

Morinville and District Chamber hosting International Women's Day event

By Stephen Dafoe
and Morinville Online

The Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce is hosting an International Women's Day Celebration, the first of what it hopes will be an annual event.

The celebration is at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on Thursday, March 9, starting at 5 p.m.

"At our business awards last year, we noticed that every single new business nominee was a female entrepreneur," said Chamber Manager Roberta Pawluk of the motivation behind organizing the event.

"A couple of them approached us to celebrate women in business for International Women's Day."

After speaking to some local women entrepreneurs about helping to organize the event, Pawluk said everything just "kind of came together."

Although the event started with celebrating women entrepreneurs, the March 9 event is open to all women.

Things will start at 5 p.m. March 9 with a Sip and Shop with wine, charcuterie boards and an opportunity to shop with seven Morinville and Sturgeon County women's businesses.

The formal program starts at 6 p.m. with a welcome followed by a guest speaker who will talk about the importance of setting boundaries.

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Chamber Manager Roberta Pawluk (left) and assistant Jessica Wood pose with flyers for the Chamber's International Women's Day event at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on Thursday, March 9. - **Stephen Dafoe Photo**



Cardiff resident and MCHS and Rooke School of Karate student Dylan Weiss, who we reported on in our last edition, took a bronze medal over the Family Day weekend at the Canada Winter Games in PEI. This year was the debut of the sport at the Winter Games. - **Photo courtesy Rooke School of Karate**

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PUBLIC HEARING - BYLAW 1615/23

Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on Bylaw 1615/23. This Bylaw proposes to redistrict a portion of land within the NE-05-55-24-4 from AG - Agriculture District to AG2 - Agriculture 2 District.



The Public Hearing will be held on:
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at:
 Sturgeon County Council Chambers
 9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta

The Public Hearing will also be livestreamed at sturgeoncounty.ca

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 **780-939-8277**.

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 March 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.) by contacting Legislative Services at **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**.

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 780-939-4321, or foip@sturgeoncounty.ca

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Higher Grounds Manager Rick Melvin poses with two leaves from the coffee shop's Giving Tree, seen on the wall behind him. The laminated drawing of a tree has multi-coloured leaves, each redeemable for a coffee, soup or full meal. The process is simple. Those with a little money to spare can pre-pay for a coffee or meal, and those who lack the funds can take a leaf and get the food they need. - **Stephen Dafoe Photo**

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An interactive segment follows. Called What Colour is Your Personality, Pawluk said it would be a fun way for women to get to know themselves and each other.

"As part of that, you have to find someone with an opposing colour and then get into groups with all the colours,"

Pawluk said.

A panel of women entrepreneurs will follow the interactive part of the evening and networking from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Pawluk and the Chamber are hoping to sell out the event and invite area women to come out and meet other interesting women.

"We have some very dynamic women in our community that are worthwhile getting to know," Pawluk said.

Tickets for the event, which is 60 percent sold out, are \$45 per person and available at the Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce office or by calling 780-939-9462.



Proposed Resource Extraction Changes

PUBLIC HEARING -BYLAWS 1607/22 & 1608/22

Amendments to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

In accordance with section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaws 1607/22 and 1608/22.

Bylaw 1607/22 proposes to:

- a) Amend the existing Resource Extraction land use district by:
 - adding transportation performance standards to the district;
 - adding Groundwater management requirements & management plans to district;
 - adding community consultation and communication requirements to district and
 - removing the allowance to reduce the prescribed setbacks if agreed to in writing by area residents.

b) Add a new Resource Extraction Direct Control District to the Land Use Bylaw that allows for:

- exact setbacks of this new district to be determined on a case-by-case basis at the redistricting stage;
- built-in flexibility where the regulations can be adapted to the land (and its characteristics) that the zoning will be applied to;
- a process that allows for public input at the public hearing stage and confirmation of relevant regulations by Council prior to 3rd reading of the relevant bylaw, and
- a full range of enhanced performance standards applied on a case-by-case basis as Council deems appropriate.

Bylaw 1608/22 provides for the repeal of the Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Extraction Area Structure Plan Bylaw 922/01.

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The Public Hearing will be held both in person and via videoconference:
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at:
 Sturgeon County Council Chambers 9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta, T8R 1L9

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Morinville RCMP investigating Theft of Liquor

On January 25, 2023, at approximately 6:09 p.m., Morinville responded to a theft of liquor from the Great Canadian liquor store in Morinville.

A male was seen on video placing a bottle of liquor into his pants before walking out of the store without paying.

The male suspect is described as wearing:

- A blue baseball cap with "YEG"
- Blue plaid winter coat
- Black sweatpants

If you can identify the suspect, please contact the Morinville RCMP at 780-939-1600 or call your local police.

If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers www.crimestoppers.ab.ca for instructions).



Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association hosting AGM, looking for board members

By Stephen Dafoe and Morinville Online

The Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association (SRCWA) is holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Rendez-Vous Centre.

The crime watch organization, which operates as additional eyes and ears for the Morinville RCMP Detachment and educates area residents about crime prevention, hopes Sturgeon County residents will help the work of the organization by joining the board.

Currently, the association is looking to fill the vacant positions of Vice President and Treasurer as well as zone and other vacancies.

Association Secretary Sherry Menard said that in September of 2021, SRCWA urgently requested people to attend the AGM and consider joining the board as the organization feared collapsing.

"The response was excellent, and a new Board established," Menard said in an email interview, noting that over the past year and a half, SRCWA had re-established the association's boundary to include all of Sturgeon County.

"We then had to reset the zone boundaries to reflect the Division 1 to 6 boundaries of [Sturgeon] County," Menard said. "Currently, we are working on updating our Register of Members (which is no small task) and preparing the paperwork to



A bright yellow sign sits affixed to a fence at the end of a township road in this file photo. Its message is straightforward and to the point: Rural Crime Watch Area.

enter in the new RAVE fan-out system managed by the RCMP."

But to do the work and spread the word of the association, they need to fill positions, namely vice president, treasurer, and several zone directors for the six zones. Each zone can have two to three volunteer directors, depending on the size.

The AGM will also see nominations and an election for the association president as the president's term ends before the 2024 AGM. Current President Michelle Addo has agreed to let her name stand. The elected directors hold office for a term of three years.

"As per the SRCWA Bylaws, all positions, both elected and appointed, are filled from the Register of Members," Menard explained, adding

members must be at least 18 years of age and residents of Sturgeon County.

SRCWA memberships cost \$25 for a lifetime membership, valid as long as the member resides in Sturgeon County.

"We are looking for individuals to reflect the population of the County of Sturgeon," Menard said. "We need individuals to bring forth some new ideas. We are looking to appoint two to three directors for each zone. Some of our current Zone Directors have agreed to let their name stand. We are hoping to attract six new Board members, particularly from the East side of the County."

For more information about Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch, visit them online at <http://sturgeonruralcrimewatch.org>.

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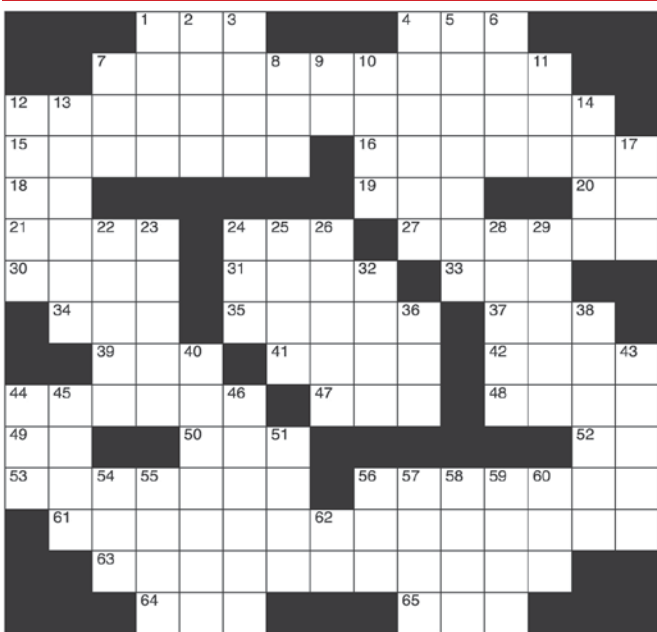


Last Friday, during Professional Development day at Legal Catholic School, the school staff prepared sandwiches for vulnerable individuals in Inner City Edmonton. These sandwiches were to be distributed through Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples, which provides pre-made sandwiches to those in need.



École Notre Dame in Morinville celebrated Pink Shirt Day with a delicious pancake breakfast. Students and staff wore pink shirts as a symbol of their support for anti-bullying efforts. This event was a great opportunity for the school community to come together and demonstrate their commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all.

CROSSWORD



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- powers of foresight
 2. Single sheet of glass
 3. Portrays a character
 4. Expresses happiness
 5. Acquires
 6. "The Martian" author
 7. Degree
 8. 60-minute intervals
 9. A detective's pal
 10. Group of nations (abbr.)
 11. Popular Georgia rockers
 12. Fencing swords
 13. Basement
 14. Samoan monetary unit
 17. Male parent 22. Finnish lake
 23. A smooth fabric
 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
 26. Very willing
 28. Expressed pleasure
 29. Lasso
 32. Hindu model of ideal man
 36. Move your head in approval
 38. Ill-__: gained illegally
 40. Die
 43. Accused publicly
 44. Precious stone
 45. Individual thing or person
 46. Behaved in a way that degraded
 51. Derogatory term
 54. No seats available
 55. Liability
 56. Popular beverage
 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
 58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
 59. Troubles
 60. Negative
 62. Camper

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

1. Relaxing place
4. Plant by scattering
7. A type of explorer
12. Unique traits
15. Lady
16. Dismayed
18. Railway
19. Type of whale
20. Sodium
21. Manning and Lilly are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Entrapped
30. Influential punk artist
31. Hebrew calendar month
33. Car mechanics group
34. Undesirable rodent
35. Minneapolis suburb
37. Witch

CLUES DOWN

1. A person with unusual
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. British School
44. Country on west coast of Africa
47. Cool!
48. Information 49. __ route
50. Jim Nantz's network
52. Something to register (abbr.)
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. One who's learning on the job
61. Stevenson adventure novel
63. Taking careful notice
64. CNN's founder
65. Speak badly of

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The staff of the Town of Morinville made a strong statement against bullying last week by wearing pink shirts on Pink Shirt Day. This annual event aims to raise awareness about the negative impact of bullying and empowers individuals to take action against it. It serves as a reminder that everyone has a responsibility to contribute to the creation of safe and welcoming communities where bullying is not accepted or tolerated.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) 

Take a few deep breaths before forging ahead with a plan that you have in mind, Aries. You might need to think things through a little more in the days to come.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) 

Taurus, when a new opportunity arises, you may feel like a fish out of water until you get into a routine. After that learning period, things will come more easily.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) 

Gemini, do not wait around for change to come. Sometimes you have to get the ball rolling yourself. Put plans in motion and figure out who will join you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) 

Cancer, right now is a big waiting game, and that could have you feeling a bit frustrated. If you are ready for action, take on a hobby or something else to stay busy.

LEO (July 23 - August 23) 

Leo, you may get wind that others are talking about you when you are not around. Remember that all publicity is good publicity. You're on their minds and that's important.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 22) 

Virgo, after a few tumultuous months, you finally get into a groove and forge a new path for yourself. You may be surprised by what comes your way.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23) 

You may joke about something that someone else takes very seriously, Libra. Be careful with your words to avoid offending someone you care about.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) 

You may have a lot of ideas, Scorpio, but it is essential to figure out funding if those plans are to be put in motion. This includes home improvements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) 

Sagittarius, it's time to embrace your love of culture, as you need to start pushing the creative side rather than the analytical one. Visit a museum when time permits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) 

Opportunity awaits if you know where to look, Capricorn. A new business venture could be right around the corner. Start thinking of ways to get involved.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 18) 

Aquarius, big project is finished and you could not be happier. That pressure may have been weighing you down and now you have more free time.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20) 

Pisces, your own mind could be your only obstacle this week. Clear this mental hurdle and enjoy the challenges ahead.

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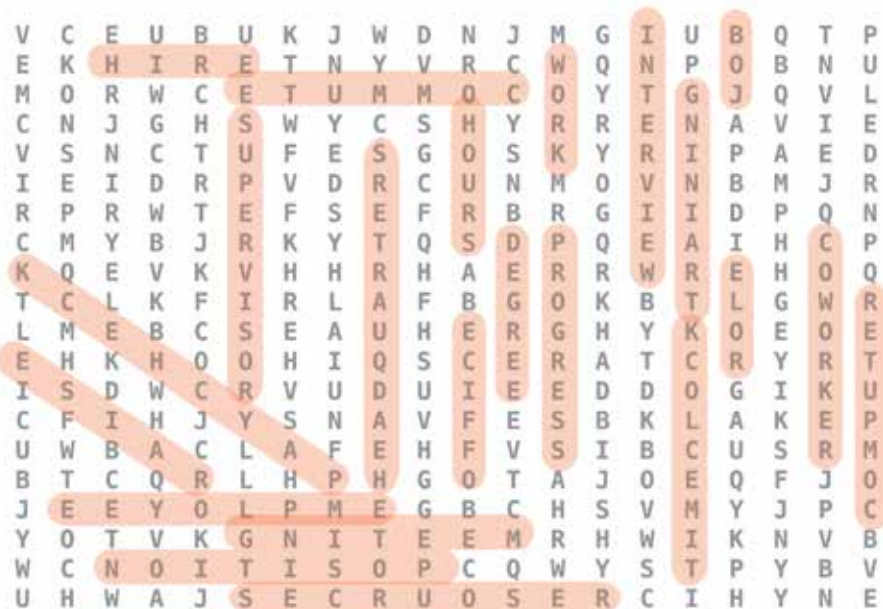
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		8						4
							5	6
1	9							
8	4		6					7
			2	7				
			9		5			2

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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