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Community profile: Midstream Support Society, 30 years of giving

By Stephen Dafoe

At the December 6 Morinville and District Chamber Luncheon, attendees heard from several local non-profits, including the Midstream Support Society.

The non-profit board's Recording Secretary Diane Barrett told attendees that Midstream was started 30 years ago by two Town of Morinville employees.

"There was no food bank, and there was no established communication or assistance programs to help residents in need," Barrett said of the charitable group's beginnings.

"So, these two Town of Morinville employees set up a spot for lunches, and they bought the food. They provided a table, and folks in need could come and stop by for lunch."

From that simple beginning, the two employees began seeking donations for food and other household necessities.

They collected donations and hand-delivered them to people in need on the weekends.

"They were very selfless individuals," Barrett said.

In 1995, the dedicated group of volunteers established



Midstream Support Society Recording Secretary Dianne Barrett makes a presentation to the Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce at their December 6 luncheon about the non-profit's 30-year history of work in the community. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

Midstream as a registered non-profit society in the province.

"The name Midstream came about to represent individuals who were caught midstream," Barrett explained.

"Those who were not readily accepted into the social programs because they made just too much money, but they were also considered working poor. They didn't have too much of an option to receive social assistance. So, that is where Midstream comes from."

Thirty years later, the non-profit's primary objective is to assist low-income Morinville residents in need.

Midstream does this in a variety of ways through its funding initiatives.

"We are non-profit. We are secular. We are not funded by any

business, association, charities, or foundation," Barrett said. "We are 100 per cent volunteer-led."

In 2023, the Midstream Support Society donated \$6,000 in food from Sobeys Morinville to the Morinville Food Bank.

The non-profit also works with Morinville's Social Support Navigator and Family and Community Support Services Department to donate as requested, typically in the neighbourhood of \$8,000 per year.

A similar amount is given annually to Morinville residents seeking help with rent and other necessities, including eyeglasses.

"We work with other organizations to make sure that individuals who can not normally afford necessities can obtain them," Barrett told

Chamber luncheon attendees.

Midstream continues to fund and supplement the Morinville School Nutrition programs, providing \$400 per school monthly to help feed children.

This year, Midstream also provided some funding to help parents who could not afford to send their children to local summer camps.

Morinville's Eat Well program allows anyone to buy monthly \$30 packages of meat, fruits, and vegetables in a bulk-buy value package.

Midstream purchases 10 Eat Well program baskets per month to assist those who otherwise could not afford them.

Much of the funding for the various programs comes through monies raised at the

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Annual large item pickup officially part of 2024 Morinville waste collection

By Colin Smith

An annual large item pickup will be provided to Morinville residents on June 11 and 12, 2024, under the terms of the new Waste Management Bylaw.

The bylaw was passed Tuesday, December 12, after second and third readings by council.

Residential households will be able to dispose of two large items during town-scheduled collections by GFL Environment Inc., which was awarded the municipal waste management contract earlier this year.

The items to be picked up must weigh less than 200 lbs. and measure less than six feet by three feet.

They will need to be clearly marked for pickup and put out near the customary cart pickup locations.

Large items that can be disposed of will include appliances, electronics, furniture, sinks and toilets, lawnmowers and snow blowers, and mattresses and box springs.

Not acceptable are fridges and freezers, car parts, concrete, household hazardous waste and extra garbage.

The Waste Management Bylaw governs solid waste collection, including garbage, compost and recycling, and outlines town services and resident responsibilities.

Changes incorporated in it include an extension of the timeframes in which the waste containers may be placed and left out on the curb.

Carts can set out at the collection point at 4 p.m. on the night before the collection day and no later than 7 a.m. on the day itself.

Also included are specific requirements for proper placement of and storage of carts.

Rules around passes for Roseridge Landfill, which are available to everyone with a utility account that is active and in good standing, have been clarified.

Every person with a pass may dispose of an annual limit of 2,500 kg of extra solid waste at the landfill, with the amount taken charged for through the utility bill. Excess of that amount will be charged at commercial rates. As Roseridge has a minimum charge of 125 kg

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Midstream Support Society's thrift store at 9922 101 Street in downtown Morinville.

"This year, we are donating an additional \$10,000 to assist the Knights of Columbus with their hamper program," Barrett said. "This past year, through our tiny little thrift store, we

were able to provide over \$42,000 to residents in need."

In addition to its 101 Street thrift store, Midstream has held an annual Santa Store Auction to raise additional program funding since 1998.

"All the proceeds from the auction are used to provide gifts for children who

would not normally receive them and financial support to Morinville families for bills and everyday necessities," Barrett said.

This year's auction at the Free Spirit Ranch raised more than \$26,000. It is money that will go a long way to assist residents and fulfil Midstream's

mission to do just that.

"Midstream is very honoured to play this role to Morinville residents in need," Barrett said.

"We couldn't do this without the generous donations from residents. We want to continue to make a difference in the local community."



In December 13, nineteen women attended Bon Accord's final Art Night Out for 2023. Several beautiful pieces were crafted while attendees savoured hot chocolate and cookies and listened to Christmas songs. The Town of Bon Accord organized a range of craft nights, field trips, and community activities throughout the year. For future events in 2024, please visit BonAccord.ca.



REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Morinville Council approves 2024 fees and charges bylaw

By Colin Smith

The 2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw was passed by Council on Tuesday, December 12.

Morinville residential utility customers will see a total estimated cost increase of \$11.24 per month, resulting mainly from increased

wastewater treatment and stormwater fees, which rose by approximately 24 per cent.

Total residential utility costs for 2024 are estimated at \$156.92 per month, \$1,967.31 per year, up 7.4% over last year.

Businesses will pay an estimated \$10,788.22 next year, or \$899.02

monthly, an 8.1% increase over 2023.

Financial Services Manager Travis Nosko said that the number is higher than expected because the Regional Services Commission set its 2024 rate for wastewater treatment at \$1.85/m³, a 24% increase.

At council's November 14 meeting

Nosko reported that the bylaw also updates fees and charges that either do not reflect the costs of service or are out of line with other communities in the region, while ensuring that charges are reasonable and align with the value received for the respective service.



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)
You can view the hearing online at sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings



Questions? Contact us!

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Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

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

Speaking in person

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

Speaking via videoconference

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you **must** register by January 15 at 1:00 p.m. by contacting Legislative Services at 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

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.

Big City Car Wash open despite break-in damage

By Stephen Dafoe

Two weeks after would-be thieves broke into Big City Car Wash in Morinville's industrial park, there is much work to be done repairing the damage, but the owners want customers to know they are open for business.

In the early morning hours of December 6, the car wash was broken into, causing significant damage to the touchless bay and its equipment that will take a few months to repair and considerable damage to change machines and other equipment in the rest of the facility.

Morinville RCMP Acting Detachment Commander Sgt. Lew Simms told MorinvilleNews.com that Morinville RCMP responded to the break-in at 2:54 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6.

"On arrival, RCMP members spotted a pickup truck, a Ford



Big City Car Wash owner Rudy van Woerkom stands in one of his business' bays. Although the touchless carwash was damaged in a break-in, the main part of the facility is fully operational. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

F-350, later determined to be stolen, parked near the drive-through bay of the car wash," Simms said.

"A male individual was seen running to the driver's side of the vehicle and drove through the car wash bay, on exit, rammed one of the police vehicles, causing significant damage."

Simms explained the vehicle then drove through a chain link fence and into the ditches to escape.

The officer involved was not injured.

"The vehicle sustained significant damage and became immobilized," Simms said, adding four individuals were arrested and taken into custody without incident. "Those individuals are facing charges in connection to this incident. The individuals charged are not local in our area."

While there is some comfort that police apprehended those

accused of breaking into the local business, there is still a lot of cleanup and repair to be done.

Big City Car Wash owner Rudy van Woerkom said damage to his business is

estimated to be between \$300,000 and \$400,000. It is a frustrating situation for the owners. Although the business has insurance, repairs to the facility must come solely from Big City's insurance, not those who did the damage.

"People seem to think that there's millions of dollars in a car wash," van Woerkom said.

"It's a business like anything else, and nowadays, there is less and less cash. So, the damage caused is incredible compared to the rewards, even if they do get all of the cash."

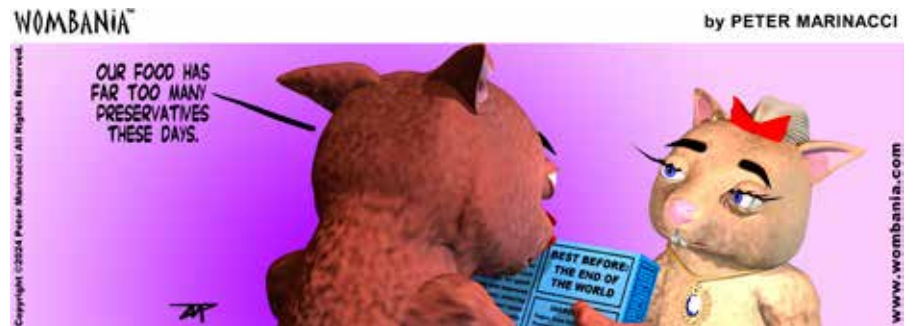
The most significant damage was to the automated touchless car

wash, estimated at \$250,000. It will take a few months to bring in from the United States.

"It's a significant impact on the business by having that down," van Woerkom said, noting his concern about potentially losing customers to other businesses long term while the touchless equipment is replaced.

He wants customers to know that despite the touchless damage, the rest of the facility is open to serve clients.

"We're definitely not closed. The regular wash bays and the large-size bay are open, and we're hopefully going to get more people in."



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The Sturgeon Hockey Club is thrilled to announce that on December 23rd, 2023, the Government of Alberta, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women Honourable Tanya Fir, announced that we were successfully awarded a \$1 million dollar Community Facility Enhancement Grant to assist with the much needed facility upgrades to the Legal Arena Complex. SHC sends our appreciation to the Government of Alberta for their support and contribution. Sturgeon Hockey Club is proud to be able to support this much needed arena project and looks forward to working with the Town of Legal on improving the facility that will benefit all for generations to come.

On behalf of Town of Legal Council & Staff

The Town of Legal, would like to sincerely thank the Sturgeon Hockey Club and the Government of Alberta for their ongoing support in making the Legal Arena

Complex possible. The Town's retrofit project is more than just a community enhancement project, it is breathing life back into the recreational facility at the heart of our community! We would like to acknowledge the partnerships with organizations like Sturgeon Hockey, to improve the quality of life for our families, community, and region. Organizations like SHC are the strength of our community and the hard work, selflessness and compassion that goes into their effort's day in, and day out is greatly appreciated.

MLA Dale Nally

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Notice of Public Hearing

Town of Bon Accord Municipal Development Plan (Bylaw 2023-10)

Pursuant to Sections 216.4, 606, and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, Town of Bon Accord Council hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw No. 2023-10, the Town of Bon Accord Municipal Development Plan.

The purpose of the Bylaw is to repeal and replace the Town's existing Municipal Development Plan, Bylaw 2016-08, as amended.

The Municipal Development Plan is a high-level planning document that guides future land use growth and development in the Town.

The Municipal Development Plan:

1. Includes information about the community's history, current demographics, and environmental features;
2. Includes mapping information to identify areas with development constraints;
3. Identifies preferred future land use areas for residential, commercial, industrial, and community/recreational land uses;
4. Establishes goals and objectives for land use and development;
5. Establishes policies affecting:
 - a. Cooperation with agencies and neighbouring municipalities;
 - b. The manner and proposals for future development;
 - c. All land use and development activities in the Town; and
 - d. Development within the specific future land use areas;

Section 230 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, requires that a public hearing on a proposed bylaw must be held before the second reading of the bylaw. First reading of Bylaw 2023-10 occurred on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Sections 216.4, 606, and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act* a public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw will be held in-person at the Town Office.

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Bon Accord Town Office (5025 50 Avenue)

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a verbal and/or written presentation may do so at the public hearing. All persons wishing to make a presentation at the hearing will be provided the opportunity.

It would be beneficial for individuals to provide advance notice to Brad MacDonald at b.macdonald@munplan.ab.ca or 780.486.1991 of their intention to make a presentation at the hearing before Friday, January 12, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT a copy of the proposed Municipal Development Plan will be available online at: www.bonaccord.ca.

To obtain more information regarding the proposed Municipal Development Plan, please contact:

Brad MacDonald
 Senior Planner, Municipal Planning Services
 780.486.1991 | b.macdonald@munplan.ab.ca



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 accordance with section 33(c) the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. If you have any questions about the collection and use of the information, contact the Town of Bon Accord at 5025- 50th Avenue, Bon Accord, AB, T0A 0K0 or by calling (780) 921-3550

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Annual large item pickup officially part of 2024 Morinville waste collection

per trip, those smaller trips will count towards the cumulative 2,500 kg total.

The bylaw now includes compliance provisions stating that waste collection rates apply "even if no waste is set out for collection, the home is vacant, collection services were not received due to non-compliance, collection services have been suspended due to non-compliance with this bylaw."

The bylaw's Schedule B sets out what is acceptable and non-acceptable

for recycling materials, organic materials and large-term pickup materials as well as restricted solid waste materials.

Infrastructure Services Manager Jordan Betteridge told council the list of had been reviewed by Roseridge Landfill, for waste and compost, and GFL Environmental, for recycling and large items, and that they were satisfied with it.

He also noted that Sobey's had been removed as a drop-off for film plastic.

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Bon Accord Community School

December has been an exciting and fun month at Bon Accord Community School as we prepare for the holiday season! Students have been spreading holiday cheer throughout our school and community by creating cards for the seniors, collecting food bank donations, caroling in town and in school, making special ornaments, participating in theme days, and baking treats. Our grade four Leadership Group will be hosting a hot chocolate and candy cane sale as well. All proceeds will be donated to the Stollery Children's Hospital. We are so proud of our students and staff for their contributions to our school and community!



SCHOOL NEWS

Legal Public School



Legal Public School has been getting ready for the Holiday season by baking, decorating cookies and preparing for our upcoming school holiday occasion! This week we are hosting our second annual Holiday event, focusing on Holiday celebrations from around the world through songs, stories, and crafts.

Lilian Schick School



The Lilian Schick Room Parents Association has once again proven its dedication to community spirit by organizing a delightful holiday chicken dinner for students and staff. The festive atmosphere filled the school with joy as everyone enjoyed the delicious feast. Furthermore, in the spirit of community for our outdoor learning program the Grade 8s went on a walk around Bon Accord and handed out

Christmas cards to homes and businesses, over 100 cards were delivered! The initiative aimed to spread holiday cheer and foster a sense of unity within the community. The combination of the festive feast and the Grade 8s' community outreach has created a warm and memorable holiday season at Lilian Schick School, showcasing the power of togetherness and the spirit of giving.



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HOLIDAY HOURS
The Town Office and Municipal Shop will be closed Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

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A Year in Review: 2023



January

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With a New Year at hand, we thought it would be good to look back at some of our favourite photos and moments from 2023.

JANUARY

The 30th Family Hockey Tournament (FHT) was held from January 20 to 22 at the Riviere Qui Barre Arena. The tournament consisted of eight families from the surrounding community battling for the FHT cup. The teams consisted of Bokenfohr, Kieser, Boddez, Kluthe, McKief, Perrott and Soetaert. The A Final winners were the Bokenfohr team (shown here), B was Soetaert, C was the Kluthe team, and D was Kieser.



February

FEBRUARY

The 2023 Alberta Stick Curling Championships was hosted by the Spruce Grove Curling Club on February 10-12. The 2023 Alberta Mixed Champions was won by the Morinville team of Sharon Christenson and Dan Shank (shown here). The 2023 AB Women Champions was won by the Morinville team of Doreen Bodinsky and Elaine Meyer, and the 2023 AB Men Champions was the St Albert team of Ed Willson and Tom Steele.



March

MARCH

Jack Reader received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alberta Fish & Game Association (AFGA). Reader was recognized at the AFGA Conference held in Edmonton from February 23 to 25. The Certificate presentation took place at the Morinville Fish and Game Clubhouse on March 9, with AFGA President Faran Schaber, Past President Victor Benz, AFGA CEO Kelly Carter, and Mayor Simon Boersma in attendance.



April

APRIL

The Morinville Community High School Wolves took second place in both the All Girls Advanced Division and the Game Day Division competitions during the ASAA Cheer Provincials held in Morinville on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15.



May

MAY

Four artists showcasing their art from May 12 to 14 were Dathon Potts, McKenzie Nolin, Danica Elliot, and Romeo Anthony Courteoreille-Morin, four Indigenous students attending Morinville Community High School (MCHS) selected for sponsorship in the upcoming show. From left: MCHS artists Dathon Potts, McKenzie Nolin, Danica Elliot and art teacher Tara Riccioppo (holding art by Romeo Anthony



June

Courteoreille-Morin).

JUNE

Morinville Firefighter Joshua Cust drags a 200-pound rescue mannequin. Cust, a multiple-time winner of the event, took first place in the Morinville Fire Department's Combat Challenge's masters' division with an obstacle course time of 1:38:46.



July

JULY

Sixty-one-year-old Morinville resident Marion Peterson took three national records in powerlifting at the Canadian Powerlifting League (CPL) nationals, held in Cambridge, Ontario, on Sunday, July 30. Peterson was trained by Strong Man Champion Scott Wallace.



August

AUGUST

From left: Morinville Mayor Simon Boersma, Alexander First Nation Chief George Arcand Jr., and Alexis Nakota Sioux First Nation Chief Tony Alexis lead the Grand Entry at the Alexander First Nation Traditional Powwow on Saturday, August 26. The Traditional Powwow ran for three days from August 25 to 27.



September

SEPTEMBER

Morinville Curling Club Director Steve Hutchings poses in traditional German costume while holding one of the evening's silent auction items that were up for bid at the club's Oktoberfest fundraiser held Saturday, September 23.



October

OCTOBER

Sturgeon Hockey Club Mustang players assisted at the Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up held in Gibbons on Saturday, October 8. The free event hosted by Roseridge Landfill Commission and Alberta Recycling Authority takes place twice a year with a goal of keeping hazardous materials and electronics out of the landfill.



November

NOVEMBER

Three-time World Champion Hoop Dancer Dallas Arcand did two performances at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on Saturday, November 25 during the Town of Morinville's Lite Up The Nite Festival.

DECEMBER

Opening night of Morinville Community High School's production of Matilda concluded on Wednesday, December 6, as the school's productions often do, with a well-deserved standing ovation. An audience of approximately 350 witnessed the culmination of almost four months of hard work to bring the beloved 1988 Roald Dahl children's novel to the stage. The show ran for three days and four shows.



December