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Verified Vendor program at Woodlands County aims to shine a light on local producers

A pilot program to help shine a light on local producers has just begun in Woodlands County. Businesses verified through the program can publicly label themselves as local producers from the municipality, which will help them stand out at events. Greenhouse owner Vanessa Long with the official Woodlands County Local Vendor sign. See article on page 2



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Verified Vendor program at Woodlands County aims to shine a light on local producers



By Serena Lapointe

Earlier in the year, the Woodlands County Economic Development Committee was approached by several local agricultural producers who regularly attend area farmers markets and events selling the goods they create, make or grow.

The group of producers presented their ideas to the committee in mid-March, detail-

ing their desire to have a way to be recognized as Woodlands County businesses. They felt that allowing Woodlands businesses to identify as such would give them an advantage at markets and local and regional events, allowing them to stand out as local producers.

Following that presentation, the Economic Development Committee asked Bert

Roach, the Economic Development Officer for Woodlands County, to develop a pilot program around a local brand for Woodlands County businesses as a promotion for them and the Municipality-led Business Directory.

In the meeting package for the June 19 Woodlands County Council meeting, Roach explained that Woodlands County is

going through a re-branding process. “We are also beginning an initiative, based on our successful application to the Small Community Opportunities Program, to better understand and help to overcome some of the hurdles faced by local agricultural growers as they bring their goods into the local market.”

Roach explained that a pilot program would

be simple to start and easy to track, giving them data on whether or not a local vendor program would be effective. “If proven effective, we can work on a more robust program for the long term, incorporating all that we have learned,” read the package.

“We have two recommendations. One is that Council approves the development of

the program for 2024, which we would implement immediately and evaluate at the end of the year. As we get into the budget cycle, we can determine whether or not that would continue into 2025,” said Roach in the meeting.

The approximate cost for the pilot program is \$2,000, which Roach said would come from

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Project: Resurfacing East Mountain Road
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already allocated dollars within the Economic Development budget, set aside for advertising and business retention, both of which match the Terms of Reference of the program, which states the objective of supporting local businesses within Woodlands County.

Coined the Woodlands County Local Business Identification Pilot Program, the program will allow a maximum of ten participating businesses to sign up with only two eligible criteria needed to take part: being located within the geographic boundaries of Woodlands County and holding a valid development permit registered with Woodlands County.

Businesses that sign up will receive a digital logo from the County, which they can use while the program remains in effect. Under 6.1 of the Terms of Reference states, “verifying vendors is important as it instills customer confidence that they are purchasing from legitimate local businesses. This verification builds trust among consumers who want to support local farmers, growers, producers, services and artists. When consumers see the Verified Vendor logo, they can be confident that they are buying directly from the actual producers or artists, fostering a stronger local economy.”

Reeve Kusch liked the program. “I think this is a great idea, Bert, and I hope this takes off.” Roach said

the program’s creation proves that committees help residents reach Council. “It’s been a real testament to the effectiveness of our committee system and the way that we can have our committees engage with residents and bring information and recommendations forward to Council for your consideration.”

Roach said if Council approved the pilot program, they would start it immediately. Council voted unanimously to approve it, putting the wheels in motion.

On June 26, the program was introduced on Woodlands County’s social media, encouraging local vendors to sign up for the free program. Three days later, Twin Acres Greenhouse posted to its socials that it was a Verified Vendor under the program, showing off the logo. “We are proud to be local producers providing delicious produce for our community. Look for this sign at markets to know that your items are made locally,” read the post.

Twin Acres Greenhouse owner Vanessa Long hopes this pilot program is a “good launching point.” She said allowing people an easier way to know what’s local is crucial. “Local can be Canadian. Local can be Albertan. Local can be from your town. At markets, it’s important to know where your produce is coming from. We want to identify those that are truly local, as in a geographical area. For us, ‘local’ is Woodlands. We are glad to be part of a program

that identifies growers within Woodlands County.”

Though she is a grower, that’s not all this program is for. “It’s not just growers as in those of us producing vegetables or fruits or whatever, but it could also be those in any agricultural industry or even tourism. It’s about identifying what is local and supporting local businesses.”

Long said she has experienced non-local vendors giving off a local look, which can confuse buyers. “We see distributors coming from out of the province and bringing produce that is not locally grown and they don’t know how it’s grown because they aren’t growing it. It’s no different than buying in a grocery store at that point, but they are selling it as a farmers market as if it was farmers market quality, and it’s not.”

She said giving businesses the means to identify themselves as local and having a logo that buyers can learn to recognize is welcomed. “We see in the community that people want to support local, but they don’t know who is local. Hopefully, this develops into a bigger project.”

Those interested in signing up under the Woodlands County Local Business Identification Pilot Program can call the Woodlands County office at 780-778-8400 or email ecdev@woodlands.ab.ca. The logo says “Rooted in Community, Growing Together. Woodlands County Local Vendor.”

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Township	Range	Meridian
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51	11, 12	W 5M
53	11	W 5M
58	13, 14, 16, 17, 21	W 5M
59	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23	W 5M
60	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	W 5M
61	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21	W 5M
62	14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22	W 5M
63	6, 7, 8, 9	W 5M
64	6, 7, 8, 9	W 5M
65	6, 7, 15, 16	W 5M
66	6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16	W 5M
67	12, 13	W 5M
68	10, 11	W 5M
69	10, 11	W 5M

This treatment, part of our forest renewal program, will temporarily control herbaceous, shrub and deciduous competition, to improve the growth and survival of tree seedlings and saplings. Herbicide will be applied through either aerial or ground-based application.

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CLUES DOWN

- About visual sense
- Part of a horse's saddle
- In a way, interchanged
- Rocker's accessory
- Very important person
- It precedes two
- Flavored
- Musical notes
- String instrument (slang)
- Mister
- Fine, light linen fabric
- Absence of bacteria
- Discounts
- Area units
- A description of one's life
- Gazelles
- Plumbing fixture
- Makes especially happy
- One side of something many-sided
- Frosts
- Defunct monetary unit of Guinea
- Female animal species
- School terms
- Written law
- Unpleasant aroma
- Nuclear weapon
- One who challenges
- Opposite of first
- Able to be utilized
- Less interesting
- Implants
- Canister
- Gestures
- After B
- Romanian monetary unit
- Long-term memory
- Cash machine
- The Volunteer State

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ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Aries, you may be full of more energy than you have had in a while, helping you to sail through all of your tasks this week at a record pace. Enjoy this wave while you ride it.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, heed your body's messages that it needs some rest right now; otherwise, you may not be up for social engagements that are on the horizon.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



You cannot hang out with every person who is trying to get a piece of your time right now, Gemini. It's likely you will need to space out socializing over a few weeks to meet with them all.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, you have been working hard to make professional progress, and it might be time to think about your next step. It could be time to take your talents elsewhere.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, you are often drawn to unfamiliar experiences that can teach you something new. This week could provide a host of opportunities to try something new.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



It is time to get off the fence and commit to one decision or another, Virgo. Your professional life hinges on your ability to take a path and then stick with it.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, you might be tempted to accept every invitation that comes your way. However, it is better to be smart about the people with whom you associate.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, take a look at how things should operate before you hit the floor running. You want to be strategic in how you expend your energy; otherwise, you may experience burnout.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



You lean toward being one of the more passionate signs in the zodiac, Sagittarius. That passion will be on full display this week. You'll wear your heart on your sleeve.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Domestic issues come to the forefront, Capricorn. You're inclined to spend time at home with loved ones. Take this time to work around the house and yard.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Aquarius, your popularity is growing and it's time to get out there and hang with the movers and shakers. Soon even more people will learn who you are.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Strengthen your ideas with a concrete foundation, Pisces. Only then will your plan come to fruition in the right manner, leading to better success.

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Book size
- Indonesian Island
- "The Sopranos" character
- Plants often found in stews
- Stern
- Atomic #52
- Often seen after a company name
- Silk garments
- Inhibiting hormone (abbr.)
- Type of beer
- Margarine
- Throw lightly
- Explains again
- Raccoon-like animal
- Sneaker parts
- Platforms

- Scored perfectly
- One's essence
- Strikes with a firm blow
- Makes tractors
- Music term
- Lack of energy
- Vestments
- __ and feathers
- Total
- Gobbler
- One with Japanese immigrant parents
- Type of braking system (abbr.)
- Home of Rudy Flyer
- Manageable
- Lugged
- Irritated
- Sea eagles
- Warm seasons

BACKYARD BASH WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

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| BARK | CHARCOAL | GRILL | MARINATE | PATIO | STEAK |
| | CHICKEN | GUESTS | MEAL | SALADS | TEMPERATURE |
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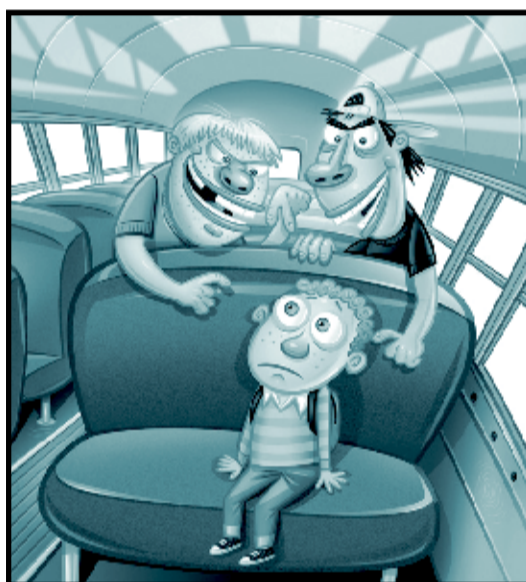


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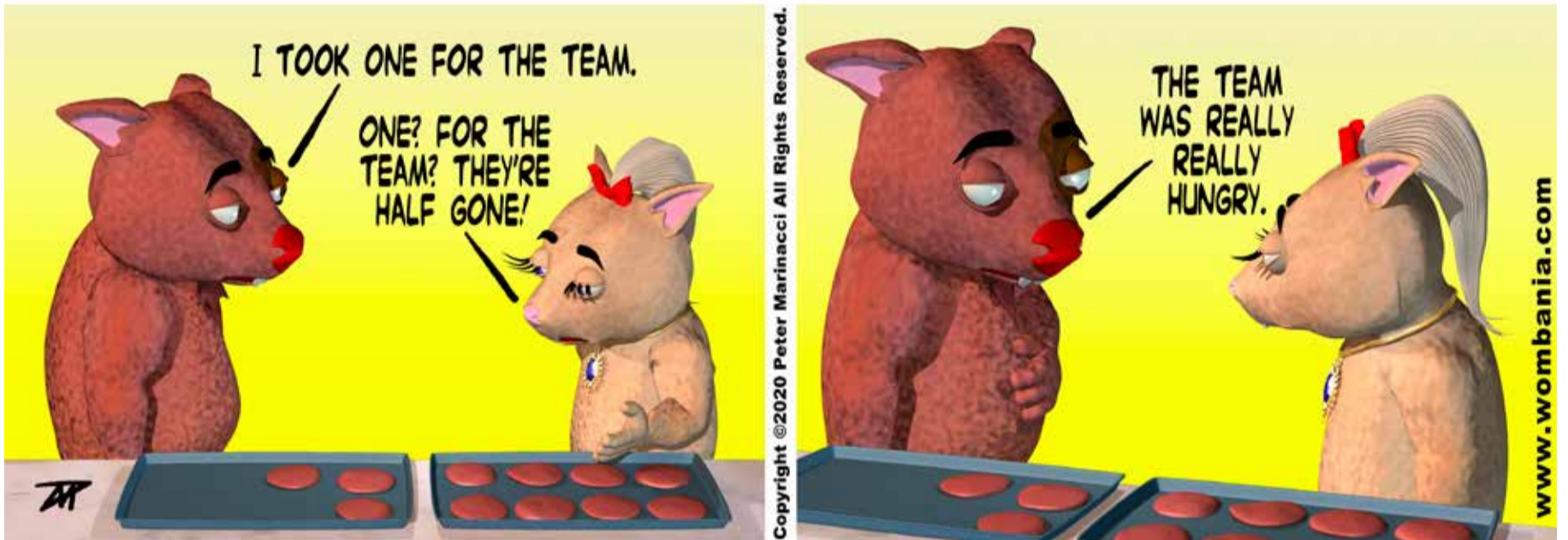
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Double-digit increases and decreases reported in the 2023 Collision Report for Whitecourt



The Pine Road/Caxton Street intersection by the Carlan Centre and Hilltop High School was one of the highest for collisions.



There were six collisions at the Highway 43/33 Street intersection last year.

Whitecourt Town Council recently received the yearly Collision Report, featuring data compiled from the RCMP and Alberta Transportation. One of the most significant changes from 2022 to 2023 was the number of collisions along Highway 43.

By Serena Lapointe

Each year, the RCMP provides the Town of Whitecourt with data on collisions within the municipality. Data is supplied monthly and then compiled by the Planning and Development Department into a report Whitecourt Town Council receives in the first half of the following

year. During the June 21 Regular Meeting, Council received the report for 2023.

Compiled data splits into five categories: Highway 43 Corridor, Town Intersections, Town Streets, Private Property/Parking Lots and Unknown Locations. From this separation, Town staff can

identify collision trends or areas of concern, such as more accidents happening at one time of day or one location versus another, triggering further analysis to see if change is needed at/on any of the Town's roads and intersections.

Though detailed, the one piece not collected within the RCMP data

is the hows and whys of each accident. No columns highlight if speed or road conditions were factors or if a driver was impaired. The data sticks to location, type, and whether injuries or deaths occurred. Alberta Transportation also provides its annual traffic count, giving staff a view of the traffic vol-

umes along Highway 43 in the spring and summer months.

Six years of data, from 2018 to 2023, were provided in the report. For 2023, there were 176 collisions across the board, which sits in the middle compared to previous years. There were 232 overall collisions in 2018, 231 in

2019, 157 in 2020, 173 in 2021 and 183 overall collisions in 2022.

Breaking it down further, Private Property/Parking Lots held a majority of those collisions with 57 (32 percent), with Town Intersections in second with 42 collisions re-

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ported (24 percent) and Town Streets third with 40 collisions (23 percent). Highway 43 Corridor collisions came in second last, with 20 percent of the pie and 35 collisions. Unknown Locations, such as someone struck and not immediately noticing it, totalled one percent, with two collisions.

From those 176 collisions in Whitecourt in 2023, there were zero fatalities. There were three fatalities in 2022, the highest of the six comparison years. In 2018 and 2019, there was one fatality each year, while 2020, 2021 and 2023 had none. Non-Fatal Injury rose by one incident from last year, from 22 to 23. Both 2022 and 2023 were the highest years compared.

The report, in the meeting's agenda pack-

age, showed an average of 15 collisions per month last year, with August being the highest with 20. September and December tied for second place with 19 collisions each. "This is comparable to 2022, where the monthly average was also 15, but this is the first time in over a decade where there have been more collisions during the spring/summer months (94) than in the fall/winter months (85)," read the report.

Most accidents in Whitecourt fall under the category of Property Damage-Reportable. Last year, there were 113 collisions. Compared to 2022, it was lower by six and was the second lowest when compared against numbers from 2018, 2019, and 2020. Property Damage-Non-Reportable rose last year, with 22 collisions, the

highest of all six years compared.

The final two charts in the report were the types of collisions and where they took place. The RCMP classified the types of collisions into seven categories: Hit and Runs, Backing Up, Rear-Ended, Side-Swiped, T-Boned, Left Turn Across Traffic, and Struck Object. The highest of the bunch was Backing Up, which had 47 reports last year, a jump of 15 from 2022 and 18 more than 2021. It is worth noting, however, that there were more in 2019, with 59 incidents and similar in 2018, with 42.

The next highest was Struck Object, with 32 collisions, the same as in 2022. Side-Swiped and Rear-Ended collisions were at 22 and 21, respectively, while Hit and Runs had 19 reports. Hit and Runs is one

area much lower than it used to be. In 2018, there were a whopping 61 collisions. Numbers dropped towards the end of COVID, with 41 in 2021 and only 17 in 2022. Nineteen in 2023 is a slight increase, but hopefully, that trend doesn't continue.

The Highway 43 Corridor remains a hotbed for collision activity, with seven, the highest of the Highway 43 connections/areas. The highest count for intersections on Highway 43 was 33 Street, beside the Kanata Hotel, which registered six. The next highest intersections were a tie at five each for both Dahl Drive/Pine Road (McDonalds/Starbucks) and 51 Street (IGA) and a tie at four each for Hwy 32 and 34 Ave/Caxton Street (Roadhouse).

For Key Town Intersections, Pine Road/Caxton Street (near

Hilltop High School) and Dahl Drive/52 Avenue (the lights by No Frills), each had four, the highest of the list. The second highest spot was a three-way tie, with three collisions each, for Mink Creek Road/55 Avenue (St. Joseph's Catholic Church lights), Dahl Drive/49 Avenue (Cut-Across lights) and Dahl Drive/41 Avenue (Crytal Glass/Hillpark Trailer Park).

"In 2023, we saw a similar trend as in 2022, with more collisions at key Highway 43 intersections than at key Town controlled intersections. However, collisions at Highway 43 intersections in 2023 were 17% lower than in 2022, whereas collisions at key Town intersections increased 18% from 2022. Overall, this is still comparative with previous years," read the report.

The last piece was the traffic counts from Alberta Transportation. Numbers slightly increased in 2023, growing two percent from 2022's numbers. Traffic is still much lower than it was in 2018 and 2019. As one example, westbound traffic passing through the 51 Street/Highway 43 intersection was recorded at 17,580 in 2018 versus 13,580 in 2023.

Overall, the Administration said the report didn't show trends of concern. "There were no apparent trends or changes in collision types, frequencies, or locations in 2023 that would warrant greater scrutiny for potential remedial measures," read the report. It also stated that though collisions at Key Town Intersections had increased by 18 percent (from 22 to 26), they still fell within the expected range.

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“Sadly, there were seven fatalities due to road-related incidents over the long

weekend. These are individuals who would have been back home on Tuesday. They are our family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbours. It’s devastating,” says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. “While our officers work to uphold traffic safety, Albertans also have a role to play in helping ensure everyone makes it home safely.”

From July 1-2, members of Alberta RCMP Traffic also conducted an enforcement initiative on Highway 1 in Banff and Lake Louise detachment areas. Enforcement efforts focussed on general road safety, as well as targeted speeding in light



of recent incidents of wildlife being struck by motorists in our National Parks.

A total of 178 tickets

were issued, including 144 for speeding and 11 for speeding 50 km/h over the posted limit. The total tick-

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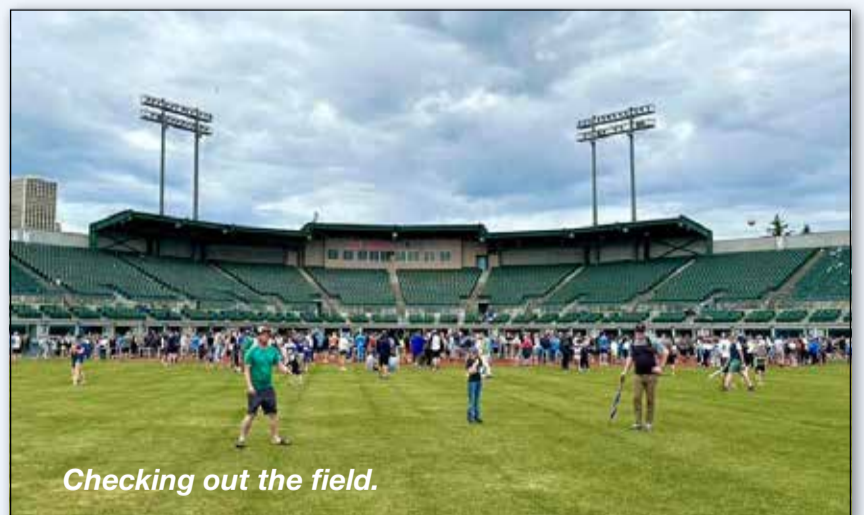
Some happy Whitecourt Royals' players.



Fun with the mascots.



Riverhawks players signed cards.



Checking out the field.

Whitecourt Minor Baseball's House League Division recently wrapped up its season excitingly! The youth went to watch an Edmonton Riverhawks game, but the fun didn't end there. The Riverhawks drew four youths to be the "bat kids," two for them and two for the other team and chose one of the coaches from Whitecourt to be the Honorary Coach for the game. Each player also received signed baseball cards, adding to the excitement. (Pictures submitted by Amanda Stanchfield)

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The **Protective Services Committee** currently has an opening available for a term to expire in October 2026. As a member of the Committee, you will meet on a quarterly basis to ensure that the police needs of the community are met. Residents from both the Town and County are welcome to apply. When you submit your application, please provide a current Criminal Record Check. This document will be used as part of the consideration process for the candidate.

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 or picked up at the Town Office. Applications must be received before 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 10, 2024 to:

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WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N6
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Contact the Executive Assistant at 780-778-2273 if you have questions about this Board and the application process.

Applications will be presented to Town Council at the July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting.

More barrels: Oil production in Alberta at record highs through May

By Siddhartha Bhattacharya
ATB ECONOMICS

Oil production in Alberta remained on steady footing in the midst of the spring maintenance season.

Total oil output averaged 3.7 million barrels per day (bpd) in May, a record high for the month and up 7.4% from last year.*

On a year-to-date (YTD) basis, production has averaged 3.9 million bpd. Relative

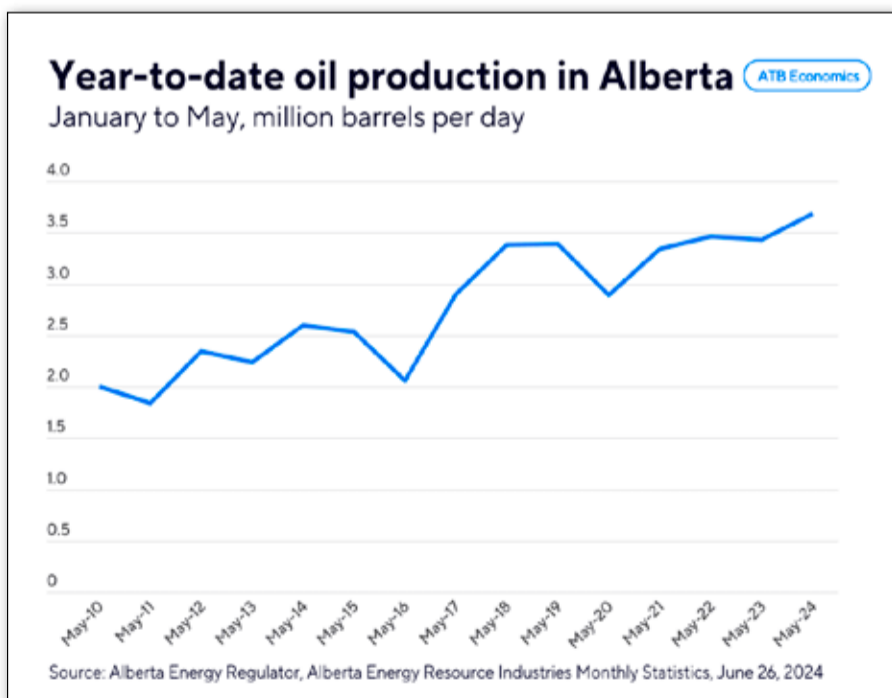
to the first five months of 2022, that represents an impressive 5.6% increase in bpd.

While supported by conventional output, higher oil sands production was responsible for the majority (88%) of the aggregate YTD gain.

The stronger output is linked to the additional pipeline capacity provided by the completion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

Despite concerns regarding potential labour shortages, we expect the volume of Alberta's international oil and gas exports to rise a robust 4.8% this year and provide a strong boost to GDP.

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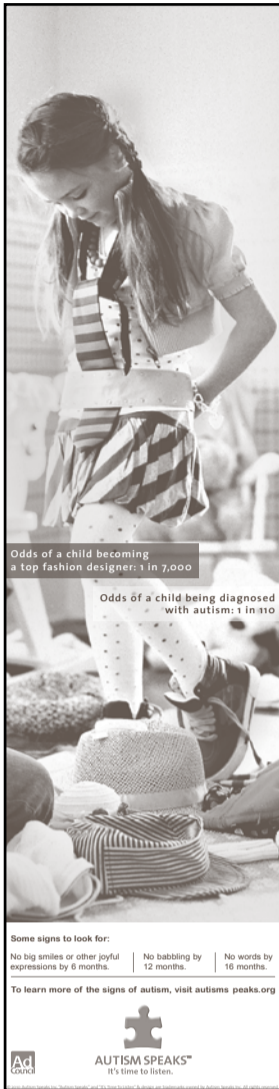
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~1mm



Thu., July 11
A Few showers
40%
28°C
16°C
W 8 km/h
2-4mm



Fri., July 12
Mainly sunny
10%
27°C
15°C
SE 14 km/h
~5mm



Sat., July 13
Mix of sun and clouds
30%
26°C
15°C
SW 9 km/h
1-3mm



Sun., July 14
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10%
26°C
15°C
SE 12 km/h
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- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- Requisition of supplies and materials
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
- May perform the same duties as workers supervised
- Perform the same duties as workers supervised
- Assist clients/guests with special needs
- Co-ordinate, assign and review work
- 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:

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- Completion of college courses related to the area supervised may be required.
- Experience in the occupation supervised is usually required.
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- Must be able complete Smart training courses
- AML certificate

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- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- Requisition of supplies and materials
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
- 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
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- Supervise, co-ordinate and schedule (and possibly review) activities of workers
- Train staff/workers in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies.

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