

New SHC award honours the memory of community champion Murray Knight

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville resident and lifelong community volunteer Murray Knight was no stranger to rolling up his sleeves in the community, whether at the museum, organizing the placement of Canadian flags on lawns, or helping at area hockey rinks.

Knight, who passed away on November 8, 2022, first got involved with the [then] Morinville Minor Hockey Association in 1981. Over the years, he held various roles, including head coach, assistant coach, goalie coach, and club president for five years.

Sturgeon Hockey Club (SHC) is now paying tribute to Knight's legacy of volunteerism with a new annual award, The Murray Knight Memorial Future Leader Award, available to U18 graduating players across all SHC programs. Sturgeon Hockey Club President Gene

Connors said the award came about after working with Knight's son Jason and his Grandson Kade, who serve as SHC's Sting and Mustangs/Fillies goalie consultants, respectively. Connors said he has been impressed with and admired Jason and Kade's work ethic and ability to resonate with the kids, getting the players to work hard and still leave smiling.

"While discussing the Knight family with some others, I learned that these qualities Jason and Kade exhibit are a direct result of Murray," Connors said. "Knowing the dedication Murray had for this community and now that his legacy is continuing on with Jason and Kade giving back to the kids of the community, the club felt it was very important to honour Murray in the best way we can."

The award is open



The Late Murray Knight, lifelong volunteer, and community champion, is shown in this file photo from 2017. A new Sturgeon Hockey Club award honours his memory and legacy with minor hockey and beyond.

to graduating SHC Fillies, Mustangs, or Sting players entering their first year of post-secondary education who have demonstrated a strong desire to make a difference in their community and who have demonstrated skills to show their future leadership potential.

President Connors said SHC sees minor hockey for more than just the physical aspect of the game. The dedication extends to the community, something Knight was known for. "Murray recognized that as a volunteer

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Merchants' Defenceman Spence MacDonald (6) moves in to block Morinville Jet Ethan Dechamplain (23) in the first period of the Jets' March 10 home game. The Jets emerged with a 4-2 win, driving the best-of-five series to a fifth and deciding game on Thursday night. - Stephen Dafoe Photo
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to the youth of the community, he could make a positive impact on them that not only stuck with them through their minor hockey days but into adulthood as well," Connors said, noting that parents he has coached by Knight spoke to the high character, dedication, and leadership skills he taught them.

"The volunteers in our club believe that although hockey provides a variety of physical health benefits, it builds so much more socially, mentally, and emotionally. Minor sports provide an avenue for kids to escape from the

real stressors of life, such as homework, chores, and personal relationships."

Connors feels valuable lessons, including teamwork, leadership, discipline, perseverance, resilience, and respect for players and opposition, extend to coaches and parents alike.

"Ultimately, our goal at Sturgeon Hockey Club is to work with children, hoping we can develop them into fantastic human beings like Murray Knight," Connors said.

With the deadline for nominations coming up at noon on Saturday, March 30, SHC hopes to see many nominations to choose from.

Players are asked to

submit a written application of no more than 1000 words explaining how they meet the criteria to the President of the Sturgeon Hockey Club at president@sturgeonhockeyclub.com. Supporting reference letters are encouraged.

Connors encouraged individuals to review the award criteria carefully. After reflecting on whether they feel they embody Murray's values and have positively impacted their

community, they should consider applying to become future leaders.

"I know we have many young children in our community that take the time to give back and are passionate about making a positive impact and we might not know about them," Connors said.

"This is their chance to let the Knight family, Sturgeon Hockey and the entire community know what great things they are doing

to make the world a better place."

The Sturgeon Hockey Club Executive, in consultation with the Knight family, will select the recipient, who will receive \$1000 towards their post-secondary studies.

The award will be presented at the SHC

awards night at the Morinville Community Cultural Center on April 15.

More information on the award is available at <https://www.sturgeonhockeyclub.com/content/memorial-awards---players-goalie-and-volunteers>.



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Landing Trail School



The three Grade One classes from Landing Trail School visited the Royal Alberta Museum on March 7th.

Upon arrival we were greeted by their staff, shown a spot for our coats and backpacks, and were given a quick overview of the museum.

The staff were attentive, friendly, and helpful and had everything prepared and organized to streamline our experience.

Every exhibit featured staff

walking around answering any questions we had, and the exhibits were interactive and child friendly.

It was wonderful having our students constantly running up to the teachers and parents as we explored, excited to show us "this really cool thing!" Some favourites included the children's gallery, the dinosaur bones, and the bug gallery.

Our students were incredibly excited to learn as



they played and discovered, and even the next day, they couldn't stop sharing stories with their friends about what they had seen.



Gibbons School



A select group of Gibbons Grade 6 students participated in the U of A's WISEST (Women In Scholarship, Science, and Technology) conference.

These girls were chosen based on their

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These girls were chosen based on their




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PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1645/23 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1645/23. This Bylaw would redistrict a portion of NW-27-57-25-4 from AG – Agriculture District to I3 – Medium Industrial Unserviced District; and from IR – Industrial Reserve District to I3 – Medium Industrial Unserviced District.

Public Hearing details

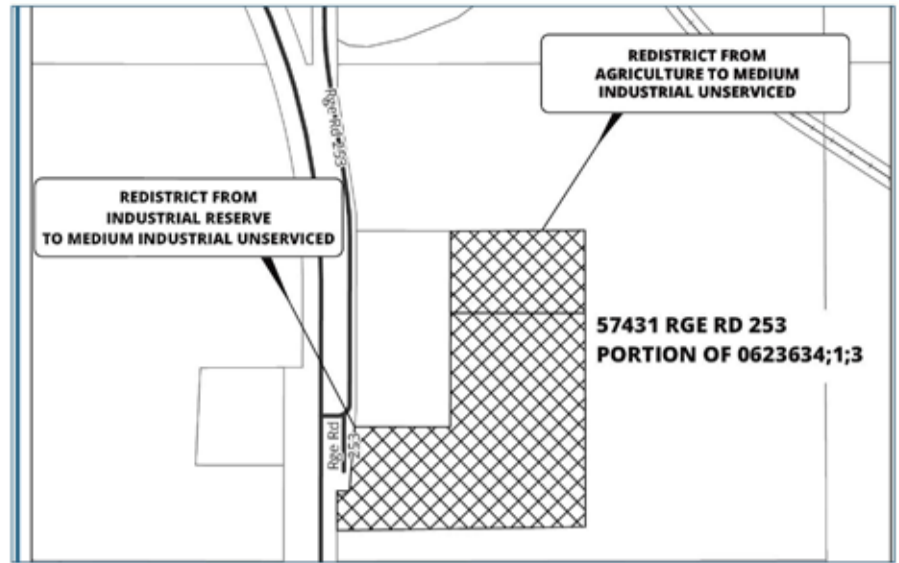
The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: **Tuesday, March 26, at 1:00 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville) sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

The property owner would like to facilitate their business expansion and relocation on their land at 57431 RGE RD 253 (NW-27-57-25-4). This land is zoned as AG-Agriculture and IR-Industrial Reserve District, which does not allow this type of activity.

To accommodate the proposed industrial uses the land must be zoned to I3 – Medium Industrial Unserviced District.

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-1645



Questions? Contact us!

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

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PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1642/23 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1642/23. The property owner would like to facilitate future recreational activities on their land at 54513 Range Road 274 (SW-33-54-27-W4M). This land is zoned as AG-Agriculture, which does not allow this type of activity.

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville) sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

To accommodate recreational activities in Sturgeon County, land must be zoned to REC - Recreational District.

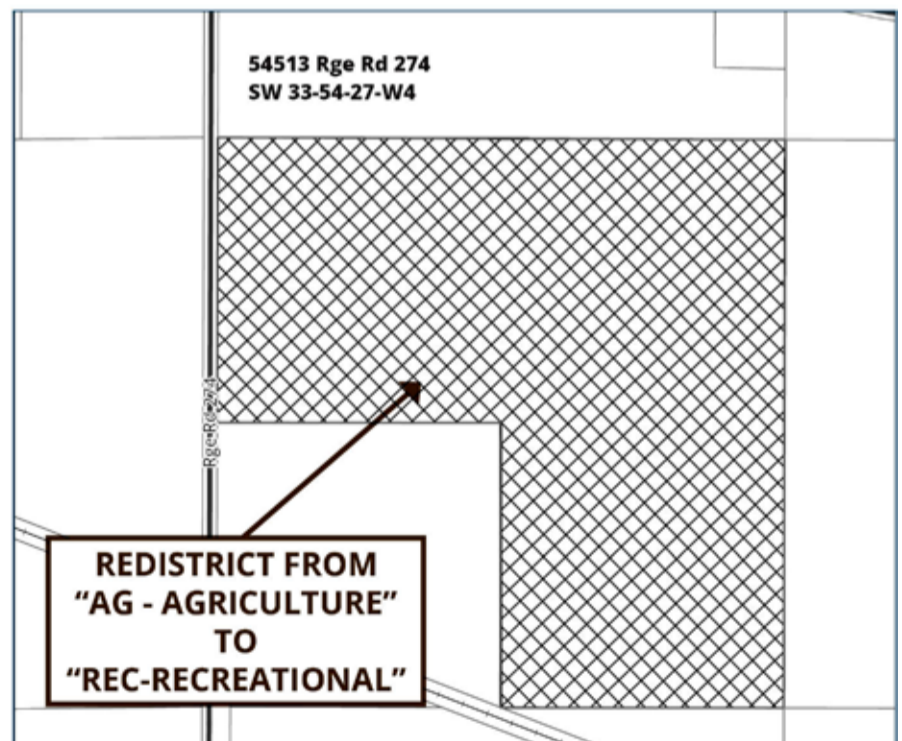
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View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1642-23

Please Note: This Public Hearing was originally advertised for March 12, 2024 with an incorrectly labeled map. Due to this the Public Hearing has been re-scheduled.

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Jets fall in fifth and final game of semi-final series

By Stephen Dafoe

The St. Albert Merchants will advance to the Capital Junior Hockey League Championship against the Beaumont Chiefs after defeating the Morinville Jets 2-1 in regulation play in the fifth and final CJHL West Division Semi-Finals game on Thursday, Mar. 14.

The Jets won the first game of the best-of-five series 4-2 on Mar. 3 but lost the second and third games 5-2 and 4-0, respectively.

With the Merchants leading the best-of-five series 2-1, the Jets' fate was doubtful on Sunday, Mar. 10, as the Jets were down 2-0 after one.

Another 20 minutes passed without a single extra digit on either side's score, leaving the Jets with the final 20 minutes to keep their playoff chances alive.

The Jets narrowed St. Albert's lead to 2-1 early in the frame,



Morinville Jet Ethan Dechamplain (23) and St. Albert Merchant Anwar Moukhaiber fight for the puck in the first period of the Jets' Mar. 10 home game. The Jets emerged with a 4-2 win, driving the best-of-five series to a fifth and deciding game on Thursday night. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

capitalized on a powerplay opportunity seven minutes later and pulled ahead to 3-2 with an unassisted shorthanded goal. An empty netter in the final minute of play won the day, pushing the series to its limit.

In Thursday's series finale, the Merchants outshot the Jets 14-6 in the opening frame. Still, neither St. Albert nor Morinville could capitalize on their chances, resulting in a scoreless first

period. St. Albert opened scoring midway through the second period to lead 1-0, but the Jets responded with three minutes left in the period to tie it 1-1, the Merchants slightly out-chancing the Jets 27-23.

Deadlocked through the first two periods, the final 20 minutes would decide which team's season would end and which would advance to the CJHL Championships. Once again, the

Merchants pocketed one to pull ahead 2-1, but this time, the Jets could not get one past St. Albert's backstop, giving the Merchants the fifth and final game and the semi-final series 2-1.

Though not the playoff outcome the Jets had hoped for, the 2023-2024

regular season captured many team and league records, including four shooters in the league's top ten, including the top three spots, and coach of the year.

With the series in hand, the Merchants will play in the CJHL Championship against the Beaumont

Chiefs, who won their series 3-0. The Merchants played the Chiefs twice in the regular season, winning one game 8-5 and losing the second 5-2.

Game times and locations for the 2024 Championship series were unavailable by our deadline.

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TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

You may be excited about new prospects that are on the horizon, Taurus. With so much change coming, it can be exciting to see what lies in wait.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Gemini, you may discover that you are devoting a lot of attention to others of late, sometimes cutting into your own needs. Be attentive and caring, but pay attention to your own needs as well.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

Cancer, if you check the calendar lately you are bound to find a number of dates are filled. You may want to consider slowing down; otherwise, you may prematurely burnout.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)

Leo, if expenses and finances have been troubling you of late, you can breathe a sigh of relief when things lighten up this week. Right now you are in a good spot financially.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)

Virgo, you will need to uphold your end of the bargain for the time being as others are counting on you delivering. You cannot dodge any responsibilities right now.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)

Libra, over the next few days you may receive some offers from employers or entrepreneurs that seem very appealing. Before you jump into something new, do your homework.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Scorpio, it will become obvious how others rely on you for advice and to get jobs done correctly. All of that responsibility can put extra pressure on you, so take it all in stride.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

This week you may discover that people are flocking to you left and right, Sagittarius. You will not have trouble making new friends if you so desire.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Capricorn, take ownership of any actions that may have put you into a strained relationship with those close to you. Admitting mistakes is the first step in mending fences.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)

Aquarius, you may only now be getting to those resolutions you made a few months ago, but better late than never. Focus on projects around the home that will revitalize your spaces.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)

Physical activity can do wonders for you, Pisces. If you are feeling stressed, overwhelmed or even tired, take a walk or hit the gym for some exercise that can alleviate many symptoms.

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