



# BRIDGES OF LOVE

LOVE IS ACTION – April, 2024

**“HE MAKES MY FEET LIKE THE FEET OF A DEER” Psalm 18:33**



Each evening for the past week, this beautiful creature curls up under our bedroom window, and spends the night! My husband Tom shares soft words, and she is all ears with no fear or trepidation! We didn't know Tom was a "Deer Whisper!" We have felt a sense of protection from her presence as if God is saying, "Don't worry, I am with you!"

The past month has indeed been a roller coaster ride as we sold our High River condo with ease and then the difficult journey to purchase a new residence in Red Deer along with the surrounding area began. It has been a time of trusting the Lord as we once again put our staff in the Red Sea, saying "Yes Lord" we will follow where you lead! God doesn't promise to eliminate challenges; instead, He promises to give us strength to meet those bumps in the road. If we had no rough roads to walk, no mountains to climb, and no battles to fight, we would not grow and mature in our faith. He does not leave us alone with our challenges, however. Instead, He stands beside us, teaching, and strengthening our faith, to face every obstacle.

The Pollons have purchased an apartment in the Michener Hill area of Red Deer so a busy time packing for May 1, possession date. 😊

## NGO COUNCIL OF ALBERTA

We are very pleased to be a member of the NGO Council of Alberta. Special appreciation to Kate Stafford, Co-Chair for her tireless work on the 2024 Handbook.

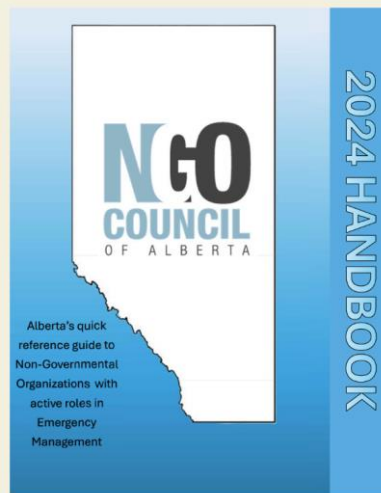
Emergencies and disasters in Alberta are becoming more frequent, more complex, and are in need of a comprehensive, efficient, and cost-effective response and recovery strategy.

The Alberta NGO Council is a network of non-governmental organizations that are active participants in Alberta's Emergency Management landscape.

The purpose of the Alberta NGO Council is to support municipal and provincial emergency planning and preparedness, response and recovery efforts through coordination, cooperation, collaboration, and communication.

By valuing their independence and neutrality, and by utilizing their collective knowledge, experience and resources, the Council members remain committed to supporting municipal and provincial emergency management jurisdictions when disasters strike in the Province of Alberta.

NGO Council's [Handbook](#) found on-line.



## INTRO - "THE SUMMER CANADA BURNED"

The Wildfire Season that Shocked the World

A calm prevailed before the firestorm...

Canada awaited the start of wildfire season. It was the end of April. The annual battle of the blazes was not expected to begin in earnest for weeks, maybe even two months in a good year. But it would soon become clear that the 2023 season would be anything but good.

On April 30, the first "wildfire of note" - meaning it could threaten public safety or critical infrastructure—popped up in Alberta. About an hour's drive west of the capital city of Edmonton, near the hamlet of Entwistle, a fire devoured tinderbox-dry trees and grass.

A few minutes away a second wildfire of note burned simultaneously. This one cropped up closer to the hamlet of Evansburg. Humorously known for electing a 'town grouch' in past years. There was nothing funny, however, about what was about to occur. Something had sparked Alberta's first two notable fires of the year, igniting a wildfire season across Canada unlike any other.

Learn more about the horrific wildfires across Canada.

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