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# MCHS students showcase skill and determination at Skills Alberta Provincial Competition

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competition
at Skills
Alberta, where
he earned
a bronze
medal for his
craftsmanship
and precision.



Eleven students from the province to compete Morinville Communiin various skilled trades tv High School (MCHS) and technology sectors, including cabinetmaking, proudly represented their school at the Skills Alberta culinary arts, public speaking, video production, and Provincial Competition on May 7 and 8, at the Edmonton EXPO Centre. The an-For MCHS, participation nual event draws hundreds

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Aubrey Létourneau represented MCHS in the Junior High Culinary Challenge at the Skills Alberta Provincial Competition, earning gold for her creativity and skill in the kitchen.

# Morinville celebrates seniors' weel with coffee, community, and culture

## **By Shelley Winger**

Morinville is set to honour Seniors' Week with events that bring people together for connection, conversation, and a little entertainment. Adults aged 50 and over are invited to take part in two special gatherings designed to celebrate community and recognize the contributions of older adults.

of students from across

The week kicks off on Tuesday, June 3, with Coffee with a Cop at the Rendez-Vous Centre. From 9

a.m. to 12 p.m., guests can enjoy free coffee, snacks, and friendly conversation with fellow community members and local law enforcement. The dropin event, hosted by Rendez-Vous and FCSS Harmony, provides a relaxed setting to connect with others and learn about services and supports available in the area.

Then, on Thursday, June 5, the spotlight turns to the Morinville Community Cultural Centre for Dinner & Show: Hats & Gloves

Morinville, Alberta T8R 1V5

- Hard Work & Dreams. Supported by Chartwell St. Albert Retirement Residence, this charming evening features a catered dinner followed by a heartwarming play from renowned theatre duo Rooney & Punyi. Their performance celebrates six resilient prairie women, and attendees are encouraged to wear their favourite hats and gloves to join in the spirit of the event.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$32 + GST if purchased before May 24, and \$37 + GST afterward. Tickets can be purchased online at https://ow.ly/pTka5oVOT2H.

As a bonus, all seniors attending any Seniors' Week events will receive a free Morinville Community Library card.

Seniors' Week is a chance to come together, share stories, and celebrate the vibrant contributions of older adults in the community. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this week of connection, learning, and laughter.

Council approves 2025 Municipal Property Tax Bylaw, lowering rate for residents

Morinville, Alta. - At a Special Meeting of Council on May 6, 2025, Morinville Council approved second and third reading of Bylaw 7/2025, the 2025 Property Tax Bylaw. The Bylaw included a reduced tax rate increase for 2025, lowering the increase from the budget estimate of 5.75% to 1.36%. This was made possible by higher than budgeted assessment values and Council's allocation of a portion of the 2024 budget surplus to the 2025 Operating Budget.

#### Background and Rate Impact

Council originally approved the 2025 Budget with an estimated 5.75% tax increase. In early 2025, the final aggregate assessment figures were confirmed to be higher than the original estimates, allowing Council to reduce the tax rate increase to 3.23%. During recent deliberations of the Property Tax Bylaw, Council utilized a portion of the surplus from the 2024 financial year to further reduce the tax rate increase to 1.36%.

- This means a home valued at \$350,000 would have originally incurred an estimated increase of \$14.30 per month. Based on the approved tax rate bylaw, this increase is now \$3.39 per month.
- For a commercial property valued at \$650,000, the

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# Responding to growth: Residential building permits in Alberta

#### By Rob Roach, ATB **ECONOMICS**

The monthly numbers released this morning by Statistics Canada show an uptick in the value of residential building permits in Alberta in March.

Led by multiple-dwelling projects, permit value was up by 20% compared to March 2024.

The monthly numbers tend to be quite volatile, so it's important to look at the trend over a longer period. As the chart below shows, residential permit values have been on a strong upward trend since 2022.

The upward trend in permit value is in keeping with the rapid pace of housing starts in the province.

Both the permit and housing starts trends ongoing increases combined with the housing backlog will continue to support new residential construction in the

province. Our current tracking sees housing starts cooling slightly to 45K this year from 47.8K in 2024, but this still represents

a strong pace of new home construction in the province.

\*Change between January 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025.



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estimated increase has been reduced from \$118.36 to \$87.96 per month.

Individual taxpayers may see the municipal portion vary from the average projected increase due to market adjustments and/or improvements made to their property.

These increases do not include changes to the Homeland Housing requisition and the educational taxes payable directly to the Government of Alberta as part of the tax notice. The Government of Alberta has recently increased the portion of

point to the need for

housing construction

to continue to catch

up to the population

since 2023. Alberta's

was the highest in the

country last year at

3.5%\* with real-time

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the education budget collected from local property taxes. In 2024, the education budget was funded 29% by local property taxes collected by municipalities and remitted to the province. In 2025, this amount is increasing to 31.5%, with 2026 expected to reach 33%. The result is an increase in the education property tax rate of 10.9% for 2025.

#### Surplus Allocation Breakdown

The budget surplus for the 2024 fiscal year was \$2.7 million. The surplus is not the result of one factor, but rather a reflection of conservative and disciplined use of municipal resources the organization.

Following Council's Reserve Policv. Council allocated the surplus in the following manner:

- · \$688,626 (25%) of the surplus) to the General Operating Reserve
- \$213,338 to the Snow Removal Reserve
- \$1,000,000 as per the Long-term Operational Plan
- \$105,000 to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Reserve as a parks and recreation transfer
- · \$287,642 Off-Site Levy Reserves
- \$139,314 to the Land Reserve
- \$58,177 in unrealized gains
- \$262,405 for the 2025 tax levy reduction

"Through operational efficiencies, prudent budgeting, and strong financial oversight, Morinville has been able

to generate surplus funds without impacting service levels," said Michelle Hay, Chief Administrative Officer.

decisions

"The

made in allocating the surplus reflect Council's ongoing efforts to respond to the financial presfacing sures community, while keeping in mind Morinville's operations and Long-Term Plan," said Mayor Simon Boersma. "I appreciate the work of Administration and Council in exploring ways to balance the needs of our community and support residents wherever possible. Thank you to our residents for continuing to support our community—your contributions help us move forward together."

# Alberta Electoral **Boundaries Commission** Take Part in Alberta's **Review of Constituency Boundaries** To learn how, visit www.abebc.ca or scan Suite 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5 e-mail: info@abebc.ca phone: 1.833.777.2125 (f) 💥 D 🛅 🖸

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# Property tax notices have been sent: Payment deadline is June 30

property tax notices have been sent to Morinville property owners-nearly two weeks earlier than usual-in anticipation of a potential Canada Post labour disruption. Property owners can expect their 2025 Property Tax Notice to arrive soon.

"We recognize that a potential mail disruption may impact how quickly residents

notices," said Travis Nosko, Interim General Manager, Administrative Services. "To support timely payments and give residents more flexibility, we made the decision to mail notices earlier than usual, while maintaining the June 30 deadline. This gives property owners a few extra weeks to plan and take advantage

methods if needed."

# **How to Pay Your Property Tax**

Morinville offers several convenient payment options:

- Online banking through your financial institution
- In person at Town Hall
- allows) Property owners can also register for

• By mail (if service

More than 4,000 receive their tax of alternate payment the Tax Installment taxes. Payment Plan (TIPP) to spread payments equally over the calendar year instead of paying in one lump sum. If you start the program mid-year, we require a catchup payment to bring your account up to date as if you have been making payments since January.

> For more details on payment options, visit: morinville.ca/

# **Key Dates to Avoid Penalties**

To avoid penalties, property taxes must be received by June 30, 2025. Late payment penalties are as follows:

- 6% penalty applied if payment is not received by June 30, 2025
- An additional 6% if still unpaid by August 31, 2025

• 14% applied to any outstanding arrears on January 1, 2026 Please note that

property owners remain responsible for ensuring their payment is received on time, regardless of any mail service disruptions.

#### Didn't receive a **Property Tax notice?**

Property owners

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# Don't get measles\* Get immunized.

#### Measles outbreaks are occurring in Canada, including Alberta.

Measles is an extremely contagious disease that is spread easily through the air. The best way to protect yourself, your family and your community is to ensure you are up to date with your immunizations.

# Visit alberta.ca/measles

to find out if you're up to date and what to do if you're not.



# PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1680/25 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1548/21

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw #1680/25 Sturgeon Industrial Park Offsite Levy Bylaw 1548/21 Amendment.

Sturgeon County Council deems it necessary to establish Off-Site Levies to pay for the capital costs of new and expanded roads, for new or expanded water and wastewater facilities, for new or expanded stormwater facilities, and the land required in connection with those facilities, all of which will be required as a result of anticipated subdivision and development within the Sturgeon Industrial Park

A bylaw is needed to amend existing bylaws, and a public hearing must be held.

View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1680-25.

## **Public Hearing details**

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville) sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

# **Questions? Contact us!**

Chris Pullen **Development Engineering & Land** Services 780-939-1319



# 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 preregister.

# Speak via video conference (phone or video call-in)

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you must register by May 26 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.

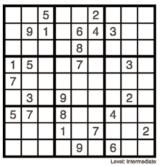




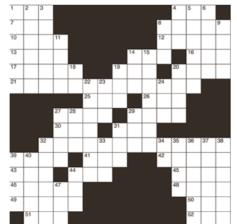
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# **SUDOKU**

# **CROSSWORDS**



Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-be ouzzle will ha square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric dues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

# **Crossword Clues**

- **CLUES ACROSS** 1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 4. British thermal unit
- 7. Afflict
- 8. Refrain from harming
- 10. Galls
- 12. Leg bone
- 13. Rhine distributary
- 14. Recipe
- measurement
- 16. Chap
- 17. Useful book
- 19. Mountain Time
- 20. Snakelike fishes
- 21. Places where people
- live
- 25. US, Latin America,
- Canada belong to
- 26. Periodical
- 27. A type of sense 29. A way to get
- possession of 30. Everyone has one
- 31. Body art
- 32. Mr. October
- 39. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- 41. Head movement
- 42. Jeweled headdress

- 43. VCR button
- 44. A way to change
- 45. Basketball move
- 46. Upright stone slab 48. Forest-dwelling
- monkey 49. Pulsate steadily
- 50. Negative 51. Sino-Soviet bloc
- (abbr.)

## 52. Unit of work

- **CLUES DOWN** 1. Island
- 2. Pittsburgh ballplayer
- 3. Chemical compound
- 4. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
- 5. Mesas
- 6. Wild, long-legged sheep
- 8. Engine additive
- 9. "CSI" actor George
- 11. Stony waste matter 14. Thyroid-stimulating
- hormone 15. Pores in a leaf's
- epidermis 18. Digraph

- 19. Married woman
- 20. Peripheral
- 22. Northern Italy city
- 23. Klutz
- 24. Type of tree
- 27. Witnessed
- 28. Popular breakfast food
- 29. \_\_ Mahal 31. BoSox legend
- Williams
- 32. Professional drivers 33. Atom or molecule
- type
- 34. The Constitution State
- 35. Chest to store clothes (Scottish)
- 36. Type of solution
- 37. Speaker
- 38. Specifying
- 39. Formerly (archaic)
- 40. Wiseman and Krom are two
- 44. The bill in a
- restaurant 47. Tennis shot

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# TIMED ONLINE

Consignment Auction, RR 214-58020 Redwater, Bids Start to Close June 17th Yard Will Be Open for Equipment Consignment Starting Wednesday June 4th to June 13th, 10-6 pm, Closed on Sundays. Misc. is Full

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Estate of Lorne Lakusta, Andrew, Bids Start to Close June 25th

2014 Peterbilt 367 • 2- JD 568 Balers c/w net wrap • JD 4890 Swather c/w 890 Hayheader • Buhler 2145 Tractor • JD 4440 • Case 2290 • Versatile 835 • JD 7720 Combine • Cattle Equip. • Tillage • Truc Large Acreage Sale, Sherwood Park, Bids Start to Close July 1st

Estate Sale, Smoky Lake Area, Bids Start to Close July 8th

Case IH 535 Tractor 1600 Hrs • Case IH 9120 Combine • JD S680 Combine • Case 1203 30' Swather • Vertec VT 5600 8 tier Dryer • 2-75 KVA Gen sets • Tillage • Grain Bins • 3- Tandem grain trucks • Augers

Farm Retirement Sale, Fort Saskatchewan, Bids Start to Close July 15th Large Joint Farm Equipment Sale For M3 Farms & Tribend Ranch, Gibbons, Bids Start to Close July 22nd

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# Morinville **TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE**

**Saturday, May 24, 2025** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parking Lot of the Morinville Leisure Centre (MLC) 25126 SH642, Sturgeon County and individual homes in our community

Join us at the MLC parking lot to enjoy some shopping and/or download the individual community garage sale map and choose where to shop! Food trucks will be on-site at the MLC if you'd like to enjoy lunch out.



For more information and to view the garage sale map, scan the QR code or visit events.morinville.ca



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# Notice of Application Confined Feeding Operation

Springside Poultry Ltd. have filed Application BA25013 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain an Approval to expand an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) on the NE 32-57-25 W4M in Sturgeon County of Alberta. The application is to build a new broiler breeder barn and to increase from 27,000 to 35,000 broiler breeders. This will bring the total permitted livestock at this CFO to 35,000 broiler breeders and 11,000 pullets.

#### Filing a Response

Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a written response to the NRCB. The response must be received by the NRCB on or before 4:30 pm on June 18, 2025. Submissions should be made to the NRCB address provided below. All attachments sent electronically must be in pdf format. A copy of the responses will be sent to the applicant for comment. Responses regarding the application may be posted on the NRCB's public website, as they are public records and are non-confidential.

Your written response must include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, and email. You must also explain how vou are directly affected. For further information please refer to the fact sheet "The Permitting Process for Confined Feeding Operations in Alberta" at www.nrcb.ca.

Failure to submit a written response affects your right to apply for an NRCB Board review.

# Viewing the Application

A complete copy of the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant under the Agricultural Operation Practices Act may be viewed on the NRCB website at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Notice of Approval and Registration Applications). The application will also be available for in-person viewing at the Morinville office by appointment. If you require further information, please contact the approval officer listed below.

Nathan Shirley, Approval Officer 201, 10008 - 107 St Morinville AB T8R 1L3 nathan.shirley@nrcb.ca T 587-785-0407

The closing date for submissions: 4:30 pm on June 18, 2025

Dated at Morinville AB, on May 21, 2025



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# Ronald Howard McConnell

**January 14, 1950** ~ **May 5, 2025** 

The family of **Ronald Howard** McConnell sadly announces his peaceful passing on May 5, 2025. **Born on January** 14, 1950, in Elk Point, Ron spent his early years in



Ashmont and made his home in Coronado, just north of Gibbons, throughout his working life and into retirement.

Ron is lovingly remembered by his wife, Peggy, who cherished their life together. He was a devoted father to Chad (Rozanna), Andy (Amy), Patrick (Chrisy), Ted, and Todd (Sam), and his love for them was evident in his efforts to provide for his family. He found deep satisfaction in ensuring their well-being.



family brought him immense delight. He treasured the times they were near.

An open-house-style gathering to commemorate his life will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eulogy and tributes at 10:30 am, at the Gibbons Community Cultural Centre, 5115 51 Street, Gibbons, Alberta. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that you plant a tree in his memory, a living tribute to Ron.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Sturgeon Memorial Funeral Home (780) 921-3900

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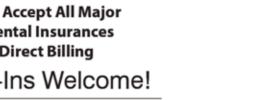
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in Skills Alberta has become a longstanding tradition. Since first entering the competition in 1999, the school has consistently demonstrated excellence in skillsbased education, with students earning a total of 37 medals to date thanks in part to this year's strong showing.

Among the 2025 medalists, Aubrey Létourneau captured gold in the Junior High Culinary Challenge, impressing judges with both creativity and technical skill. Renze Wierenga earned a bronze medal in Cabinetmaking, showcasing precise craftsmanship in one of the competition's most demanding categories.

Although only two students earned podium finishes, all 11 competitors from MCHS exhibited exceptional professionalism, perseverance, and commitment. Qualifying for the provincial competition alone is a significant accomplishment. This year's competitors included:

- Tyler Plamondon Cabinetmaking
- Chase Senko Culinary Arts
- · Shayne Demchuk -
- Graphic Design Lauren Andrews
- Job Search Hunter Smith – Joinery
- Abrielle Hughes Junior High Culinary Challenge
- Elizabeth Nelson **Public Speaking**
- Farough Brianna & Avery Pelletier -Video Production

These students dedicated countless hours beyond classroom time

to prepare, honing their skills, perfecting their projects, and building the confidence necessary to perform at a high level.

Their success is a reflection not only of personal effort but also of the supportive culture at MCHS and the guidance of a dedicated team of coaches:

- Greg Boutestein Video Production
- Kyle Coxen Cab– inetmaking Joinery
- Daniel Pietraszewski - Graphic Design
- Michelle Receveur Job Search and Public Speaking
- · Louise Sansano -Hairstyling and Junior High Culinary
- Marc Swerda Culinary Arts

These educators provided mentorship, encouragement, and technical training, helping students reach their full potential. Their contributions are key to the ongoing success of MCHS students at Skills Alberta.

The competition offers more than medals—it provides valuable real-world experience, builds confidence, and inspires future careers in trades and technology. Whether or not students brought home hardware, each left with a sense of pride, new connections, and lasting memories.

Congratulations go out to the medalists, competitors, and coaches for their outstanding representation of Morinville Community High School and the community. Their dedication and spirit exemplify the best of what youth can achieve through hard work and passion.

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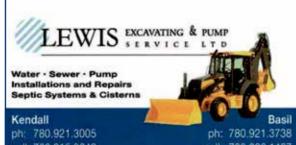
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#### About the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw

At a Special Meeting of Council on May 6, 2025, Morinville Council approved Bylaw 7/2025, the 2025 Property Tax Bylaw. The Bylaw included a reduced tax rate increase for 2025, lowering the increase from the budget estimate of 5.75% to 1.36%. This was made possible by higher than budgeted assessment values and Council's allocation of a portion of the 2024 budget surplus to the 2025 Operating Budget. Find more details about the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw at https://www.morinville.ca/news.

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# GORGEOUS TREED 70 ACRES WITH HOME

This cozy 1 bdrm walk out bungalow in Thorhild County offers a peaceful retreat with a beautifully landscaped yard and wide trails that wind through the mature trees, creating the perfect setting for outdoor enthusiasts. The main house features a finished basement, which could be used as second bedroom, with door to the attached woodshed and provides ample living space for family or guests. The 26'x26' double detached garage has in floor heating and offers plenty of room for vehicles and storage, while multiple outbuildings on the property provide additional space for hobbies, animals, workshops, or extra storage. There is also a charming guest

house, which only requires water to complete it and make it a perfect space for visitors. Bring your animals or just use the land for recreation and hunting with moose and deer right on your land. Gardens, fruit trees and dugout complete the property. \$524,900. Heather to view.



# 149 ACRES IN THORHILD COUNTY

Beautiful 149 Acres of rolling land in Thorhild County with many great building sites for a walkout home. Approximately 100 acres is cleared and planted to hay with the rest

large, mature forest. There is both a dugout and a natural pond on the land. Lots of wildlife in the area. Use as your weekend getaway, build your dream home and start your farm, or rent the hay land out and use for hunting. Power line runs along both sides of this quarter. Good possibility of subdividing into a few smaller parcels with County approval Located just under an hour to north Edmonton. \$295,000 plus gst. Call Heather for more info.



# 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. \$79,900.



# NEWBROOK FARM

Enjoy privacy on this 160 acres at the end of a dead end road just a few minutes south of Newbrook. This cute 896 sq ft 2 bedroom 1 bathroom home was built in 1983 with 2"x6"

walls and has been well kept. Open living/kitchen concept, bay window and garden doors to a large covered deck add to this great home. Just about an hour to Edmonton. \$459,900. Call Heather 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. \$110,000. Call Glenn for more info.



#### **5 BEDROOM 3 BATH BUNGALOW NEAR** WESTLOCK

Beautiful 3 acres with 1770 sq ft 2+3 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow with fully finished bsmt and 30'x28' attached heated garage just a few minutes NW

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#### **RENOVATED BUNGALOW NEAR** BUSBY

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