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## Whitecourt Cats roar to victory in the 2023 Athabasca Bowl



Photo courtesy Alan Deane

The Whitecourt Cats are on top of the world after a big win in Fort McMurray on Saturday afternoon. The team worked hard all season, dreaming their dedication would lead them to the Athabasca Bowl. On Saturday, that dream came true. Not only did the CATS make it to the Athabasca Bowl, but with a score of 29-24 over their Saint's rivals, they took home the big prize, too. Congratulations on a hard-fought season and for being the 2023 Athabasca Bowl champs!



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# PUZZLES

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## SUDOKU

8		4		6							
	2			5							
				3		9					
4			8							9	
	3	7								8	
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Level: Intermediate

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

## CROSSWORDS

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time  
59. Houses temporarily

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vital public document
- 2. Disinter
- 3. Musical performances
- 4. After B (abbr.)
- 5. Every body has one (abbr.)
- 6. Utilize
- 7. In a way, disproved
- 8. Fisherman's tool
- 9. Of she
- 10. Trauma center
- 11. Commercial flyer
- 12. Administered medicine to calm
- 16. Popular R&B performer
- 17. Regretted
- 18. Leg (slang)
- 22. "Night Train" author

- 25. More supernatural
- 27. Baltimore ballplayer
- 28. Shoe parts
- 29. Scores perfectly
- 30. More lucid
- 32. Trim by cutting
- 34. Disreputable people
- 35. Dramatic behaviors
- 36. Disorder
- 37. Private box in a theater
- 38. More dried-up
- 40. Raw
- 41. In operation
- 42. Pillager
- 43. Butterflies with brown wings
- 45. Disallow
- 48. Own up
- 51. Hungarian city
- 52. A way to condemn
- 53. Tax collector
- 54. Lease
- 56. Not out

## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



It's important to pay attention to your physical health this week, Aries. It's key to give your body plenty of rest and healthy foods to strengthen your immune system.

### TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Something out of the ordinary may happen to you this week, Taurus. You don't know what to expect, but be aware of your surroundings and the people you meet.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



This is a perfect time to review your goals or to-do list, Gemini. If you don't have things jotted down, brainstorm with friends on what you may want to accomplish, then make plans.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, do not turn anyone away if they come to you looking for assistance. Someone in need is likely to seek you out in the days to come and you should be ready.

### LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



There is no shame in taking a day off or slowing down for a breather, Leo. Spend the day in bed or lounging on the couch if you desire. Give yourself a break if you've been running around.

### VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



If emotions are high, Virgo, you might need to figure out a way to relieve some stress. Turn on the music loudly and dance around in your home while singing along.

### LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, you could feel sluggish a few days this week. Once some friends urge you to get out and do something, you'll quickly feel reenergized and ready to have a good time.

### SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, failure can be a tough pill to swallow, but if you don't succeed at something you have to get back up and simply try again. Don't let one setback eat at you for long.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Don't let your pride get in the way of rekindling a friendship Sagittarius. Rather than drum up old news, talk about the things you look forward to doing together.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Capricorn, things may work out if you give them another chance. Don't throw in the towel on your ideas just yet. Figure out a new angle and then get started on a new course.

### AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Take the blinders or rose-colored glasses off, Aquarius. You can't adequately handle a situation unless you know all of the facts and have a clear grasp of reality.

### PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



If things are starting to feel boring, it might be time for a change of pace, Pisces. Simple things like changing around the furniture or taking a new route home can help.

## Crossword Clues

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Happen again
- 8. Large flightless birds
- 13. A type of account
- 14. Beyond what is natural
- 15. Beloved comfort food
- 19. Rural delivery
- 20. Belonging to us
- 21. Typical
- 22. Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 24. Not us
- 25. Discharge
- 26. Made empty
- 30. Fishing net
- 31. Fast-moving, harmless snake
- 32. Analyzed into its

### parts

- 33. In a way, chilled
- 34. Hindu queen
- 35. Circles around the sun
- 38. Used for emphasis
- 39. Reactive structures
- 40. Recommendations
- 44. Feel intense anger
- 45. Puke
- 46. Rural Northern Ireland community
- 47. Naturally occurring solid material
- 48. British watch brand
- 49. Toddler
- 50. Integrated circuit
- 51. Being revered
- 55. "Pets" you can grow
- 57. Continual
- 58. Puts together in

## TURKEY DAY WORD SEARCH

D	P	N	G	P	L	I	T	U	T	G	R	A	V	Y	R	P	L	O	D
A	A	E	I	T	C	C	C	G	N	C	F	G	G	U	C	K	Y	R	G
S	R	E	S	A	I	C	E	R	G	R	R	E	R	U	Y	E	A	O	U
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U	E	U	P	N	U	I	N	C	I	E	A	P	D	G	O	G	B	V	O
F	R	V	N	C	A	C	V	A	T	B	O	A	E	S	B	S	S	G	U
A	M	A	E	A	D	E	O	I	G	U	F	Y	U	V	T	S	S	I	S
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D	V	K	Y	L	K	B	R	N	G	N	N	G	O	H	D	T	P	D	R
S	Y	R	L	E	P	Y	P	U	B	D	G	U	K	G	T	E	D	A	K
R	A	L	D	K	I	T	F	G	P	U	S	R	Y	M	L	S	R	V	A
B	R	F	A	M	I	L	Y	A	R	D	P	V	S	R	B	B	I	O	B

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### WORDS

- APPLE PIE
- BISCUITS

- BRINE
- CASSEROLE
- CIDER
- CORNBREAD

- CORNUCOPIA
- DINNER
- ENTERTAIN
- FAMILY

- FRIENDS
- FULL
- GRACIOUS
- GRATITUDE

- GRAVY
- GREEN BEANS
- HOLIDAY MEAL
- OVEN

- SOUP
- STUFFING
- THANKSGIVING
- TURKEY
- YAMS



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## Young cadets in Whitecourt pay tribute to veterans by selling poppies



*Cadets held a poppy sale blitz on the weekend, leading up to Remembrance Day on Saturday, November 11. Groups of several youths spread out, attending various businesses to sell poppies, including the Westward Christmas Market, where a friendly trio of cadets staffed a booth. This year's Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre. Public attendees are asked to be seated by 10:20 a.m. Following the ceremony, the Whitecourt Legion will open for lunch and fellowship for all to attend.*

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# REMEMBRANCE DAY

## Remembrance Day in Canada

### Honouring the sacrifices of the brave



Remembrance Day, observed on November 11th each year in Canada, is a solemn occasion dedicated to paying tribute to the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve the country in times of war, conflict, and peace. This day holds significant importance as it commemorates the armistice signed in 1918, ending World War I, and honours the sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers throughout history.

#### The Poppy: A Symbol of Remembrance

The red poppy flower has become a powerful symbol of Remembrance Day in Canada. Inspired by the famous war poem "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, the Royal British Legion introduced the red poppy as a symbol of

remembrance. Canadians proudly wear poppy pins on their lapels throughout the lead-up to Remembrance Day to honour those who have lost their lives in military service. The poppy serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made and the need for peace.

#### Commemorative Ceremonies

Across Canada, Remembrance Day is marked by various commemorative ceremonies, the most prominent of which takes place at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. The ceremony in Ottawa is attended by dignitaries, veterans, and the general public. It includes the laying of wreaths, the playing of the Last Post, and a moment of silence at 11:00 AM, the exact time the armistice was signed.

Similar ceremonies are held in cities, towns, and villages throughout the country.

#### A Time for Reflection

Remembrance Day is a time for Canadians to reflect on the sacrifices made by members of the Canadian Armed Forces and to express gratitude for their service. It is also an opportunity to remember the many civilians who have been affected by war and conflict. Schools often play a significant role in educating the younger generation about the importance of Remembrance Day, ensuring that the legacy of those who served lives on.

#### The Legacy of Peacekeeping

In addition to remembering the world wars, Remembrance Day also pays tribute to the more recent peacekeeping efforts

undertaken by Canadian forces. Canada has a long history of contributing to international peace and security, and this legacy continues to this day. Canadian soldiers have participated in missions around the world to help prevent and resolve conflicts, furthering the cause of peace and stability.

While Remembrance Day serves as a day of reflection and solemn remembrance, it also reinforces the message that peace is a precious gift, and we should all strive to work together to prevent future conflicts. Through education, remembrance, and the wearing of the red poppy, Canadians ensure that the sacrifices of the past are never forgotten and that the pursuit of peace remains a central goal for the nation.

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# Animal calls and speeders rank highest for Enforcement Services in Woodlands County

By Serena Lapointe

Early this year, on February 1, Woodlands County and Lac Ste Anne County (LSAC) entered into a five-year contract to see the Lac Ste Anne County's peace officers provide 80 hours of Enforcement Services to Woodlands County each month. Woodlands County is also to receive monthly reports on Enforcement Services supplied by LSAC, giving the County a picture of what services are provided and when.

On October 25, LSAC Community Peace Officer and Supervisor Sargent Dallas Choma and Sheldon Schoepp, Manager of Protective Services for Woodlands County, presented the third quarter (Q3) overview for Woodlands County Council. "At the time this was drafted, our enforcement department from Lac Ste Anne County issued two orders in Q3," began Sargent Choma. "They were clean-up orders, forcing people to clean up their property or tear down some sort of derelict building. We've done extremely well with our orders out in Woodlands County."

Ticket-wise, Sargent Choma said officers wrote 51 tickets, totaling \$11,697. He then explained that 47 percent of the fine value goes to the province. There were also four written warnings given

out within the County. The value of the fines, had they been tickets and not warnings, was \$748. Between the tickets and written warnings, there was a total of 55 tickets given out in Q3.

The highest number of tickets given out was to those exceeding the established speed limit, with 34 tickets. The next highest (4) was for those operating a motor vehicle without the proper paperwork. The remaining citations with three or fewer tickets included windshields with cracks in the viewing area, driver not wearing a seatbelt, failure to produce

an operator's license, a dog that had bitten/attacked/threatened, crossing a double solid lane line, speeding on the highway, unsecured license plate, accumulation of offensive material and exceeding the allowable number of dogs.

Sargent Choma said that through the third quarter, they responded to 18 incidents. The types of incidents responded to included Animal Control Bylaw, Dog Bylaw, Noise Bylaw, Priority 1 and Priority 2, Traffic Safety Act, Unsightly Property, Dangerous Dog and Assist Fire Call. The two types with the

highest incident count were Dog Bylaw complaints and Priority 2, both with four. The rest of the incident types had a count of either one or three.

He explained that the Priority 1 and Priority 2 incident types would not be used again from now on in favour of more specific terms. He said the priority wording had previously been used as a catch-all for incidents outside the basic terms. "When Lac Ste Anne County moved into the new software, which is the software you see here for reporting and enforcement, a lot of the drop-down menus (for

types of incidents), we had to modify."

He said when an officer went out to a call and the type of incident they were dealing with wasn't reflected in the available drop-down menu for incident type selection, the officer would put it under either Priority 1 or 2. "We've come back into the program, and we've modified that so you will not see Priority 1 or Priority 2 calls again," he clarified. Officers now have more items to choose from, which will provide more detail in future reports.

Sargent Choma said that of the incidents

dealt with, two had concluded, one with a charge and one with a warning. He said none of the incidents had required forwarding to another agency. "The RCMP never got any forwarding of any calls to assist us or to something we couldn't deal with, which is a good thing." Six incidents remain under investigation, while one is listed as unfounded and another as "no status."

Once he concluded his Q3 report, Sargent Choma said that Lac Ste Anne County had started a pilot project for Q4, which

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Animal-related calls took the top spot for Lac Ste Anne County Peace Officers in Q3 patrolling Woodlands County as part of a five-year contract recently signed between the two municipalities. Speeders also ranked high on the list of incident data shared during a Woodlands County Council meeting late last month. SargentChomaLEFT - Sargent Choma, left, presented the third quarter Enforcement Services data.



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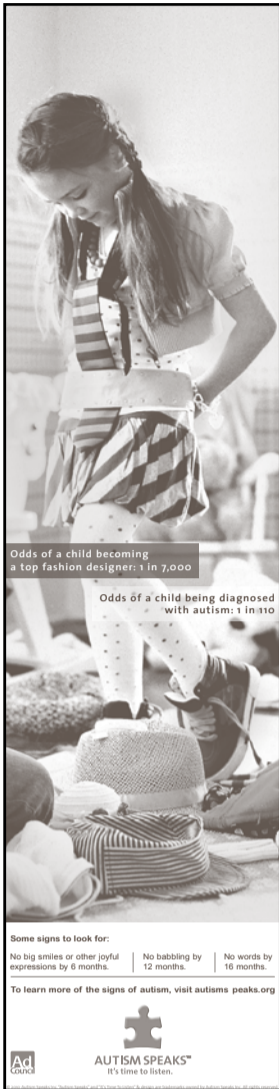




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Wind  
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**Wed., Nov 8**  
Mainly sunny  
20%  
6°C  
-4°C  
W 19 km/h



**Thu., Nov 9**  
Sunny  
10%  
6°C  
-5°C  
SW 8 km/h



**Fri., Nov 10**  
Mix of sun and clouds  
20%  
2°C  
-3°C  
SW 10 km/h



**Sat., Nov 11**  
Mainly sunny  
20%  
5°C  
-3°C  
SW 9 km/h



**Sun., Nov 12**  
Mix of sun and clouds  
20%  
4°C  
-3°C  
W 9V km/h



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Canadian Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line **1-866-925-4419**  
Trans LifeLine – All Ages **1-877-330-6366**

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## Putting a face on suicide



Leonda Rose Smith

Age 21

25-Oct-1986 ... 4-Jul-2008

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The Annual Westward Christmas Market took place on the weekend and saw packed aisles and busy vendor booths, and loads of shoppers made a pit stop at the popular market. The market is predominantly filled with local and regional artisans and small businesses, making it a great spot to shop locally for all kinds of things, including beautiful, one-of-a-kind, handmade wreaths. As a yearly tradition, market organizers ask for food bank donations as entry, and the community always comes out big. On just Saturday, shoppers donated \$1,500 in cash donations and 1,500 pounds of food.

## MEMBERS AT LARGE REQUIRED

BECOME INVOLVED IN THE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY!

Woodlands County is seeking applications and letters of interest from residents to serve as members on the municipality's Council Committees.

**Airport Advisory Committee – 1 fixed wing and 1 rotary vacancy** (\*must be resident or facility user/owner\*)

Positions are held for a **two-year period from November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2025**, (unless otherwise stated).

Learn more about each committee and apply online at [woodlands.civicweb.net](http://woodlands.civicweb.net) or submit letters of interest and/or resume and experience to either of our municipal offices.

**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 4:30pm

**Submit Applications to:**

**Email:** [carey.stephens@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:carey.stephens@woodlands.ab.ca)

**In-Person:**

Woodlands County  
Municipal Office, #1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt, AB  
Regional Municipal Office, 61053A Highway 33,  
Fort Assiniboine, AB

## DISCRETIONARY USE APPLICATION 15-062-2023

**Location:** PT NE 19-58-11-W5M Lot 26 Block 1 Plan 102-5167  
**Proposed Development:** Secondary Suite: 2 Story Garage with 2nd Floor Living Area  
**Response Deadline:** November 8, 2023, 4:30 pm  
**Decision Date:** November 15, 2023, 4:00 pm, Whitecourt Municipal Office

**For full details on Development Permits visit**  
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# A tweak to the power and gas franchise fees incoming for 2024

By Serena Lapointe

At the end of October, Whitecourt Town Council reviewed the community's franchise fees for gas and power. Franchise fees are charges paid by a utility company to a municipality in exchange for the right to exclusively provide a service, in this case, gas and power. Fortis Alberta and ACTO Gas, the utility providers, can then recover that cost through their users. The fees are calculated as a percentage of the distribution charges, and both have provincial caps: 20 percent for electrical and 35 percent for natural gas.

Town Council reviews the fees charged for the delivery of electricity and gas each year and can change them, if deemed necessary, by altering their franchise agreements. The Alberta Utilities Commission is then tasked to approve or not approve the contracts. Both Fortis Alberta and ACTO Gas required a decision from the Town Council before November



1, 2023, as to whether the franchise fee rates would be changing.

Through 2023, the franchise fee for power was 3.91 percent, and the fee for gas was 27.17 percent. Both are in year three of a five-year plan adopted by

the council in 2020, which forecasts the fee revenue and expected community growth using specific calculators provided by each utility provider.

Franchise fee revenue is based on the rate used by the Town

of Whitecourt, applied to the delivery of both utilities. For gas, rates approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission resulted in lower delivery revenues. Combining that with lower gas consumption than forecasted due to a

warmer winter resulted in a significant shortfall in revenue for the Town of Whitecourt.

From the gas franchise fee, the shortfall was \$110,000, while the power shortfall was approximately \$48,000, combining for a nearly \$160,000 loss. Town administration recommended that the council increase both rates enough to cover the losses, making up for the previous year and covering the expected usage and growth for 2024.

The power franchise fee was recommended to rise from 3.91 percent to 4.47 percent, while the gas franchise fee was recommended to increase from 27.17 percent to 33.55 percent, nearing the cap (35 percent). As to what that might look like for residents' bills, the average resident would see an increase of \$3.11/month on their gas bill, and a small non-residential customer would see an increase of \$10.45/month.

For power, the increase is much smaller. The average resident will see an increase of .61 cents per month, and a non-residential customer will increase by approximately \$2.59/month. For a resident, when combined,

it works out to just under \$45 for the year.

Tax-exempt businesses and organizations that do not pay municipal taxes do pay their share of franchise fees, which account for roughly twelve percent of the pot. "If we didn't do this, then 88 percent of our population would pay 100 percent of that amount (municipal taxes), and the exempt companies and businesses would not pay anything more," commented Mayor Tom Pickard. After weighing the proposed increases, Whitecourt Town Council voted to approve them.

Regarding the cost of living for Whitecourt residents, the Town provided a chart of thirteen comparable communities stacked up against Whitecourt. Municipal taxes and franchise fees were combined to show the average yearly cost of living in each municipality. The communities used to compare against were Hinton, High River, Edson, Drayton Valley, Drumheller, Lacombe, Rocky Mountain House, Slave Lake, Grande Prairie, Peace River, and Wetaskiwin.

Communities were compared for total an-

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## Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

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#### Responsibilities:

- Greet customers
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- Receive payment for goods or services
- Calculate daily/shift payments received and reconcile them with total sales
- Suggestive selling
- Provide excellent customer service
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- 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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## NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Development Authority:

**Application 23-137:** 7 White Crossing; Lot 24, Block 14, Plan 082 8863 – Administrative Variance – Over-width driveway 7.25m – Approved with Conditions.

**Date of Decision:** October 20, 2023 **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** November 10, 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.

## GET INVOLVED....IT'S YOUR TOWN! OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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The **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board** currently has openings available for people to serve as part of a quasi-judicial board, to make decisions on appeals of subdivision or development decisions made by the Development Officer or Municipal Planning Commission. The Board meets on an as need basis, and the successful appointees will also attend a mandatory training session. The Board typically meets less than twice a year.

If you are interested in serving on this Board, please complete an application form which can be found on the Whitecourt website at [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) or picked up at the Town Office. Applications must be received before 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 22, 2023 to:

Whitecourt Town Administration Office  
Attention: Executive Assistant  
5004 - 52 Avenue, Box 509  
WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N6  
email: [administration@whitecourt.ca](mailto:administration@whitecourt.ca)

Applications will be presented to Town Council at the November 27, 2023 Regular Meeting.

## FRANCHISE FEE INCREASE NOTICE

Please be advised that the Town of Whitecourt is proposing to increase the local access fee, which is charged to FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) for use of municipal lands for its power lines effective **January 1, 2024**.

The fee is recovered by FortisAlberta from its customers as the local municipal access fee on electric billings of all customers that receive electric service in the Town. This local access fee will be increased from \$2.78 (3.91%) to **\$3.39 (4.47%)** of the delivery charge of FortisAlberta, excluding energy related riders. This calculation is based on 640 kWh consumption in 30 days.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Judy Barney, Director of Corporate Services at (780) 778-2273.

Thank you.

## TOWN OF WHITECOURT NOTICE OF INCREASE TO THE FRANCHISE FEE ON NATURAL GAS BILLINGS

The Town of Whitecourt is proposing to increase the natural gas distribution franchise fee which it charges ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. for the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Whitecourt and for use of municipal lands for its natural gas lines, effective January 1st 2024. The franchise fee applies to all customers that receive gas services in Whitecourt and is required to be billed as a separate charge on gas billings.

The current franchise fee is set at 27.17% of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. delivery revenues and will increase to 33.55% effective January 1, 2024. For an average residential customer using 115 GJs per year, this will result in an annual increase of approximately \$37.35. The franchise fee is anticipated to account for approximately \$196.40 of the average annual residential bill in 2024.

For questions or concerns please contact:

Judy Barney, Director of Corporate Services  
5004 – 52 Avenue, Whitecourt Alberta, T7S 0B9  
1-780-778-2273, [judybarney@whitecourt.ca](mailto:judybarney@whitecourt.ca)

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nual charges to residents and non-residents and listed from least expensive to most. The top three municipalities for resident affordability were Hinton, High River, and Whitecourt. The top three most costly communities for residents were Wetaskiwin, Peace River, and

Grande Prairie. For non-resident payers, Whitecourt sits fifth on the list, under High River, Hinton, Morinville, and Lacombe. The same three higher-costing communities listed above in the residential column remained the same for non-residential.

If one only looks at the franchise fees, one

will see that Whitecourt's gas franchise fee is the highest of all comparable communities. However, if they compare municipal taxes or the power fee, the story changes. To get a complete picture, one need only to add all the fees together.

For example, though Grande Prairie has a much lower gas fran-

chise fee (25 percent) than Whitecourt (33.55 percent), Grande Prairie's residential rates are significantly higher than Whitecourt's, with the average Grande Prairie resident paying \$3,269 for yearly municipal taxes last year. The average Whitecourt resident spent \$2,136. Similarly, residents in Slave

Lake paid an average of \$3,104 in residential taxes. Hence, Grande Prairie and Slake Lake land towards the pricier end of the chart, unlike Whitecourt, even though one fee is much higher than theirs.

When all fees are combined (taxes and franchise fees), the average resident of Whitecourt pays

\$2,373.10 yearly, and the average non-resident pays \$17,959.90. The increased rates will provide the Town of Whitecourt with just over \$900,000 from the power franchise fee and nearly \$1,159,000 from the gas franchise fee. Funds can support various needs and projects that benefit the community.





## Human Resources Manager

Reports To: General Manager

### PURPOSE

A structured Human Resources Manager role is critical to the success of the Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza. The primary purpose of the Human Resources Manager is to provide guidance and coaching on all Human Resources matters to our property.

### ROLES

Reporting to the General Manager, the Human Resources Manager oversee all aspects of human resources practices and processes.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support departments in developing and delivering strategic HR plans that fit with the overall business direction
- Plan, monitor, and appraise HR activities by scheduling management conferences, resolving employee grievances, training managers in how to coach and discipline, and counseling employees and supervisors
- Champion the onboarding process by ensuring that it's high-quality and up to date, and provide clarity and connection for employees so their roles serve the overall business vision
- Maintain management guidelines by preparing, updating, and recommending human-resources policies and procedures
- Build strong relationships with external suppliers, fostering trust and promoting collaboration
- Handle confidential matters with discretion
- Lead the recruiting function at the property

### IMPACT OF ACTION

The Human Resources Manager has a direct impact on the ability to provide Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza staff and management with a safe and suitable environment in which to visit and/or work.

### KEY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

This position requires the ability to communicate clearly, deal tactfully and work effectively with Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza staff and management. The incumbent in this position will provide a primary interface to other Casino & Plaza departments.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- A minimum of 8 years of progress human resources experience in a medium to large organization with experience leading teams and assessing human resources services
- A minimum of 2 years in a senior role in and HR department
- An affinity for the service sector is essential
- Demonstrated success in HR systems and HR Policy/Practice
- Experience of negotiation and influencing at senior management levels
- A leadership style that will incite enthusiasm, provide vision, create a positive morale, role model standards of professionalism
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills are necessary to support diverse associate population
- Strong facilitation and interpersonal skills are essential
- Ability and willingness to develop presentation as required
- A track record effective human resources decision-making and an "urgency to execute" attitude is essential for the fast-paced environment

### CANDIDATE PROFILE

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to meet deadlines in a rapidly changing business environment.
- Ability to work independently.
- Developed writing skills sufficient to prepare written materials involving detailed descriptions and explanations requiring the accurate use of specialized terminology.
- Self-planning skills sufficient to schedule, organize, and carry out work assignments according to established work plans, adjusting work schedules according to changing priorities.
- Developed judgment and problem-solving skills sufficient to interpret and/or analyze factual and conceptual information with the ability to adapt general procedures or approaches when formulating responses to problems.
- Manages workload independently and works well in teams.
- Develops security and systems knowledge through on-the-job experience.
- Must display leadership skills, the ability to multi-task and adjust to multiple jurisdictions.
- Models company values at all times. Shows strong teamwork skills.
- Working knowledge of MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint.

## HELP WANTED

Tim Hortons in Whitecourt is looking to fill the following positions:

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Contact **Murray @ 306-304-1862** for viewing appointment

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**One Canadian Dollar = 0.73 US Dollar**  
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**Dollar Values as of November 8, 2023**

### Letter to the Editor policy

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## Front of House Manager

Reports To: General Manager

### PURPOSE

A structured Front of House Manager role is critical to the success of the Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza. The primary purpose of the Front of House Manager is to provide leadership and oversight for the food and beverage service and sales.

### ROLES

Reporting to the General Manager, the Front of House Manager will be responsible for the daily operations of the outlets (the restaurant and the bar, as well as banquets, catering and special events). The Manager must ensure that service standards, appearance and cleanliness are of the desired levels. The Manager is also directly responsible for ordering inventory, inventory controls, budgeting, and cash floats.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Actively promotes an environment conducive to high quality customer service and employee relations by being a positive leadership example.
- Must ensure that staff maintains prompt, efficient, friendly and knowledgeable service.
- Scheduling, payroll, disciplinary actions, training and mentoring for staff of food and beverage outlets.
- Work with Marketing to promote the food & beverage outlets.
- Create, manage and implement departmental policies & procedure.
- Maintain compliance with AGLC regulations.
- Ensure alcohol is served responsibly.
- Maintain effective inventory controls and practices.
- Ensure maintenance of safety and sanitation standards and policies
- Provide overall direction, coordination, and ongoing evaluation of outlets operations.
- Budgetary, projections, and cost-control skills to be applied to the daily operations of the Department as outlined by the Manager.
- Use a "hands-on" approach to management. Able to coach staff effectively.

### IMPACT OF ACTION

The Front of House Manager has a direct impact on the ability to provide Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza guests, staff and management with a safe and suitable environment in which to visit and/or work.

### KEY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

This position requires the ability to communicate clearly, deal tactfully and work effectively with Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza guests, staff and management. The incumbent in this position will provide a primary interface to other Casino & Plaza departments.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- 4-5 years' experience in the Food & Beverage Industry.
- 3-4 years' supervisory/management experience within the Food & Beverage Industry.
- Experience in a casino setting preferred.
- Post secondary education in a related field preferred but not required.
- Training in management and employee development preferred.
- Continuous training and education to keep abreast of changes in the industry and external environment.

### CANDIDATE PROFILE

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to meet deadlines in a rapidly changing business environment.
- Ability to work independently.
- Extensive food & beverage knowledge and ability to develop and apply practices, procedures, and principles in a casino environment.
- Developed writing skills sufficient to prepare written materials involving detailed descriptions and explanations requiring the accurate use of specialized terminology.
- Self-planning skills sufficient to schedule, organize, and carry out work assignments according to established work plans, adjusting work schedules according to changing priorities.
- Developed judgment and problem-solving skills sufficient to interpret and/or analyze factual and conceptual information with the ability to adapt general procedures or approaches when formulating responses to problems.
- Manages workload independently and works well in teams.
- Develops security and systems knowledge through on-the-job experience.
- Must display leadership skills, the ability to multi-task and adjust to multiple jurisdictions.
- Models company values at all times. Shows strong teamwork skills.
- Working knowledge of MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint.

### WORKING CONDITIONS

The Schedule for this position may vary and would require the ability to work shift work, late nights, weekends and holidays.

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involved increasing stops. "I would like to see more warnings and tickets issued, so more stops made if possible. It's pretty tough here in the County because you're so far extended, and there's only so much pavement where a lot of traffic goes, East Mountain Road, stuff like that," he explained. He added that one of the areas receiving higher enforcement was the transport trucks and speeders coming in and out of the sawmill plant.

Councillor Wilhelm asked how it worked when dealing with unsightly properties. He said he had been asked about the issue before by residents and said he also wanted clarification for himself. Sargent Chora noted that if a complaint for unsightly property comes in, officers will investigate it. From there, a file is generated, and if a clean-up or work on a property is needed, they will issue an order to show the seriousness of the situation. "If we don't issue orders right away, then they (think) nothing's going to be done," he explained. He said if the homeowner is doing work on the issue but needs more time, they try and work with them, granting extensions if necessary. "We try and work with them as much as we can instead of penalizing. The economy

is tough out there," he said.

Sargent Chora said they try to strive for voluntary compliance but that depending on the homeowner, the process can take several weeks. Once an order is issued, a ratepayer has a chance to appeal, which can extend the process further. If the homeowner doesn't rectify the property, it can result in the issue being fixed on their behalf. Sargent Chora said calls aren't typically for agriculture properties but more for subdivision areas where a homeowner might have many vehicles, including derelict, uncut grass, and garbage strewn about.

He recommended residents contact them directly through 1-866-880-5722 rather than using the County's Service Tracker program. He said the process seemed to move a bit faster that way. He called the tracker a "grey area where we do not want to go" because of concerns about information collected in it. "The Service Trackers are helpful when it comes to complaints coming from you guys (Council and Administration) because then it's tracked through Sheldon (Schoepp, Manager of Protective Services) and myself, but the general public, the ratepayers, I would like them to go through (1-866-880-5722) our office."

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## Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

### 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
- 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.

**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

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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
- 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
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# Nearing technical recession territory: Canada's GDP flat again in August

By ATB Financial's Economics & Research Team

The latest industry-based GDP estimates from Statistics Canada provide further evidence that the Bank of Canada's interest rate increases are slowing the economy.

National economic output in August was flat compared to July (which was also flat) and the preliminary estimate for September is for another month of no growth.

Looking ahead, there is a chance that GDP could be slightly negative in both the second and the third quarter. We won't know for sure until Statistics Canada releases quarterly expenditure-based

GDP estimates at the end of this month.

Two quarters of negative growth add up to a technical recession. However, the CD Howe Institute Business Cycle Council argues we should consider other factors like job losses and unemployment before labeling a slowdown as a recession. The Council, for example, determined that the two quarters of negative growth in early 2015 following the oil price decline did not qualify as a Canadian recession.

Whether it turns out to be a case of mild technical recession or just tepid growth, the weak performance could be enough to

convince the Bank of Canada that additional interest rate hikes are not needed to bring inflation back to target. The latest GDP data support our current expectation that the Bank will not need to raise rates again.

Monthly GDP statistics at the provincial level are not available, but output of the national oil and gas extraction subsector rose in August by 1%, its fourth straight increase following spring wildfire and maintenance disruptions. This points to Alberta getting a summer boost from the energy industry even as other factors weighed on economic activity.



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