

Two of four businesses in Morinville Plaza and Suites now reopened

By Stephen Dafoe and Morinville Online

While plans for the hotel and banquet hall portion of the Morinville Plaza Hotel & Suites on 100 Avenue are unknown, one of the four businesses affected by the fire opened before Christmas, and another opened last Friday.

Uncle Sam's Cannabis opened before Christmas, and Morinville Pizza reopened for business on Friday, January 6, two months after the November 6 fire.

Morinville Pizza owner Pradeep Pillai told Morinville Online he was excited to be opening to serve his customers after the closure.

"I'm very excited about everything and serving the customers again," Pillai said prior to last Friday's reopening. "People have been calling and asking, 'When are you going to operate?' The green light is on, so Friday morning, we are opening."

Pillai said it has been tough not being open for the past eight weeks



Morinville Pizza owner Pradeep Pillai smiles over the counter of his pizza shop, happy to reopen after a two-month closure due to the fire. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Domestic disputes and family violence top SVS calls in 2022



Sturgeon Victim Services Executive Director Elisabeth Melvin stands outside her office at the Morinville RCMP Detachment - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Last year, Sturgeon Victim Services (SVS), a non-profit organization that provides 24/7 crisis response through the RCMP, saw an overall increase in call volume of 4.67% over 2021.

In 2022, SVS responded to 628 calls for assistance, an increase of 28 calls over 12 months. While a roughly 5% increase in response calls is not alarming, the breakdown of those calls is a cause for concern.

"I think what is most disturbing to myself personally,

is to see the amount of family violence," said Sturgeon Victim Services Executive Director Elisabeth Melvin.

"Domestic disputes, which has always been at the top - that is before criminal activity has happened. But family violence - something bad has gone down."

Domestic dispute calls increased from 117 in 2021 to 133 in 2022, an increase of 13.67%. However, family violence calls rose from 62 in 2021 to 100 in 2022, an increase of 61.29%.

"[The numbers] represent one file, but that

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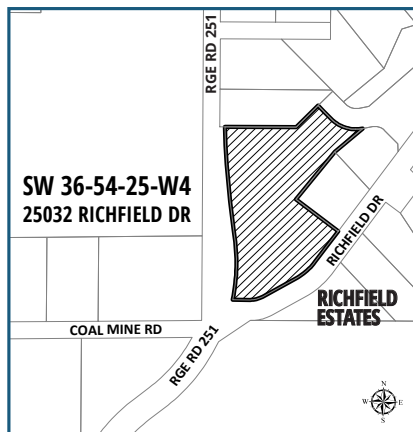
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PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1605/22 Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

In accordance with section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaw 1605/22. This Bylaw proposes to redistrict a portion of land within the SW-36-54-25-4 from AG – Agriculture District to R1 – Country Residential District.

The Public Hearing will be held both in person and via videoconference:
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
(or as soon as practical thereafter) at:
Sturgeon County Council Chambers
9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta T8R 1L9



In-person Speakers

If you intend on participating in person, you are encouraged to pre-register for the Public Hearing by contacting Legislative Services at **780-939-8279** or **780-939-8277**.

Speakers participating through videoconference

If you wish to speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you **must** register 24 hours prior to the opening of the Public Hearing (no later than January 23, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.) by contacting Legislative Services at **780-939-8279** or **780-939-8277**. This is to ensure that virtual participants receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Requirements for all Speakers

All speakers will be given a 5-minute time limit and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission in advance of the Public Hearing.

Written Submissions

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a written submission to Legislative Services by email at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca. Written submissions will be accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing.

Persons wishing to view the Public Hearing without making a submission are invited to attend in person or view the livestream Sturgeon County website at www.sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings. To view the livestream, click on the meeting date on the calendar, then click on the video link.

Any inquiries regarding the proposed Bylaw should be directed to **Rebecca Schapansky** in Planning and Development Services at rschapansky@sturgeoncounty.ca or **587-404-9866**.

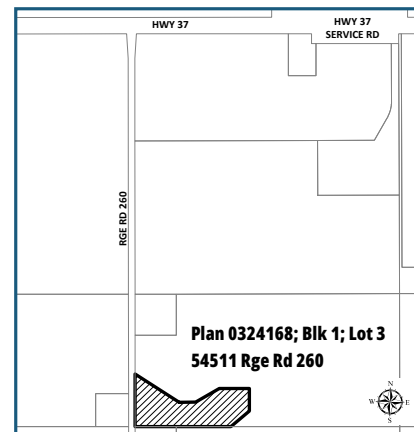
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PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1606/22 Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

In accordance with section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaw 1606/22. This Bylaw proposes to redistrict a portion of land within Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 0324168 from AG – Agriculture District to INS – Institutional District.

The Public Hearing will be held both in person and via videoconference:
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
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Any inquiries regarding the proposed Bylaw should be directed to **Jonathan Heemskerck** in Planning and Development Services at jheemskerck@sturgeoncounty.ca or **780-939-1398**.

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Bylaw Amendment 1612/22 The Municipal Government Act

Section 251 – The Municipal Government Act

Take notice that the Council of Sturgeon County, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw Amendment 1612/22 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said County to borrow monies from the Province of Alberta or another authorized Financial Institution, as authorized under bylaws 1530/21, 1573/22, 1574/22, 1575/22, 1576/22, 1577/22, 1578/22, 1579/22 and 1602/22, at revised terms and rates of borrowing.

Namely, the borrowed monies will be repayable to the Province of Alberta or another authorized Financial Institution in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payment installments not to exceed fifteen (15) years at an annual interest rate not exceeding ten per cent (10%), or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Province of Alberta or another authorized Financial Institution.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of Sturgeon County that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on **Bylaw 1612/22** is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

The proposed bylaw may be examined between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the office of the Legislative Services Officer, Sturgeon County, 9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta.

You can view the proposed bylaw on the Sturgeon County website at www.sturgeoncounty.ca.

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The sun sets behind the trees in Morinville on January 3. – Stephen Dafeo Photo

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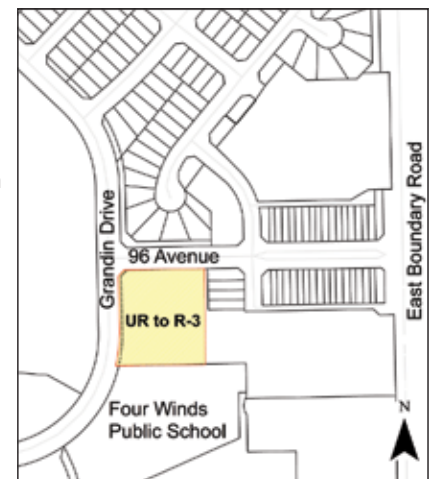
for proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment- Bylaw 1/2023

You are invited to participate in a Public Hearing for a proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment (LUB) Bylaw 1/2023 and provide your comments directly to Council.

Please email Legislative Services at legislativeofficer@morinville.ca by 4 p.m. on January 23, 2023, with your written comments or to register to speak in person. These comments will be reviewed as part of the public hearing process. A copy of the proposed bylaw related to the public hearing may be accessed by visiting the Town website at www.morinville.ca/councilcalendar and selecting the January 10, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

What is the LUB Amendment about?

The purpose of the proposed Bylaw 1/2023 is to amend Town's Land Use Bylaw by redistricting ~1.10 hectares of a portion of land legally described as NE 34-55-25-W4 and located within the Juniper Heights neighbourhood from Urban Reserve (UR) District to Medium Density Residential (R-3) District. The intent of this proposal is to allow for medium density residential development. The Town Administration supports this proposal as it aligns with Town's higher-level plans.



PUBLIC HEARING for proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment- Bylaw 1/2023:
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 4 p.m.

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and that part of the delay was in getting reinspected and cleared to reopen.

“We passed that and everything, the health department inspection,” he said. “That one was taking time because of Christmas and New Year and everything that was going on.”

But with the fire-related work done, and everything cleared in the inspection, Pillai and his staff are looking forward to once again serving their clientele.

“We’re excited. They [our customers] like our pizzas because everything is made with

fresh dough,” Pillai said, adding that it took two days to prepare for Friday’s reopening.

Asian Garden to open later

Two of the four main street businesses are still closed.

Cell Tech, which sells and repairs phones and computers, has yet to reopen.

“We are not open yet, and we have not decided the opening date yet because the way to [the] mechanical room of the building goes through our store,” the company said in a message. “Building authorities need access to the mechanical room every other day. Thus, we are not able to open yet.”

Asian Gardens, a popular Chinese restaurant, is scheduled to open this spring, as

Two of four Morinville businesses closed due to the hotel fire at the Morinville Plaza Hotel & Suites have now reopened. - Stephen Dafeo Photo

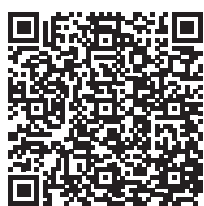


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We have two opportunities to join the board. One seat is reserved for a junior member aged 16 – 25. Members must live in Sturgeon County.

Members will serve a three-year term, while junior members will serve a two-year term, and attend 10-12 meetings per year (in person or online). Members are paid for their time.



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considerable work is needed to restore the location from smoke and water damage.

Jayson Wood, Executive Business Manager for Complete Care Restoration Services Ltd. is in charge of the restoration project.

Wood told Morinville Online that part of the delay in reopening is, first and foremost, securing the property after the fire, followed by the need for insurance companies to do their work. In this case, not only the building itself but each of the tenants.

“You need to have five fire investigators come out, so obviously, there is a full week written off,” he explained.

“There are significant processes that need to take

place before an actual rebuild can take place.”

Wood said getting the building back operational has included some needed updates, including new gas lines and some electrical work due to both the age of the building and the fire.

“Most people don’t understand that fire makes up probably five percent of any damage. A significant portion is going to be water,” he said.

Fire Investigator Dan Blackburn said the November 6 fire is still under investigation.

“What I can tell you is that the Plaza fire is still under investigation. It is not considered to be suspicious or criminal in nature. The fire cause is not yet determined.”

Morinville Jets defeat Red Wings in midweek game

By Stephen Dafeo and Morinville Online

Edmonton by a margin of four to one to take the day 6-3.

The Morinville Jets stepped out of the holiday season to play their first game of 2023 on the road Wednesday night against the North Edmonton Red Wings. That contest resulted in a 6-3 win for the Jets.

Heading into the Christmas break, the Jets were two for two after being Oh for two.

Wednesday night’s road game extended that winning streak to three straight games.

It was a close game throughout two periods, with the Jets and Red Wings tied 1-1 after one and 2-2 after two.

But the final frame saw the Jets outscore North

Edmonton by a margin of four to one to take the day 6-3. Wednesday night was the third time the Jets and Red Wings have squared off this season and the first time the Jets defeated the Capital Junior Hockey League West Division’s second-ranked club.

The midweek win brings the Jets to a 19-8-1 record this season and third place in the West Division, one point behind the Red Wings and six points behind the league-leading St. Albert Merchants.

The Jets played the Fort Saskatchewan Hawks on Sunday night at home. Game results were not available by our press deadline.

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Domestic disputes and family violence top SVS calls in 2022

doesn't just represent one person per file," Melvin said. "It's heartbreaking to see. To see the stats that high is alarming."

In the case of a domestic dispute or family violence, the RCMP will call in SVS to assist after the initial police call.

Working with victims of crime and tragedy is performed by volunteers called advocates who have specialized training and high-level RCMP clearance. Melvin said Sturgeon Victim Services currently has 12 advocates who are available 24/7 when on rotation.

"Most likely, we are not getting called out to those [active] situations, but we will receive a referral, and we call those families. We try to mitigate the stress that is going on," Melvin explained.

Melvin explained that when basic needs are not being met (food, housing, financial) increased stresses in the home can lead to arguments, disputes and violence.

"We offer counselling resources. We can look at community engagements that are happening, anything to support families, even parenting courses," she said.

Melvin said she prefers to receive domestic dispute calls rather than family violence calls because it allows her team to get into a situation before violence has occurred to mitigate a worsening situation.

The concerns are real. With domestic disputes and family violence totaling 233 of 628 calls last year, it is 37.1% of the organization's calls.

"It's horrible," Melvin said.

Another alarming statistic for 2022 was sexual assaults, which had 60 files that SVS responded to in the municipalities within Sturgeon County and Alexander First Nation. 25 of the 60 were in Morinville. Melvin said some of those numbers are related to an ongoing police investigation.

In July 2022, 21-year-old Imesh Ratnayake was formally charged by RCMP with many sexual assaults. Police reported in late December that there might be as many as 100 additional unidentified victims of child luring and sexual assault in Edmonton and the surrounding area.

The next highest number of calls in 2022 was sudden death calls, which increased from 31 in 2021 to 41 in 2022.

Melvin said sudden death calls include those who were ill, suicides, drug overdoses, and other sudden passings, including sudden infant death syndrome.

Melvin said the RCMP almost always call upon SVS to assist in those instances, and they always attend unless the family declines. In declining cases, Melvin said it is almost always because the deceased was expected to pass due to final stage illnesses.

Changes coming to victim service units

The Government of Alberta is currently planning changes to how victim services units in the province operate.

Under the current model, there are 71 victim service units across the province, including the one operating out of the Morinville

detachment. With the changes announced by the Government of Alberta, they will move to a model that uses four zones in 2024.

Each zone will include a governing board, an executive director, and a team of 10

centralized professional support staff (CPSS). Under those four groups will be 131 case workers for all of Alberta.

Last fall, Melvin raised concerns with the province about the changes and was selected as one of 15 SVS experts to sit

on a government group to examine how the changes will take place.

For more information on Sturgeon Victim Services, visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/SturgeonVictimServices/>

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Members must live in Sturgeon County and available to serve a two-year term and attend 10-12 meetings per year (in-person or online). You will be paid for your time and it's great experience for your resume.



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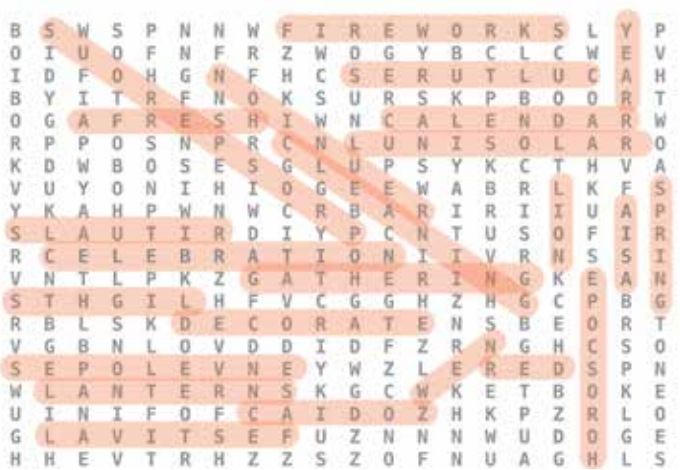
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▲ On Wednesday, December 28, female development sessions were led by Wayne A. Gatza, with assistance from the Morinville Kings Senior AA Hockey Team. Head Coach Jen Lockridge said, "the Kings demonstrated true leadership and passion for the game. Their enthusiasm to work with the group meant a lot! This is a great example of community supporting one another." The U13-U15 participants were thrilled to participate in such a high-caliber session.



Jocelyn Hansen of Fusion Thrift Shoppe presents Anne Stalzer a cheque for \$1045, money that will be used to support families from Ukraine. Stalzer has supported five families to date and a sixth is coming soon – Stephen Dafoe Photo



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BUNGALOW ON DOUBLE LOT

Very solid, well built bungalow on a huge 130'x110' double lot in the hamlet of Thorhild. Upgrades include new paint, main floor flooring, shingles on both house and garage as well as upgraded attic insulation. Gorgeous classic sculptured ceiling in living room and well kept mahogany doors, trim and cabinets. This home features double 3/8" drywall throughout the main floor. Basement is partially finished with a 3 pce bath and large family room. There is plenty of room to add another bedroom and make a bit smaller family room if needed. The huge yard has lots of large, mature native trees along with apple, crabapple, chokecherry and plum trees. Lots of room to park an RV, set up a playground, or to have a massive garden. There is even a clothesline. Good sturdy single detached garage finishes this great property. **\$179,900. Call Heather to view.**



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78.53 ACRES FOR THE NATURE LOVER

Gorgeous fully treed land about 1 hour north of Edmonton in Thorhild County. Approximately half large, mature spruce trees with the south end deciduous trees. There is an access off the range road and a trail was cut into a bit of clearing for camping. It has become a bit overgrown but could easily be cleared out once again. Great opportunity to build your cabin or dream home. Great for hunting or nature lovers with lots of wildlife. Owners have seen lots of deer and moose. Excellent possibility of subdividing a 10 acre parcel from this piece. Adjoining 80 acres with homestead also for sale. **\$147,500 Call Heather for directions.**



COMMERCIAL LOT IN THORHILD

Great exposure for this lot as it's located right on the corner of two major highways. This 1.07 acre lot is fully fenced with chainlink fencing and has had geotech fabric laid down with many, many yards of gravel on top which gives a very solid base. So many possibilities here. Storage lot for equipment or rvs. Build a drive through restaurant, motel, bar. Bring your imagination. **\$114,900 Call Heather for more info.**



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STARTER HOME WITH HEATED GARAGE

Perfect starter home, retirement home or for an investor in Thorhild. Comes with a fantastic 26'x24' insulated, heated garage built in 2008. Garage has a steel i-beam to lift motors and two 10' high overhead doors. The home features a newer electrical panel, linoleum and laminate flooring, furnace and h/w tank. There is 1 bedroom and a 3 piece bath on the upper floor. Bsmt has a toilet and shower in the laundry room. The rest of the basement is one open room. There is a sink and small cabinets in this room as well. Large back deck, gas line for bbq, storage shed and beautiful mature trees complete this property. **\$99,900 Call Heather to view.**



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5.51 ACRES WITH UPGRADED BUNGALOW

Beautiful 5.51 acres with classic 1091 sq ft 3 bedroom bungalow. Upgrades over the past few years include all new windows, flooring, complete bathroom renovations, paint and hot water tank. Gorgeous original mahogany cabinets, doors and trim throughout. Basement has had one wall completed with old barnwood for a future family room or bedroom and it has roughed in plumbing for future bathroom. There is a great cold room/storm shelter at one end of the basement. Outside you will find an older garage, greenhouse, small barn and lots of storage sheds which would make great chicken coops or animal shelters. There is a nice fenced and cross fenced pasture area on the north side of the yard suitable for horses. The north west is surrounded by large, mature bush for a great windbreak and there are numerous flowering shrubs, decorative trees and fruit trees planted throughout the property. Lots of room for a future garden. Located just a few miles SW of Thorhild. **\$299,900. Call Heather to view.**



BUNGALOW WITH DOUBLE ATTACHED GARAGE IN THORHILD

1434 sq ft home with full basement features a large kitchen with lots of cabinets and corner pantry, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, main floor laundry room, 3 pce main bath and 4 pce ensuite. Upgrades over the years include windows, metal roof, new drywall, and flooring. The main bath has a newer corner shower and the ensuite has a newer soaker tub. Furnace and hot water tank installed in the last few years. There is laundry hookups both upstairs and in the basement. The basement also has a chimney for a wood burning stove. The basement exterior walls are insulated and it is waiting for your future development. The 24'x24' attached garage is insulated and finished inside and has one overhead door. The framing is in for a second overhead door. **\$159,900. Call Heather to view.**



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