



Town of Edson

Community Profile

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“Heart of the Yellowhead”



Welcome to our Community. The Town of Edson is located within Yellowhead County on the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway 16; 199 km west of Edmonton, 163 km east of Jasper, and 453 km northwest of Calgary.

The Town of Edson was incorporated in 1911 and was named after Edson J. Chamberlain, the General Manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad.

The 2016 federal census showed a population of 8,414. Edson has a full range of recreational and cultural facilities, excellent health care services, a high quality education system, and a vibrant business sector that serves all of the shopping needs of the local and area residents. Edson serves a trading population of approximately 14,000 people.

Edson is strategically located on Highway 16—the TransCanada Yellowhead Route—and benefits from private, commercial and industrial traffic. The TransCanada Yellowhead Route carries some of the heaviest traffic flow in Alberta, and has been officially declared the second TransCanada Highway. Approximately 18,000 vehicles pass through Edson daily.

10 Great Reasons for Living and Conducting Business in Edson

1. Strategically located midway between Jasper and Edmonton on the very busy TransCanada Yellowhead Highway #16.
2. High quality of life that provides opportunities for community involvement and a sense of belonging and understanding.
3. Quiet, friendly, safe community with a customer oriented civic government.
4. Outdoor and indoor recreation activities aplenty; such as an 18 hole golf course, curling, slo-pitch, hockey, swimming, tennis, soccer, skiing, hiking, fishing and boating. Close proximity to numerous campgrounds.
5. Growing retail and commercial sector that offers a variety of professional and customer oriented services.
6. Top-rated schools.
7. First Class protective and emergency services, hospital and wide range of professional medical services.
8. Reasonable tax and utility rates.
9. Close to several tourism, arts, and cultural attractions such as the Red Brick Arts Center and Museum, the Galloway Station Museum, the Cardinal Divide, Cadomin Caves, Emerson Lake and the Hoodoos, Silver Summit Ski Hill and Hornbeck Cross Country Ski Trails.
10. Our proximity to the beautiful McLeod River provides excellent opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Economy/Business/Financial Institutions

ECONOMY

The Town's growth is based on the rich natural resources in the region. Initially, the railroad provided access to the rich Alberta Coal Branch, and in the 1930's coal from the Branch was being distributed to Canadian and world markets. In the 1960's, petroleum and related industries added to the prosperity of the Edson district. In addition, the coal industry was revitalized in the 1970's with the launching of two mines in the area. The forestry industry has been a major employer in the Edson area since the Town's inception. In the future, the area's natural resources are expected to remain major contributors to the Edson economy.

Resources available include coal, clay, sand/gravel, oil and natural gas, and timber.

Products available locally include forest products, straw, hay, cereal grains, dairy products, cattle, poultry, horses, sheep, hogs, honey, seed potatoes and vegetables.

MAJOR INDUSTRIES

Oil & Gas Production
Oilfield Construction
Coal Mining
Forestry
Hospitality Services
Retail Services

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

ATB Financial
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
Edson Savings and Credit Union
Royal Bank of Canada
Scotiabank

Statistics

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT VALUES (in millions)

YEAR	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Commercial	2.694	0.724	12.730	6.976	1.696	4.867	2.513
Industrial	1.411	0.662	3.965	21.473	2.226	0.450	1.360
Institutional	1.278	65.079	41.040	0.051	41.445	32.072	0.226
Residential	4.773	4.488	4.267	6.256	7.821	3.333	1.544
Total	10.156	70.953	62.002	34.756	53.188	41.353	5.643

CENSUS STATISTICS

YEAR	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2016</u>
Population	7399	7815	8365	8646	8414

Utilities/Waste Management

ELECTRICAL POWER

Epcor
310-4300

NATURAL GAS

Atco Gas (780)723-4050	Yellowhead Gas Co-op Ltd. (rural) Box 7230 Edson, Alberta
Direct Energy 1-866-420-3174	T7E 1V5 (780)723-6085

*For more energy options visit the Utilities Consumer Advocate website
(<https://www.ucahelps.alberta.ca/retailers.aspx>)

TELEPHONE

Telus Communications Inc. Residential: 310-2255
Business: 310-3100

WATER

Water and Sewer is supplied by the Town of Edson 723-4401

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Town of Edson has a new curbside waste collection program for household waste and organics. Details can be found at www.edson.ca/curbside.

The Edson and District Recycling Depot (accepts most recyclables including used oil and lawn clippings).

Located at 5237—1st Avenue (between the CN tracks and the Provincial Building)

Phone: 780-723-4002

Transportation

AIR SERVICE

The Edson Airport has all weather facilities and a 1,825 metre (6,000 feet) runway. The nearest daily scheduled air services is at the Edmonton International Airport (2 hrs east).

RAIL SERVICE

Canadian National Railways provides freight service to Edson. Spur trackage is available. In addition, VIA Rail provides passenger rail service.

HIGHWAYS

Connecting highways are Highway 16 (TransCanada Yellowhead Highway) east-west, Highway 47 South and Secondary Highway 748 North.

BUS SERVICES

Charter and Special Bus Services are available.

COURIERS

DHL Courier
Purolator Courier

TAXIS

Edson Taxi Ltd
Five Star Delivery & Cabs
Avenue Cabs

Communication



Newspapers

Weeklies: Edson Leader, The Weekly Anchor

Radio

The local radio station is 94.3 FM 'Real Country'. Edson also receives 96.7 'Boom FM' and XM 105.3 from Whitecourt and numerous Edmonton stations.

Television

Cable/Satellite television is available through local service providers.

Internet

Edson is served by Shaw Cable, Telus and other independent internet service providers.

Community Lifestyle

Camping

There are numerous campgrounds in the area. The town of Edson maintains Willmore Campground, located just 6km South of town on 63rd Street. 41 Campsites to choose from along the riverside or overflow. Scenic views throughout the park and trails. Call 780-723-7141 to reserve your site.

Willmore features a multi-purpose trail system for hikers or bikers with a mix of terrain for all levels of experience to enjoy. A new bike skills park is coming soon.

The Lion's Park Campground is located right in Edson at 217 - 42 Street. Open May to September, 27 stalls with power and 16 stalls without. Phone : 1-780-723-3169
Website <https://edsonlionsparkcampground.com/>

Recreation

Edson has excellent deer, moose, bear and elk hunting and some of the best fishing in Alberta. Recreational facilities found in Edson include:

Indoor Swimming Pool with Waterslide	Movie Theatre
Red Brick Theatre for Performing Arts	Golf Driving Range
18 Hole Golf Course	Hiking Trails
2 Indoor Ice Arenas	Public Library
Outdoor Ice Arenas	Galloway Station Museum
8 Lane Bowling Alley	Tennis Courts
Rodeo Grounds	Skateboard Park
24 Ball Diamond Complex—Vision Park	Numerous Lakes and Rivers
Cross Country Ski Trail Systems	

Cultural and Service Clubs

Friendship Centre

The Edson Friendship Centre is a non profit organization that offers a variety of programs and services to the community. Some of their initiatives include a Computer Based Learning Centre, recreational activities and cultural programs, and services for seniors, women and youth. The Family Life Improvement Program, Family Support Program, Brighter Futures and Family in Need Programs offer services to those who may be experiencing difficulty in their lives. Contact the Edson Friendship Centre 780-723-5494.

Service Clubs and Fraternities

Locally based community groups include:

Edson & District Chamber of Commerce	Rotary Club Edson
Edson Kinette Club	Edson Lions Club
Edson Masonic Lodge	Edson Shrine Club
Independent Order of Oddfellows K40 Club	Order of the Eastern Star
Welcome Rebekah Lodge #45	Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion
Order of the Royal Purple Edson Lodge #51	Royal Canadian Air Youth Cadets
The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks (BPOE #87)	Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch #51
	Daughters of the Nile

Religious Services and Organizations

Anglican Church Women
Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle
Catholic Women's League
Bread of Life Mission
Edson Mennonite Church
Edson Alliance Church
Edson United Church
Edson United Church Women
Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints

Bahai Faith
Grace Lutheran Church
Jehovah's Witnesses
New Hope Family Fellowship
Edson-Peers Christian Ref Church
Edson Ministerial Association
Sacred Heart Catholic Parish
St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox
St. Catherine's Anglican Church
Edson Baptist Church
Knights of Columbus

Hospitality

Edson has more than 950 Hotel/Motel rooms available and a number of great restaurants.

Details can be found on the business directory located on our website at <https://www.edson.ca/business/directory> or through our mobile app on both Apple and Android devices.

Education

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

3656—1 Avenue

Edson, Alberta T7E 1S8

Phone: 780-723-4471

2 Elementary Schools (K to Grade 5) *French Immersion Program available

1 Middle School (Grades 6-8)

1 High School (Grades 9-12)

Living Waters Catholic Regional Division #42

3804B—47 Street, Whitecourt, Alberta T7S 1M8 (District Office)

831—56 Street, Edson, Alberta T7E 1S6 (School)

Phone: 780-778-5666 (District Office Phone)

Phone: 780-723-6612 (School Phone)

1 Elementary Roman Catholic Schools (Grades K-6)

1 Jr/Sr Roman Catholic High School (Grade 7-12)

Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School

430—72 Street

Edson, Alberta T7E 1N3

Phone: 780-723-3850 / 723-7566

1 Yellowhead Christian School (Grades 1-12)

Additional Educational Services

Canadian Parents for French

Community Learning Society

Grande Yellowhead Off-Campus Education Centre

Literacy Project

Yellowhead Region Educational Consortium

Health Care

Edson and District Healthcare Centre

Opened in November 2016, the Edson Healthcare Centre (EHC) includes Emergency, Diagnostic Imaging and Laboratory, Surgical Suites, Inpatient Care Units, Ambulatory Care, and Long Term Care.

Located at 3837 6th Avenue, Edson
Phone: 780-723-3331

Health Unit

Provides the following services:
Audiology, Community Adult Day Support Program, Community Nutrition, Public Health Nursing, Speech and Language Pathology, Reproductive Health and Community Genetics.

Medical Centre (Doctor's Clinic)

8–10 doctors
Located at 616 50th Street, Edson
Phone: 780-723-5531

Facilities for Senior Citizens

Parkland Senior Citizens Lodge—55 rooms (Currently under renovation. Seniors located at the old hospital 47th Street and 5th Avenue during construction)
Heatherwood Manor & Heritage Court Senior Apartments—55 units
Senior's Drop In Centre - Pioneer Cabin - 4836 7th Avenue

Emergency Services

Fire Department

Edson has a compliment of 40 volunteer (paid on call) firefighters, a full time fire chief, and a volunteer deputy chief.

Police Services

Edson is served by a local detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Administration Telephone (780)723-8822.

Ambulance Services

24 Hour ambulance service is available.

Government Services

Municipal Services

Town of Edson *Open 8:00 am—4:00 pm Monday to Friday*
605—50th Street, Box 6300
Edson, Alberta T7E 1T7
Telephone: (780)723-4401
Fax: (780)723-7445
Email: civiccentre@edson.ca
www.edson.ca

Provincial and Federal

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Edson, Alberta T7E 1V9
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Key Contacts for Business Development

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Mike Derricott, Town Manager
Martino Verhaeghe, Manager of
Planning and Development
Town of Edson
607—50th Street, Box 6300
Edson, Alberta T7E 1T7
Telephone: (780)723-4401
Fax: (780)723-7445
Email: civiccentre@edson.ca
www.edson.ca

Edson and District
Chamber of Commerce
211 55th Street, Centennial Park
Edson, Alberta T7E 1L5
Telephone: (780)723-4918
Fax: (780)723-5545
Email: edsonchamber@gmail.com

Housing and Rental Accommodations

Brian Manor 5415 – 10 th Avenue 723-6249	Marquis Apartments 4036 – 6 th Avenue 723-1819	Kristin Manor 1125 – 56 Street 728-7338
Cedar Glen 5317 – 5 th Avenue 723-6538	Four Plex 5115 – 5 th Avenue 723-7086	Mushtuk Four Plexes 5035 – 5 th Avenue 723-9746
Mountain Vista 5611 – 10 Avenue 723-7758	Pine Manor 4102 – 6 th Avenue 723-2177	Karolin Manor 1125 – 56 Street 728-7338
Cedar Mews 4635 – 5 th Avenue 723-3031	Wellington Court 1211A – WHaven Dr 723-6351	Brady Four Plexes 5203 – 5 th Avenue 723-7513
Edson Manor 5606 - 10 th Avenue 723-4563, 712-9446	Westhaven Manor 5610 – 11 th Avenue 723-4936	Huntington Place 1211A-WHaven Dr. 723-6351
Evergreen Manor 4524 – 8 th Avenue 723-5036	Yellowhead Apts 5333 – 5 th Avenue 723-6249	Heatherwood Village 5215 – 6 th Avenue 723-4758
Evergreen Village 5423/29/37 – 10 Ave 723-4758	Bachand Apartments 1666 Edson Drive	Creekside Apts 414 – 41 Street
Brookside Apts. 506 – 41 Street 723-2705	Parkland South/North 809/17-46 Street 723-9545	Cardinal Hill Dev. 4731 – 5 th Avenue 723-7533
Don Properties 723-4657	Dao Four Plexes 5015 – 12 th Avenue 5436-10 Avenue 723-3762	Stevens Apts 4339 & 4359-5 Ave 1665 Edson Dr 723-213
Westwood Apts 5625-13 Avenue 712-8495	RJR Properties 1533 54th street 780-712-0470	King's Court 5102 3rd Ave 780-712-0470

Mobile Homes Parks and Realtors

Mobile Home Parks

Cedar Mobile Home Park
422–55 Street
723-6034

Poplar Place Trailer Park
13th Avenue
723-3819

Sunset Mobile Estates
816–56 Street
723-3110

Creekside Mobile Estates
851-63 Street
723-3110

Realtors

Re/Max Boxshaw Four Realty
507 50 Street, T7E 1V4,
780-723-7818
www.remax.ca

Royal LePage Edson Real Estate
202-50 Street, T7E 1T3,
780-723-3186
www.royallepage.ca

Alpine Realty 3%
5202–2 Avenue,
780-723-5550
www.alpinerealty3percent.ca

Century 21 Twin Realty
5016 4 Ave
780-723-3100
<http://www.century21.ca/twinrealty>