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## Alberta government announces Rural Health Action Plan

#### By Brandie Majeau

The Alberta government has revealed a new initiative in which they will allocate \$16 million over two years for their rural and remote family medicine resident bursary pilot program. This program will

offer bursaries from \$125,000 to \$200,000 to medical students and family medicine residents. In exchange for this financial support, recipients must work in rural communities for three years after graduation.

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health, emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to improving rural healthcare. "It should not matter where you live. All Albertans should have access to the health care services they require and

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**Photo Courtesy of Thorhild Lions Club** 

# Thorhild Lions on a mission to support local food bank

#### By Brandie Majeau

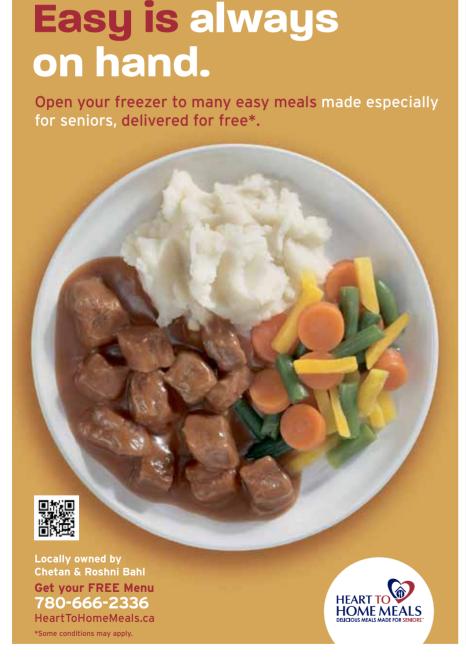
Lions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things, Lions Clubs around the world are filled with amazing volunteers who work tirelessly to improve the health and well-being of communities and support those in need through humanitarian vices. Every day and everywhere, Lions are there to serve. Recently, the Thorhild Lions Club answered their calling to step up and serve as more and more individuals and families rely on banks. With soaring grocery prices causing detrimental harm and

making choices between food and bills a difficult decision, the Thorhild Lions spent a Saturday afternoon collecting food and donations outside Thorhild Co-op.

The Thorhild Lions Club recently wrapped up their drive, gathering 193 pounds non-perishable food, 40 pounds of fresh produce, and over \$600 in cash. The club extends its heartfelt gratitude to the community for their generous contributions, which will the aid of local food the need for volunteers is ongoing. Individual involvement is crucial to the

Lion's mission. They are always actively looking for volunteers and welcome members support their ongoing initiatives.

So many local and small organizations that rely strictly on a volunteer basis, such as many local Lions Clubs, are at risk of folding due to current members aging, and a lack of young volunteers to take their place. Individuals interested in becoming a Lion are encouraged to reach out to the Thorhild Lions Club make a significant (or Lions clubs within impact on the local their local areas) and food bank. However, learn more about how to become a member and what they can do to support their local community.



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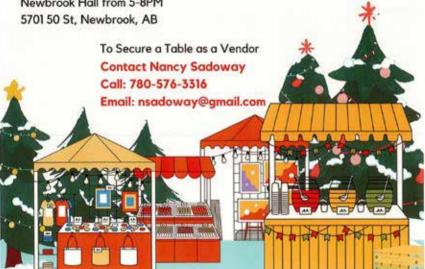
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## **MOUNTIE MINUTE**

#### **Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment**



- September 30 reported an older Caucasian male came into the yard before leaving. The SOC was driving an older navy-blue GMC truck with an extended cab, near RR 141 and TWP 574
- Member attended a False Alarm at the Bar V Nook
- Smoky Lake RCMP members currently investigating threats against a person, no safety concerns both parties know each other
- Smoky Lake Hospital reportinganunknown male sleeping in the building, located male (non-criminal)
- October 2 5:00 am RCMP received a call of unwanted male at the ESSO, members attended male was gone from location
- 7:00 am RCMP responded to suspicious man possibly prowling parked vehicles in downtown Smoky Lake.
- Resident of Waskatenau reporting that a person came into her yard and stole elk horns
- October 2 RCMP responded to an assault in Vilna (both parties are known to each other)
- **RCMP** investigating

- neighbour dispute in the Town of Smoky Lake
- Residence of Warspite requesting extra patrols on the weekend of Oct 4-5, to be watchful for impaired driving and mischief
- Received a report of a vehicle stolen in the Village of Vilna, investigation on going
- RCMP received a call of an intoxicated person on a bus at the Peppers Gas Station, subject was arrested and lodged in cells until sober.
- Received a call of suspicious male outside the Bar V Nook at 11:00 pm on a bicycle, RCMP conducted patrols
- Reported that a suspicious couple had come to her parents' door late, supposedly trying to sell insurance or home security equipment. Unable to identify them
- RCMP responded to a wellbeing check in the Village of Vilna
- Smoky Lake RCMP investigated a domestic assault in the Vilna of Vilna
- Resident of Vilna of reporting that a person broke their window, known to caller, does not want to proceed with charges

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This three-bedroom condo features brand-new carpets on the upper level, along with a new dishwasher and stove in the kitchen. The top floor includes a primary bedroom with a walk-in closet, makeup vanity, and a 2-piece ensuite, plus two additional bedrooms and a 4-piece bathroom. The main floor offers a spacious living room with a gas fireplace and access to the fenced yard, as well as a large eat-in kitchen and a 2-piece bathroom. The undeveloped basement provides a blank canvas, ready for your personal touch.



This 1140 sq ft bungalow is situated on a quiet street in Redwater, conveniently close to Redwater School, Pembina Place (hockey arena), a golf course, and an outdoor pool. The main floor includes three bedrooms, a four-piece bathroom, a front living room, a dining area, and the kitchen. The basement features two additional bedrooms, a three-piece bathroom, a recreational area, and a laundry room. The backyard has a massive vegetable garden, fruit trees, a fully fenced yard with a storage shed, a greenhouse, a pergola, and an oversized single garage. Some upgrades over the years include metal roofing on both the house and garage, high efficiency furnace with central A/C, new kitchen countertops, and some

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This recently updated 1,229 sq. ft. bungalow is situated on .5 acre lot just a short distance from the town of Smoky Lake. The beautifully renovated kitchen features a breakfast nook, quartz countertops, and stainless steel appliances. Adjacent is the dining room, leading to a sunken living room with a cozy fireplace. The main floor offers 3 bedrooms, including a orimary bedroom with a 2-piece ensuite, and a 5-piece main pathroom. The basement is prepped and ready for your finishing touches, with drywall and primer already in place. It includes a spacious rec room, a bedroom, a den, a 3-piece bathroom, a utility room, and cold storage, along with an exterior door and stairs for easy access to the backyard. A highlight of the property is the dream garage/shop, measuring 26x38, complete with a new natural gas heater and front and rear overhead doors, providing convenient drive-



Welcome to this 4-level split in Redwater with a heated double attached garage, backing onto green space for privacy. This home features many upgrades, including a new concrete driveway, shingles, central A/C, a renovated kitchen with maple cabinets and quartz countertops, updated upper-level bathrooms, new flooring, and most windows. The main floor offers a spacious living room, kitchen, and dining area with patio doors to a covered deck. Upstairs, you'll find three bedrooms, including a primary with a 3-piece ensuite and walk-in closet, plus a 4-piece bathroom. The lower level includes a family room with a fireplace, a bedroom, 2-piece bath with hundry and walk-in access to the backward. laundry, and walkout access to the backyard. The basement has a rec area, utility room, and storage. The large backyard includes a shed, greenhouse, and wiring for a hot tub. This well-maintained home offers privacy and comfort in a great



Looking for a property with great potential to build equity quickly or flip? Look no further! This 2-bedroom bungalow, situated on a spacious corner lot in Redwater, offers a solid foundation and is ready for some TLC. With a little attention to the home and yard, you can restore it to its former charm

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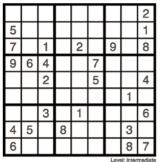
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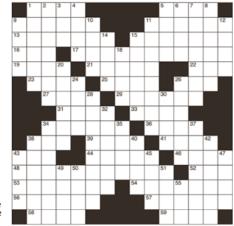
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# **Crossword Clues**

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Tall, upright post on a boat
- 5. Basics
- 9. Used to refer to cited works
- 11. Folds
- 13. Former UK PM May
- 15. Cold region of Russia
- 16. Standard operating procedure
- 17. Separating
- 19. Particles
- 21. A way to map out
- 22. Referee declares
- 23. Beginner
- 25. Water (Spanish)
- 26. Gov't lawyers
- 27. Non-reproductive parts of an organism
- 29. Spanish friends
- 31. A type of tree
- 33. Walk heavily 34. About a wood
- 36. Free-swimming
- marine invertebrate 38. Political action committee
- 39. SB19 hit song
- 41. Scorch the surface of 43. Moved quickly on

- - Muslim
  - 46. Growl

  - 52. Irritating person 53. Something requiring
  - a solution

  - 56. Hazards
  - 57. Taiwan capital

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 3. Soviet Socialist
- Jessica
- vegetable

- 9. Mental health issue
- 11. Hairstyle

- 44. Sacred state for a

- 48. Pearl Jam frontman

- 54. Firing

- 58. Impudence
- 59. Rock frontman Durst

- 1. One who rides an elephant
- 2. Absence of bacteria
- Republic 4. Men's fashion
- accessories 5. "Honey" actress
- 6. Round red root
- 7. Latin term for "charity"
- 8. Doesn't smell good
- 10. Millisecond

- 12. Edible starch
- 14. Middle Eastern military title
- 15. Protein-rich liquids
- 18. Indian musical pattern
- 20. Cancer and Capricorn
- 24. Country along the Arabian peninsula
- 26. A bend
- 28. Fishes of the herring family
- 30. Antelopes
- 32. Chaos
- 34. Popular music app
- 35. Cooking material
- 37. Musical instrument
- 38. San Diego ballplayers
- 40. Small amounts 42. Poured
- 43. Fabric
- 45. Food option
- 47. Finger millet 49. The U. of Miami
- mascot is one 50. Alberta, Canada river
- 51. Canadian flyers
- 55. Dry white wine drink

## **Thorhild Central School News**





Grade two students got creative and made rockets with Mrs. Evans at Thorhild Central school. They had a BLAST creating the rockets and testing them out on office staff.

# **Redwater School News**



Congratulations are extended to Redwater School's Spiral Kings for winning The Toilet Bowl.



## WORD SEARCH **HALLOWEEN**

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# Don Crews wins heaviest pumpkin once again



The Grand Finale of the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival, the always anticipated pumpkin drop.

#### By Brandie Majeau

Don Crews, a grower from Lloydminster, once again claimed victory at the Great White North Weigh-Off in Smoky Lake with his colossal 2137-pound pumpkin. Don, who already holds the site and Canadian records with a 2537-pound pumpkin grown in 2022, humbly admitted that he has lost count of his numerous weigh-off wins. Following closely behind, Nathan Craven from Star, AB, secured second place his impressive 1112.5-pound pumpkin.

In 2023, at the 50th Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay, California, USA, Travis Gienger from the USA presented the heaviest pumpever recorded, weighing 2,749 pounds. Gienger af-

fectionately named pushes limits. Local the colossal pumpkin "Michael Jordan" as a tribute to the legendary basketball player's jersey number. He explained that he chose the name because the pumpkin initially resembled a basketball in shape, although it did not remain spherical. Despite the final shape, the pumpkin set a new record for its extraordinary size.

Ultimately, records are made to be broken and encourages a challenge to try again the following year. Every year, growers learn more and tinker with pruning techniques, temperature, and a myriad of other variables in the hopes to up the produce growth just a little bit more. They grow to compete, they grow for glory, but many find the challenge of giant pumpkins and produce a fascinating hobby. It transcends boundaries

crowds and visitors to the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival eagerly await to see the next weigh-off. The numbers are closing in. Could a local Canadian be the next great grower to beat the previous record? As the daylong festival came to a close, everyone eagerly awaited the muchanticipated closing event: the pumpkin drop. The

crowd swelled with excitement as a massive industrial crane lifted two enormous pumpkins high into the air. Anticipation filled the air as the giant gourds hung suspended at dizzying heights, only to be released, hurtling down to crush a junk car below. The spectacle drew in the festival- goers, creating an exhilarating and unforgettable moment.





# **Ochre Park School News**





assembly. Students expressed their gratitude to Sil Industrial Minerals for providing sand, introduced October's value of Honesty, and recognized the Students of the Month. Special congratulations went to 1G, the Class of the Month, for demonstrating Outstanding Wise Leadership and winning a popcorn party.







The average length of ownership for this object that transports people around is roughly 8 years.

Answer: Vehicle

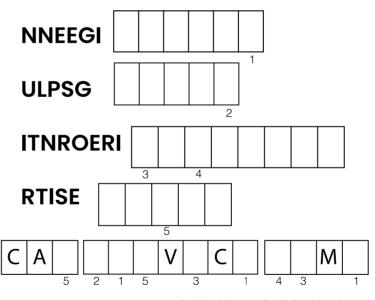
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Colour in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



#### **Double Word Puzzle**

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

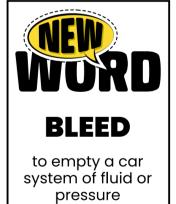


Answer: Car service time



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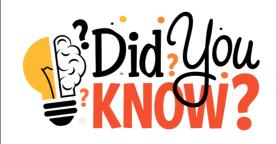




English: Oil

Spanish: Petróleo Italian: Petrolio French: Pétrole

German: Öl



The first job of the battery in a car or truck is to provide enough power to start the

vehicle. It also powers electronic devices for a time when the engine isn't on.



Answer: Tire tread







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(Municipal Government Act)

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Lot Block Plan C.of.T

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Terms: Cash or Certified Cheque, payable immediately following the public auction. GST will apply to all properties subject to GST sold at the auction

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Dated at Redwater, Alberta, October 10, 2024

Ken Van Buul, Chief Administrative Officer



## SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Supplementary Assessment Roll for Sturgeon County used for 2024 Property Taxation, completed under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, has been prepared and is open for inspection Monday to Friday during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MST, at Sturgeon County Centre (9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta).

Details of your 2024 Supplementary Assessment can be requested by contacting an assessor at 780-939-0601 or assessment@SturgeonCounty.ca



#### **NOTICES MAILED**

October 10, 2024

Only residents with improvements completed in 2024 will receive a 2024 supplementary assessment tax notice.

TAXES ARE DUE November 18, 2024



# Supplementary Assessment Complaints COMPLAINT DEADLINE

December 17, 2024

If you have a concern about your Supplementary Assessment please talk to your assessor before filing a complaint. Most concerns can be resolved before going before the Assessment Review Board.

To file a formal complaint with the Assessment Review Board you must submit a complaint form. Complaints must be made within 60 days from the mailing of the assessment notice. The complaint form is online at SturgeonCounty.ca/Assessment.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact Assessment Services 780-939-0601 assessment@SturgeonCounty.ca



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deserve," she stated. The Rural Health Action Plan, a guiding framework specifically geared to remote rural health care, aims to enhance access and quality of care. This comprehensive approach will attract and enhance the overall health system and its professionals.

The bursary program has been

established to allocate up to \$8 million annually over the next two years. These bursaries are aimed at supporting final-year medical students enrolled in an undergraduate medical program at any medical university. To be eligible, students must have been matched with a family medicine residency program at either the University of Alberta or the University of

Calgary. The application process for these bursaries will commence in December. Additionally, province has disclosed its plan to invest \$1.4 million in recruiting and training more medical first-responders. This initiative targets explicitly rural, remote, and Indigenous communities, cluding First Nations, Métis, and Inuit

populations across Alberta.

During the rural media round table held on October 7, Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange addressed many questions on the detrimental impacts of wait times, partial closures, and closures of emergency services, as well as explained the implications of exploring innovative solutions and many different

approaches. Therewas discussion on ensuring emergency transportation, such as ambulances, be used strictly for emergencies and not for unnecessary transports. Minister LaGrange further explained the push to attract Alberta graduates to stay in Alberta and the many ongoing assessments surrounding emergency transportation and facilities.

The intent is to recruit and have more capacity throughout the healthcare system. The Minister of Health hopes there will be many benefits that will be felt immediately, but many will unfold over years. LaGrange acknowledged, "It's taken time for the health care system to get to this level and it will take us time to change direction."

# Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival wraps up another year







Groups and organizations in Smoky Lake worked to create wonderful pumpkin themed displays around town to celebrate the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival.

#### By Brandie Majeau

The Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival has come and gone for another successful year of gathering crowds to enjoy a bountiful harvest season. Like every event, the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival is successful because the volunteers come together and roll up their sleeves to get to work. The volunteers come

in so many ways: organizations chipping in to decorate, market vendors working extra hard to ensure they had plenty of pumpkin-themed keepsakes (such as pumpkin knitted musicians toques), enchanting the guests with traditional music on site, and the many hands serving up a feast ranging from traditional Ukrainian dinners to Jamaican

patties, Latin-style hot dogs, bubble tea, and internationally inspired poutines.

The Pumpkin Fair began as a friendly local competition but has blossomed into a renowned event that attracts visitors from far and wide. What once started as a small- scale contest has now evolved into the prestigious Great White North Pumpkin Weigh-Off, where

some of Canada's most giant pumpkins, squash, watermelons, and gourds are meticulously weighed. Over the years, the fair has transcended its modest origins to become a triumphant commemoration all things related to pumpkins and bevond. It has transformed into a joyous celebration of family, friendship, and the distinctive diversity of

Smoky Lake itself.

This year, the festival was a call to everyone to bring a friend or family member and immerse themselves in the experience. The market and food vendors were just a fraction of the excitement. The cars at the show & shine were a sight to behold. The midway was a whirlwind of activity and fun, and the corn maze was a delightful adventure

into harvest and strategy. The threshing demonstrations and Ukrainian showcase offered a journey into Smoky Lake's rich history of agriculture and people.

The variety of activities and food was so enticing that visitors are already looking forward to its return next year to relive the magic, and those who missed it will have their chance in 2025.



Pumpkin Park in Smoky Lake was donated to the community by the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association in 2004, the 16th year of the annual pumpkin festival.





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#### **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS** October 8, 2024

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the October 8, 2024, Regular Council meeting:

#### Replace Existing Outline Plan for SE 20-61-22 W4M

Council approved the proposed new Outline Plan, dated June 24, 2024, for the multi-lot country residential development on SE 20-61-22-W4M.

#### **Gravel Crushing Project**

Council approved \$2.5 million in funding for the crushing and stockpiling of pit-run aggregate at the Whitemud Pit No.2 and authorized Administration to proceed with the tendering of the project.

#### **Delegation - Redwater RCMP Detachment**

Council accepted the presentation from Redwater RCMP Detachment - Sqt. Dehaan for information.

#### **Correspondence for Action - Redwater Food Bank**

Council referred the letter from the Redwater Food Bank to the 2025 budget discussions.

#### Correspondence for Action - Redwater RCMP Detachment

Council directed Administration to request a meeting with the RCMP at the RMA Fall Convention to discuss the following:

- a) Staffing Concerns
- b) Victim Services

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Special Council Meetings will be held in Thorhild County Council Chambers on:

Monday, October 21, 2024 - Commencing at 9:30 am

Friday, October 25, 2024 - Commencing at 9:30 am

for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the following item(s) of business:

1. Closed Session - CAO Budget Planning Session (FOIP S. 24(1))







#### HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

This Halloween, watch for children on October 31st as they cross streets, and share these tips to ensure they enjoy Halloween safely.

- Children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Children should wear clothing that can easily be seen at night. Retro- reflective materials are best.
- Children should trick or treat in one well-known area and not wander into unknown neighborhoods.
- All candy should be inspected by an adult to make sure that no one has tampered with it. If it looks suspicious, the police should be contacted.
- Children should wear masks that do not interfere with vision. Better yet, they can avoid masks by wearing makeup.
- Children should watch for moving vehicles when crossing streets.
- Costumes should be short enough that the child will not trip.
- Trick or treaters should dress appropriately for the weather and carry a flashlight.



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# Powder keg: Oil prices and the global recovery

By Rob Roach, ATB ECONOMICS

Powder keg: Oil prices and the global recovery

For the global economy, the downward trend in inflation has been a welcome development with central banks starting to cut interest rates.

At the same time, the potential for a sustained oil price spike to reignite inflation has come to the fore as tensions in the Middle East have escalated.

Home to major oil-producing states and a key transportation corridor, there is a historical link between conflict in the Middle East and dramatic increases in oil

prices. Examples include the Arab oil embargo against countries supporting Israel in the Yom Kippur War in 1973-74, the Iran-Iraq War in 1980 and Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

prices have bounced around quite a bit since the Hamas attack on Israel one year ago, but mostly for reasons unrelated to the hostilities in the Middle East. Even as the violence has escalated to include Lebanon and Iran (the latter a major oil producer, oil markets have been, as CNN reporter Matt Egan recently put it, "remarkably calm."

Texas The West (WTI) Intermediate

oil price benchmark has been on the rise so far in October, but it remains below US\$80 and the September forecast from the U.S. Energy Information Administration WTI averaging just under the 80-dollar level that next year. (Our latest forecast pegs it at US\$74 in 2025.)

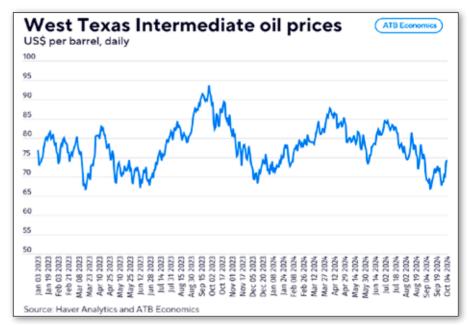
Traders appear to be waiting to see if oil supply is actually disrupted by events in the Middle East rather than reacting to the risk that it will be disrupted.

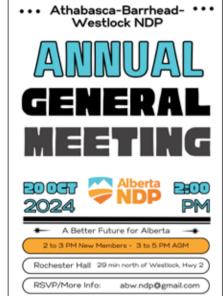
This could, howchange very quickly if traders start to react differently to the elevated risk levels or if supply is

physically disrupted it is producing, there by, for example, an Israeli attack on Iran's oil fields.

At the same time, because OPEC has been voluntarily limiting the amount of oil is a backup source of supply that could come online quickly and reduce the upward pressure on prices.

We don't know how this will play out, but we can say with some certainty that, if there is a sustained spike in oil prices, it could trigger a new round high inflation and dampen global growth.











# **Development Officer Town of Smoky Lake**

The Town of Smoky Lake is currently accepting resumes for a full-time permanent Development Officer.

The main priority of this position is to be responsible for efficiently and effectively processing and considering development and construction permit applications, development and planning related submissions, including compliance certificates, and providing information and advice in response to inquiries regarding development control and land use regulation. It involves working with the public, residents, developers, Council, other municipalities, staff and serving as Secretary to the Municipal Subdivision and Development Authority Board. Secondary to development officer duties, the position will also support economic development initiatives, grant writing and records management.

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- Preferable to have two (2) years of related experience, or a combination of academic and work experience.
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Telephone: (780) 656-3674 E-mail: hr@smokylake.ca

Posting will remain open to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2024, or until a suitable candidate has been found. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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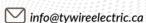
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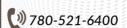






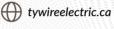
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