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Morinville Council delays 2025 budget decision, revisits infrastructure building and tax hikes

By Colin Smith

There will be at least one more version of Morinville's 2025 Budget after council made several changes to the draft presented by administration at its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12.

The adopted budget timeline had anticipated its passage at this meeting, with no further consideration of the document scheduled for future meetings.

A special meeting will now be called for the budget put on the agenda of upcoming regular meetings.

The proposed budget would have resulted in an estimated tax increase of 6.32%.

The 2025 tax on an average residential property, valued at \$364,539, would be \$3,304.91, or \$275.41 per month.

For a commercial property assessed at \$868,427, the annual tax would be \$11,809.74.

The tax on a \$1,467,820 industrial property would be \$19,960.89.

The original draft of the budget presented in September called for a tax increase of 5.75%, or about \$19.95 for a residential property valued at \$350,000.

This draft included budgetary support for the Community Sports Memorabilia Initiative at \$14,500 and for the Centennial Fountain refurbishment at \$14,500.

The Morinville Community Library funding request of \$593,008 has been approved.

In addition to its grant, a \$550 deficit has been covered for Morinville Museum.

A Star Ambulance request for \$1 per capita in operational support was also put in

In addition, funds



Morinville's Infrastructure Services Building, slated for potential \$564,000 in repairs, awaits Council's final budget decision as discussions push funding and timelines further into future years.

have been budgeted for a water conservation rebate, extending Morinville Leisure Centre hours of operation, a regional

contract, waste management education, and a tree program.

Two included items that were dropped by council are a

water barrel program, \$10,500, and \$30,000 annually for website management.

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Morinville Jets in a great spot at the halfway mark



Jets and Regals battle for the puck during the first period of the Jets' Sunday, November 10 home game. **- Stephen Dafoe Photo**

By Stephen Dafoe

The Morinville Jets had a two-game weekend on Friday, November 8, and Sunday, November 10, defeating the Beaumont Chiefs 6-3 on the road and the Spruce Grove Regals in a 5-4 shootout win at home.

The back-to-back wins brought the Jets to a 15-3-1 record exactly halfway through the 2024-2025 Capital Junior Hockey League regular season.

Jets Vs Chiefs

The Chiefs were the

first to light the lamp during the Jets road trip to Beaumont with Austin McDonald picking up the opener off an assist from Ty Sauer.

The Jets bounced back five minutes later as Ty Van Brabant evened the score, assisted by Jets' top scorers Ethan de Champlain and Cody Laliberte.

Laliberte pocketed one of his own, assisted by de Champlain to bring the tally ahead by one for the Jets with less than five minutes on the clock.

An unassisted shorthanded goal from Spencer Paplawski would send both teams to the dressing rooms with the game sitting 2-2.

The back and forth continued in the middle frame, with Graeme Hampton moving the needle forward for the Jets and Paplawski balancing things seven minutes later on a powerplay opportunity.

With 15 seconds

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Royal Canadian Legion Morinville Branch No. 176 Colour Party leads the Remembrance Day parade on Monday, November 11. - Stephen Dafoe Photo



Morinville RCMP Detachment members march toward the cenotaph during the Remembrance Day parade. Approximately 300 came out for the service at the Royal Canadian Legion Morinville Branch No. 176. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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The Facilities Master Plan, previously removed from the budget by council, was reinstated on a motion by Councillor Ray White. The plan cost is \$130,000.

Much of the discussion at the meeting concerned the future of the town's Infra-Services structure Building.

Replacement of the building was included in Morinville's longterm capital plan, adopted in 2023, with the cost initially estimated at \$6 million, later revised to \$10 million.

The 2025 budget included \$600,000 for the design phase,

with construction set to begin in 2027.

On October council passed a motion transferring the replacement of the Infrastructure vices Building to 2029 from 2027, with the design phase also pushed back years.

The draft of the budget presented to council at the Tuesday, November 12 meeting called for \$564,000 to fund repairs to the building that would address Occupational Health and Safety concerns and structural deficiencies identified by a consultant in 2021.

Another \$259,000 included preparation for site for modular office space to remedy a current lack of space and capacity of growth for the Infrastructure Services workforce.

Modular space lease payments over three years would be \$123,000.

After extensive discussion, council voted unanimously to remove the site preparation funding from the 2025 Capital Budget.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Rebecca Balanko to move the \$564,000 repair funding into the 2026 Operating Budget was withdrawn, and the matter set aside pending receipt of information from an condition ongoing assessment.



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Morinville Jets

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left on the clock, de Champlain put the Jets into a 4-3 lead to head into the third period.

The final frame would see the Jets move ahead with another pair of goals, Van Brabant pocketing one from an assist from Ashton Funk at 7:20 and Jase McRae earning a shorthanded goal at 5:41 to give the Jets a 6-3 finish and their third consecutive win.



Trailing the Spruce Grove Regals 4-1 after two periods on Sunday, November 10, Morinville Jets Cody Laliberte's natural hat trick kid the game 4-4. allowing for the Jets' ultimate shootout victory and their fourth consecutive win. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

Jets Vs Regals

The Jets struggled in the opening frame at home on Sunday night, failing to capitalize on any of their first 11 chances, while the Regals found the back of the Jets net twice during that time. But Ty Van Brabant scored with 3:16 left in the period to narrow the contest to a one-goal game.

Spruce Grove increased that gap to two when Maddox Seguin picked up a shorthanded goal three minutes in.

esse Hiller found the mesh on a powerplay goal ten minutes later to end the frame 4-1 in Spruce Grove's

Facing a three-goal deficit and 20 minutes left on the clock, the Jets had some work to do. Cody Laliberte, assisted by Ashton Funk and Ethan de Champlain, started that work four minutes in to narrow the game to 4-2. Laliberte further narrowed the Regal's lead to 4-3 five minutes later and picked up his natural hat trick to tie the game 4-4 with 1:16 left on the clock, assisted by Graeme Hampton and Jacob Klassen.

With both sides looking to sink the OT winner, thirteen shots between the two clubs could not find a result, and the game went to a shootout.

The Jets clinched a 2-1 shootout victory after three tense rounds. Cody Laliberte and Austin Robinson each missed



Morinville Jets players chase down the puck against the Spruce Grove Regals in a fast-paced moment during the first period of the Jets' Sunday, November 10 home game. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

in the first round, leaving the score tied at o-o. In the second round, Graeme Hampton broke the deadlock to give the Jets a 1-0 lead, as Landon Kupsch missed for the opposition. The Jets pulled ahead further in the third round with Ethan de Champlain's goal, securing a 2-0 edge. Though Jesse Hiller scored to keep the opponents alive,

it wasn't enough to turn the tide, and the Jets emerged with the win.

Looking Ahead

Heading into the second half of the CJHL regular season, the Jeys sit solidly in first place in the West Division with an impressive 15-3-1 record and 31 points. That standing is four points ahead of second-place Edmonton Mustangs and seven points ahead of longtime rivals, the St. Albert Merchants.

The Jets played two games last week: a Friday, November 15 home game in Rivière Qui Barre against the Edmonton Royals and a road game on Sunday, November 17 to face the Fort Saskatchewan Hawks.

Results were not available by our press deadline.

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Sturgeon County is creating an Agriculture Master Plan, a strategic roadmap to guide agriculture-related initiatives over the next 10 years. Shaped by community input, the Agriculture Master Plan will address the evolving needs of residents, landowners, agricultural producers, and community partners.

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November 28:

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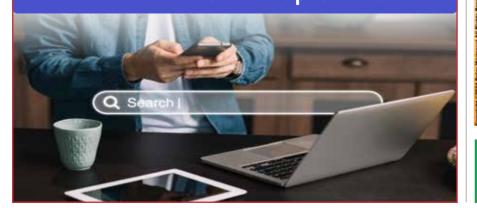
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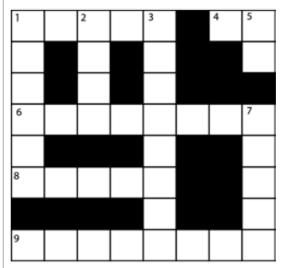
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J. Works 4. Pg 6. Timeline 8. Rabbi 9. Journals ACTOSS

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1964

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ACROSS

- 1. Collection of writings
- Movie rating
- Timing of events
- 8. Jewish religious leader
- 9. Newspapers or magazines

DOWN

- 1. One who creates a written piece
- A space in a home
- 3. Green onion
- Start to move
- Corrections



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Answer: Novel



Answer: Typewriter



English: Word Spanish: Palabra Italian: Parola French: Mot German: Wort



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Defunct airline
- 4. Beverage container
- 7. A team's best pitcher
- 10. Unit of liquid capacity 11. It comes before two
- 12. Male child
- 13. Type of wheat
- 15. One's mother
- 16. Upper side of an organism
- 19. United is one
- 21. Extraction process
- 23. A being with lesser divine status
- 24. People living together
- in a community 25. Luxury automaker
- 26. This (Spanish)
- 27. Semitic language
- 30. Period for a defined purpose
- 34. Wander aimlessly in
- search of pleasure 35. Up in the air (abbr.)

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 8 **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Heat unit . __ Faulkner, American
- writer 3. Guatemalan town
- 4. Of funny things 5. Actress __ de Armas
- 6. Agents of one's downfall
- 7. Takes forcibly
- 8. Body lice
- 9. Large nest of a bird of prey
- 13. Unhappy 14. Popular holiday dessert
- 17. Habitual drunkard 18. Used of a number or amount not
- specified 20. Complications
- 22. Fail to win 27. Before the
- present 28. Musical genre
- 29. Flurry
- 31. 007's creator 32. Indiana Pacer Toppin
- 33. Midway between north and northeast
- 37. Feeling
- 38. Damage another's reputation
- 39. Mottled citrus fruit
- 40. Beauty product
- 41. They man first, second and third
- 42. Harness
- 43. Herb
- 44. Expressed concern
- 47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
- 48. Consumed
- 49. Nostrils
 - 51. Gathered fallen leaves
 - 52. Express good wishes 53. Monetary unit of
 - Brunei
- 64. Actress __-Margaret 65. Not even





Workers erect the steel frame of St. Jean Baptiste Church on 100 Avenue in Morinville. The church, which was destroyed by fire, is set to reopen for Christmas 2025. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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36. American marsupial

41. Decadent dessert

47. Summer footwear

50. Rugged mountain

56. Wrapped in cloth

57. Defensive nuclear

60. Midway between east

61. Court decision "__ v.

59. "American Idol"

63. Soviet Socialist

contestant Clay

and southeast

62. Born of

Republic

55. Cut on the surface of

45. Aquatic plant

46. About aviation

ranges

weapon

Wade"

54. With tin

a hard object

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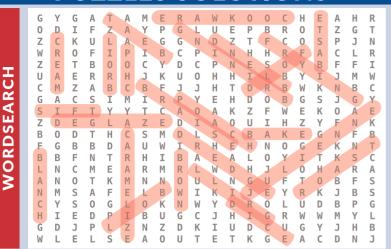
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Canada Geese depart from Heritage Lake amidst the fall colours. -

Stephen Dafoe Photo

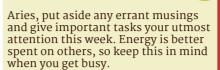


Canada Geese fly towards the sun near Heritage Lake on November 7. -

Stephen Dafoe Photo

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GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, your love life is in a really good place this week, which enables you to spend some quality time with your special someone. A romantic dinner sounds like a good plan.

CANCER

Your partner is the most important person in your life right now, Cancer. So much so that this week every bit of your attention will be focused his or her way

LEO

Leo, money could be burning a hole in your pocket, so you might want to go on a spending spree. Keep in mind that there are a few big-ticket purchases waiting in the wings.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

You don't always have to be decisive, Virgo. Sometimes you can kick back and let someone else make decisions for a change. This is a great way to rest and recharge.

HOROSCOPE

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23



SCORPIO

Scorpio, think about the things you want instead of what other people want. It's alright to be a little selfish once in a while and put yourself first

SAGITTARIUSNov 23/Dec 21

for a change.

Sagittarius, you could have fun this week and so may all the other people around you simply for being in your presence. This situation will continue in the days ahead.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, the next challenge on your list could be a big one. But if there is anyone who can handle the pressure, it is you. Don't be afraid to call on friends if you need them.

AOUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, go out into the world and try a few new things. Your social energy and curiosity might peak this week, and you'll need new experiences to feel satisfied.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

Your finances might need an overhaul, Pisces. This could mean taking a new job or expanding what you're doing to earn more. Start putting out feelers to gain information.



2 BEDROOMS IN LEGAL WITH OVERSIZED DOUBLE GARAGE

This cheery two bedroom comes with a NEW DECK, large backyard and a double detached 24'x38' garage. Pass the low maintenance front yard to enter into the living room with a

large picture window with the first bedroom off the living room - could be used as a lovely office as well. Through the living room is an open concept kitchen and dining room with a double sink and pantry. In the south side of the house is the primary bedroom, four piece bathroom, and laundry room by the back door with room for a deep freeze. Downstairs is a partial basement with cold room and crawlspace for utilities. The fenced backyard has a brand new deck, access to the garage, and a sizeable garden next to the garage - if that's not enough space, there's also a driveway next to the house for RV parking! Within walking distance of parks and shops, and with easy highway access to head into Morinville or Edmonton; this home is perfect for a couple just starting out or looking to downsize. \$239,900. Call Glenn to view.



79.5 ACRES OF LAND IN **THORHILD COUNTY**

Hay and bush land about 50 min north of Edmonton boundaries. About 50 acres has been in hay since 2008. Was previously grain land. It was aerated last fall and fertilized this spring. The 30 remaining acres is mature bush (some of it was logged

about 5 or 6 years ago and is growing back nicely. Nice building sites with power along the north side and part of the west side. Mostly high rolling land with very little low land. Lots of moose and deer in the area. County bylaws should allow this land to be subdivided once more. Long term renter would be willing to keep renting the land. \$225,000. Plus gst. Call Heather for more info.



STUNNING 10.72 ACRES **NEAR WASKATENAU**

gardeners delight with mature trees, flower beds, gazebo and garden area. Older home was added onto in 1996 and remodelled and features a mixture of old country charm and modern conveniences in this 1485 sq ft home. Some original

doors and light fixtures, lots of modern white kitchen cabinets with granite countertops, gas fireplace, both main floor and bsmt laundry facilities. large back entrance and covered deck. Main floor has 2 bedrooms, 4 pce bath and large kitchen, dining room and living room. Bsmt has new flooring throughout the family room, bath (with corner jacuzzi tub) cold room and 32'x28' heated double garage was built in 2021 and is completey finished inside. Even has roughed in wiring for future electric car charge 56'x20' metal clad cold storage shed and small barn. Completely fenced with new 5 strand barb wire fencing. Great opportunity for horses or hobby farm. About an hour from NE Edmonton, near Waskatenau. \$550,000. Call Heather to view.





NEW LISTING GIBBONS BEAUTY

Welcome to this beautifully updated bilevel with a SECOND KITCHEN and

IN FLOOR HEATING, freshly painted and ready for you! The main floor features two spacious bedrooms and a four piece bathroom, a bright living room with deck access, and a modern kitchen equipped with BRAND

NEW APPLIANCES. Upstairs is a small bonus area and the primary bedroom, offering two closets and a FIVE-PIECE ENSUITE complete with a jacuzzi tub. The lower level boasts a SECOND KITCHEN, family room two additional bedrooms, four piece bathroom, and a laundry room, with a SEPARATE ENTRANCE through a TRIPLE ATTACHED HEATED GARAGE making this home ideal for multi-generational living or entertaining! Outdoors offers plenty of room for the summertime, featuring a two-tie deck and a large backyard. **\$599,900. Call Glenn to view.**



3 BEDROOM HOME IN PIBROCH

Great starter or retirement home or rent it out. Has been rented in the past few years for \$950 per month plus utilities. Upgrades over the past years include metal roof, windows, and furnace. In the past 3 years the hot water tank has been replaced

bathroom renovated and new vinyl plank flooring was installed. Main floor features a large back entrance with laundry, good sized kitchen with plenty of wood cabinets, 4 pce bathroom, furnace room and huge living room. Upper floor has 3 bedrooms. Sits on a large 150x50' corner lot with plenty of room to add a garden or garage. Backs onto a park witih basketball court, ball diamond, fire pit area and kids playground. Pibroch has city water and community sewer and an active community hall. It's only minutes away from Westlock with all the amenities will need including a hospital and indoor swimming pool. \$82,400. Call Heather to view.



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN REDWATER

Tenant currently pays \$1250 a month including utilities and internet and TV. Good long term tenant would like to continue renting. Lot is zoned commercial. Quaint 400 sq foot house

in downtown Redwater. Newer high efficiency furnace and windows. Single detached garage with back alley access. Buy as an investment or ve into this tiny home for an affordable starter or retirement home \$99,900. Call Janine to view.



2,78 ACRES NEAR **BON ACCORD**

2.78 acres of treed land on pavement 30 minutes north of Edmonton, in a beautiful setting close to Lily Lake. The property has two outbuildings - a 87x24 ft pole shed and a 30x12.5 ft storage shed. Close to power and

gas, with the trees offering privacy from the road, this land is great for a new home or private storage. Easy access to Bon Accord and Gibbons for shopping and schools. \$129,900. Call Glenn for more info.



HUNTER'S PARADISE IN THORHILD COUNTY

109 acres of native bush land at the end of a dead end road just over an hour north of Edmonton. Property has been used as cattle pasture many years ago. Great opportunities as it backs onto

Cache Lake and borders crown land. Lots of wildlife in the area. Build your off grid property or tie into the grid as power runs along the road in front. Live year round, use it as a weekend getaway, hunting property or add to your pasture land. Close to Long Lake Provincial Park where there is a golf course, ski hill and great beach and boating. \$175,000.



FULL QUARTER IN THORHILD

Nice mixture of grass land and mature trees. Nice building sites in the trees with power running along the road south of this property. There was a gravel pit that has been mostly reclaimed. Nice hard pad still which would be great for

shop and parking area. Some black dirt still piled up and a bit of gravel piled there. Seller is willing to spread this however buyer would like. Good 5 strand barbed wire fence and a dugout in the northeast corner so would make great pasture land. Only 2 miles south of pavement and close to Half Moon Lake. Build your house and have land to raise a few animals. Or use it for hunting, quadding and snowmobiling. \$399,900. Call Heather for more info.





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