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Battling it out.

Summer or not, hockey season is upon us. The Whitecourt Wolverines are already four games into the preseason, and the regular season is just about to knock at the door. See story page 4.



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The updated structure.



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Opinion

Keep on Truckin'... (body failing brain still ticking)



By Dave MacNevin
Special to Whitecourt Press

You are never too old to be whatever you want except if you want to be younger, than you're screwed!

So, I have reached a point where I am semi retired only working at my current company from May to August every year. Which brings me to today where I am about to have 8 months of free time. I am seeking work for a project or two or to lend a hand to any commerce that needs it. Winter will be very long indeed if I can't keep my brain challenged. My experiences over my 52 years of working span the skills of sales, operations, logistics, human resources, negotiations etc. etc. I have worked at every level of jobs from sweeping the floor to a senior managers role for companies such as Jim Pattison, Molson's and many others up to and including Whitecourt Transport here in town. I know it's shameful to use this article to promote myself, but I appreciate Valerie allowing me to grace her paper with my columns over the years. However, the pay sucks! Just kidding Valerie

So, if anybody is looking for a trustworthy and hard-working hand until next May, contact me at davemac56@gmail.com.

Way back when, When I was young, my mom could send me to a shop with a single dollar bill and I would bring back five pounds of potatoes, two pounds of bread, a bottle of milk, a piece of cheese and 10 eggs. Nowadays that's impossible – there are simply too many security cameras.”

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Whitecourt Wolverines prove hungry in preseason action and look poised for an action-packed year



You know it's going to be a good game when the refs need to step in early



Protecting the blue line.

By Serena Lapointe

It might still have been August, and technically still summer, but that did not stop the puck from dropping in the AJHL. The Whitecourt Wolverines took on the Camrose Kodiaks for the first game of the 2024/2025 preseason schedule on

Saturday, August 24, securing a big 5-4 win on the road.

For their second game on August 27, the Wolverines drove up to Grande Prairie to take on the Storm. With the wind at their back, the Storm blew the puck into the Wolverine's net eight times, lighting

up the scoreboard and sending them home with their tails between their legs following an 8-1 loss. After shaking off the previous game, the Whitecourt Wolverines focused ahead for game three, their first home game at JDA Place! With 350 fans in the stands, the Wolver-

ines pushed the Barons around like toys and got themselves back into the win column, taking the game 6-2.

In their final August match-up, the Wolverines looked redemption in the face. Instead of being on the road this time, the Wolverines welcomed the Grande Prairie Storm to JDA Place. When they met days before, the Storm managed to take a massive win, and the Wolverines were not about to let that happen twice.

The Storm drew blood first, scoring early, but any excitement that gave the team quickly dissipated in the second period. Just shy of four minutes in, Alaska native Bowman Klippenstein scored his first preseason goal, tying things up. Roughly three minutes later, Klippenstein got on the points sheet again, assisting his teammate, Kyle Tucker, who

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scored his first.

With the lead in their claws, the Whitecourt Wolverines continued to push. Fast forward another three and a half minutes and the goal light above the Storm's net was going off again as Wolverine Colin Ronalds, assisted by Chayse King and Kyle Tucker (his third assist), snipped the puck past the visitor's netminder, giving his team a 3-1 lead.

With over half the period left, third-year Wolverine Braden Keeble joined the chorus and scored the fourth goal of the period. The Whitecourt Wolverines had flipped the game on its head and went from being down a goal to being ahead by three in less than twelve minutes. Wow!

Through the first two periods, the game did not feel so much like a preseason game. It felt more like a mid-season game. There was tension between the two teams, and hits looked harder than one might expect from the fourth game of the preseason. If that was a teaser into how this season will go, local fans better scoop up their currently discounted season tickets and fill JDA Place because it will be one heck of a year.

In the final frame, things got even crazier. Out to make a name for himself, Bowman Klippenstein gave fans something extra fun - a Gordie Howe hat trick! Klippenstein scored a

goal, got an assist and got into a fight. Two others who joined him on the penalty sheet were Lucas Bremshey-Guillemete for holding and Benjamin Henshall for hooking. Not satisfied with their 4-1 lead, the Wolverines kept up the pace, playing as if they were behind and not ahead. That push resulted in one final goal on the night. Benjamin Henshall potted his first goal of the preseason, assisted by fan favourite Hunter Motley. The Whitecourt Wolverines took the game 5-1.

Edmonton-native Zac Onyskiw recorded the win in net during his first game with the Whitecourt Wolverines. He previously played for the Spruce Grove Saints, recording 42 wins in 66 games over three seasons.

Friday's game was

also the first since the Whitecourt Wolverines announced that former Wolverine Jaedon Leslie was hired as the team's assistant/skills coach. Leslie played in the AJHL for three and a half years and finished top-five in his Wolverines' career for both points and games. The powerhouse on the ice is now bringing his talents behind the bench.

In a press release on www.whitecourtwolverines.ca, Leslie said, "It's great being back around this program and getting to work with my former coach and former teammate. I'm excited to give back and help these young players achieve their individual goals while working towards the ultimate team goal of bringing a championship to Whitecourt." Head Coach/General

Manager Shawn Martin was quoted as saying, "It will be great to have another former Wolverine on staff with Bryson to continue to grow our tradition and history."

The regular season starts on Friday, September 13. The Wolverines will be on the road at the Bonnetts Energy Centre, taking on the Grande Prairie Storm. The first home game of the season will feature the same teams and will be on Saturday, September 14. Between September 25 and 27, at the Max Bell Centre in Calgary, there will be an AJHL Showcase event where each team will play twice (twelve games). The next preseason game at JDA Place will be on Saturday, September 7, against the Camrose Kodiaks.



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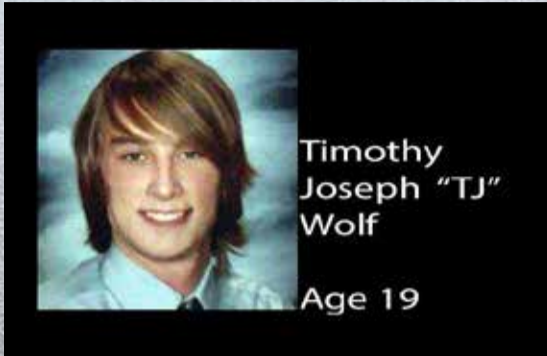
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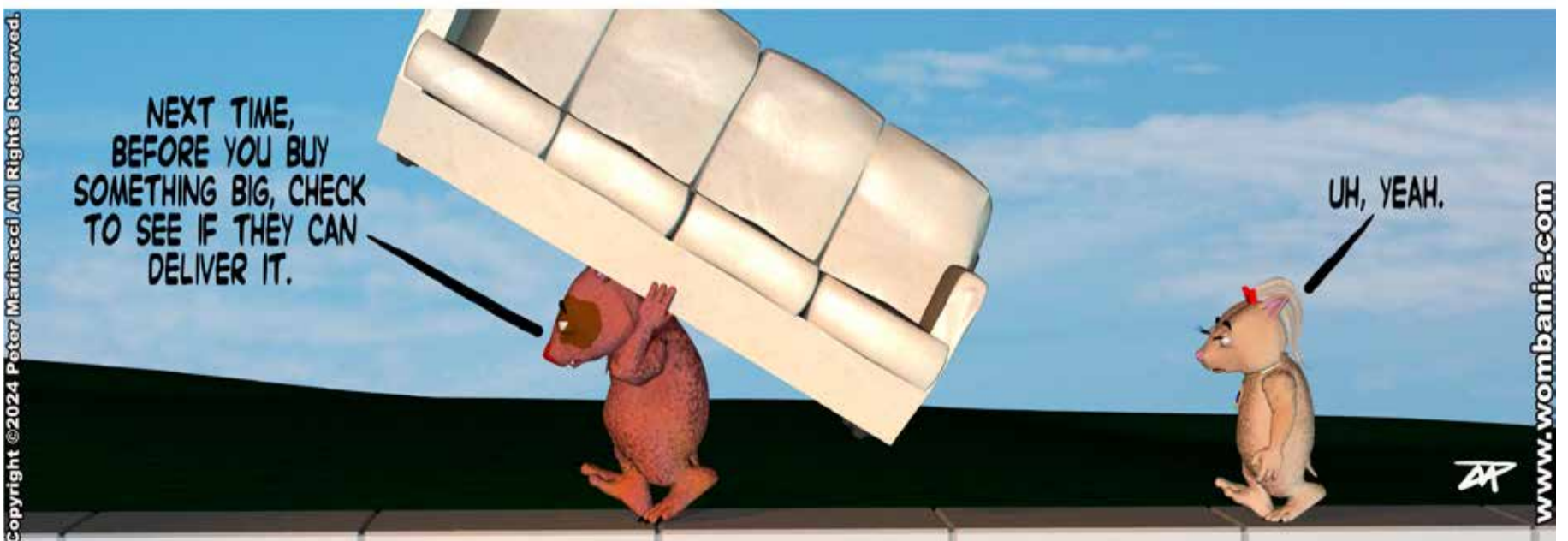
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 – 4:00 PM, FOREST INTERPRETIVE CENTRE - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 3002 – 33 STREET, WHITECOURT, AB

Pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Whitecourt has received an application to Amend Land Use Bylaw 1577.

Bylaw 1577-1

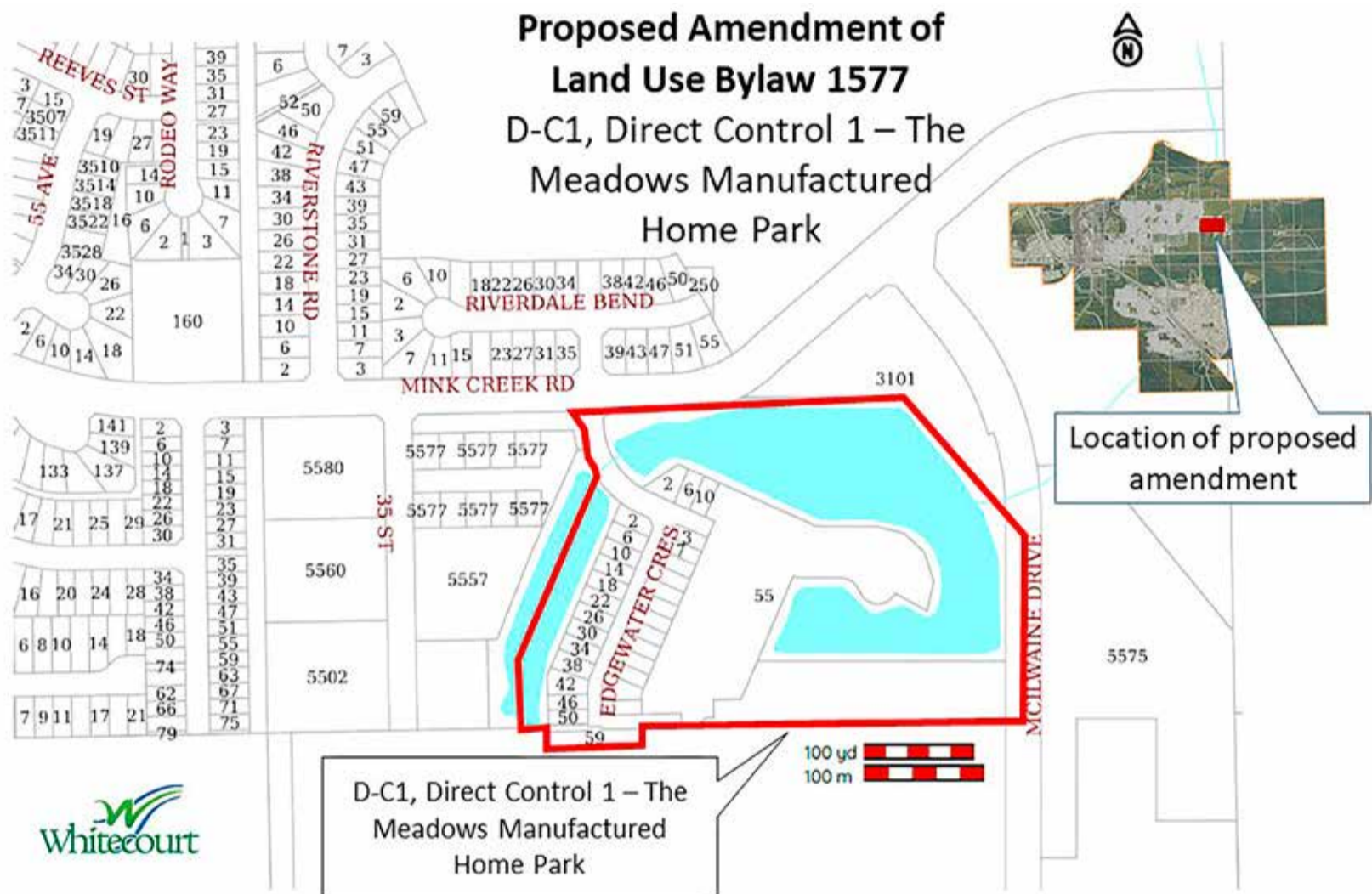
Proposes amendments to the D-C1, Direct Control 1 – The Meadows Manufactured Home Park, Land Use District regulations. The key change proposed under these amendments, is to expand the allowable types of dwellings beyond manufactured homes. Text throughout the section has been edited to reflect this. New uses include:

Permitted:

- Duplex, one unit per lot
- Secondary Suite
- Single Detached Dwelling 62.0m² or greater

Discretionary:

- Duplex



You can learn more about this amendment, including how your property may be affected, at the public information session held at 3:30 p.m. at the Forest Interpretive Centre lobby, before the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2024 in the Forest Interpretive Centre Council Chambers. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow presentations for or against the proposed amendments. Any individuals or organizations may give presentations, speak at the Hearing, or submit written comments for consideration. Written comments must be received at the Town Office before 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

The proposed amendments can be found on the Town of Whitecourt website at www.whitecourt.ca or viewed using the following QR code. Point the camera on your smart phone at the barcode, and tap the link to view the documents.

Land Use Bylaw 1577-1
D-C1 Direct Control 1 –
The Meadows Manufactured Home Park

The documents will also be made available for viewing at the Town Office 5004 - 52 Avenue, Planning Desk, during regular business hours prior to the Public Hearing.

Questions on the process or the Public Hearing should be directed to Stephanie Schaffner, Planner, at 780-778-2273, e-mailed to stephanieschaffner@whitecourt.ca, or mailed to Box 509, Whitecourt, AB, T7S 1N6.



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Popular annual Community Plant Swap happening this month

By Serena Lapointe

This month, on Sunday, September 15, gardeners from the area are invited to attend a Community Plant Swap in the parking lot at City Furniture (previously Furniture Den). Led by master gardener and Belke Gardens owner Kristen Belke, the swap gives attendees a space to share plants, take plants or talk about plants. “I love seeing what plants other people in our community are growing because I can get ideas of what I can grow,” explained Belke. “It’s nice to talk to people passionate about the same things you are. It’s not just older people who garden. There’s lots of younger people too, which is nice.”

This year is Belke’s fourth year doing the Community Plant Swap, an idea she borrowed from Communities in Bloom. “They did it in the Home Hardware parking lot. I attended it and loved it.

When COVID hit, nobody hosted it, and there was a one-year lull where we didn’t have one. So, I started it back up.”

Typically, she holds the event in the spring, but Belke decided to hold a fall event. “I go early and set up a couple of tables and what you do is bring the plants that you have to share, big or small, potted or bare root, whichever is the easiest way for you to bring it. Some people prefer bare roots because there’s less chance of transferring different weeds,” she explained. “You set it down on the table or the ground near the table, and people can come and take a piece of it if it’s a big clump,



Belke picking blueberries.

If you have some extra plants lying around or are curious to see what other gardeners in the area grew this season, don’t miss the Community Plant Swap coming up this month.

or if it’s an individual size, they can take the whole thing.” Belke said they don’t require a “take one and leave one” rule. “It’s too hard to keep track of that, and honestly, it can discourage someone from coming if they don’t have anything to share. Lots of people come and don’t want to take anything. They want to share their extras because they have an abundance. So, you do not need to have something to share to come and take something.”

Over the years, Belke said people have brought more than plants. “We’ve also had people bring gardening books or magazines, and even gardening fic-

tion, like storybooks, which were neat.

Seeds are sometimes shared and even tools. It’s not about keeping track or score. It’s about sharing with others.”

The event is one hour long, starting at 3 pm and ending at 4 pm. Belke recommends that people arrive early. “Most people get there on time, if not slightly before. Those who come closer to the end will miss out on 75 percent of the plants. So, come early because that’s when most people are there.”

She said she hopes to see lots of people come out. “There’s a big homesteading group here. I’m hoping we

can draw those people in because we all have our niches that we are really good at. I also think it’s an opportunity for mentorship. Some ladies have been part of Communities in Bloom for a long time, and I like learning from them. Not one person is the leader of this. We are all coming together.”

The camaraderie amongst gardeners is something Belke said she looks forward to most. “My Monday to Friday job, I get to know lots of people in the community, but gardening people, I don’t see them as often, so events like this bring out people I don’t get to see all the time. I proba-

bly see them only once or twice a year. So, I always look forward to it. Everyone brings different things. Some people are passionate about indoor plants while other people are really passionate about vegetable gardening or flower gardening. You get a good mix of people who are interested in the same things while having differences in how they do things or what they use.”

Belke said she hopes to see some unusual plants and added that plants don’t need to be labelled. “I’m always looking for something different. I love Ligularias. There are so many varieties, and it’s a tall yellow plant.

I really like those. Peonies are another hot item. One of my favourite things to do there is when there’s a plant that we don’t recognize or can’t think of the name, and we stand around with our plant books or apps trying to figure out what it is,” chuckled Belke.

Belke credits her dad and grandma for her passion for gardening. Belke said she honours them in what she does because she considers gardening a true gift. “It doesn’t just give to my family in food and exercise. I think it really gives so much more in the way of mental health and connection. It gives us perspective and grounds us. It’s also fun.”

Those attending the Community Plant Swap are encouraged to bring their children along. “My kids love gardening. They pick peas. They don’t weed yet, but maybe one day,” she laughed. “I hope that when my kids get older, they will be able to feed themselves, teach their own kids and leave a legacy behind me.”

Belke said she is open to ideas for growing the plant swap and encourages anyone interested in joining her to reach out. “Do we want to grow it? Do we want booths? A bouncy castle? Is there a need in our community to learn how to seed-save or divide plants or find other cost-saving things? We could share that information, that knowledge.” Anyone interested can visit the Belke Gardens Facebook page. The Community Plant Swap will occur from 3 pm until 4 pm in the City Furniture parking lot on Sunday, September 15.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO BE FILED FOR APPROVAL OF THE NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WHITECOURT AND ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD.

Application summary

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to approve the existing current and valid natural gas distribution franchise agreement with the Town of Whitecourt. This application for approval is required due to changes made by the *Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, to various statutes governing franchise agreements.

The current franchise agreement, which took effect in January of 2018, grants ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Whitecourt for approximately ten years.

No changes to the franchise agreement or to the franchise fee rate rider percentage are being made as part of this application. The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain at its current rate, which is 33.55%. Including linear taxes, the resulting average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer will remain the same at approximately \$16.37. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

You may send your concerns about, objections to, or support for the application in writing to the Town of Whitecourt or to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. on or before **September 11, 2024** at:

Town of Whitecourt
Attn: Judy Barney, Director of Corporate Services
Box 509, 5004 52 Avenue, Whitecourt AB T7S 1N6, Phone: 780-778-2273
Email: judybarney@whitecourt.ca

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
Attn: Franchise Agreement Coordinator
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Phone: 310-5678 or 1-888-511-7550, Email: franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either the Town of Whitecourt or ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. at the addresses listed above.

For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at info@auc.ab.ca.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

Issued on August 22, 2024.

Alberta Utilities Commission

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Monday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m.
Forest Interpretive Centre – Council Chambers, 3002 – 33 Street, Whitecourt

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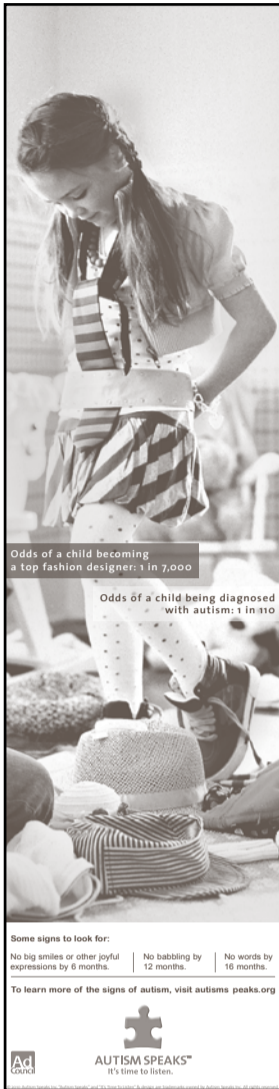
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9°C
NW 13 km/h



Thu., Sep. 05
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10%
23°C
10°C
SE 9 km/h



Fri., Sep. 06
Mainly sunny
20%
25°C
12°C
W 9 km/h



Sat., Sep. 07
Mainly sunny
20%
25°C
12°C
SE 7 km/h



Sun., Sep. 08
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10%
24°C
13°C
W 10 km/h

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Go your own way

By Mark Parsons
ATB ECONOMICS

What just happened to August? If I could turn back time, as Cher sang, I would have spent even more time outdoors. As many kids head back to school (before Labour Day!), we look forward to a stronger finish to the year for the Canadian economy.

Canada's second quarter GDP (released today) was a bit better than expected, but there's weakness underneath the surface. Per capita growth continues to fall and growth has diverged from the U.S.

Lower interest rates—and we're expecting three more cuts this year—will help keep growth positive, but we're not expecting a material improvement until next year.

U.S. and Canada still on different growth paths

You can go your own way
You can call it another lonely day

—Fleetwood Mac, "Go Your Own Way"

Don't count out the U.S. economy. Since the interest rate hikes, a key storyline has been the surprising resiliency of the U.S. economy. Upward revisions to U.S. growth forecasts have been commonplace.

And now we have another stronger-than-expected report. U.S. GDP in the second quarter grew at an annualized rate of 3%, up from the preliminary estimate of 2.8%.

Again, it's the consumer that refuses to throw in the towel—consumer purchases were up 2.9% annualized. Why have U.S. consumers kept spending whereas Canadians have pulled back? Lower household debt

ratios and longer-term fixed-rate mortgages have made them less rate sensitive. A stronger labour market has also provided a boost.

Expect things to slow. Skeptical readers will have heard that prediction before. But there are some signs. The unemployment rate has risen to 4.3%, triggering the Sahm recession rule, and the Conference Board's Leading Economic Index for the U.S. fell again in July. The Atlanta Fed's GDP-Now nowcasting model points to 2.5% (annualized) growth in Q3.

For now, the expectation is that the U.S. economy will cool enough to bring down inflation without a recession—the so-called Goldilocks moment. In another sign of moderating price pressures, the personal consumption expenditures price index rose 2.5% y/y in July, which further ce-

ments an expected rate cut next month.

In Canada, GDP growth improved to an annualized rate of 2.1% last quarter, but is still not keeping up with the population. Further, much of the improvement was fueled by higher government spending. Business investment moved higher, lifted by engineering structures (mainly oil and gas driven). But it's a long road back for business investment after a tough decade (see the Chart of the Week). Consumers slowed their expenditures last quarter—real consumer spending per capita was down for the sixth time in the last eight quarters.

Canada's GDP per capita has been trending lower since mid 2022, with another decline in the second quarter. The U.S., by contrast, has seen per capita GDP rise consistently.



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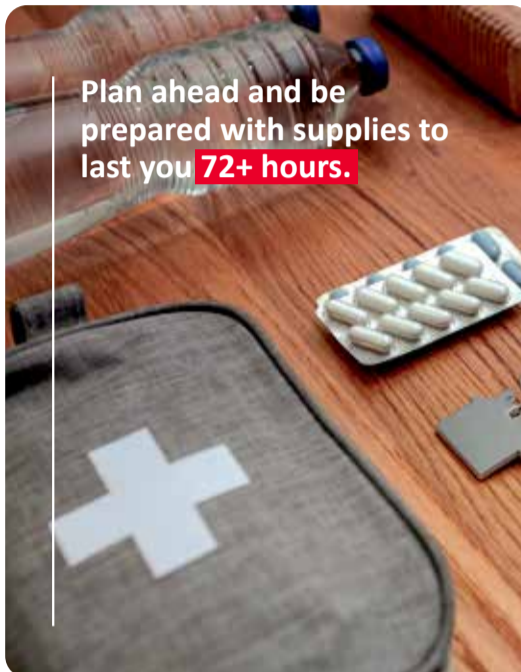
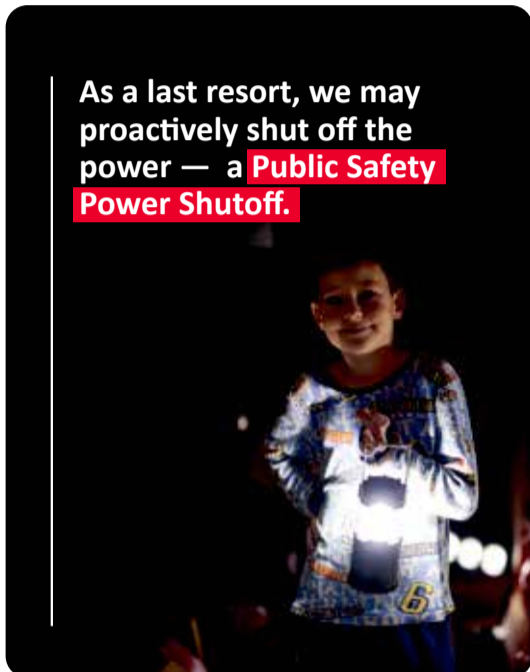


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Crossword grid with solutions filled in:

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SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with solutions filled in:

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