funding they were approved for covers 80 percent of



A considerable enhancement planned for the West End Bus Service hit a snag when talking with community partners. Lac Ste. Anne County and Woodlands County balked at a funding request to support a shortfall in federal funding received by the Town of Mayerthorpe. Pictured are CAO Jennifer Sunderman (left) and Karen St. Martin (right).

the program's cost. The remaining 20 percent would need to come from provincial or municipal sources. Late in 2020, Woodlands County joined Mayerthorpe and Lac Ste. Anne County in contributing yearly towards the operating and capital budget for bus-ing services (\$25,000/year). Then, in 2022, both municipalities again joined forces to support Mayerthorpe's bid to gain funding for the upgrades to the West End Bus Program; however, neither promised funding.

In a June letter shared in Council's agenda package, the Town of Mayerthorpe requested funds to make up the twenty percent shortfall, divided between their partners. Mayerthorpe would provide \$50,647, while Lac Ste. Anne County was asked for \$61,295, and Woodlands County was asked for \$30,647. Lac Ste. Anne responded to the request for funding by encouraging the West End Bus Committee to use funds from their capital reserve instead. The letter stated that Lac Ste. Anne County did not include the \$61,295 in their budget talks, and more information would be

needed to consider the initiative further.

Both Lac Ste. Anne and Woodlands expressed the importance of the upgraded program when they penned their letters of support in 2022. Then Reeve John Burrows called it a "worthwhile rural transit enhancement project," while Lac Ste. Anne County's Deputy Reeve, Nick Gelych, called the West End Bus Committee a "well-established municipal cooperative that provides essential transportation and social engagement." The issue at hand came down to funding.

Councillor Bruce Prestidge asked why the West End Bus Committee members weren't doing the presentation. Sunderman explained that the Town of Mayerthorpe was the primary contact for the application process. He then asked why it was being presented before the committee had approved it. He felt they had jumped the gun.

Councillor John Burrows took issue with bringing in an electric vehicle. "We have a horrendous problem with our grid right now. If we start electrifying more and more

and pulling in more," he paused. "I don't know if people understand the amount of actual power that these things are pulling. This is a 600-volt 45 amp, I think, for a phase three charging station. It is huge power to charge some of these pieces of equipment." He said he felt more comfortable sticking with equipment that is "tried and true." Councillor Burrows also stated that he wanted to avoid the municipality taking on the risk of having cutting-edge technology. "I appreciate it, but I'm not a fan of it."

Councillor Peter Kuelken asked what the expected life cycle costs would be to Woodlands County. "I would like to understand a little better what our commitment as a county would be in the life cycle of that particular project." He said the intentions sounded good but that they must consider continuous costs.

St. Martin, the grant application writer, said there was potential revenue from letting the public use the charging stations and that the West End Bus Committee would discuss life cycle expenditures. She said they would bring rec-

ommendations back to the councils. "Currently, the West End Bus Committee and the municipalities are paying rent to house the existing buses at different locations throughout Lac Ste. Anne County and we are currently paying the operating costs of those facilities as well as repairs and maintenance. The thought process was that we would reallocate that money to the operating costs of the facility. It's the same money but reallocated within the budget for this purpose."

Councillor Jeremy Wilhelm asked what the deadline was for signing onto the funding. "We need to have the agreement signed by October 1, 2023," responded Sunderman. Wilhelm asked if the scope would change if they included a hybrid instead of an electric van. Sunderman said she didn't know. "It could possibly impact our funding. It would come from the committee on whether or not we move forward with an electric vehicle or whether or not we move forward with a hybrid vehicle."

Councillor Wilhelm said the idea behind the program was "awesome" and felt it could

"bring huge value to the municipality." However, he agreed with his colleague Councillor Prestidge. "It did feel like the cart was being put in front of the horse by asking for money before knowing what it would be used on yet," said Wilhelm.

St. Martin explained that there was capacity for funds to be reallocated within the grant and a ten percent contingency that could be used elsewhere if needed. She added that even if they changed to a Hybrid vehicle, the electric charging stations still had value to the municipalities due to the enhancement to tourism, bringing people out from the city.

Woodlands County Council voted unanimously to accept the presentation as information. Councillor Alan Deane then motioned to approve the funding for \$30,647 from the West End Bus Replacement Reserve to pay for the County's portion of the project, as requested. Councillor Deane and Reeve Dave Kusch were the only votes in favour, resulting in a defeated motion. Councillor Williams was absent. The West End Bus Enhancement Project's status is unknown at this time.



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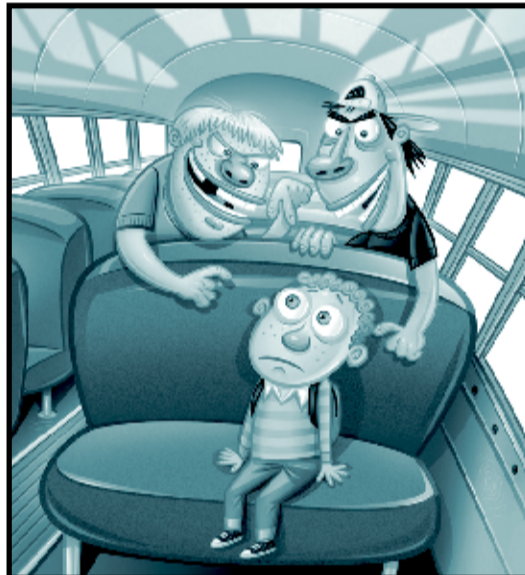


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Whitecourt RCMP makes major dent into drug trafficking

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Five individuals have been arrested and charged.

Jesse Jackson (34), a resident of Woodlands County, Alberta

- CDSA 5(1) Trafficking Cocaine (x2)
- CC 355(a) Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000
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Mariah Jackson (24), a resident of Woodlands County

- CDSA 5(1) Trafficking Cocaine
- CC 355(a) Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000

Debra Letcher (62), a resident of Whitecourt

- CDSA 5(1) Trafficking Cocaine (x3)
- CDSA 5(2) Possession of Cocaine

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- CC 355(a) Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000
- CC 355(b) Possession of Property Obtained by Crime under \$5,000 (x5)

Garnet Marcellus (29), a resident of Olds, Alberta

- CDSA 5(1) Trafficking Cocaine
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Matters in this investigation are now before the courts, and no further updates are available at this time.

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Qualifications:

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Education: Completion of secondary school an asset.

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- 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.

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
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