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40 km/hr residential speed limit coming to Morinville in June

By Colin Smith

Morinville's speed limit of 40 km/hr in residential areas comes into force at the beginning of June.

The speed limit reduction is one of the changes to the Traffic Safety Bylaw approved by Council last August.

A report on the implementation of the traffic bylaw was presented by Sgt. William Norton, Supervisor of Enforcement Services to council at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 23.

Along with the speed limit change, playground zone times and truck route

provisions will become effective during the first week of June.

The provisions of the bylaw were rolled out in stages, with the implementation of school bus flashing light restrictions and school zone times taking place in 2023.

Norton told Council that a communication plan is in place to inform residents of the speed limit change, which affects all municipal roads except 100 Avenue, 100 Street, Cardiff Road and East Boundary Road.

When the bylaw was discussed last year, he stated that there is a widespread

research-based trend to reduce speed limits to improve safety.

Residential limit comparisons show that many Alberta municipalities have moved or are moving to the 40 km/hr limit, he said.

Replacement speed limit signs will go up on residential roads during the June 3 to 7 period.

Truck route sign changes will also occur during that week.

Education has already begun to enable the trucking community to plan before the signs are installed, Norton noted.

Changes to playground zone signs to

reflect the new 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. hours will take place on June 7. During those hours the speed limit for

playground zones is 30 km/hr.

There will be an education period before enforcement actions

related to the new rules are undertaken, Norton stressed.

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Proposed food truck bylaw faces scrutiny in Morinville Council meeting

By Colin Smith

Do food trucks need to be regulated in Morinville?

If so, how and to what extent?

Council members were dealing with those questions following the introduction of a Mobile Vendor Bylaw at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 23.

The draft bylaw was presented by Economic Development Officer Stephen Novak and came with the recommendation that council pass first and second reading of it.

However, council members generally found the proposed bylaw unappealing, so rather than being given first and second consideration, it was referred to a future meeting.

In his report to council, Novak noted that in recent years there has been an increase in the number of mobile vendors, specifically food trucks, that want to operate in Morinville.

There have also been questions internally and

from interested mobile vendors about what regulations there are.

Novak said the bylaw's purpose is to provide a clear and enforceable regulatory framework and streamline operations on select public properties. It is intended to support vendor operations while balancing that with the interests of Morinville's brick-and-mortar businesses.

Presently food trucks and other mobile vendors require a Morinville business licence, but the town has no regulations dealing with their operations in particular.

The proposed bylaw includes mobile vendor definitions and sets out where and when they can operate.

They would specifically be allowed in three pre-approved public locations: the skate park, the baseball diamond, and the splash park and outdoor rink area.

Otherwise, food trucks may only operate in road right-of-ways if the operation is moving and using intermittent stops to make

sales. An example would be an ice cream truck travelling through a neighbourhood.

Food trucks would not be able to operate in the road right-of-ways along 100 Street and 100 Avenue.

An exception would be if they are operating as part of a special event that has obtained a temporary road closure.

Food trucks can set up on private property if they have written authorization from the property owner, authorization that must be produced upon demand of a peace officer or development officer.

If operating on town-owned land mobile vendors are required to hold \$2,000,000 in liability insurance and to show proof of that upon request.

Novak said the Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce was consulted on the bylaw and is supportive of it.

A number of councillors expressed concern about rigorous regulations for food trucks, considering the benefits they may also

provide to the town.

"I understand a lot of the businesses we have brought in here have been attracted through that process and have stayed here and built brick-and-mortar businesses," said Mayor Simon Boersma. "I am wondering if we are blocking further growth in our community by

blocking off all those roadways."

Councillor Stephen Dafoe cited the example of a food truck situated by Sturgeon Brewing that went on to open brick-and-mortar premises in the same location.

"I get what we're trying to do here, give a

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Rosieridge hosting free Regional Household Hazardous Waste Roundup in Morinville

As spring blooms around us, it's the ideal moment to bid farewell to those cans, jars, and bottles of cleaning solutions, old paint, and other Household Hazardous Waste products accumulated over the year.

Rosieridge Landfill Commission is hosting the first of two Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Roundups for 2023. The upcoming event occurs at the Morinville Leisure Centre parking lot on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This free event is open to the entire Sturgeon County Region, regardless of where participants live, and participants do not need a landfill permit.

Rosieridge Landfill Commission Executive Director Susan Berry said Rosieridge has taken on the collection role from the municipalities to support a regional effort

and collaboration. "Rather than each municipality duplicating the service and offering it on their own, we're doing it on behalf of the entire region," she said of the twice-a-year collection events.

The Commission recommends that residents safely store their household hazardous waste on their property for these regional events, where they can dispose of it for free.

"These events help us keep these items out of the landfill," Berry said, noting Rosieridge currently holds spring and fall events.

Household hazardous waste products include acetone, ant/wasp spray, barbecue starters, antifreeze, car waxes and polishes, glues, hair colouring, aerosol hair spray, nail polish remover, paint thinners, rechargeable batteries, shoe polish, spa

and pool chemicals, weed killers, and windshield washer solutions.

Household cleaners regarded as household hazardous waste include abrasive cleaners, aerosol air fresheners, all-purpose cleaners, ammonia, bleach, disinfectants, drain cleaners, fabric softeners, glass cleaners, laundry starch, laundry stain removers, mildew removers, oven cleaners, rug and upholstery cleaners, toilet cleaners, and tub and tile cleaners.

"If you are unsure, bring it," Berry said of the May 11 event, noting the default should be to bring everything.

In addition to household hazardous waste, the event will include an electronics roundup, where they will accept anything with a plug, from old hair dryers to television sets.

"It's convenient, in town, and

completely free," Berry said. "Stop in and bring it, even if you have one or two items. Bring those one or two items and keep them out of the landfill."

Rosieridge is opening its new and improved facility in the fall but anticipates continuing the HHW twice a year as a free event for all residents.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs are still unfolding within the province.

"We are still working on an acceptable list of materials for year-round collection when the new facility opens," Berry explained. "We may not know the details until we conclude negotiations with the Producer Responsibility Organizations under EPR."

Rosieridge Landfill Commission is a regional partnership between Bon Accord, Gibbons, Legal, Morinville, Sturgeon County, and Redwater.



L to R - Anery Pelltier, Casper McClain, Bri Farough, Isabella Harding in *Where the Sky Meets the Sea*

MCHS off to theatre provincials after taking first place and honourable mention at drama festival

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville Community High School (MCHS) returned from a drama competition in Westlock, held on Apr. 18 and 19, with first place and an honourable mention.

The two one-act plays were *Booby Trap*, directed by Jillian Andrews, and *Where the Sky Meets the Sea*, directed by Dalice Brown. *Booby Trap* will head to the next level at provincials in May and also won Outstanding Achievement in Acting and Directing, and *Where the Sky Meets the Sea* received Honorable Mentions for acting and visual creativity.

MCHS Drama Teacher Vanessa King said the festival was large enough to support sending two shows to provincials this year. "Any of the other 14 shows deserved a chance to go to the next level," King said, noting this year's competition was exceptional. "There were some really moving plays this year that left the audience deeply affected. Our show definitely left the audience in tears and impressed the adjudicators, but we were equally

impressed with so many of the other shows. The other show that will join us at provincials was a really neat movement and choral speech piece about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The chorus represented the snake and through movement and eerie vocal work tempted Eve to eat the apple. It was only 10 minutes long, but a very artistically interesting piece."

Booby Trap, by playwright Ed Monk, the

MCHS production that took top honours, is about a soldier who sits on a landmine and deals with the psychological effect of knowing that death is coming. *Where the Sky Meets the Sea* by playwright Mandy Conner is based on Greek mythology and tells of five Greek children stuck in a type of purgatory, trying to figure out how to appease the gods.

"We were absolutely overjoyed when the adjudicator announced that *Booby Trap* was one of the Festival Winners," King said. "It was the last award of the night and the show had already been awarded the Outstanding Achievement awards in acting for Jonash Morana and directing for Jillian Andrews. So we were not expecting a third honour, let alone the top honour. Our whole group leapt out of their seats."

Morinville Community High School returned to the One-Act Festival format this spring with the two student-directed shows on Saturday, Apr. 13, to gather feedback before the competition in Westlock.

Auditions for the two student-run shows were in February, with students rehearsing every day after school and some weekends ahead of the sneak peek at the school and the Westlock competition.

King said the honourable mentions received for acting and visual creativity for *Where the Sky Meets the Sea* were well earned.

"Avery Pelletier, Bri Farough and Isabella

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Every area of the school had something exciting to offer. Fearless in the Forest ran sessions outside and the scientists from Mad Science took over the gym for a captivating presentation. Science teachers led critical-thinking activities all over

the school where students collaborated to complete each challenge.

Ms. Dafoe led STEAM challenges in the dance hall, featuring coding and robots, while Mme. Ritter guided students on making ice-cream in the foods lab.

To add to the exciting atmosphere, students and teachers were dressed like elements and scientists, with a special shoutout to Easton in 6A for winning the best costume award. From top to bottom, Four Winds transformed into a science wonderland, making for an unforgettable day of exploration and discovery.



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Camilla School



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little bit of protection-ism to our businesses," he said. However, I think we might be missing some opportunities. "Nobody has explained what's broken," said Councillor Ray White. "Has this been an ongoing problem? I don't see what's broken."

In the end, council passed a motion by Deputy Mayor Jen Anheliger referring the bylaw to a future meeting. The motion directed the administration to amend the draft before bringing it back to council, dropping the provisions relating to the use of the road right-of-ways along 100 Street and 100 Avenue.

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Jonash Morana, Olivia St-Onge in Booby Trap.

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Harding were such a dynamic acting team, and they were recognized for working so well together as a trio," King said.

"They played sisters stuck in purgatory and had to grasp all the complexities of sibling rivalry along with threatening Greek gods. A tough job that they made look easy. Dalice Brown was recognized for Visual Creativity because she had such unique technical challenges in her show. As the director, she had to figure out how to tie in with the sea, the stars, and the beach. She decided to create a set that emulated constellations. She designed beach rocks and rafts, built them herself and then lined them with LED lights so that the audience could understand that the environment these characters were in was otherworldly."

King went on to say that paired with beautiful costumes designed by Avery Pelletier and crafted by Jay-Cee White-Arcand, among others in the cast, the show's look was completed with beautiful lights and a complex soundscape.

"This show was definitely the most technically advanced show of the festival," she said.

King said Booby Trap, which heads on to

provincials, was so successful because of the incredible teamwork shown by the cast and tech team.

"Every member of this production knew what needed to be done and worked together seamlessly to achieve every goal they set for themselves," King said, noting possible the task was made possible because Director Jillian Andrews led a master class in leadership.

"Right from the moment she decided on her script, Jillian set out to produce a professional and profound play. She knew what she wanted in every element of the show and confidently built the perfect cast and crew to execute her vision," King said. "Every step of the way, Jillian was thinking about the next steps and how to achieve excellence."

Now that provincials are ahead for Booby Trap, those rehearsals will continue. King said that provincials are May 9 to 11, and all winning shows from all other zones will perform at the Red Deer Polytechnic Theatre.

"It's an amazing opportunity to experience producing a show on a professional theatre stage and to see some of the best high school theatre from across the province," King said of the upcoming opportunity.

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The dangerous goods route provisions in the bylaw were also scheduled to come into force this year.

Norton said the concerns were not

significant individually, but administration recommends addressing them as a whole.

They will be brought forward for Council consideration in the fall. The cost of implementing the changes called for by the bylaw is estimated at about \$17,500, including \$10,000 for the replacement of speed signs on residential roads, information tabs for playground and school zones and

truck route signage.

Development and implementation of a communications plan about the changes will cost about \$7,500.

Updates to the school zone signs were in 2023 at a cost of approximately \$500, while the \$17,000 in funding needed for the remaining sign changes, communication plan development, and implementation is included in the approved 2024 Operating Budget.

Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) Morinville shared four adorable pups to come practice yoga with students at Morinville Community High School on April 22. Teacher Tara Riccioppo said the pups were a hit. "The pups ran around, jumped and crawled on everyone, attacked each other, ate carrots, played with squeaky toys, and then eventually crashed about 45 minutes in," she said. "More cuddles and smiles happened than actual yoga, but it was worth it."



There are many vehicles sporting Oilers flags these days, but this fan, spotted at No Frills in Morinville had some super-sized fandom. - Stephen Dafoe Photo



REDUCED TO \$399,900
14 ACRE HOBBY FARM IN THORHILD COUNTY

This 2-bedroom bungalow features a spacious kitchen, large living room, and a large versatile porch/flex space. Upgrades include newer windows, shingles (2015), furnace (2020), hot water tank (2021) and porch heater (2021). Both kitchen and bathroom have been completely remodeled since 2010 as well. Lots of room in unfinished basement for customization by adding additional bedrooms or family room. Bsmt roughed in for shower and sink. A heated 30X30 shop, along with outbuildings including a quonset, hip roof barn, and stable with 3 stalls add functionality and plenty of room for all your horses, cars, RV, toys, and pets. Large dugout, garden space, and planted trees complete this great acreage. **\$399,900. Call Heather to view.**



MOVE IN READY IN WESTLOCK

This cute, well kept 3 bedroom bungalow in Westlock is move in ready. Renovations over the years include newer flooring and paint, new windows, furnace and h/w tank in 2016, bathroom renos in 2017, shingles in 2017, front and back decks, backflow valve installed in both washer drain and floor drain, and new front door and patio doors. Wall has been opened up between kitchen and living room to allow for a more open concept. Features include a built in vacuum system, pantry, solar light tube in kitchen, patio doors in back bedroom allow access to back deck and fenced yard with storage shed. Basement is partially finished with a family room space, laundry area and den which could easily be a 4th bedroom if window was made a bit larger. There is roughed in plumbing for a bathroom in the basement. Just needs flooring and ceiling installed to finish the basement. This is a great starter home or small family home. Would also be great for an investor as all the work has already been done. **\$210,000. Call Heather to view.**



ONLY \$154,900 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! **\$154,900. Call Glenn to view.**



NEW LISTING
UPGRADED BUNGALOW IN THORHILD

May upgrades in this 2+1 bedroom bungalow including high efficient furnace, hot water tank, and most windows in 2023. Other upgrades in the past few years include kitchen cupboards, some featuring convenient pull-out drawers, along with modern appliances for culinary enthusiasts, upgraded electrical panel, complete bathroom renos in both bathrooms and blown-in insulation in the attic. Relax in your fully fenced backyard, complete with a single detached garage and RV parking, perfect for outdoor enthusiasts and hobbyists alike. Less than a block away from the outdoor pool, offering endless summer fun, and less than an hour's drive to Edmonton, Don't miss out on the opportunity to make this charming Thorhild residence your own! **\$229,900. Call Janine today to view.**



3+1 BEDROOM IN LEGAL

Affordable family living in Legal! Nice bright main floor with large picture window in living room and patio doors leading from the dining area to the back deck. Down the hall upstairs is the primary bedroom with a two piece ensuite bathroom as well as two additional bedrooms and a four piece bath. Downstairs is a back boot room and second entrance to the backyard and garage as well as stairs down to a large family room, fourth bedroom, new three piece bathroom and laundry room. The fenced south facing backyard has room to let kids, dogs, or friends run around, as well as a crab apple tree and access to the oversized single detached garage. There's also a sizeable parking pad in front of the garage as well as a back lane giving you room to park the RV or other vehicles. Newer shingles, kitchen cabinets, main floor flooring, bathrooms and hot water tank. This home is perfect for a growing family looking to make a space their own! **\$274,900. Call Glenn to view.**



20 ACRES IN THORHILD COUNTY

SOLD

\$99,900



REDUCED TO \$195,900
NEWBROOK GEM

The effective age of this 1977 home with additions is 2015 as it was completely rebuilt at that time. The original walls were doubled to make a 2x8 frame and extra insulation added. Windows, doors (interior and exterior), siding, metal roof, bathrooms, flooring, crown mouldings, furnace and paint all were done in 2015 or later. Must be seen to be appreciated. High end custom cabinetry throughout the home with granite countertops in the kitchen. Built in ss appliances, induction stove, pull up mixer shelf, pullout shelves, island kitchen, garden doors to maintenance free deck, huge w/i closet in master bedroom, 5 pce ensuite with two counters and sinks and soaker tub, and custom cabinetry in the office are some of the features. Total of 3 bedrooms and a den as well as enclosed, heated front porch. Heated single garage and asphalt back driveway. No lot rental, you own the 50x150' lot. **\$195,000. Call Janine for more info.**



ALMOST 20 ACRES IN THORHILD COUNTY

Nestled on 19.89 acres of serene countryside, this property offers the perfect blend of tranquility and functionality. A charming 1344 sq ft 1980's built bungalow boasts large eat in kitchen with island and pantry, living room, 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms on main floor. The lower level of the home is partially finished, offering a roughed-in rec room, two additional bedrooms, and a convenient two-piece bathroom with the potential to add a shower/bathtub. This level also provides a walk-out door. Features include large windows both upstairs and downstairs. 3 West facing windows have recently been replaced. Livestock facilities, including fencing and corrals, make it suitable for agricultural pursuits, while several outbuildings offer storage space for equipment and toys. **\$375,000. Call Heather to view.**



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