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Students Explore Medicine Nexus at Alexander

The students from Healthcare 20 at Sturgeon Composite High School had an enriching day recently at Alexander, delving into the interconnectedness of Western medicine and cultural medicine through the guidance of Joanna Campiou.





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From Tree Trunk to Tiny Haven: Morinville Couple's Enchanted Gnome Village

By Stephen Dafoe

Gnome gardens and villages have gained significant popularity in recent years, capturing the imagination of both young and old alike.

These miniature worlds, often nestled in gardens or indoor terrariums, provide a whimsical escape into a tiny, enchanted realm. They typically feature little figurines, including gnomes, fairies, and animals, and carefully crafted miniature landscapes with small houses, bridges, and pathways.

Like many who have become fascinated with creating a gnome garden, Morinville couple Brenda and Don Keiser started small.

"It was a work project during COVID, and it kept us off the streets and, in the

backyard," Brenda Kieser said with a chuckle. "It was just supposed to be a little project in the backyard, and it just grew."

The Kiersers had a tree in their yard that fell in a windstorm. But the surviving portion was too interesting and attractive not to be put to use. That trunk became the base for the village's housing.

A couple of blocks away, the Kiersers saw a gnome village in a front yard and were inspired.

Near the couple's son's house, Don Kieser saw a bunch of willows already cut and chopped. Those repurposed willows wound up forming rooves, doors, and other amenities of the gnome village.

Don and Brenda worked with the willows and the

surviving part of their tree to build the village's infrastructure.

"We just started going, and it was the imagination," Kieser said, noting she was surprised by the variety of gnomes available for sale online.

"We wanted to redo our backyard, and it just grew."

For many, the appeal of gnomes lies in their ability to ignite creativity, offering a canvas for personalization and storytelling.

That village that started from a creative idea during COVID now takes up a lot of the Kieser's backyard area.

"I just fell in love with them, and the more you could see and the different ones you could get," she said, noting one of her favourites includes some yoga gnomes.



Brenda Kieser poses near the gnome village she and her husband Don started building during COVID. The village has expanded considerably since then. - Stephen Dafoe Photo



A gnome sits on a mushroom with the village towering above. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1633/23 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1633/23.

The property owner would like to operate an event venue on their land at 56210 Range Road 253 (legal land description: Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1220583). This land is zoned as AG-Agriculture, which does not allow this type of activity. To operate an event venue in Sturgeon County, land must be zoned as AG2 – Agriculture 2 District.

Public Hearing details

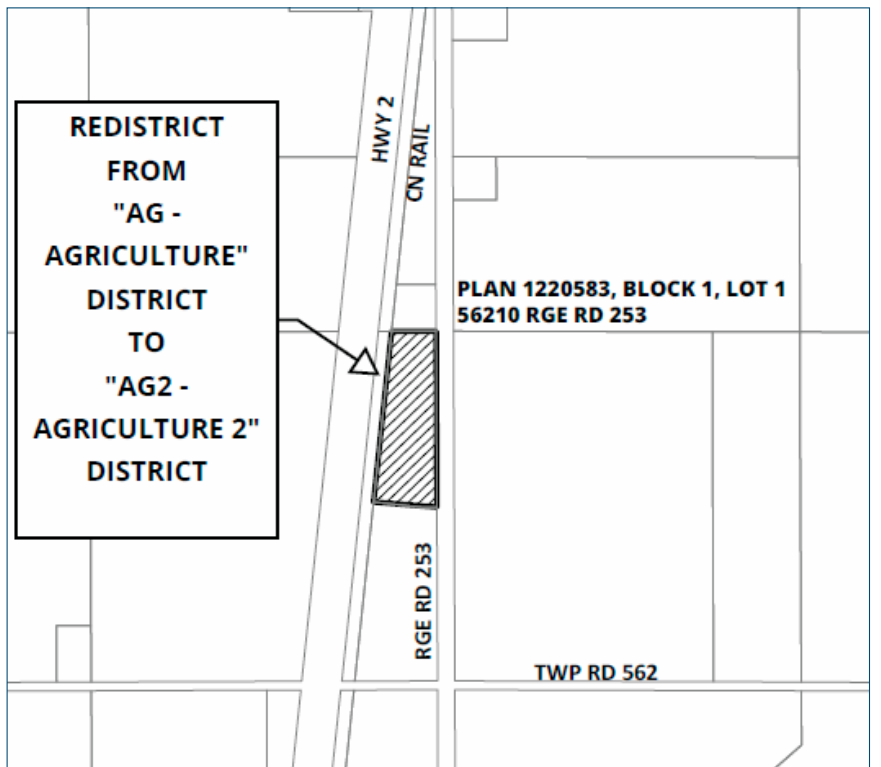
The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: **Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville) sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

The applicant is requesting the land be rezoned to AG2 – Agriculture 2 District, which would allow them to apply for an event venue development permit. Each time land is rezoned, a bylaw is needed to amend the Land Use Bylaw, and a public hearing must be held.

View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1633

Questions? Contact us!

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780-939-1398
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Important information about Public Hearings

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All speakers have five minutes to speak and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission before the Public Hearing.

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To speak at the Public Hearing in person, contact Legislative Services at **780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377** to pre-register.

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Written submissions

Email your written submission to Legislative Services at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca. Written submissions are accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing.

If making a written submission, you must include your name, state your interest in the matter (such as a County resident directly impacted by the proposed bylaw), and indicate if you are in favour of or opposed to the proposed bylaw.

Watching the Public Hearing

You can view the Public Hearing in person or online at sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings. To view the livestream, click on the meeting date on the calendar, then click on the video link.

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 questions, contact the Access and Privacy Officer at foip@sturgeoncounty.ca or 780-939-4321.



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Morinville Curling Club Director Steve Hutchings poses with one of the many silent auction items available at the Sept. 23 event. The club presold 220 tickets for the fundraising event and were anticipating even more sales at the door. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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 Aspen House pick up: 9:35 a.m. drop off: 1:55 p.m.
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Jingle Dancer Martina Aginas of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation performs a Jingle Dance at Alberta Culture Days September 24 in Morinville. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

Town of Bon Accord Proposed Development Permit Appeal by October 18, 2023

Take notice that the following development permit for proposed use as described below has been issued in accordance with the Town of Bon Accord Land Use Bylaw#2016-03, as amended.

Municipal address: 4932 51 Ave
 Legal Description: Lot 8 Block 10 Plan 5261BA
 Proposed Use: Buildings and uses accessory to Permitted Uses (construct rear detached garage, with variance to east side yard setback)

Applicant: Haddock, Austin

Any person affected by this decision may serve written notice of appeal on or before 4pm on October 18, 2023, to:

The Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
 Town of Bon Accord; Box 779; Bon Accord AB T0A 0K0

Further information regarding this permit may be obtained from the Town Office at 780-921-3550.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
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Sturgeon County Council meeting

Here are the highlights from the September 12 Sturgeon County Council meeting:

Mayor Alanna Hnatiw proclaimed September 18 to 22 as Alberta Development Officers Week in Sturgeon County.

Public hearing - Bylaw 1624/23

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 1624/23 for the public to provide input before Council considers the proposed bylaw further. The applicant would like to operate an event venue on their land at 26127 Highway 633 (NW-11-54-26-4); this land is currently zoned as AG - Agriculture District. To operate an event venue in Sturgeon County, land must be zoned AG2 - Agriculture 2 District. Council will consider the presentations and submissions and will make a decision at a future Council meeting.

Land Use Bylaw matters

Council did not support a landowner's proposal to operate a disc golf facility on their property. Bylaw 1628/23 proposed to redistrict a portion of land near Range Road 240 and Township Road 570

(NW-06-57-23-W4M; Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1722474) from AG - Agriculture District to Direct Control District 23.

Council gave first reading of Bylaw 1633/23, which proposes to redistrict 56210 Range Road 253 (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1220583) from AG - Agriculture District to AG2 - Agriculture 2 District with the intent of operating an event venue. This parcel is located roughly two kilometres north of the Town of Morinville near Highway 2, with direct access via Range Road 253.

To operate an event venue in Sturgeon County, land must be zoned as AG2 - Agriculture 2 District. If the redistricting is successful, the applicant could then apply to develop an event venue. A public hearing will be scheduled and will allow adjacent landowners to provide their feedback before Council considers the proposed bylaw further.

Details of the public hearing will be posted on the public notices page on the Sturgeon County website.

Request for reduction of property taxes rejected

Council refused a request from Trestle's Edge Inc./

Meadowview Golf & Country Club for reduction of or cancellation of taxes due to road construction and closures on Meadowview Drive and Cunningham Bridge.

Mid-year financial report accepted

Council accepted the 2023 Mid-Year Financial Report as information, and approved a \$4-million transfer from taxation revenue to the general operating reserve to be used to offset revenue losses resulting from reduced assessments through the assessment complaint process.

Assessment review boards chair appointed

Council appointed Lee Danchuk as chair of the Local Assessment Review Board and Composite Assessment Review Board.

Council selects a chair each year from amongst members of the Assessment Review Board.

Presentations to Council

Council received an update from the Morinville Community Library and received information about ongoing and upcoming programming available to Sturgeon County residents.



Correctional Service Canada

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FOR LEASE BY TENDER AGRICULTURAL FEDERAL CROWN LANDS

Correctional Service Canada has identified certain parcels of land for agricultural purposes under a cash lease arrangement. These parcels of land are located at or near Edmonton Institution, 21611 Meridian Street. Approximately 28.05 hectares (69.31 acres) in total deemed to be hay land. The land will be leased to one individual, partnership, organization, or company for the purpose of hay land only.

Interested individuals, partnerships, organizations, or companies can contact Barbara Sagh, Assistant Warden Management Services by email (barb.sagh@csc-scc.gc.ca) or call 780-472-4904 to obtain a complete tender package. This package will include land description, eligibility criteria, blank offer to lease, and information regarding method of selection.

Offer to lease must be received by October 13, 2023, at 15:00.

Correctional Service Canada reserves the right to reject any or all offers.

TERRES AGRICOLES DE LA COURONNE FÉDÉRALE À LOUER PAR SOUMISSION

Le Service correctionnel Canada a identifié certaines parcelles de terre pour un usage agricole dans le cadre d'un contrat de location de terrains vacants. Ces parcelles de terre sont situées dans, ou près de l'établissement Edmonton, 21611, rue du Méridien, à EDMONTON en AB. Elles couvrent une surface totale de 28.05 hectares approximativement et leur utilisation est réservée à la comme pâturage. Ces terres pourront être louées à une personne, un partenariat ou une entreprise ou société à des fins de production de foin uniquement.

Les personnes, partenariats, entreprises ou sociétés intéressés peuvent contacter Barbara Sagh par courriel (barb.sagh@csc-scc.gc.ca) ou appeler le 780-472-4904 pour obtenir un dossier de soumission complet. Ce dossier inclut la description des terres, les critères d'admissibilité, un formulaire d'offre de location vierge et des renseignements concernant la méthode de sélection.

Les offres de location devront être reçues le 13 octobre 2023 à 15h00 au plus tard.

Le Service correctionnel Canada se réserve le droit de rejeter une ou toutes les offres.



Alberta population booms

Alberta led all provinces in population growth this year. The influx of new residents is fueling consumer spending and housing demand, while adding to the province's labour supply.

As of July 1, 2023, an estimated 4.7 million people called Alberta home according to annual population estimates released by Statistics Canada this morning. That is 4.1% higher than the same time last year – or an additional 184,400 people.

In the demography world, the midpoint of the year is the reference point for the calendar year. With the 2023 data in hand, we can compare 2023 to previous years going all the way back to 1926.*

In percentage terms, the last time population growth was this high Stars on 45 and John Lennon were topping the charts. For music buffs, that's 1981, when the population grew 4.6%.

In people terms, however, no other year comes close. This year's increase in the total population outmatches the previous record in 2013 by 77,800.

What accounts for the spike? Population growth has come from all angles this year, but it is mostly due to a spike in international migration. An influx of other Canadians coming to Alberta also added significantly to the gains, propelling Alberta's growth ahead of other provinces.

Natural increase (births minus deaths) provides a steady and fairly predictable increase in the population in Alberta, thanks to the relatively high proportion of young families living here. In 2023, natural increase contributed 15,592 new people to the province, or 8% of the total increase.

Net Interprovincial migration

in most years adds to Alberta's population, especially during periods of rapid growth.

In 2016–2021, there were net outflows from the province following the oil price crash and recession. But since late 2021, that trend has rapidly reversed. Stronger job growth and relatively affordable housing has contributed to the upswing.

In 2023, net interprovincial migration was responsible for adding 56,245 people to the province, or 31% of the total increase. Nearly three-quarters (73.5%) of the gain came from net inflows from Ontario and BC.

Net International migration is the biggest driver. Increased federal immigration targets, along with a jump in non-permanent residents**, has pushed the contribution of international immigration to record levels.

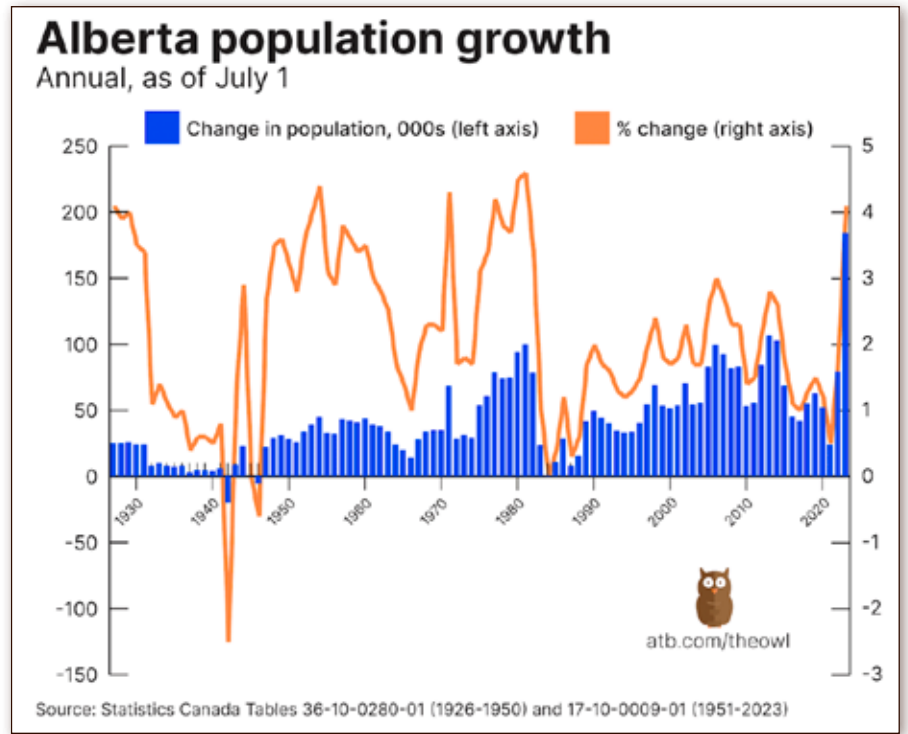
In 2023, international migration added 112,562 new people to the province, or 61% of the total increase.

Digging into the latest quarter, Alberta's population grew by 1.1%, or 50,061 people. Net interprovincial flows remained strong at 13,926 and the main sources continued to be BC and Ontario.

Natural increases accounted for 4,764 of the increase, with international migration the remainder.

This year, Alberta's population outpaced the national average by 1.1 percentage points. That's not to take away from the sizable increase in the national population (+3.0%), which is the fastest since 1957, and stronger than any of the G7 countries.

Statistics Canada has, for the first time, incorporated 2021 census population counts adjusted for net undercoverage. As part



of their adjustments, the agency revised down its estimate of previous quarters. This results in a lower estimate of the Alberta population as of April 1, 2023 (now 4,645,229 vs. 4,703,772 previously). It also lowers the previously reported annual growth between April 1, 2022 and April 1, 2023 from 4.5% (200,914 people) to 3.7% (164,273).

The influx of people in Alberta has contributed to the recent surge in housing demand and resilient consumer spending. It's also added to the labour force, which is growing at its fastest

annual pace since 2007, leaving aside the COVID recovery.

*Statistics Canada updated population series is 1951 to 2023 from Table 17-10-0009-01. For the years 1926 to 1950, we use archived data from Table 36-10-0280-01.

**A non-permanent resident (NPR) refers to a person from another country with a usual place of residence in Canada and who has a work or study permit or who has claimed refugee status (asylum claimant). NPRs include temporary foreign workers, international students, and refugee claimants.



2024 BUDGET INFORMATION SESSION

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Timothy McIlwraith (left) and Lyra Cooper (right) took part in the first round of the watermelon eating contest put on by the Community Gardens with watermelon donated by Sobeys Morinville. – Stephen Dafeo Photo





The students at École G.H. Primeau in Morinville had an amazing week, keeping themselves consistently occupied with activities like the GHP World Cup, their first experience with sewing machines, and a lively game of badminton on Friday.



Legal's annual Meet Your Community event was a day filled with familiarizing with fantastic community organizations, rejoicing in the news of the Northern Lights Library System's arrival in Legal, enjoying activities at the skate park with the House of Wheels team, and engaging in lively conversations with both old and new acquaintances.



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3 BEDROOMS AND DOUBLE GARAGE IN REDWATER

Nestled in a serene and peaceful neighborhood, this cape cod style house offers a perfect blend of classic design and modern comfort. Boasting a generous 1764 sq ft on two finished floors with a full basement that just needs a little work to be completed. Upgrades over the past few years include most windows replaced, shingles, flooring, paint and bathroom renovations. Large fenced yard with good sized deck, hot tub, and 26'x24' garage complete this great property. **\$319,900. Call Janine to view.**

GORGEOUS 10 ACRES

This idyllic property offers a well-maintained 4 bedroom almost 1300 square feet home, surrounded by lush greenery, mature trees, landscaped grounds, and a garden plot big enough to grow vegetables for your whole family. With a host of additional features including a double garage, shop with 10 ft door, quonset, chicken coop, and sheds, it is perfect for anyone looking for an acreage. This home is a perfect mixture of character and new. Gorgeous original mahogany cabinets with upgrades including fresh paint on main floor, vinyl tile flooring in kitchen and new furnace in 2021. Add a newer well drilled in 2012, and recently installed septic tank and discharge. Located less than a mile off pavement, just a few minutes north of Waskatenau. About an hour to Edmonton. **\$425,000. Call Janine to view.**

4.99 ACRES BY BUSBY

Room for everything on this 4.99 acres with a 2400 sq ft 1 1/2 storey home that has 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a full unfinished basement that is framed in for an additional 2 bedrooms. House was originally built in 2009 on a crawlspace but was lifted and had a full basement installed in 2013. Bsmt has roughed in plumbing for another bathroom and a wet bar. This home was built for energy efficiency with walls built from structural insulated panels (30-50% more efficient). It has in floor hot water heating system powered by 2 electric boilers that were installed in 2013. Features 2 sided wood burning fireplace, large kitchen/dining room, moveable island, double oven, gleaming wood ceilings, main floor laundry, chair lift to 2nd floor and more. Master suite has 2 w/i closets, gorgeous ensuite, and private loft area with door to future balcony. Double det'd garage with loft space above. Lots of fruit trees, firepit, trails throughout the trees. A few minutes SW of Busby, just over a half hour to Edmonton. **\$484,900. Call Heather to view.**

LEGAL BI-LEVEL WITH DOUBLE GARAGE

This bi-level backs onto an open field and BRIGHT is the word! Enter the upper level to hardwood floors and lots of light in the living room. The kitchen has a large island with a countertop stove, built in oven, beautiful cabinets and dining space. Down the hall is a 4pc bath and three bedrooms with a 3pc ensuite off of the primary bedroom. Downstairs is a great room with wood burning stove and wet bar, a carpeted family room, and a sizeable laundry with an attached cold room. The dining room upstairs has access to the backyard with a raised deck overlooking the field, large vegetable garden, and double detached garage with back lane access. Fully chain link fenced with 2022 shingles, this home is a perfect starter home for a growing family or those looking to downsize without sacrificing too much space. Close to Morinville with paved access to Highway 2 and Edmonton. **\$329,900. Call Glenn to view.**

AIR CONDITIONED HOME, HUGE LOT AND HEATED DOUBLE GARAGE

This property offers almost 1200 sq feet of living space in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1996 Winalta home. It features central air, a huge .4 acre fenced lot, and a 24'x24' double detached heated garage. Upgrades in the past 4 years include new central air, shingles, skylight, garage heater, most flooring and all new interior paint. Inside you will find new vinyl plank flooring and an abundance of modern white cabinets in the kitchen, along with built in china cabinet. The master bedroom boasts a big walk in closet and a 4 piece ensuite, while two other bedrooms provide ample space for all your needs. Stepping outside, you'll discover a private retreat with deck, storage shed and beautiful trees along the property line and fence. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to own this well-maintained home in Thorhill within walking distance to all amenities. **\$164,900. Call Janine to view.**

BUNGALOW WITH DOUBLE ATTACHED GARAGE IN THORHILL

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. **149,900. Call Heather to view.**

15 ACRES WITH BUNGALOW AND GARAGE BETWEEN THORHILL AND CLYDE

Welcome to your serene escape in the countryside! This 15 acre parcel boasts a spacious double wide mobile home on a full unfinished basement with numerous upgrades over the years, including a metal roof, siding, windows, soffits, fascia, furnace, and hot water tank. Three really large bedrooms, upgraded 2 pce ensuite and a full 4 pce bath. Nice back porch for your chore clothes or hockey gear. 24'x24' double detached garage with power and several storage sheds. There is a fenced enclosure that would work great for dogs, sheep or goats. Two driveways give great access for RV's, large vehicles or horse trailer. The property provides ample space to explore and appreciate nature. Whether you're looking to start a small hobby farm, establish a garden, or simply enjoy the tranquility of open space this property offers endless possibilities. Located about 50 km north of Edmonton, near Thorhill. **\$284,900. Call Heather to view.**

10 ACRES OF HEAVY INDUSTRIAL LAND NEAR REDWATER

Welcome to an exceptional investment opportunity in the heart of the thriving Industrial Heartland by Redwater. This 10.03-acre parcel of land is strategically zoned as Heavy Industrial, offering endless potential for businesses seeking a prime location to establish their operations. Located near highway 38 and the Town of Redwater, there is already power and gas on the property. There is also an old 42'x280' barn that could still be useable for storage. **\$350,000. Call Heather for more info.**

THORHILL ACREAGE

Spacious, well kept, 1470 sq ft 3 bdrm, 3 bath modular home on full partially finished basement with separate entrance to basement from outside. 40'x24' metal clad garage with 220 power. Upgrades in the past few years include septic tank (2021), shingles (2016), vinyl windows, bathroom renos and all new flooring. Lots of cabinets (and island) in the large eat in country kitchen with garden doors to back deck, main floor family room, formal living room with corner wood burning stove, large master bedroom with walk through his and hers closets and 4 pce ensuite. Two additional bedrooms and 4 pce bath complete the main floor. Basement has a 3 pce bathroom, is framed and partially drywalled and ready for buyer to finish. Lots of planted trees, flower beds and shrubs and plenty of room for a future garden. Located right on pavement, but set well back from the highway for privacy. Less than an hour to Edmonton, just about 15 min NE of Redwater. **\$285,000. Call Heather to view.**

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