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Ardenode RNG facility proposed

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Epcor is proposing a manure processing plant to be located at the Cattleland Feedyards, which they are calling the Ardenode Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility.

The project is designed to take livestock manure and subject it to anaerobic (without oxygen) digestion to produce biogas, which in turn will be upgraded to natural gas quality and injected into the natural gas grid.

The team hosted an open house for the project at the Nightingale Community Hall on Aug. 23 to introduce locals to the project.

“Epcor has a lot of experience in anaerobic digestion projects in our Edmonton and our Regina facilities and we’re looking to expand that into pre-production of renewable natural gas from livestock manure,” said Kevin Sonnenberg, senior manager of business development and marketing at Epcor Utilities.

The facility is proposed to be located in Wheatland County, 13 kilometres north of Strathmore, on a 20-acre site adjacent to the Cattleland Feedyard.

Should the project continue, the Ardenode RNG facility would receive manure, as well as other organic materials such as fats, oils and greases from a variety of local sources, which would be broken down into the biogas and digestate.

While the biogas would then be subjected to the removal of carbon dioxide and other impurities before becoming a natural gas, the digestate would be used as fertilizer for agricultural land.

“We’re in the the design stage and the development stage of this project and we’re really looking to understand how the community feels about this project,” said Sonnenberg.

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Canada’s best bulls vs the best bull riders!

The Wheatland Charity PBR, hosted by HeckYa and the Wilson Rodeo, featured some of the best bulls in Canada and some of the best bull riders around on Aug. 27 at the Wilson Rodeo Grounds near Gleichen. All proceeds from the event were donated to the Alberta Children’s Hospital. **Kevin Link Photo**

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Local housing market remains strained

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore has had a record-breaking year in the housing market, according to realtor Hayley Poirier, but it hasn't been entirely positive changes.

"We've certainly seen that we had an incredible increase in not only units sold in the spring, but also home prices going up in the area," said Poirier. "Especially if we are talking Strathmore right now, there have been significant increases ... from February to the end of June they were record-breaking."

Currently, available housing stock in Strathmore is extremely low with only 90 residential properties are on the market, according to Remax real estate statistics for the town. Over a third of those houses for sale are occupied by detached homes.

There was already a shortage of available properties in Strathmore this past spring when the housing market explosion really kicked off in earnest.

"We already didn't have enough inventory in the springtime and then we had record-breaking sales, so we have not been able to catch up," said Poirier. "Usually, we would like to see what we call six months' worth of product in the markets, and right now we've got (roughly) 1.7 months of inventory. We're really below how much inventory we would like to see in the market."

Between what Poirier and other realtors in the area are seeing, housing prices will not see a drop

so long as available inventory remains low.

According to one statistic, the average price for a four-bedroom detached home in Strathmore has increased by 37 per cent over the course of the last year.

"We are still seeing buyers in the market looking for homes, buying homes, and if the inventory doesn't bolster, we will continue to see this crisis stay steady," said Poirier, who added that construction crews remain busy as well, building new properties in town — so much so that many are not taking on many additional builds, and that the materials needed to construct new homes continue to become more and more expensive.

"Roofing materials, appliances, wood, all of those things are a scarcity and so builders are being very cautious about how many new buyers they are taking on to ensure they can satisfy the needs that are out there," said Poirier.

As far as sales are concerned, there has been a slight slow-down that Poirier prefers to call a "stabilization of the market." Ideally, the scenario over the next few months to a year will be that properties for sale will be purchased within 30 days of hitting the market and offers accepted will be within a few thousand dollars of the listing price.

As far as buyer demographic goes, it has become a mix of people from all walks who are looking to pick up property.

Particularly, with Alberta's oil prices being notably lower than much of the rest of the country, families and their elders are moving from other provinces to invest in Alberta.

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Leela Aheer responds to social media hack

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

RCMP are investigating a cyber attack that compromised some of Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Leela Aheer's social media platforms last week.

Aheer hosted a press conference on Aug. 24, discussing that her personal and political Facebook pages had been hacked and were being used for sexual exploitation.

Aheer said much of the imagery that had been posted to her pages was extremely graphic in depicting human trafficking and child pornography.

"I'm angry and I'm disgusted (and) I'm also very motivated to find out who did this. But more than that, to be able to continue to stand strong," said Aheer. "These things are done and they're targeted to try and shut people up and to stop them from doing the work that they're doing. And all they've done is motivated me to stand even stronger. And I'm not going anywhere."

Aheer added during the press conference she would be meeting with RCMP and the matter was, and as of publication, still is being investigated.

Though she does not know the specific reason as to why the attacks occurred, she strongly believes it was a targeted attack meant to damage her campaign for leadership of the United Conservative Party.

"It was frustrating because it (stopped) us from being able to promote and work on our campaign ... I woke up to notifications on my Facebook say-

ing I needed to restore my pages. They went after my public, then my personal page," said Aheer. "These things happen to try and silence people and particularly in the world right now with women in politics and in journalism, and we can't back down from this stuff ... (we) have to collectively come together as a community to end this kind of stuff."

Aheer declined to point fingers as she did not wish to falsely accuse any party of attacking her campaign. The attacks, however, closely follow condemning statements she posted to Twitter regarding bigotry, racism and homophobia.

Similarly, Aheer had previously pulled out from a debate scheduled to be hosted by a pro-independence group, the Alberta Prosperity Project (APP) and Rebel News, a right-wing media group.

"White supremacy, homophobia and racism have been supported and encouraged for too long in politics," Aheer wrote on Twitter. "Anyone participating in the Prosperity Project / Rebel Media debate should be held accountable for supporting this toxic culture."

Aheer described that she will never forget the imagery that was perpetuated using her account.

The hacked pages have since been re-established and details of the attack have been submitted to the RCMP. Aheer has taken a stance affirming that she will not back down and intends to continue discussions to raise awareness regarding human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Leela Aheer, MLA

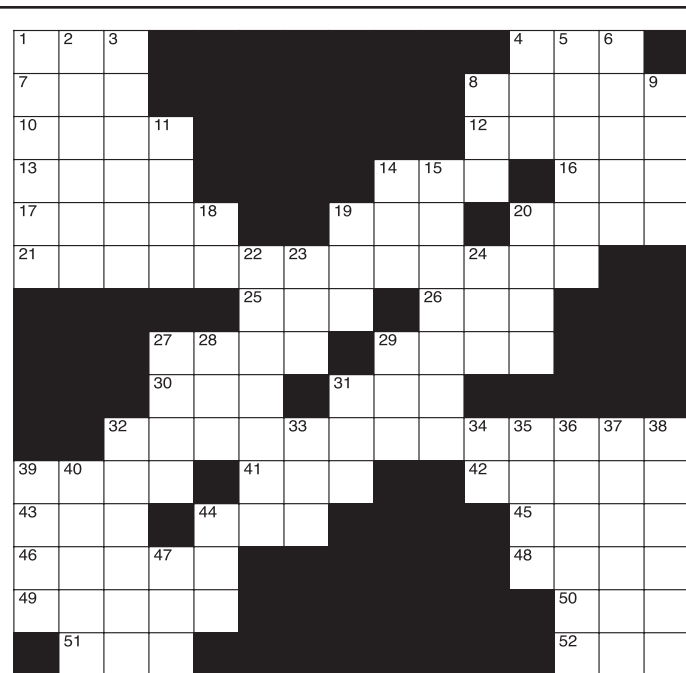
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- 4. Cattle disease (abbr.)
- 7. Before the present
- 8. They burn in a grill
- 10. Enough (archaic)
- 12. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 13. Long loop of cloth worn around the waist
- 14. Napoleonic Wars battle
- 16. Chinese surname
- 17. Fragrant essential oil
- 19. Follows sigma
- 20. Model
- 21. A place with many dining options
- 25. BBQ dish
- 26. Corn comes on it
- 27. A sheep in its second year
- 29. Triad
- 30. They ___
- 31. Actor DiCaprio
- 32. TV's "Edith Bunker"
- 39. Sustenance
- 41. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 42. Cause a loud, harsh sound
- 43. A way to take in liquids
- 44. Gene type
- 45. The Miami mascot is one
- 46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 48. Casino machine
- 49. Contains cerium
- 50. Something with a letter-like shape
- 51. Handwoven Scandinavian rug
- 52. Legendary actress Ruby

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Conqueror
- 2. Kin relation
- 3. Increases the value of
- 4. Pack
- 5. Popular nut
- 6. Dogs' enemies
- 8. Former OSS
- 9. Unpleasant person
- 11. Come again?
- 14. Beverage container
- 15. Rock formation
- 18. Dorm official
- 19. The bill in a restaurant
- 20. Type of jug
- 22. Importance requiring swift action
- 23. Outfit
- 24. Small Eurasian deer
- 27. Weight used in China
- 28. A major division of geological time
- 29. Popular beverage
- 31. Confined condition (abbr.)
- 32. Practical joking
- 33. Pouchlike structure
- 34. Pound
- 35. Lilly and Manning are two
- 36. Stopped discussing
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Candymaker
- 39. One thousandth of a second (abbr.)
- 40. Northern sea duck
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Cannot be found

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BBB Scam Alert: With used cars in high demand, look out for too-good-to-be-true prices



Used cars are in high demand, and scammers know it. Con artists are taking advantage of shoppers who turn to online platforms in search of a reasonably priced used vehicle. Be wary of this latest twist and too-good-to-be-true prices.

How the scam works

You are shopping for a used vehicle on Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, eBay, or another online platform. You find the make and model you want at an excellent price. Amazing! However, when you contact the seller, you find out that the vehicle is in another city. Fortunately, the seller knows a transport company that can deliver it to you. All you need to do is pay the transport company, which will hold the funds in escrow until the vehicle is delivered. Many scammers will add a sad story meant to tug on your heartstrings. For example, they may claim the car belonged to a relative who has passed away. In one example recent report, the scammer claimed to be selling a car on behalf of their aunt, who inherited it from her recently deceased father. "The 'Auntie' claimed she was a nurse and worked shifts, and that my daughter's original email had fallen into her junk folder. The 'Auntie' had moved to another province thousands of miles from us. But if my daughter wanted to purchase the car for the stated price (which was well under the going price for a vehicle of this type, year and mileage), the Auntie had a contract with an automotive transport company." Once you've paid the third-party company, usually by a wire transfer or prepaid debit card, your vehicle won't be delivered. The sale was a scam, and the con artist was in cahoots with the third-party transport company. Unfortunately, your money is gone for good.

How to avoid scam works

- Watch out for prices that are too good to be true. It's probably a scam. Scammers know that used cars are in high demand, and they will tempt shoppers with great deals.
- Contact the seller by phone. As early as possible, speak to the seller on the phone and ask plenty of questions. If you get very vague answers, if the seller gets defensive or aggressive, or if they can't confirm their location or the location of the vehicle, you're probably dealing with a scammer.
- See the car before you buy it. Always make an in-person inspection and take a test drive before you purchase a vehicle.
- Don't give in to threats or pressure. Resist the urge to act immediately. Always take time to consider a purchase, especially if it's a vehicle that costs thousands of dollars.
- Don't wire funds for a car. Scammers often ask for wired funds because they are hard to track, and there's no way to get your money back. It's best to make large purchases by check or credit card.

Wheatland County awards broadband development contract to Shaw Communications

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County has announced a partnership with Shaw Communications to bring broadband connectivity into the County's West Highway 1 and Goldfinch Industrial areas.

The contract is for Shaw to provide a fibre-optic network solution to the West Hwy 1 and Goldfinch industrial areas, connect fibre to homes for residents in Cheadle and construct a connection point with Carseland for potential future residential services.

Cory Adamson, manager of information services with Wheatland County, said that the contract will, among other benefits, help to attract more industrial investment into the local region.

"Council wanted to bring rural broadband to our industrial areas there on the west side ... and the reason for that is obviously for investment interaction, for enterprising corporate investors," said Adamson.

According to a release, the County has stated its intent to provide a reliable and scalable high-speed network to county residents and industry. Once complete, the network will be capable of supporting a host of diverse business needs, as well as providing modern connectivity to residential areas.

"I think it'll have a great impact, especially for businesses and things that are already in the area. And as well as any

other investment that that is looking to come into the county as well," added Adamson. "Our target was just industrial areas but there's obviously potential benefits for residents in the future."

Wheatland County has budgeted \$2.625 million for the contract, which is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2024.

Once constructed the network will be scalable, with broadband speeds and capacity capable of supporting industrial growth in the indicated areas, as opposed to being simply designed for existing facilities.

More information regarding the timeline of the project and background information leading up to the awarding of the contract to Shaw Communications is available through the Wheatland County website.



Epcor hosted an open house at the Nightingale Community Hall on Aug. 23 to introduce the community to their plans for a natural gas facility. The Ardenode RNG facility would take manure and other animal waste and break it down into biogas and fertilizer, all without releasing foul and noxious odors throughout the local community.

John Watson Photo

Epcor seeking public opinions for potential new natural gas facility

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"Where are some potential areas of concern and how can we address those concerns in a way that would make this project acceptable."

Some residents of Nightingale and other locals to the area approached the open house and the Ardenode RNG project with hesitance and skepticism, remembering the adverse impacts to their community caused by a previously operational natural gas power plant in the same location during the 2000's, run by EarthRenew.

While EarthRenew's facility was in operation, many county residents complained about the debilitating smell caused by the facility, which caused some to be sick, and the value of properties in the area to decline.

"From what I understand, the EarthRenew process was basically burning manure to create a fertilizer and that was a much more open-to-air process and that was a unique process they were exploring," said Sonnenberg. "Our project is very different in that we are putting manure into anaerobic digesters, which are environmentally sealed and do not generate any odors as part of the digestion process."

He added Epcor understands and acknowledges the challenges residents have faced from the previous facility and has taken those concerns into designing the Ardenode RNG facility.

According to Sonnenberg, the project is still in the design stages and no paperwork regarding its development has yet been submitted to Wheatland County.

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Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of overcoming it.
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Capital Power celebrates one year of solar power in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Capital Power celebrated one year of being a part of the Strathmore community, with a free pancake breakfast at the Strathmore Legion branch #10 on Aug. 26.

Michael Sheeham, senior advisor for stakeholder engagement, said the team is excited to see the results coming in from their first solar project in Canada and are optimistic about its continued operation.

“We’re quite excited about it ... it’s our first solar facility (in Canada) and we have another facility that’s currently under construction in southern Alberta. We hope it’s just the first to come,” said Sheeham. “The community has been very welcoming, they’ve been really easy to deal with and to work with and it’s been a real cooperative effort to get the project up and running with the Town of Strathmore.”

The pancake breakfast ran over the course of the morning, attracting dozens of residents who were awake early enough to drop by.

By the end of the celebration, Sheeham said turnout was much higher than expected which the team was happy to host and to feed.

The solar facility is sized to produce 40 megawatts of electricity, with the panels in place designed to last for roughly 30

years.

The electricity generated through the facility is sold to the grid, thus the largest impact for the community generated by the solar farm is through its tax payments to the Town of Strathmore.

Following the initial success of Strathmore’s facility, Senior vice president of construction and engineering for Capital Power, Steve Owens said the team has no intent of slowing down.

“We will continue to look at development opportunities within Alberta ... we have a portfolio of locations where we’re planning on developing both solar and wind,” said Owens.

The project was not developed without its kinks. Over the course of construction, it became slightly over budget for the company due to supply chain issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Otherwise, Owens said the project was ultimately completed on time.

Strathmore’s solar farm also engages Whispering Cedars Ranch, a local farm that has provided sheep to keep the grass around the solar panels short.

“They obviously take care of the grass for us and the weeds, which of course, helps with safety from a fire prevention perspective,” said Sheeham.

Over 600 sheep currently reside at the solar farm to maintain the property, as opposed to Capital Power having to rely on traditional grass-cutting methods.



Capital Power hosted a pancake breakfast at the Strathmore Legion Branch #10 on Aug. 26 to celebrate the first anniversary of their operations in Strathmore. The 40MW solar farm is fully complete and operational, while sheep from Whispering Cedars Ranch reside on site to maintain the grass levels.

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Residential Acreage Award Winning

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Wheatland Seniors Transportation Society
“The Shopping Bus”

The “Shopping Bus” is a chartered but that has been in operation since the early 70’s that travels to various malls in or near Calgary on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

It is available for all seniors 55+ and their caregivers.
The cost is \$25 per person for the round trip.

Ree: \$25 return

This bus is NOT wheelchair accessible, and riders do not need to belong to a Seniors’ Club.

The bus will be leaving the malls at 2:30 P.M. for the return trip home.

Please note: All current health mandates will need to be followed.

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October 11 - CrossIron Mills	This bus is NOT wheelchair accessible, and riders do not need to belong to a Seniors’ Club.
November 8 - Chinook Mall	The bus will be leaving the malls at 2:30 P.M. for the return trip home.
November 22 - Market Mall	Please note: All current health mandates will need to be followed.
December 6 - Sunridge Mall	

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Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference. For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

- September 6: Council Meeting**
- September 13: Municipal Planning Commission**
- September 20: Council Meeting**

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted. Agenda packages can be found on our website.

Attention Wheatland County Utility Account Holders

At the Regular Council Meeting on August 16, 2022, Council approved an increase to the water and sewer utility rates effective November 1, 2022. The rate increase reflects an increase of 15% on variable rates, capital levies, and flat fees. The rate change will be reflected on your utility bill that will be mailed out on November 30, 2022. For more information, visit our website: <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/news/>

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What Colour is Your Water?

A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons per day. Your toilet may be leaking without you being aware of the leak.

To do a quick check, put a few drops of food colouring in your toilet tank. Wait 20-30 minutes and if the colour from the tank can be seen in the toilet bowl, you have a leak.



INTERESTING FACTS



- 1 Cubic Metre = 1,000 Litres
- 1 Cubic Metre = 220 Gallons
- 1 Cubic Metre = Approximately 10 bathtubs full of water
- The average Canadian uses 7 Cubic Metres of water/month

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Water Consumption Rate (m ³)	\$2.55	\$2.55	\$2.55	\$2.55	N/A	\$2.55
Water Debenture	\$11.74	N/A	N/A	\$15.18	N/A	N/A
Wastewater Flat Rate	\$18.86	\$18.86	\$18.86	\$18.86	\$28.06	\$18.86
Wastewater Usage Rate (m ³)	\$1.79	\$1.79	\$1.79	\$1.79	N/A	\$1.79
Wastewater Debenture	\$3.42	\$3.42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Septic Tank Maintenance	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$14.38	N/A	N/A
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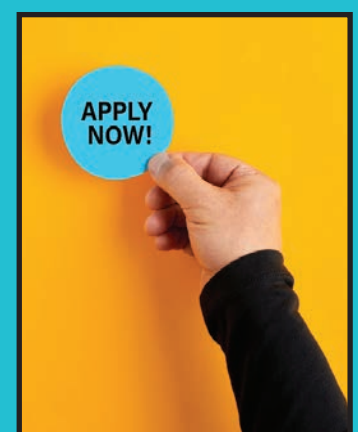
Reminder: Wheatland County utility accounts are billed monthly. If payment is not received by the due date, interest will be charged to your account at 5% of the overdue balance and service disruptions may result. Setting up automatic payments will help ensure you never get behind. Give us a call or visit our website to learn more.

Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board

Wheatland County invites applications for membership on the Community Enhancement Regional Board with appointment to commence November 01, 2022. One representative from each of Electoral Division will be appointed. The Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) consists of two members from each Electoral Division, appointed by Wheatland County Council. Membership on the CERB is appointed for a two-year term with alternating expiry dates. The Community Enhancement Regional Board meets three times every Spring to evaluate applications and decide on the allocation of Community Enhancement Funding to Wheatland County community groups.

Deadline for applications is September 30, 2022.

For more information, or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or via email to jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca.



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Rockyford rallies to support local family in need

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Rockyford community is rallying to support a man who was injured at his place of work, and to help support his family.

Ward Drydale was helping to fix a roof when he fell off it, dropping more than 20 feet to the ground, landing on gravel.

According to Ward's wife, Kim Drydale, he suffered several broken bones in his right hand, a compound fracture in his right arm and humerus, four broken ribs and a dislocated pelvis.

"He was transported from Foothills Hospital to Strathmore now and he seems to be in pretty good spirits for the most part, just really bored. He really wants to get out and be able to go and walk around, which is hard right now," said Drydale, who added that she was told it would take several months for her husband to recover completely.

Seeing their situation and wanting to help, a long-time family friend Jacquelyn LaMarche, started a GoFundMe campaign to allow the Drydale family to pay bills and spend more time together during Ward's recovery.

"Kim is a best friend of mine, I grew up with her and they

are like family to me ... at the time, we didn't know the extent of the injuries but we know very well that he wouldn't be able to work for a while and they might need a little bit of help," said LaMarche. "I just jumped into it and decided to organize something for them and get them as much help as we could to take some of the stress off of everything going on with them. Rockyford is a great little community ... we know pretty much everyone, and they are fantastic when it comes to anybody in need. Everybody's willing to jump in and be involved."

Aside from the online GoFundMe campaign, according to LaMarche, folks have also taken to delivering cash and pre-made meals to the Drydale's door. The Rockyford Lions Club also took notice and jumped in to help the family.

LaMarche added she will likely continue the GoFundMe campaign for roughly a month for people to donate to. With the aid the Drydale's have received, it has allowed Kim to not worry about work and take the time to be with her husband.

"It was very overwhelming for her, she is beside herself (and) very grateful of the support," said LaMarche. "Of course, there has been a lot of support from family and friends. But you know, from everybody near and far has been tremendous."

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With all the talk about the Covid vaccine over the past two years, seniors are reminded to not forget to get their pneumonia vaccine. The risk of pneumonia rises with age in those over the age of 65. Younger adults with a chronic medical or immunocompromised conditions should also ensure they get their pneumonia vaccination shot.

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AHS warns of cyanobacteria in Eagle Lake

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Alberta Health Services (AHS) officially declared a cyanobacteria bloom advisory over Eagle Lake on Aug. 19, suggesting the public and their pets steer clear of the water body.

Cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, is a naturally occurring bacteria that, when forming in excess, poses a health risk to humans and domestic animals.

Alyssa Ness, AHS spokesperson, said the best thing for people to do in instances such as this is to simply avoid the body of water entirely and not risk contact with it.

"The harms that we can see in humans specifically results from contact with algal blooms," said Ness. "People can experience skin irritation, rashes, sore red eyes and if they happen to ingest some of the water, they can have a sore throat, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramping, or headache."

For pets and domestic animals, ingesting significant quantities of contaminated water can result in the death of the animal.

Similarly, AHS is recommending people to avoid consuming anything from the lake, such as fish unless they are properly prepared, and to not water edible plants with water from the affected lake.

"We generally advise against people

using contaminated lake water for their gardens because it's near impossible to be sure how much of the toxin is taken up into edible forms," said Ness. "We particularly advise against watering plants that may come into contact directly with the water – so things like cabbage and lettuce, where the leaves will be touching the contaminated water."

If people do decide to consume fish caught from Eagle Lake, it is advised to only eat the fillets, and properly dispose of anything else, such as entrails, carcasses and skin.

Cyanobacterial blooms are relatively commonplace in Alberta, as they tend to show up on slow moving or stagnant bodies of water across the province.

An excess of heat and sunlight will also encourage the growth of cyanobacteria blooms in a given body of water, of which Alberta has gotten lots of over the course of the summer.

If a person has comes in contact with a contaminated water body, Ness explained symptoms will typically occur within three hours of contamination and will resolve on their own over the course of a few days.

"Some people have described the symptoms as being similar to hay fever or an allergic reaction and it runs its course," said Ness.

The advisory over the lake will remain in place until the end of the summer when the weather cools enough for the algae bloom to die off.

Thanks to all those involved in the Great War Memorial Hall Centennial Celebration.

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