Morley building, grass fire ‘still under investigation’

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A building and grass fire that occurred on the Stoney Nakoda nation Feb. 22 is still under investigation.

Now in the hands of the Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD), the fire destroyed an out building on the property, along with 2.27 hectares of land, said Matthew Anderson, wildfire information officer with ESRD.

That’s equal to about four football fields.

“As of right now, we don’t know much about it,” said Anderson. “It is still under investigation. We do know that it started in the structure and spread from there.”

The ESRD responded to the call, along with fire crews from the reserve, Exshaw and Cochrane. Anderson said the call for the blaze came in at about 5:15 p.m. and the fire was fully extinguished by 8:15 p.m.

Because the affected land falls under the Alberta ESRD’s Forest Protection Area, the investigation will continue in the hands of the provincial organization.

AHS session to discuss end-of-life planning

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Planning for what one wants to happen when the end of their life nears is normally not at the top of the priority list, but important nonetheless.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is holding a session at the Nan Boothby Memorial Library today (Feb. 27) to address this issue. Part of an education series with Connecting DOTS (dementia and other therapy services), the Advance Care Planning session will aim to encourage people to think about their wishes when it comes to their future health care.

Chandra Vig, with Advance Care Planning and Goals of Care, AHS, will host the event, which runs from 2-3:30 p.m.

The program is directed toward those who will be unable to communicate for themselves during the end of their lives. According to AHS, nearly 50 per cent fall into this category, due to ailments like dementia, cardiovascular disease and Parkinson’s disease.

Connecting DOTS, along with the Alzheimer Society of Calgary, will also hold a session called Understanding Dementia on April 17 in Cochrane.

Anyone wishing to learn more about Connecting DOTS can join its Caregiver Circle support group, which meets the last Thursday morning of every month. Call 403-851-6100 or 403-851-6060 for more information.

For more information on Advance Care Planning visit alberta-healthservices.ca.

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