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Morinville Community High School (MCHS) 3A senior boys basketball team display their medals and zone championship banner after winning the North Central Zone Championship. Photo by MCHS.



Morinville Community High School (MCHS) Grade 9 boys basketball team display their medals and zone championship banner. Photo by MCHS.



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Morinville RCMP request public's assistance with theft investigation



On March 18, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Morinville RCMP received a complaint from a customer at the McDonalds restaurant that she had left her wallet behind and returned shortly thereafter to find it gone. Surveillance footage captured the suspect stealing the wallet and walking out with it.

Morinville RCMP was able to obtain security footage of the male suspect. He is described as follows:

- Medium to darker complexion
- Short black hair
- Average height and build
- Wearing a blue hoodie, and blue pants

If you are able to identify this male, please contact the Morinville RCMP at 780-939-4520. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



Heartbeat of the community



This year the Bon Accord library will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. They have become the heartbeat of the community.

RMLA Mr. Dale Nally visited the library after hearing of the magic that the library holds for the community.

Part of the magic created from this gem of a library comes from the staff who are there every day to greet every patron with a smile and a warm comment.

Even during the pandemic, the dedicated staff continued to offer services to the community. Patrons could call and order books, movies, puzzles, or crafts to be picked up curbside.

Dedicated volunteers support the library. Some have been volunteering for the community since they've opened.

The dedication from the staff and the volunteers speaks to the spirit of the library.

PUBLIC HEARING –BYLAW 1562/21 Clean Energy Improvement Program Tax Bylaw

In accordance with section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaw 1562/21. This Bylaw proposes to establish a Clean Energy Improvement Program in accordance with Part 10, Division 6.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*. This Bylaw will allow Sturgeon County to make borrowings for the purpose of financing Clean Energy Improvements, to enable Clean Energy Improvements to be made to eligible properties; and to impose a Clean Energy Improvement Tax in respect to a Clean Energy Improvement made to a Property to raise revenue to pay the amount required to recover the costs of that Clean Energy Improvement.

The Public Hearing will be held both in person and via videoconference:

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

(or as soon as practical thereafter) at:

Sturgeon County Council Chambers

9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta T8R 1L9

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Any inquiries regarding the proposed Bylaw should be directed to Brandon Sandmaier, Municipal Energy Specialist at bsandmaier@sturgeoncounty.ca or 587-783-7696.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the Public Hearing, or otherwise made public. This information is collected in line with section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions, please contact the Sturgeon County Access and Privacy Officer at 9613-100 Street, Morinville, AB T8R 1L9, 780-939-4321, or foip@sturgeoncounty.ca

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Market income going in wrong direction in Alberta

Already \$13,700 (15.9%) lower than in 2014 going into the pandemic, annual median market income in Alberta slipped by \$1,500 (2.1%) in 2020. (Income data have been adjusted for inflation and are expressed in 2020 constant dollars.)

Median government transfers, however, nearly tripled, going from \$5,500 in 2019 to \$15,500 in 2020 for an annual increase of \$9,600 (174.5%).

As a result, median after-tax income in the province managed to increase by 4.4% in 2020 after falling by 2.6% in 2019.

When the statistics are broken out by those in an economic family* and those who are not, median market income was down by 6.9% for families (\$106,000 in 2019 compared to \$98,700 in 2020) and by 24.6% for unattached individuals (\$37,000 compared to \$27,900).

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

The April 18 Council meeting has been rescheduled to April 19 due to Easter.

LEGAL'S ANNUAL TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

MAY 14

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Maps will be available May 12 @ Legal Supermart or online @ legal.ca.

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Wednesday, April 20th
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Rosridge Waste Management Services Commission

Household Hazardous Waste Roundup

Event Location: Morinville Leisure Centre
Site Address: 25126 SH 642
Date: Sat. May 14
Time: 10 - 2 p.m.



Legal's Little University for Walkers, Wigglers, and Crawlers

Share in reading of stories, rhymes and sing songs together! Connect with your children and caregivers in our community while sharing the wonders of reading! Parents & children ages 0 - 5 years.

When: Monday's, Apr 4 - Jun 20th (no class Apr 18th or May 23rd)
Where: Citadel Center (4812 - 51 Ave)
Time: 10:00 - 10:45 am
Cost: FREE



Council approves 2022 Operating Budget

Morinville Town Council passed the 2022 Operating Budget at the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, March 22, 2022. Council was first presented with the draft 2022 – 2024 Operating Budget and 2022 – 2026 Capital Plan at the December 6, 2021, Council meeting. At that time, Council elected to reserve decision on the 2022 budget and directed Administration to bring forward

an interim budget for 2022, which was approved December 13, 2021. Since then, Council and Administration have worked collaboratively through a very challenging budget process to minimize service level reductions, address external budget pressures, and ultimately result in the smallest possible impact to taxpayers. In January, Administration proposed to Council several service level

adjustments. Since that time, additional adjustments have been proposed and considered. During debate, Council made the following amendments to the 2022 Operating Budget:

- Maintaining the 2021 split mill rate for non-residential properties
- Reducing the 2022 Morinville Community Library budget to \$531,655
- Removing \$30,000 for the MLC/

MCCC Service Provision Review

Council approved a 5% residential tax increase – an average increase of \$10.58/month for homeowners. The non-residential tax rate for an average property will see an increase of \$27.78/month for commercial accounts and \$49.33/month for industrial accounts. The final municipal tax rates will be approved this spring when the Property Tax By-law is passed. “I want to thank Council and Administration for the tremendous work they have done on ▶▶▶



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April Meetings and Important Dates

Meeting schedule is subject to change. Members of the public are welcome to observe or listen in. For teleconference details and links to the livestream, click on the meeting notice in the following locations:

- Council Meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/CouncilMeetings
- Board and Committee meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/Calendar
- Public Hearings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/PublicNotices

Municipal Planning Commission	Apr. 5	9:00 a.m.
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Apr. 5	2:00 p.m.
Transportation Advisory Committee	Apr. 5	6:00 p.m.
Regular Council / Committee of the Whole	Apr. 12	9:00 a.m.
Good Friday	Apr. 15	Closed
Easter Monday	Apr. 18	Closed
Municipal Planning Commission	Apr. 19	9:00 a.m.
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Apr. 19	2:00 p.m.
Regular Council / Committee of the Whole	Apr. 26	9:00 a.m.

Property Reinspection Notice

Sturgeon County Assessment Services has sent out notifications of Reinspection and Request for Information forms to residents whose properties are up for re-inspection this year.

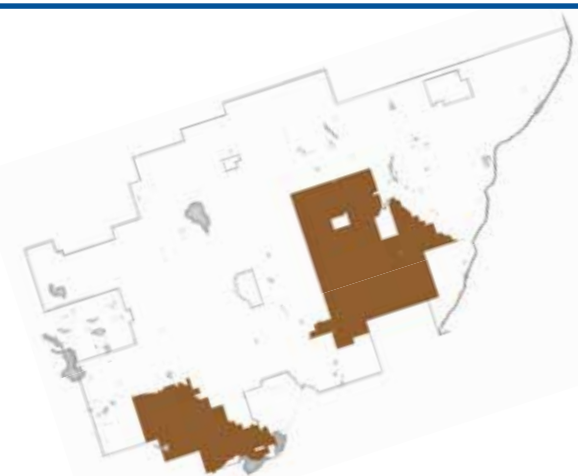
In accordance with the **Municipal Government Act (MGA), Section 295**, Request for Information forms are sent out and reviewed every five years in order to establish equity within Sturgeon County and ensure records correctly reflect the physical attributes of your property.

There are multiple ways you can respond with your property details:

- use the **online survey tool** at SturgeonCounty.ca/PropertySurvey with the **unique code** at the top of your Request for Information form or
- by email to assessmentservices@sturgeoncounty.ca
- by mail to 9613-100 Street Morinville, AB T8R 1L9
- by phone to 790-939-0601 or toll free 1-866-939-9303

A detailed map of this year's inspection area can be found on our website under **Property Assessment Maps, 2022 Cyclical Inspection Area**.

If you have any questions about this notification or about the assessment process, please call 780-939-0601.



Areas in brown are scheduled for reinspections beginning in March along with the following multi-lot subdivisions and hamlets:

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increased by 147.7% for economic families (\$7,600 in 2019 compared to \$18,900 in 2020) and by an incredible 840.0% for unattached individuals (\$1,000 compared to \$9,400).

After taxes are taken into account, median family income in 2020 was up by 1.6% compared to 2019 while the income of unattached individuals contracted by 1.8%.

Clearly, the emergency income programs introduced during the pandemic had a dramatic impact on the amount of money Canadians took home in 2020.

▶▶▶▶▶ behalf of the residents and business owners of Morinville on this budget. This has not been an easy task, especially in a year we have experienced significant inflation. Collaboration and input from our community, along with many other considerations has got us to where we are today," said Mayor Simon Boersma.

"I also know that Administration is always looking for ways to save costs and find additional revenue streams throughout the year. This past year was a good example of performing more than \$400,000 better than budgeted and I know that we are committed to working towards a better-than-budgeted outcome at the end of 2022."

The approved consolidated budget is comprised of a tax-supported deficit of \$1.86M and utility supported surplus of \$2.39M for a combined surplus of \$536,514. Subsequently, Administration will bring forward an amended 2022-2025 Operating Budget and 2022-2027 Capital Budget. The approved 2022 Operating Budget will be reflected in the 2022-2025 Operating Budget, but this will provide Council an opportunity to also approve the financial planning component of the four-year budget from 2023-2025. Furthermore, this will be Council's opportunity to provide a final review and approval of the 2022 Capital Budget and 2023-2027 Capital Plan.

Utility Bylaws

During the Regular Meeting of Council on March 22, Council also approved the Utility Bylaws.

- Water rates are not changing. Any increases would be entirely a result of increased consumer usage.
- Sewer rates are increasing slightly from 1.36/m3 to 1.42/m3 with the administrative fees and service capacity charges remaining unchanged.
- These increases are equal to the increased costs to the Town from the regional commission.
- Solid waste charges are unchanged.
- However, an annual residential limit of 2,500kg has been established for Roseridge disposal. Any amounts in excess of that will be charged at the Roseridge commercial rates.
- Stormwater charges are increasing from \$7.50/month for residential and \$15/month for non-residential to \$10/month for residential and \$20/month for non-residential.

PUBLIC HEARING –BYLAW 1571/22 Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

In accordance with section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaw 1571/22. This Bylaw proposes to amend the land use district of Lot A Plan 4491MC from AG – Agriculture District to REC – Recreational District.

The Public Hearing will be held both in person and via videoconference:

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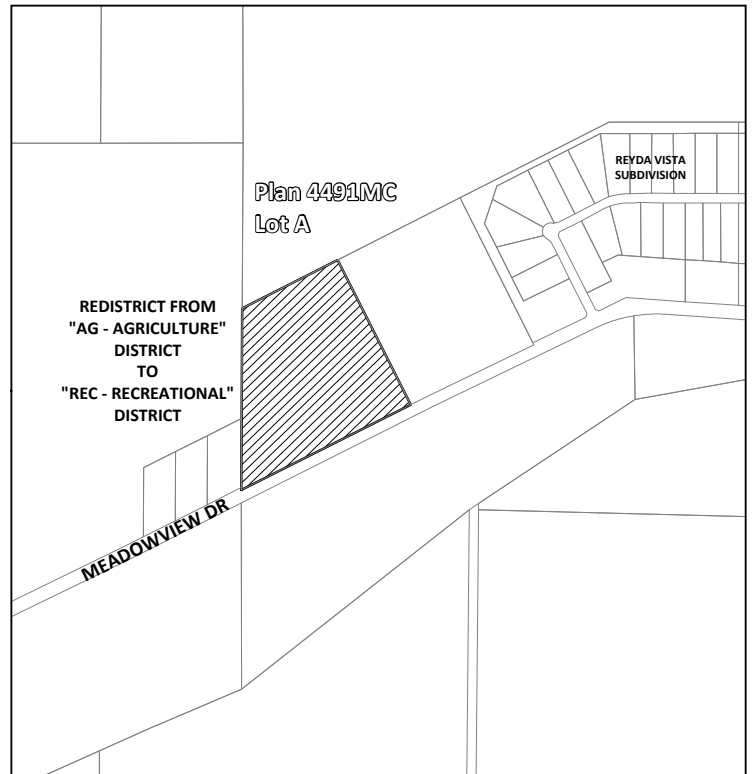
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Any inquiries regarding the proposed Bylaw should be directed to Martyn Bell in Planning and Development Services at mbell@sturgeoncounty.ca or 780-939-8365.

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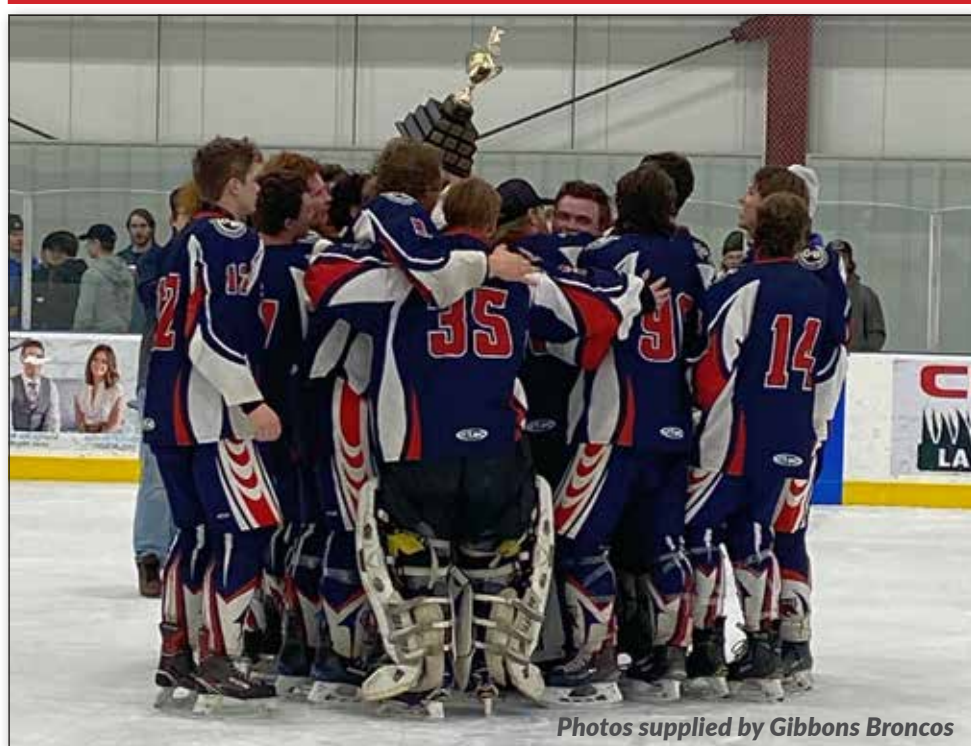
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Gibbons Broncos goalie Keegan Richards holds the Noralta Junior Hockey League (NJHL) trophy after the Broncos won the League championship. For more information, visit Noralta Junior C Hockey League at www.njhl.hockeyshift.com.

Gibbons Broncos win League championship

By Grant Cree

The Gibbons Broncos recently won the Noralta Junior Hockey League (NJHL) trophy. The Broncos are one of 11 teams in the NJHL, online at www.njhl.ca.

"It all came from having a unified message," said Broncos Forward Colten Brenneis. "As a team of young adults, our coaches allowed us time to talk between ourselves at the start of each period and before the game. Most of us have played hockey for many years."

The average age range is 18 to 20 for most of the players. Most Broncos team members played with the CNN Spurs when they were younger. During

the playoffs, many Broncos arrived at the arenas wearing suits as they carried their hockey sticks and gear bags into the change room. "Our captains normally led the discussion about things we had to do and get better at as the game progresses," said Brenneis. He noted that any player was welcome to add things for improvement and credited the coaches for making sure everyone was all on the same page.

"Our coaches did an excellent job throughout the year ensuring that they maintained authority while letting players take ownership of what we as a team needed to work on," said Brenneis. "Our coaches and leaders instilled a unified message on what

needs to happen in the last 10 minutes of a game to get a win, and as a team, that's what we did.

Blake Krachkowskii is a team forward and has been with the Broncos for four years. He credited the leadership for creating conditions so the players could win on and off the ice. "That's what brought the guys together and won it," said Krachkowskii. "We had good leaders on the team. Everybody was a leader on the team."

During the Broncos team meetings, everybody was encouraged to speak up about what they needed to work on to improve for the next game. "They gave us free rein to express our opinions, and everybody contributed," said

Krachkowskii. "Every single person gets along, and we're all buddies. And that's lifelong relationships, and everybody will keep contributing to the Broncos. It will always be a part of us forever, and it made everybody better people. This year, what we did made the community better; that's the coolest thing for me."

The Broncos manager Wendy Richards thanked fans and the community for their support during the 2021-2022 season. "We are thankful to all fans around Gibbons and Sturgeon County," said Richards. "I've watched and been a manager to some of these players since minor hockey, and they are such a deserving group to be supported and cheered. The local businesses have created a great partnership with the Broncos that is greatly appreciated."



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