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Matilda is born to less-than-happy parents in the opening scene of Morinville Community High School's production of Roald Dahl's Matilda. – Stephen Dafoe Photo

Morinville Community High School's production of Roald Dahl's Matilda consisted of a cast of 35 student actors, including five from Georges H. Primeau Middle School, giving the range of performers from Grades 7 to 12. – Stephen Dafoe Photo

Morinville Council considers alternatives to police commission for enhanced public engagement

By Colin Smith

A police commission is not in the cards for Morinville, but the town council continues to look at ways to enhance public engagement with local law enforcement.

A report on the possibility of establishing

a police commission or other types of formal liaison between the community and the police service was presented to council at its regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 28.

At the same meeting, Acting Staff Sergeant Lew Simms, commander of the

Morinville RCMP detachment, presented its quarterly report, including crime statistics.

The police commission report came out of a motion passed by council August 22 that directed administration to conduct a study focusing on the

political intricacies and financial implications that would arise from creation of such a body for Morinville.

At that time Mayor Simon Boersma stated that a police commission complements law enforcement and could

provide oversight and transparency, enable long-term planning and increase community involvement.

However, as pointed out in the report by Sharleen Edwards, General Manager of Community and Infrastructure Services, Morinville is not actually eligible to form a police commission.

Under the Alberta Police Act, police

commissions are mandated to provide oversight of municipal police forces such as those in Edmonton and Calgary.

Municipalities that have other policing arrangements, notably contracts with the RCMP, can establish policing committees or RCMP advisory committees.

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The role of a policing committee is similar to that of a police commission within the bounds of the Municipal Police Service Agreement, representing the interests of council to the officer in charge.

Committee oversight over RCMP detachments that provide policing service under the federal/provincial contract is limited because of federal legislation

and policies.

RCMP advisory committees are formed by the officer in charge of an RCMP detachment to provide advice to the officer on policing concerns and policies and serve as an information source for the community.

They do not have official status.

Following the presentation, Councillor Ray White raised the question of what

council would be attempting to accomplish by establishing a formal body to provide liaison with the Morinville RCMP detachment.

White pointed to the quarterly report presented earlier by Simms, in which he indicated that crime had gone down.

In the report, Simms also said there had been three successful “Coffee With A Cop” sessions, in which area residents had an opportunity to meet and have discussions with him. One of those was in Morinville, the first

to be held in the town itself.

Edwards said another Coffee With A Cop session is to be held in Morinville in February, and a Pop With A Cop session for youth is also coming up.

Councillor Scott Richardson put forward the idea that the information from the RCMP quarterly reports be made available to participants in the community sessions.

“There is a perception that crime is up,” Richardson said.

“When we see the report it is actually down. Having that would relate back to the community and cut fear-mongering on social media.”

He said some meetings should be structured to give a sense of direction. White expressed his concern about not having a sense of what costs might be in setting up a formal police-community liaison body.

“I’m very comfortable putting this aside for a little bit,” said Councillor Maurice



Council is looking to create more engagement opportunities between residents and the Morinville RCMP.

St. Denis. “I’d like to know what kind of turnout we get and feedback.”

At the end of the discussion, council passed motions directing administration to come back in May with report providing information on options for a formal committee, to report on engagement opportunities with the RCMP and community.

In the Morinville detachment quarterly report for July 1 to September 30, Simms stated that overall offences dealt with were down some 15% compared to the same period last year.

Total criminal code offences were down by 31% from 245 in 2022 to 170 this year.

Municipal statistics show persons crimes were down 47% to 33 and property crimes at 95 compared to 98 last year, a drop of 3%.

There were 42 other Criminal Code offences, including offensive weapons, disturbing the peace, and failing to comply and breaches.

Bucking the trend, crimes that increased in this period this year include sexual assaults, from two to six, break and enter, from 10 to 13, and theft under \$5,000, from 19 to 22.

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PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1638/23

Road Closure Bylaw 1638/23

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1638/23.

Cando Rail & Terminals has requested a partial closure of Range Road 222 to facilitate the expansion of the business. The closure is between Township Road 555 and Township Road 560. As a result of the proposed road closure, Cando proposes to develop a bypass around its site.

A road closure bylaw is needed to close a portion of the road and a public hearing must be held. The bylaw and all feedback received during the public hearing will be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors for review and approval before Council considers approval of the road closure.

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: **Tuesday, January 16 at 1:00 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)

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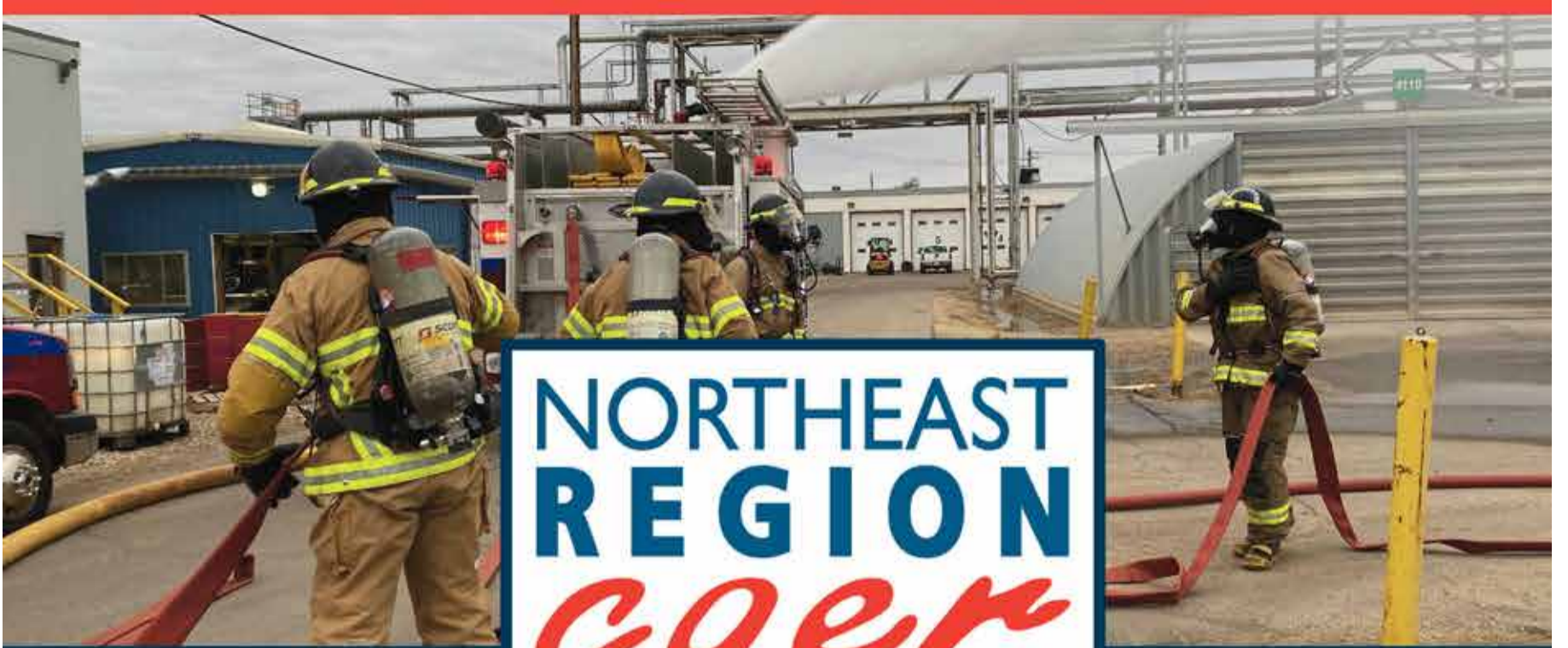
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SCHOOL NEWS

École Morinville Public School



clean the coop, collect the eggs, feed the chickens, play with them, nurture them and even put them to bed. All our chickens are laying eggs now and while we started off a little slow, we are collecting more eggs than we ever thought we would get from our coop. Over the past few weeks, we have been collecting five dozen eggs per week!

Why did the chicken cross the road? Because all the chickens want to live at École Morinville Public School! Would you like to know more? Well sit back, relax, and let us give you the “Scoop from the Coop”! We currently have 14 chickens in our flock, some are sweet, some have attitudes, and some enjoy creating a little trouble around our day! Just like our Dragons, each have their very own personalities with our 4 silkies being the friendliest and most fashionable chickens and our littlest chicken, “Chicken Little”, proving way above her size by definitely being the sassiest! The chickens are truly part of our Dragon family and our students take part in every aspect of care for our flock. They are responsible for helping

We love to look at the rainbow of eggs that are being laid as we now have green ones, white ones, brown ones and speckled ones, and our Dragons are very proud to donate the eggs to various places within Morinville.

Make no mistake that as much as we love our chickens, our chickens love being part of the École Morinville Public School family too. Even though there are a few escape artists in training, we know they just do that when they are lonely and want some attention and love! So while we still can't answer which comes first, the chicken or the egg, one thing we know for sure is Dragons and chickens were always meant to be the best of friends.

Four Winds Public School



- **Natural Region Map** - Where are Alberta's natural resources found?
- **The Power Play** - How do we get electricity from a natural resource?
- **Watt's Up Energy Meters** - How much electricity do different devices use?
- **Map of Canada** - What natural resources do we use to generate electricity across Canada?
- **Hand Crank Generator & Electricity Poster** - How much energy does it take to turn on a lightbulb?
- **Renewable Energy** - How is renewable energy used in Alberta?
- **Energy Moves Board Game** - What steps are involved in setting up an energy project?
- **Eye Spy a Steward & CARE Kit** - What's my role as a climate steward?

Four Winds Public School recently hosted the Energy & Electricity Expo, an event tailored for our Grade 5 and 6 students. Collaborating with Inside Education, the Expo delivered an immersive, station-based program that brought energy, electricity, climate, and stewardship topics to life in a hands-on manner.

The stations that students circulated between included:

- **Natural Resource Grab Bag** - What are renewable and non-renewable resources?

This event not only enhanced our students' comprehension of electricity and magnetism but also delved into topics like renewable and non-renewable energy resources, aligning with the 2023-2024 pilot curriculum.

Camilla School



Camilla Grade 8's participated in the Skills Exploration Challenge on Water Conservation.

The students were given time to prepare their project and then create the project hands on using various

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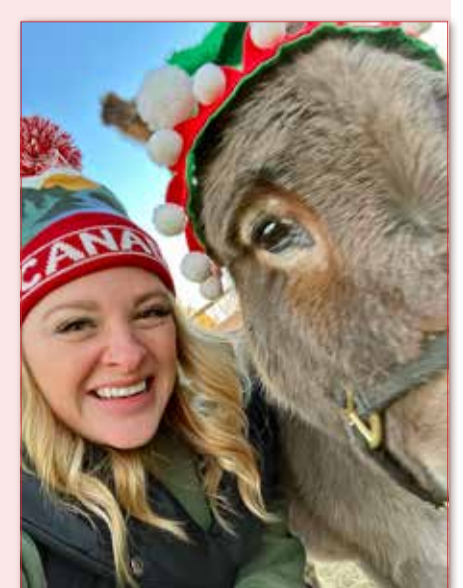


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Morinville RCMP respond to fatal motor vehicle collision

On December 4, 2023, at 07:26 a.m., Morinville RCMP received a report of a serious motor vehicle collision on Highway 28 near Township Road 552. Upon arrival, emergency crews tended to one driver, a 30-year-old

resident of St. Albert, who died on scene. The driver of the other vehicle was taken to hospital with minor injuries. RCMP remained on scene for several hours investigating. RCMP have now cleared the scene and normal traffic flow

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ONLY \$164,900 FOR 2 BEDROOM BUNGALOW IN LEGAL

Looking for affordable living that's move in ready? This 2 bedroom bungalow in Legal is perfect for first time buyers, investors or seniors who aren't quite ready to give up their pets and move into a lodge. Many upgrades over the years including furnace, vinyl siding and windows. Renos in the past year include all new bathroom with stacked washer and dryer and on demand hot water heater, new counter tops and backsplash in kitchen, eavestroughs, sump pit and pump. Fresh paint throughout. Brand new carpet in bedrooms and lino in bathroom and back entrance and the living room/kitchen flooring is only a few years old. Large 75'x66' fenced lot with fire pit, flower beds, deck and plenty of parking space for a couple of cars and holiday trailer. Or build a garage if you like. Ramp is also in place for easy access with wheelchairs or walkers. Legal is a great small town that's only a few minutes north of Legal. Move in ready! **\$164,900. Call Heather to view.**

HORSE LOVER'S DREAM PROPERTY

This 75 acre property has plenty of space for people with a 5br 3ba AIR CONDITIONED bungalow with a four season sun room, deck, and patio as well as a 2br2ba 70'x16' mobile home. Presently operating as a horse boarding facility and kids camp. The cover-all 120'x72' sand arena is set up with lights, two large o/d doors and two people doors. The metal clad 48'x32' barn is powered and heated with a concrete floor, 7 box stalls and a tack room, with the back opening up onto fenced space. Near the barn is a 212'x140' outdoor fenced sand riding arena. Add pasture land, corrals and five heated watering bowls. Room for more than horses with chicken coops and multiple storage sheds - and if the people are feeling left out there's a 64'x40' powered and insulated quonset with a 14' door and concrete floor as well as a 28'x22' office building that was converted from a garage. Space for guests as well with a future bunk house near the vegetable garden! Only 20 mins from St. Albert - don't miss! **\$1,200,000. Call Glenn 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.**

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.**

FULL QUARTER OF LAND IN THORHILD COUNTY

Full quarter of open pasture and bush land approximately 1 hour north of Edmonton in Thorhild County. About 100 acres has been brushed in the past few years and just needs clean up of the brush piles to make open land. This portion had been used as hay land many years ago so could potentially be hay or grain land again. The remained 59 acres is large, mature bush land. The land is fenced and there are two good dugouts so it's all ready for your animals. Also a few nice building spots on this property and power runs along both the range road and township road. Great spot for hunting, quadding, snowmobiling. County bylaws allow for subdivision of this land. **\$279,900 plus gst. Call Heather for more info.**

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. **\$289,900. Call Janine to view.**

ONLY \$59,900 IN MORINVILLE

Affordable living without sacrificing space! This mobile home is two single-wides attached to each other, offering over 1200 sq ft of space! The large entry offers a boot closet as well as additional storage and flexible space for a dining room, family room, or office. The kitchen has a pantry space and is open concept onto the living room. Down the hall are the bedrooms - a master bedroom with a two-piece ensuite as well as three additional bedrooms sharing a four piece bathroom. Patio space outside by the front deck with two storage sheds, and room to park for two vehicles, with easy access to main street Morinville. This mobile home is waiting for you to make it your own! **Call Tara for more info.**

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