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## Former county councillor empowers rural property owners with wireless security systems



Stephen Dafoe Photo

By Stephen Dafoe

Sturgeon County resident and former County Councillor Wayne Bokenfohr knows the importance of protecting rural property owners against crime, which has increased recently. Having previously been in the security business, he is helping rural and urban residents and companies protect themselves and their properties with the Ajax

product line of home security systems. "The police can't get there fast enough, so we're going to have to start policing ourselves," Bokenfohr said. "The unique part about the product is it is wireless and has its own protocol. The components can transmit up to one mile, for residential or business customers, which is quite significant in the wireless industry. That enables you to monitor outside buildings."

Bokenfohr sees wireless technology as of particular value to residential property owners in urban or rural settings. "I see rural acreages as the ones who can take advantage of the distance that can be covered without having to trench." Another unique feature of the systems Bokenfohr makes available to his clients is an app that runs and monitors the system

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## Land Use Bylaw amendments for 100 Avenue development await final decision

By Colin Smith

Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 18, to approve the third reading of bylaw amendments enabling a much-anticipated Coeur de Morinville project to go ahead. Phase two of a mixed-use, multi-unit apartment complex on a 100 Avenue lot connecting with the existing West Block mixed-use development at 10507-100 Avenue. On May 18, the town received an application for amendments to the Land Use Bylaw governing the

site, which is zoned direct control district (DC-4-1), from A.J. Hendricks Construction Ltd. on behalf of the landowner, 1513143 Alberta Ltd. O/A Trade Developments. At its July 11 regular meeting, Senior Planner Duncan Martin told council that the requested amendments are not substantial and align with Morinville's municipal development plan and the Coeur de Morinville area structure plan. The amendments would allow for an increased dwelling unit density of about ten additional units,

permit a building height of five rather than four storeys, and remove the stipulation that commercial uses be located only on the ground floor. The minimum number of visitor parking spaces would decrease by one, and commercial spaces would drop by six. Martin pointed out that additional visitor and commercial parking stalls are available along 100 Avenue, and that a similar variance had been allowed for phase one without any parking issues. Continued on page 4



Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to allow the development of the East Block second phase of a mixed commercial/residential complex on 100 Avenue passed the first and second reading on Tuesday, July 11. The third reading has been scheduled for a special meeting on Tuesday, July 18. - File Photo



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# PUZZLES

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## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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### 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!

## Crossword Clues

### CLUES ACROSS

- Commoner
- Tea leaf
- They save you a table
- Submissions
- Secretly revealed
- Personification of the sea (Norse)
- Unreal
- No seats available
- Bangladeshi currency
- Leaders
- Famed garden
- Denotes past
- Not living
- Midway between south and southeast
- Small island (British)
- Woman (French)

- Wife
- Two-toed sloth
- Blood group
- Soaks
- Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
- Japanese prefecture
- Place to be during a rock concert
- Fully grown humans
- Emaciation
- Sparkling
- Fruits you peel
- Derived from a noun
- Popular items to grill
- Port in Yemen

### CLUES DOWN

- Before
- Actress Dunham

- This (Spanish)
- Director Peter
- Dominant
- English artists' society (abbr.)
- NY Giants legend
- It's in the ground
- No No No
- Pesky insect
- Danish-American muckraking journalist
- Kids love to do it
- Good Gosh!
- Fakes
- A citizen of Denmark
- Mystic syllable
- Commercial
- Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Helpers
- Water (French)
- Young woman
- Red-brown sea bream
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Comprehends
- Walk with confidence
- Home of the Flyers
- Appetizer
- News organization
- Source of the Nile
- A way to march
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Egyptian bull-god
- Children's author Blyton
- Baseball pitching stat
- Rude young person
- Table napkin
- Monetary unit in Asia
- One-time AL MVP Vaughn

## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Sometimes you feel a need to be in charge to prove that you are capable, Aries. This week take a back seat and fall in line with the established modus operandi.

### TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



You may get into the habit of focusing on past mistakes, Taurus. This week, instead of falling into old habits, think about how you can grow and learn from your mistakes.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, it's time to be sociable and put out feelers for different adventures. Make sure you share on social media channels that you're available and ready to have fun.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, keep track of your mood this week, as it is easy to swing from glad to glum in no time at all. Friends can help keep you on a more even keel for the time being.

### LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, a refreshing sense of energy comes your way, and you start to jump head-first into all of those projects that have been pushed aside. You'll sail through tasks in no time flat.

### VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



An interesting travel opportunity comes your way, Virgo. However, at first glance it might not seem like the type of trip you would normally take. Keep an open mind and be surprised.

### LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Treat yourself to something special in the days to come, Libra. Perhaps it is a costly fragrance you've been spying on or a new piece of furniture. You earned the indulgence.

### SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



It's time to take your foot off the gas and slow down to a crawl, Scorpio. A well deserved break should be on your itinerary; otherwise, you may burn through all of your fuel prematurely.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, teamwork is the answer right now, especially when your to-do list seems to be growing exponentially. Recruit some close confidantes to help you along the way.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Make your career a priority this week, Capricorn. You may be feeling unsettled where you are now. There is no saying where things will go, so exercise caution when making decisions.

### AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Aquarius, wanderlust is on your brain. You've been fantasizing about all of the grand adventures you can take. Figure out a way to fund a getaway and get started.

### PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, something profound may have happened to you and you may need to sift through all of your feelings over the next few days. Take all the time you need to process.

## SAFE & SOUND PET WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### WORDS

- |      |           |          |           |            |              |
|------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| CARE | COLLARED  | FENCE    | LEASH     | OWNERSHIP  | SECURITY     |
| CAT  | COMPANION | HEALTH   | LOCATE    | PRECAUTION | SHELTER      |
|      | CONTAIN   | EMBEDDED | LOST      | PROTECT    |              |
|      | DOG       | LATCHED  | MICROCHIP | REGISTER   | VETERINARIAN |

# Sturgeon County Bounty delights visitors with food, music, and entertainment



Photos by Shauna Krankowsky

Food trucks, axe throwing, inflatables, venues, and more were bustling with activity, offering a plethora of options for the public to enjoy at the Sturgeon County Bounty on Thursday, July 13. Attendees had an abundance of things to do and see throughout the event. In addition to the mouth-watering delights served by the food trucks, various vendors displayed their crafts and products, enticing visitors with unique and intriguing offerings.

The lively atmosphere was further enhanced by the melodic tunes of the Echo Creek Band, captivating the crowd with their exceptional musical talents. People of all ages were seen tapping their feet and swaying to the rhythm, thoroughly immersed in the vibrant ambiance. Moreover, the presence of Dallas Arcand, a renowned three-time world champion hoop dancer from Alexander First Nations, added an extra layer of excitement to the event. His

mesmerizing dance performances left spectators in awe as they marveled at his skill and grace. Overall, the Sturgeon County Bounty proved to be a delightful gathering, providing a diverse range of experiences for everyone in attendance. From indulging in delectable cuisine to exploring unique vendors and being enthralled by captivating music and dance performances, there was an abundance of activities and sights to enjoy.



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Musée Morinville Museum Attendant Donna Garrett looks at two of 20 paintings on loan from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts until July 27. The exhibit titled 40 is the New 20 includes 20 pieces from the last 40 years of exhibits. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Other amendments reduce the required loading stalls, eliminate the requirement for separate commercial and residential entrances and allow for a combined garbage, grease and recycling containment area.

The administration recommended conducting the first, second and third readings in the same night as a public hearing had been advertised.

The first reading of the Land Use By-law amendments was approved without discussion through council's consent agenda procedure.

The meeting included a public hearing at which Morinville Chamber of

Commerce Manager Roberta Pawluk spoke in support of what she referred to as the 100 Block East development.

"We all know that there are a lot of missing teeth on main street," Pawluk said. "It would be an amazing addition to have an attractive building."

"I feel, and the chamber feels, that if we start developing, future developments will grow, and there will be a snowball effect."

Following the public hearing, Councillor Jenn Anheliger moved that council approve the second reading of the amendment's bylaw.

"I'm definitely going to support this," declared Councillor Ray White. "It's not

usual for me to support three readings in one meeting. I am going to support second reading and third reading."

"I don't see any hangups with this. I think it would be good for the town," commented Mayor Simon Boersma. "Seeing something on that land is going to be amazing."

The second reading passed unanimously, with Councillor Scott Richardson not in attendance.

Due to time constraints for getting the project underway during construction season and with council taking a summer break, the administration recommended that third reading should be given to the bylaw at this meeting, which

requires unanimous consent.

Along with White, Councillors Jenn Anheliger, Maurice St. Denis, and Ray White spoke in favour of moving ahead with the third reading.

However, Boersma raised a question about whether Morinville residents had been adequately informed about the proposed development and the amendments sought.

"I've heard from several members of the community that they did not know that this was going forward," he said.

Boersma noted that while notice of the public hearing was put out on the town website, it was not distributed through the town's Facebook and Instagram

accounts.

The administration stated that the town had provided the required public notice by advertising in the local newspaper in each of the two weeks prior to the public hearing, along with posting the information on the town website.

The mayor said he would not be in favour of the third reading.

His stance was supported by Councillor Stephen Dafoe on a similar basis.

"I cannot support third reading this evening," he said.

He added, "I understand the urgency of this and am very supportive of this [development]."

Dafoe then asked the mayor if he would call a special meeting

of council to give a third reading, which Boersma said he would do.

The motion to give third reading to the bylaw was then voted on and did not receive unanimous consent, with Anheliger, St. Denis and White in favour, and Boersma, Dafoe and Councillor Rebecca Balanko opposed.

The special meeting of council to deal with the third reading was then set for Tuesday, July 18.



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## Wildfire smoke and summertime smog lead to higher Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) ratings from April to June 2023

Hours monitored	Low-risk AQHI	Moderate-risk AQHI	High-risk AQHI	Very-high risk AQHI
14,783	11,520	2,485	453	325

From April through June 2023, Fort Air Partnership (FAP) recorded 12,716 hours of air monitoring data for use in calculating the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) at seven stations in our Airshed.

### Summary of Exceedances

There were 544 one-hour exceedances of the Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives (AAAQO) and 88 exceedances of the 24-hour objective in the second quarter of 2023.

The increased number of high and very-high-risk AQHI hours resulted from wildfire smoke and summertime smog in the FAP Airshed. Wildfire smoke increased the amount of fine particulate matter in our Airshed, especially from May 16-25 and June

8-14, but also on June 2-3 and June 16. Regional meteorological conditions (which led to smog formation) resulted in a 24-hour fine particulate matter exceedance on April 1.

There were 494 one-hour exceedances of fine particulate matter caused by wildfire smoke. There were also 46 one-hour exceedances of ozone levels caused by wildfire smoke and/or summertime smog, three one-hour exceedances of benzene with an undetermined source, and one one-hour exceedance of hydrogen sulphide with an undetermined source.

Air quality measurements are compared continuously to both one and 24-hour AAAQOs. An exceedance of an

AAAQO is reported to the Alberta Government, and the likely cause of the exceedance is investigated.

For an online version of this news release, click here.

For more details: April to June 2023 air monitoring report.

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A spotted sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*) flies over Heritage Lake on Sunday, July 8. The small shorebird, closely related to the common sandpiper, is 7 to 8 inches in length with a wingspan of 14 to 16 inches. - Stephen Dafeo Photo



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there was always a list of odd jobs they would help her with. She left a lifetime of memories her family will forever cherish. She is survived by her loving husband of 62 years of marriage, James Cooper; her sons, Shepherd (Barbara) and Trevor; her grandchildren, Rebecca (Jordan), Chantelle (Nathan), Melissa and Tyler. Theresa is predeceased by both parents and her five siblings.

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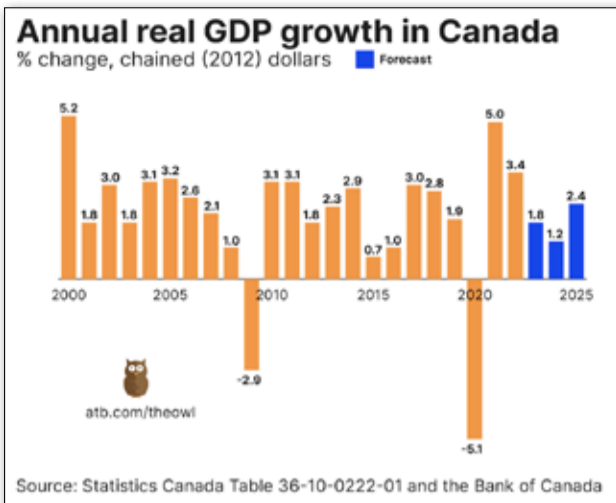
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# Bank of Canada betting on slower growth

By ATB Financial Team

Last week's Bank of Canada interest rate decision—a 0.25 percentage point increase to 5%—was accompanied by a fresh set of growth projections for the Canadian economy. The Bank does this every second rate announcement, or once a quarter.

According to the July edition of the Monetary Policy Report (MPR), Canada's economy has been outperforming the Bank's expectations. Consumers, in particular, have been resilient spenders in the face of higher interest rates. Projected real GDP growth in 2023 was revised up to 1.8% (from 1.4% in April) thanks to a stronger-than-expected first half



of the year.

The Bank expects consumers will slow their spending while exporters face weaker demand over the next year. As such, growth will moderate to an average of about 1% over the second half of 2023 and first half of 2024.

In other words, the forecast is for sluggish growth over the next 12 months, but thankfully not an outright recession.

On an annual basis, the Bank expects the Canadian economy to expand by 1.2% next year.

These low numbers will, if things go as expected, be followed by a healthier annual growth rate in 2025 of around 2.4% (the 10-year average set before the pandemic was 2.3%).

At 1.8%, the Bank of Canada's forecast for US economic growth in 2023 is the same as Canada's, but this will be followed by an anemic 0.6% in 2024 and only 1.4% in 2025.

It's a similar story for the global economy, with growth slowing next year as tight monetary policy restricts demand followed by an uptick in 2025 as the negative effects of higher interest rates wane.

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and has a panic button that can operate anywhere via GPS.

"The [central system] hub gives you access to the app. You can have 200 users from that hub, and you can also put 200 different devices on that hub," Bokenfohr explained. "Once you have the app, you have the controls to turn the system on and off. There is also a built-in panic button. No matter where you happen to be, you can push that panic button and even in a separate town or

city, it will actually show you where you are within roughly a metre of accuracy.

Bokenfohr sees the panic button feature as beneficial in rural settings if someone is lost in a snowstorm or farmers in the field.

The app allows the systems to be self-monitored by the owner, neighbours, and friends, but the company also offers monitoring.

Essential to the system is the hub unit, which Bokenfohr says is about \$350. From there, consumers would

need a couple of door contacts, usually at least one indoor motion sensor with a built-in camera that takes rapid snapshots on movement. Additional system units include flood sensors, indoor air quality/carbon monoxide sensors, outdoor motion cameras, and other items.

"The system is robust because it is leaning towards home automation," Bokenfohr explained, noting scenarios can be created with the product, including

self-arming if the system is not activated by a typical time. "It will auto-arm and give you the notification."

The system also has temperature sensors, allowing system owners to set thresholds and receive alerts if temperatures drop below or rise above set limits. The system's flood sensor can turn off the owner's waterline when tripped. Further details on the product line can be found at <https://www.mmcsafety.com> or [wayne@mmcsafety.com](mailto:wayne@mmcsafety.com).



From left: Princess Emilia, Morinville Community Library summer student Ryenn, and Isabelle the Dragon play a little chess during the library's Summer Reading Program activities on Monday night. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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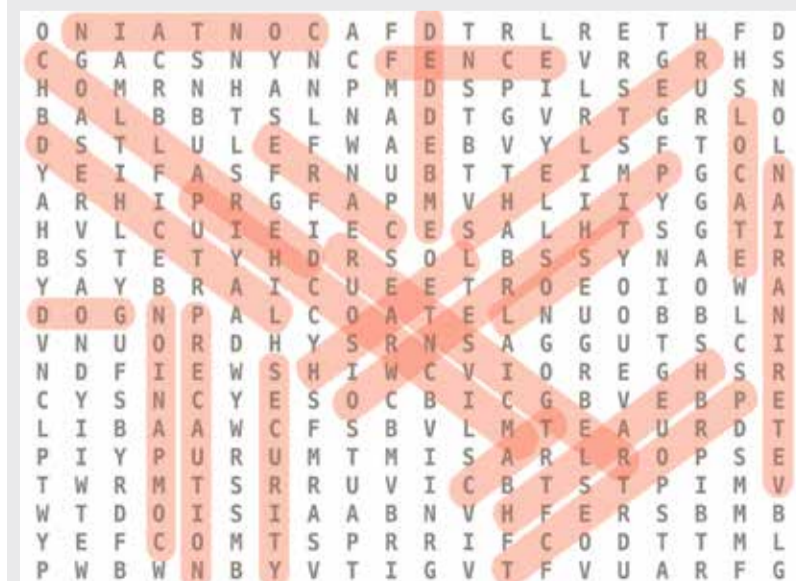
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