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## Expansion of service for Community Peace Officers coming for Whitecourt members



Following two policy updates, Community Peace Officers in Whitecourt are expanding their abilities/services and getting new tools in their toolbox. Peace officers use different forms of transportation to keep an eye on the community. See story page 6.



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# Not the norm: Working remotely in Alberta by industry

By Rob Roach  
ATB ECONOMICS

At the height of the pandemic, it was common to hear “with everyone working from home...”. The problem with this, of course, is that not everybody was working from home. Even at its peak in April 2020, the proportion of Canadians working from home was well below half at 40%.

What type of work you do, what industry you are in, the expectations of your employer and personal preference all play a role here.

The relative cost of living in different places is also a potential factor. We’ve recently explored the sharp rise in the number of Canadians working at home for an employer in a different province and argue that this option enables interprovincial migrants to be more responsive

to non-labour market factors such as housing affordability.

With that in mind, new survey results from Statistics Canada help us understand where remote work is, and isn’t, taking place by industry. Before delving deeper, it is important to note that remote work does not necessarily mean working from home. Taxi drivers, for example, work remotely but it’s not from home.

When asked what percentage of their employees they anticipate will be working on-site versus remotely over the next three months, the average across Alberta respondents was 71%. (The survey was conducted from April 2 to May 6, 2024.)

Another 10% were expected to work most of their hours on-site while 8% would work approximately the same num-

ber of hours on-site and remotely; 6% mostly remotely; and 7% exclusively off-site. It’s about the same breakdown nationally.

Clearly, on-site work remains the dominant arrangement.

This holds true across all of the main industry categories (see the chart below), but there are some interesting differences.

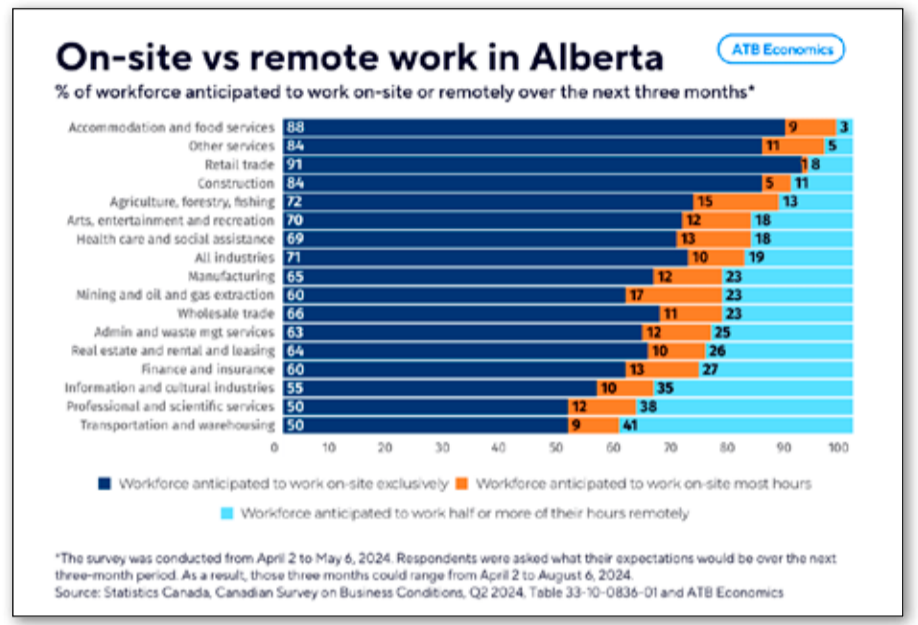
At the top end, accommodation and food service sector employers anticipate that 97% of their staff will be working all or most of their hours on-site. Hybrid work arrangements are either rare or tilted heavily toward the on-site component. Even in a sector like my own—finance and insurance—almost three-quarters of workers are on-site (i.e., in the office or branch) all or most of the time.

The transportation and warehousing sector has the smallest percentage of workers spending all or most of their hours on-site, but as noted above, some of the remote work can be attributed to jobs like driving a truck or piloting a plane rather than “working from home” (or on a laptop from a coffee shop).

Combining the categories of working half remotely, mostly remotely and entirely remotely (and excluding transportation and warehousing) the professional, scientific and technical services sector has the largest share of workers spending half or more of their time off-site followed by those in

the information and cultural industries sector at 36%.

So even though hybrid work arrangements are quite common, they are not the norm and their prevalence varies greatly across industries. It remains to be seen how technology does, or doesn’t, change these ratios over time.



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Level: Intermediate

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## Crossword Clues

### CLUES ACROSS

- Baby's dining accessory
- Something free
- Ancient Egyptian deity
- Set-like mathematical categories
- Top-quality
- Expansive
- Seizure
- People with congenital absence of pigment
- Gains
- Mocked online
- Clint's son
- Body part

- Humor
- Code number
- Your physique
- Family of regulator genes
- LA football player (abbr.)
- "The Blonde Bombshell"
- Charity
- Bluish greens
- Examined closely
- A type of equation
- Stretched uncomfortably
- Indian religious god
- Clocks
- Slowly leak through

## CROSSWORDS

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- Witnesses
- Midway between south and southeast
- Nestlings
- Induces vomiting
- A place to eat
- Partner in the air
- Offered one's take
- Nobel-winning French biologist
- Farm animals
- Prevent from growing
- Sensationalist periodical
- Soft-bodied beetle
- Very fast airplane
- Imaginative creation
- Recipe
- measurement (abbr.)

- Evoked a response
- French river
- Shiny yellow minerals
- Make illegal
- U.S. military branch
- River in France and Belgium
- A woman of refinement
- Male child
- Type of medication
- German city
- Animal disease
- Mediterranean dietary staple
- Sneak out
- Radioactivity unit
- Performs on stage

## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Family obligations are swimming through your mind, Aries. It is time to sit down and hammer out a resolution that will appeal to everyone and lighten your load.

### TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



A special person in your life is getting closer and closer to you every day, Taurus. This may be the companion that you have been hoping for. Continue to take things slowly.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, sometimes you have a tendency to make things more difficult than they need to be. Stop obsessing over every little detail this week. Things have a way of working out.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, if someone accuses you of being too emotional this week, do not take it personally. This person may be projecting his or her experiences on you.

### LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, could you be holding yourself to unreasonably high standards? If you're getting frustrated by not meeting your goals, ease up on yourself for the time being.

### VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, it is your mission to change the minds of some people at work this week, as it will bode well for you down the road. Just don't make too many extravagant requests.

### LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Recently people have been directing accolades in your direction, Libra. This is the boost you have needed to propel yourself to do more of the things that have been your goals.

### SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, someone simply isn't bringing his or her A-game to a work project, and it shows. It's frustrating and you want to take over, but this is supposed to be a team effort.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Simple things used to bring you pleasure and now it seems a bit of a gray cloud has descended. Don't start to fret you're getting jaded, Sagittarius.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Capricorn, as a finish line approaches, it can be tempting to get very excited. Hold off on that elation until everything is done. You never know what can crop up in between.

### AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



It doesn't need to be New Year's to make a resolution, Aquarius. You can aspire to change an aspect of your life anytime you want. Perhaps this is the week to embrace change?

### PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Have you been putting all of your focus on only one part of your life, Pisces? Take a more balanced approach; otherwise, burnout may soon set in.

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## Expansion of service for Community Peace Officers coming for Whitecourt members

By Serena Lapointe

Significant changes to the role of Peace Officers in the community follow changes to Policy 23-005 - Emergency Response Vehicle Operations and the creation of Policy 23-016 - Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Video Systems. Before the changes, Policy 23-005 limited a Peace Officer's use of emergency equipment to traffic control for accidents and road closures, creating a safe

zone in which to work and enforcement of by-laws and certain Provincial Act infractions. The previous policy stated that Peace Officers could not use emergency equipment (lights/sirens) to stop a vehicle to enforce the Traffic Safety Act (speeding, stop signs, crosswalks). The newly updated policy states that Whitecourt's Peace Officers can now use emergency equipment for moving and

non-moving traffic enforcement. Changes also include how Peace Officers handle emergency responses. The new policy allows them to respond to certain approved situations using their lights and sirens. To move up to this level of response, all Level 1 Community Peace Officers will need to successfully complete a 40-hour emergency ve-

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If you are interested in serving on either of these Boards, 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, June 19, 2024 to:

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Applications will be presented to Town Council for review and appointment.

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hicle operations course based on police curriculum.

Emergency response situations under the updated policy include injury collisions, fire/medical calls at the request of Fire/EMS, requests by a Police Service to help with response capacity, back up for police or other Peace Officers if there is reasonable belief that the officer is in danger and the Peace Officer is the closest help possible. The policy states, "Having Peace Officers conduct traffic enforcement is meant to augment existing systems already in

place in order to continue to provide a safe and healthy community."

The policy also limits its response, stating that emergency vehicle response is not to be conducted in non-injury motor vehicle collisions, non-urgent situations, and backup for police when the Peace Officer is not the closest option (unless requested). Limits in the original policy, including using equipment like spike belts or roadblocks, remain unchanged and are not allowed.

Pursuits, specifically, are one area where Peace Officers are not to engage for the safety of

others. The policy states, "Community Peace Officers shall NOT engage in pursuits under any circumstances. Pursuits may involve high or low speeds and vehicles other than automobiles." It states that officers must immediately cease efforts once they determine the driver they are trying to stop is aware of their attempts to stop them and fails to do so. Instead, they are required to contact the police and share all pertinent information like make/model, direction of travel, etc.

Another thing they cannot do is a breath test on a suspected impaired driver. Should a Peace

Officer pull over a driver suspected of being impaired, they are to alert the police as impaired driving is a Criminal Code offence, falling under police jurisdiction.

The Public Security Peace Officer Policy, a provincial document that oversees how the Peace Officer program is conducted, allows officers to use only specific equipment, including their vehicle, handcuffs, PPE (stab/bullet-resistant vest, gloves), and dog/bear spray. The same goes for emergency equipment, like speed detection, animal control devices, traffic cones/flares/first aid kits, and

flashlights.

Lee Hardman, Director of Community Safety for the Town of Whitecourt, oversees the local Peace Officer program and approves, disallows, or limits the use of specific equipment when necessary. He explained that Peace Officers would also be trained to do radar detection in the community, expanding that service. Hardman added that the changes to Policy 23-005 arose following a Municipal Enforcement Service Level Review earlier this year. He said these updates are in force in most Peace Officer departments province-wide.

The review also brought up the need for body-worn cameras. Policy 23-016 was created for this specific topic. "This has become more of the norm in first responders, so we are adapting with that," said Hardman. "There are some objectives with those systems, which are reducing the safety risks to officers working alone, providing additional evidence, augmenting current notetaking practices, and improving evidence documentation and accuracy of claims."

He said that if complaints were brought forward against any Whitecourt Community Peace Officers, the footage obtained by the body-worn cameras would back it up either way. "It also helps deescalate conflicts when people know they are on video, and it provides greater insight on service delivery," he explained during the Monday, May 27 Regular Meeting of Council at the Forest Interpretive Centre. Town Council learned more about both policies during May's Policies and Priorities Committee meeting on May 21 at the Town Office, where the committee recommended they be approved.

Both the updated Policy 23-005 - Emergency Response Vehicle Operations and brand-new Policy 23-016 - Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Video Systems were unanimously approved by Council. Hardman said both policies would be sent to the Peace Officer Program for approval following their vote. "I do anticipate that we will have approval for this policy as it goes with most of the policies around the province," he said. Before Community Peace Officers in Whitecourt start implementing their expanded service abilities under the new/updated policies, full training will take place to prepare them for their new duties.

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# Grant dollars dished out to community groups for tourism, enhancement and sports-related needs



**Whitecourt Town Council recently approved over thirty-eight thousand dollars for local clubs, groups, and non-profits to help support equipment upgrades, events, and startups. Funding was handed out from three of the 12+ grants offered by the Town: the Sport Hosting Program, Tourism Enhancement Grant, and Whitecourt Enhancement Grant. The Whitecourt Slo-Pitch Association will be doing diamond additions.**

**By Serena Lapointe**

The Town of Whitecourt offers over a dozen grant opportunities for community members to take advantage of, including the Vitalization Grant, Sump Pit Materials Testing Incentive Program, Seniors Grant Assistance, FireSmart Homeowner Incentive Program and the Family Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant.

During Monday's Regular Meeting of Council, dollars from

three of the Town's grant programs were distributed to deserving community groups who applied for funding. The three grants were the Sport Hosting Program, the Tourism Enhancement Grant and the Whitecourt Enhancement Grant.

Five groups applied for the 2024 Whitecourt Enhancement Grant, which offers financial support to groups and organizations involved in community arts, culture, and recreation to

start up, develop new community events, or enhance existing programs or facilities. The grant will not duplicate existing funding, regardless of the source.

The grant aims to boost local programs, services, special events, equipment, and facilities of local organizations that aren't normally funded through annual budgets. This helps to enhance the quality of life for residents of both Whitecourt and Woodlands

County. As groups and organizations are typically made up of volunteers, the grant also helps promote community spirit, further encouraging volunteerism.

The Whitecourt Woodlands Winter Recreation Park Society applied for \$8,502.50 to purchase additional equipment for smaller participants, the Woodchuckers – Whitecourt Cornhole League applied for \$1,440 to purchase scoring towers, the Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society applied for ten thousand to support their National Truth and Reconciliation Day event, Whitecourt Minor Ball applied for \$8,163 for diamond and equipment enhancements, and the Whitecourt Slo-Pitch Association applied for \$15,458 for diamond additions at Graham Acres.

The Whitecourt Woodlands Winter Recreation Park Society's application was deemed ineligible because the society already receives operational funding from the Town of Whitecourt, and their project was seen as operational. The total funding request was \$43,563.80. With the one bid removed, the request was lowered to \$35,061.30.

The yearly budget for the Enhancement Grant is \$30,000. The Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) recommended allocating \$13,521.80 to the Whitecourt Slo-Pitch Association, \$6,894.18 to Whitecourt Minor Baseball, \$8,144.02 to the Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society, and \$1,440 to The Woodchuckers.

CSAB Chairperson Brigitte Moore was on hand to explain why the board recommended funding as it did. The CSAB rates each application, scoring it based on certain criteria, to decide what percentage it should receive from the funding pile. Any eligible requests under \$1,500 receive their entire ask.

The 2024 Sport Hosting Program received its second application of the year. The first application was for a minor hockey event for \$3,500. The second applicant was the Whitecourt Blue Dolphins. The group was seeking support to hold the Whitecourt Provincial Swim Meet on June 8 at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre, in which they expect over 400 people to travel to Whitecourt to participate. The Economic Development Committee recommended that Council provide

the club with \$3,500 to cover the cost of the facility rental.

The funds from the Sport Hosting Program are meant to help local sports teams hold provincial sporting competitions, which provide a positive economic impact on the community as guests travel in, stay at hotels, eat at local restaurants and shop at local businesses. Three thousand remains in this year's Sport Hosting Program budget to support other tournaments, and there is no deadline for applications as the program remains open until all the dollars have been allocated.

The final grant to be awarded was the Tourism Enhancement Grant Program, which encourages local non-profit organizations to enhance tourism-related products and hold events that draw visitors to the area. Similar to the Sport Hosting Program, applications are accepted throughout the year until all the dollars have been allocated.

The Alzheimers Ride for Mom event on May 11 applied for and received funding (\$2,500), leaving \$12,500 out of the fifteen-thousand-dollar budget remaining. The

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Pansies.



A flower that smells like passionfruit? Yes!

# Colours of the Season

With Spring comes all the colours of the rainbow as flowers put on their best faces. These beauties were recently spotted while exploring the local abundance at area greenhouses. The orange/red/pink creation, found at Canadian Tire, is called a Lantana Carmara Passionfruit, which most definitely smells like its namesake fruit. The purple number with the smiling, happy face are Pansies. When was the last time you stopped to smell the flowers?

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# LAND USE BYLAW

## HIGHLIGHTS

Woodlands County is exploring updates to its Land Use Bylaw. Woodlands County business owners, residents, and ratepayers are encouraged to attend public information workshops. These meetings provide an opportunity for County ratepayers to be involved early, learn about preliminary plans for the Land Use Bylaw, and gather information on the County's proposals.

### Being Discussed:

- How the new Bylaw will benefit those residing in the County
- Gathering preliminary feedback from County ratepayers

### Overview of Current Land Use Bylaw:

The County's current Land Use Bylaw 490-17 was adopted in 2017. Over the past seven years, the Bylaw has become outdated and requires updates to reflect changing development needs. The County identified changes that could be made to the Bylaw to benefit residents and the County as a whole.

## INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

### Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Fort Legion (Memorial) Hall  
32 State Ave, Fort Assiniboine

### Wednesday, June 19, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Woodlands County Council Chambers  
1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt

### Thursday, June 20, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Anselmo Hall  
AB-647, Woodlands County

### Proposed Changes:

The County is exploring the following main areas to make changes:

- Reduce red tape for development and speed up the approval process
- Align the Land Use Bylaw with the Municipal Government Act and the County's newly adopted Municipal Development Plan
- Introduce general updates to create a more effective and easy-to-use land use bylaw.



Details and additional information are provided at the Land Use Bylaw Public Information Workshop.

More opportunities to participate in the proposed Land Use Bylaw in Fall 2024.

# Soccer Practice



Two players jumped up to hit the ball with their head.



Smiles all around for these three.



A big kick.



A sideline kick towards the front of the net.



Taking a break.

On Thursday night, on the field behind Hilltop High School, the U15 Boys' soccer team was hard at work. The wind was blowing like mad, but that didn't stop the team from putting in good practice. The boys used their feet and their heads to bounce the ball between each other before slamming it into the back of the net. These pictures, captured just before 8 pm, showed the group having a great time.



## 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.

### Qualifications:

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

**Experience:** 3 – 5 years.  
**Education:** Completion of secondary school is required, casino gaming license.  
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**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 Security Guard Supervisor NOC 62029

### Responsibilities:

- Co-ordinate, assign and review the work of security guards and other service workers not elsewhere classified
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- 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
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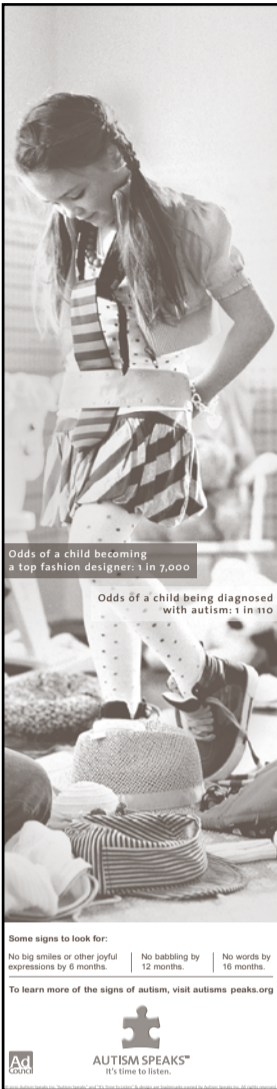
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20%  
16°C  
7°C  
W 27 km/h



**Thu., June 6**  
Sunny  
10%  
18°C  
7°C  
W 22 km/h



**Fri., June 7**  
Sunny  
10%  
20°C  
8°C  
NW 19 km/h  
1-3mm



**Sat., June 8**  
Rain  
660%  
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**White Area Open House**

Canfor along with its partners Millar Western, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation and the Alexander First Nation will be holding two open houses at: One at Goose Lake Community Hall in Lone Pine, Alberta on June 12<sup>th</sup> from 4PM - 8PM and at the MacKay Community Hall in MacKay, Alberta June 13<sup>th</sup> from 4PM - 8PM. The general public and stakeholders will have the opportunity to review our planned activities for block and road development, harvesting, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the NoJack, Hattenford and Lone Pine area. Public and stakeholder input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified such as trails, camping areas, recreational areas etc.

Canfor would like to invite you to visit the Goose Lake and MacKay community halls between 4PM - 8PM on June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> for more information. Alternately, should you wish to visit the on-line forum please visit the Canfor website at <https://www.canforforestmanagement.ca/whitecourt>

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Grade four students from Whitecourt Central School partnered with Fish and Wildlife at Festival Park to release approximately 750 trout from the Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery in Calgary.

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second applicant for the year was the Whitecourt Isga Tourism Association (WITA). The non-profit group offers authentic Indigenous experiences to share history, culture and traditions.

WITA sought \$10,000 to support the creation of a Teepee Village located just inside Carson Pegasus Provincial Park. The village will feature a day-use teepee and up to five teepees for guests to stay in overnight. The project would enable visitors to experience traditional teachings by the Nakota Sioux Nation people on the Nakota Territory, on which the park resides.

"They have submitted a comprehensive business plan, a detailed marketing budget, their project budget, their Alberta Forestry and Parks per-

mit granting a disposition on the land and permission for the development," explained Rhonda Woods, Economic Development Officer for the Town of Whitecourt. "I received pictures today, and the teepees are up right now, and they are online, ready to book (www.WITA.ca). They have some workshops going through, too."

The experience would include land—and water-based workshops, dances, ceremonies, traditional meals, and crafts like a hand drum. Since Whitecourt is the closest community to the park, the Teepee Village Project will bring visitors through town, enhancing tourism. The project could also create synergies and partnerships within the area, further supporting the municipality's tourism.

The Economic Development Committee recommended

that Council award the Whitecourt Isga Tourism Association \$5,200 to support its Teepee Village Project. "We broke down the budget and what was eligible within the funding policy, and we supported 50 percent of their marketing for the project for year one. We want to see it kick off and then we will get partnerships for future years for this project."

Just over seven thousand dollars remain in the Tourism Enhancement Grant Program budget for the 2024 funding year. Council's agenda package noted that though several inquiries had been made about the grant, no further applications had been received yet. They will be readvertising it to reach more groups. Whitecourt Town Council voted unanimously to approve the recommended allocations for the three grants.



A view of the Teepee Village from the ISGA.ca website.

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- Friday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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# New detachment Commander appointed at Whitecourt RCMP detachment

Whitecourt welcomes RCMP Staff Sergeant Matthew Clarke as the new Detachment Commander

for Whitecourt. S/Sgt. Clarke is originally from Alberta, having lived in Calgary and Sylvan Lake before

joining the RCMP. S/Sgt. Clarke is in his 20th year of policing and all his service has been within "K" Division

(Alberta). His previous postings include Peace River, Whitecourt and several units within the Edmonton Serious Crimes Branch, including Edmonton General Investigation Section, Historical Homicide and Behavioural Sciences. S/Sgt. Clarke returned to Whitecourt in 2021 as the Sergeant in Charge of Operations, and has been the Act-

ing Detachment Commander since October 2023.

"I am very pleased and excited to have been chosen as the Detachment Commander in Whitecourt and to lead a motivated and dedicated team of regular members and support staff," stated S/Sgt. Clarke. "I would like to thank the Town of Whitecourt for their

support."

"On behalf of Town Council, I would like to extend my congratulations to Matt and welcome him, again, to Whitecourt," added Whitecourt Mayor Tom Pickard. "We are excited to have Matt here, and know that his calm, steady leadership will ensure that our local detachment is in good hands."

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- Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society – National Truth & Reconciliation Day: \$8,144.02
- Whitecourt Minor Baseball Association – Diamond and Equipment Enhancement: \$6,894.18
- Whitecourt Slo-Pitch Association – Graham Acres Diamond Additions: \$13,521.80

Council has adopted/amended the following policies related to the Community Safety Department:

- Policy 23-005 – Emergency Vehicle Response Operations
- Policy 23-012 – FireSmart Home Incentive Program
- Policy 23-016 – Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Video Systems

Council has awarded \$3,500 to the Whitecourt Blue Dolphins to host the Whitecourt Provincial Swim Meet on June 8, 2024. The Sports Hosting Program provides support to community organizations hosting sporting events in the community, which in turn has a positive impact on the local economy.

Council has awarded \$5,200 to the Whitecourt Isga Tourism Association to support the development of the Tee-Pee Village project. The Association has constructed authentic Nakota encampments for day-use and overnight stays in Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park.

Whitecourt has accepted a bid from Commercial Truck Equipment Co. to supply a 2024 Freightliner Model 114SD.

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