

# Council gets update on progress of 2022 and 2023 Capital Projects



The Morinville Leisure Centre trail along Highway 642 near East Boundary Road has been closed for some time. That trail, one of several 2023 capital projects, will be rerouted in 2023 and is expected to be completed by end of summer. - Morinville Online Photo See article on page 3

## High school-level French Immersion coming to SCHS this fall

By Stephen Dafoe  
and Morinville Online

Sturgeon Public School (SPS) will offer high school-level French Immersion at Sturgeon Composite High School (SCHS) this fall.

The 2023-2024 school year marks the first time in the Division's history that the program is offered.

The French Immersion program allows students to learn and study the French language in a variety of subjects to help students become proficient in French

through a fully immersive environment.

The SCHS program will include French-taught courses in the Humanities Department, offering Grade 10 French Language Arts (FLA10) and Grade 10 Social Studies (Études Sociales 10).

Dependent on enrollment, the Division hopes to add French-taught Sciences and Math eventually.

"The French immersion program is a new endeavour to SPS and started with

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Gidget Bouchard, Vice Principal and French Language Arts teacher at Four Winds Public School. (left) Sarah Workman, French Immersion Kindergarten Teacher at École Morinville Public School. (right). Sturgeon Public Schools will offer high school-level French Immersion this fall at Sturgeon Composite High School.

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SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 7

**CORRECTION NOTICE:** In our March 1 edition of the Morinville Free Press we incorrectly identified Dylan Weiss, who took a bronze medal in Karate at the Canada Winter Games in PEI, as being a Cardiff resident. Dylan is a resident of Morinville. We apologize for the error.



## WINTER MAINTENANCE SURVEY

We are seeking input from Morinville residents to help shape future service levels for snow clearing activities in the Town of Morinville.

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# Council gets update on progress of 2022 and 2023 Capital Projects

By Colin Smith and Morinville Online

There is good news about the Town of Morinville's capital infrastructure projects.

At its committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, March 21 council received a capital projects update presented by Vivian Anoliefo, the town's infrastructure projects coordinator, who described 2022 as a great construction year for the town.

Fourteen infrastructure projects were undertaken, of which nine have been completed and are in warranty phase.

These projects came in on schedule and under budget.

Three projects are in the closing phase, and are currently under budget and expected to be completed soon. Two more projects are still ongoing with completion expected later this year, on budget.

Some of these capital projects were not

approved until April 2022 because of interim budget deliberations.

Anoliefo noted in her update that tendering projects later in the year like this leads to less competition and higher prices, because many contractors already have full workloads.

It was pointed out that when projects come in under budget the remaining funds go into reserves, to be factored in during budgeting for future capital projects.

The nine projects that have been completed include the 2022 Road Rehabilitation Program, the 100 Street Trail Extension, Sidewalk Rehabilitation, the East Boundary Road Improvement Planning Project and the East Boundary Bridge Repair.

The other completed projects are the Morinville Leisure Centre Landscaping Improvements, LAV III Site Power Services,

Sanitary Sewer Relining Program (year two of four) and Town Hall Flagpoles - which saw installation of two new flagpoles to allow for the flying of the Treaty Six flag and other flags.

The three projects that are in the closing phase are the Highway 642/Grandin Drive Intersection Planning Project, Engineering Standards Update, and Cardiff Road/100 Street Intersection Planning Project.

Ongoing 2022 projects are the Park Pavilion, with completion expected in late summer or early fall, and the Morinville Leisure Centre Pylon Sign, to be installed around the end of next month.

Completion delays for these projects were the result of seasonal shutdown and supply chain issues.

Anoliefo also outlined the nine infrastructure-related capital projects going ahead this year.

Among these are the

Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program, MLC Trail Rehabilitation, Sanitary Sewer Relining Program (Year 3 of 4), Utility Servicing Report, Utility Infrastructure Renewal and 2023 Residential Road Rehabilitation: which will take place on 97 Avenue, 97A Avenue and 96A Street within Grandin Park.

Also underway are municipal building major repairs, Arterial Road Rehabilitation, Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation and the Town Hall Generator Design Planning Project.

The 2023 capital projects are progressing well, said Anoliefo.

Necessary permit applications for the 2023 capital projects have been submitted to Alberta Transportation and Sturgeon County and approved.

Currently, the projects are currently at the procurement stage, which involves development of procurement plan, bids review,



contract negotiation and ensuring the availability of materials, services, and resources to meet the project requirements.

Anoliefo stated that many of the project tenders have been published for bidding, with some closed and being reviewed while others will be closed soon.

Risks that may affect 2023 capital projects are high construction-related costs due to inflation and uncertainties about subsurface conditions, which are not always known when project costs are being estimated.

Council voted to accept the Capital Projects Update as information.

## PUBLIC HEARING - BYLAW 1623/23 Road Closure Bylaw - Area 'A' Plan 232 0067

Pursuant to Section 22 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, notice is hereby given of the intention of Council to pass a bylaw for the purposes of disposal to close portions of road described as:

- All that portion of Original Government Road Allowance Lying within Area 'A' on Plan 232 0067
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The Public Hearing will be held on:  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**  
(or as soon as practical thereafter) at:

Sturgeon County Council Chambers  
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The Public Hearing will also be livestreamed at [sturgeoncounty.ca](http://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**.

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### 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](mailto:legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca). Written submissions will be accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing. Persons making written submissions are required to provide their name, identify their interest in the matter (for example, if they are a County resident directly affected by the proposed bylaw), and if they are in favour or opposed to the proposed bylaw.

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Any inquiries regarding the proposed Bylaw should be directed to **Gary Mayhew**, Director of Transportation & Engineering Services, at **780-939-4321**.

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Morinville RCMP continue to investigate the fatal pedestrian hit-and-run collision which took the life of 19-year-old Angel Cardinal, of Edmonton.

Despite continued efforts, the RCMP have yet to identify those responsible for this tragic event and continue to seek input from the public.

RCMP are looking to speak to anyone who was traveling on Highway 28 near the

Anthony Henday on February 26, 2022, between 4:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m.

RCMP would also like to speak to those that knew Angel and

who could provide insight on what brought her to Highway 28 on February 26, 2022.

If you have any information, please contact the Morinville RCMP at 780-939-4520.

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A message from a romantic partner or business associate could come this week, Aries. Keep a watchful eye on your email inbox or the regular mail.

## TAURUS Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, this week you can expect to have an interesting conversation with someone about a topic you're fond of discussing. It could spark a new friendship.

## GEMINI May 22/June 21

You likely will have a lot of physical and mental energy this week, Gemini. Figure out a project you can stand behind and put that energy to good use.

## CANCER June 22/July 22

Keep an eye on the front door, Cancer. A delivery may be coming your way in the next few days. It's not something you ordered, but could be a gift.

## LEO July 23/Aug 23

Leo, you could use a diversion this week. When a friend seeks your company, this can be the perfect way to direct your mind somewhere else.

## VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, financial paperwork could take up some of your time in the days to come. It's a necessary evil to keep things on track. Seek help from someone else if you get frustrated.

## LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23

Speaking with someone else on a fascinating subject triggers your curious side, Libra. You may want to take a class or pursue this subject in another way.

## SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Your emotions might get the better of you this week, Scorpio. Try to focus attention onto something that doesn't trigger negative feelings. Distraction could be the key.

## SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

Stimulating social occasions are what you need right now, Sagittarius. Such get-togethers will introduce you to new people and new ideas that can inspire.

## CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, this week you have an opportunity to impress others and get them talking, likely changing their opinions of you. Make every effort to win others over.

## AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18


It's important to keep in touch with friends even if they have moved away, Aquarius. Phone calls, texts and video chats can bridge the gap created by physical distance.

## PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, tally up your investments because they could be worth more than you think, especially if you are invested in real estate.



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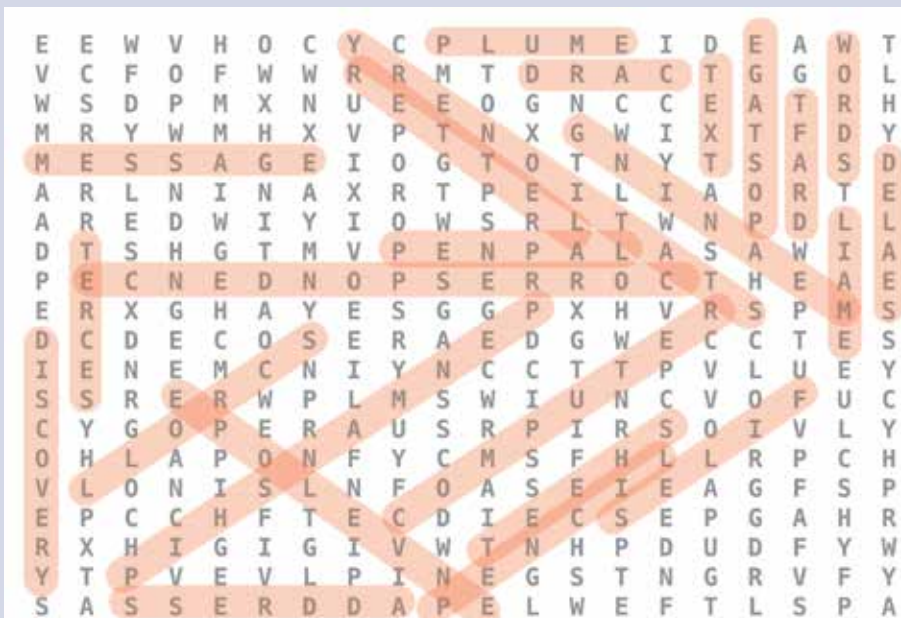
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### High school-level French Immersion coming to SCHS this fall

the first kindergarten class 10 years ago,” explained Sturgeon Public School Superintendent Shawna Warren.

“The program grew a grade each year, and we are now expanding into high school. 2023-2024 is the embarkment of

French Immersion into high school, beginning with a grade 10 class. We are excited to have grown the program to have enough French Immersion enrolment to offer courses at the high school level.”

Warren said that

responding to community needs and offering choice to the division’s French Immersion families beyond elementary and jr. high makes the new program opportunity exciting.

“Creating the connection to the rich French heritage of the area, SPS is committed to French immersion instruction in our

schools. The French immersion students at SPS can continue receiving the quality education of our school division’s teachers within their own community.”

SPS has committed to launch the two French-taught humanities courses with the students currently enrolled at Four Winds Public School in grade 9.

“Should we welcome more students to the program, we would expand and offer Sciences 10 and Mathématiques 10, depending on enrolment,” Warren said.

“Sturgeon Composite High School would accept new registrations that are French-speaking and want to continue their quality education that meets the

needs of their rural families.”

Further information on the fall offerings is available at the Sturgeon Composite High School and Sturgeon Public Schools websites.

Families can also contact SCHS or Sturgeon Public Schools Central Office for further information.

## LETTER WRITING WORD SEARCH

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The Knit Wits Spinning Yarns group gets together every Tuesday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Morinville Community Library. The group gets together to work on individual projects in a group setting. - Stephen Dafoe Photo



A house sparrow sits in a Morinville tree wondering when spring will finally arrive.



Stephen Dafoe Photos

A house sparrow takes flight from a birdhouse during its look for spring food.



#### 2.32 ACRES FOR ONLY \$249,900

Great opportunity here for an affordable acreage in Sturgeon County, just a few miles west of Legal and less than 1/2 hour to Edmonton. 960 sq ft bungalow built in 1973. Kitchen, living room, 2 bedrooms and 4 pce bath on main floor. Basement has a walkout door to the yard, 2 pce bathroom and is framed for 3 more bedrooms. Upgrades over the years include windows, kitchen cabinets, some flooring and complete bathroom upgrades. Both front and back decks have maintenance free railings. There is also a mechanical lift to allow access to the back deck and house with a wheelchair. The 2.32 acres is well treed and mostly fenced. There is an older garage that would also make a nice barn or large chicken coop along with a storage shed. Only 1 mile off pavement. **Call Heather to view.**



#### SMOKY LAKE BUNGALOW WITH HEATED GARAGE

Just over 1400sq.ft move in ready bungalow right in the heart of Smoky Lake. The kitchen was completely renovated in 2012, with new cabinets, built in hidden dishwasher, counter top gas stove, built in microwave and oven, beautiful hood fan, and engineered wood floors. There is a great butler’s pantry with cabinets that match the kitchen. 2012 renos also include main floor bathrooms, new moulding and trim, main floor light fixtures, and a high efficiency furnace. The basement is prewired for surround sound for optimal movie night enjoyment. The oversized primary bedroom has 3 closets and 3 pce ensuite. The house boasts RAYOMAX windows and is a spacious open floor plan. Garage and house roof redone in 2009. The oversized 28X30 heated garage, low maintenance deck, and a newer fence complete this must see house. Smoky Lake has everything you need with doctors, dentist, grocery stores, close to many lakes and is about an hour and 15 min to Edmonton. **\$299,900. Call Janine 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.**



#### NEW LISTINGS

##### GORGEOUS ACREAGE CLOSE TO EDMONTON

A rural hillside gem! Walk into the foyer and see the living room to the left, flowing into a bright dining area right off a kitchen with GRANITE counter tops and updated appliances! The open concept kitchen has a casual dining space and den with HARDWOOD floors and a gas fireplace. The den opens to a large back deck with a beautiful gazebo and hot tub. The highlight of the main floor is the giant family room with a WET BAR! 2pc bath across the hall. Upstairs is a WHOLE WING for the primary bedroom - the bedroom itself with french doors, a bonus room, and a massive 4pc ensuite. Finishing up the upstairs are three additional bedrooms and a 4pc bathroom. Attached is a double oversized garage. If all of this still isn’t enough space for you, there’s a full basement for development opportunity! Situated on 1.54 acres this property is a green haven with beautiful gardens and a treed lot. Central AIR CONDITIONING, storage sheds and room for your RV. Easy access to Hwy 28 and Edmonton. Don’t miss this treasure! **\$699,000. Call Glenn to view.**



##### FULLY RENOVATED IN REDWATER!

Beautifully upgraded 3 bdrm 2 bathroom 16x80 mobile home on a huge pie lot that backs onto a park in a cul-de-sac in Redwater. Home was built in 1991 and had a new metal roof and vinyl siding installed in 2007. Hot water tank was replaced in 2012. Since 2015 it has had a new furnace and air conditioner, new appliances, new high end laminate and linoleum throughout, new interior doors, baseboards and trim, windows, light fixtures, toilets, bathroom vanity and sink, bottom kitchen cabinets and countertops, sink and taps, and more. All expansion strips were removed and joints filled in and the whole house was painted. Vaulted ceilings, skylight, pantry, built in china cabinet, huge master bedroom with soaker tub, walk in closet and large 2nd and 3rd bedrooms are some of the features. Yard is fenced with a gate to the park and has two nice storage sheds. There are extra pilings already in for a deck or addition. Room for a garage on this lot. You own the lot so no rent! Must be seen! **139,900 Call Janine to view.**



#### FARM LAND NORTH OF GIBBONS

Two 75 Acre parcels of land north of Gibbons. The land is zoned agricultural and fully fenced with a crop lease of \$3000/yr. on each 75 Acres. Easily accessed by Highway 28 and close to town. **Asking \$289,900. For each parcel. Call Glenn for more info.**



#### 2.47 ACRES READY TO BUILD ON

Newly fenced land with easy access to Hwy 44 and Hwy 2. Municipal water line and fiber optic cable runs in front of the property, possibility to hook up to property. Minutes NW of Morinville, great opportunity for a new build or investment! **\$174,900. Call Glenn to view.**



#### 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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