

Terry Fox Run brings Morinville Public School community together



Morinville Public School photo



By Shelley
Winger

Morinville Public School students and staff came together September 28 for the school's annual Terry Fox Run, joining communities across Canada in keeping Terry Fox's legacy of hope and determination alive.

The MPS Dragons took part as a school community, running in honour of Fox and remembering the

lasting impact of his Marathon of Hope. The event gave students an opportunity to learn about Fox's story while taking part in a tradition that has become an important part of Canadian life.

Fox began his Marathon of Hope in 1980 with the goal of running across Canada to raise money and awareness for cancer research. Running with an artificial leg after losing his right leg to cancer, Fox set out from St. John's,

Newfoundland, and Labrador, determined to make a difference for people affected by the disease.

At Morinville Public School, students were encouraged to take part in "Toonies for Terry" by bringing a \$2 donation to support cancer research. The school emphasized that even small contributions can make a difference when a community works together.

The school's message leading up to

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Foundation looks to strengthen philanthropic ties across Sturgeon County



By Haylee
Winger

For a community foundation, building relationships can be just as important as providing financial support.

That is the focus of the St. Albert Sturgeon Community Foundation as it works to introduce more people across Sturgeon County to the foundation and the role local philanthropy can play in supporting community projects.

The Foundation will host An Evening of Community, Connection & Philanthropy on October 15 at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. The event begins at 7 p.m.

The evening will bring together residents, businesses, community leaders and charitable organizations for an opportunity to learn more about the Foundation,

the work it has supported and its plans for the future.

Although the Foundation has been supporting charitable organizations serving Sturgeon County residents since 2015, President Doug Campbell said there is still a need to build awareness of its work in the county.

That was one of the reasons the foundation recently changed its name.

Founded in 1997 as the St. Albert Community Foundation, the organization became the St. Albert Sturgeon Community Foundation to better reflect the communities it serves.

"The name change came about as the Board recognized that although the Foundation had been supporting organizations serving Sturgeon County residents since 2015, providing more than \$300,000 in support, the Foundation was relatively

unknown in the County," Campbell said.

"We wanted our name to better reflect the communities we serve and to build greater awareness of the opportunities for local philanthropy across Sturgeon County."

That support has reached a wide range of local initiatives.

Examples include the Morinville Public Library's Dolly Parton Imagination Library, the West Sturgeon Agriculture Society's ice resurfacer replacement and West Sturgeon People Aging in Place's Light the Way and Red Plate projects.

The Foundation has also supported the Town of Legal's Fête au Village, the Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation through playground and School Inspire Program initiatives, and the Wilderness Youth Challenge Program

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The applicant is requesting the land be rezoned to REC – Recreational District to allow them to apply for a 'Recreation, outdoor motorized vehicle facility' development permit.

Each time land is rezoned, a bylaw is needed to amend the Land Use Bylaw, and a public hearing must be held.

Legal land description: SE-31-57-23-4

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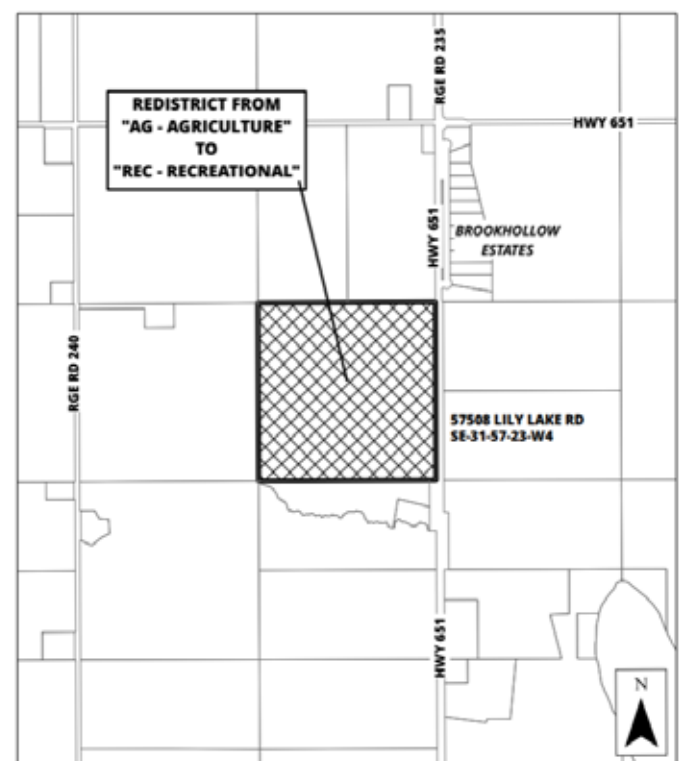
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through projects such as Train the Trainer programs, program kits and a boat.

Campbell said the Foundation's support has reached several areas of community life, including children and youth, seniors, recreation, family services and community connection.

The upcoming event in Morinville is intended to give residents a better understanding of how community foundations operate and how local giving can create long-term benefits.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to learn about the different types of funds held by the Foundation and the number of county charities it has supported.

"This evening is really an information and connection opportunity," Campbell said. "We want to introduce residents, community organizations and potential donors to what a community foundation does and how philanthropy can be used to create lasting benefits within their own communities."

Morinville was selected as the location for the first Sturgeon County event because of its central location and the suitability of the community cultural centre, Campbell said.

The Foundation hopes the October gathering will be the first step in creating more opportunities to connect directly with communities throughout the county.

"Morinville is just the

beginning," Campbell said.

"Going forward, we plan to travel throughout Sturgeon County to meet with community groups, organizations and residents and share more about the important role community foundations can play in building strong, sustainable communities."

Looking further ahead, the Foundation hopes to establish a Sturgeon County Impact Fund.

The proposed fund would give individuals, families and businesses an opportunity to contribute to a permanent community fund that can grow over time and provide ongoing support to charitable organizations and initiatives throughout the county.

For Campbell, the goal is not simply to provide support for individual projects, but to help create something that can continue benefiting local communities in the years ahead.

"We see this as an opportunity to build a lasting legacy of local philanthropy – one that can respond to changing community needs today while continuing to make a difference for generations to come," he said.

The Foundation is inviting residents, businesses, community organizations and others interested in local giving to attend An Evening of Community, Connection & Philanthropy on October 15.

For more information or to attend the event, contact the St. Albert Sturgeon Community Foundation at ed@sascf.ca.

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the event encouraged students to remember those who have lost their lives to cancer, support people currently facing the disease and hold onto hope for a future without cancer.

The run also offered students a chance to put Fox's message into action. Rather than simply learning about his journey, the MPS Dragons became part of the ongoing tradition that has kept his dream alive for generations of Canadians.

The school reflected on Fox's belief that "Anything

is possible if you try," highlighting the importance of coming together and continuing to move forward, even when the goal may seem bigger than any one person.

For the MPS community, the Terry Fox Run was about more than completing a run. It was about remembering a Canadian who inspired millions, supporting the fight against cancer and showing students how individual efforts can become something much bigger when people work together.

With students and staff taking part side by side, the

annual event demonstrated that Terry Fox's legacy remains strong. Every step taken and every donation made helps carry his message forward, ensuring that his Marathon of Hope continues with the next generation.



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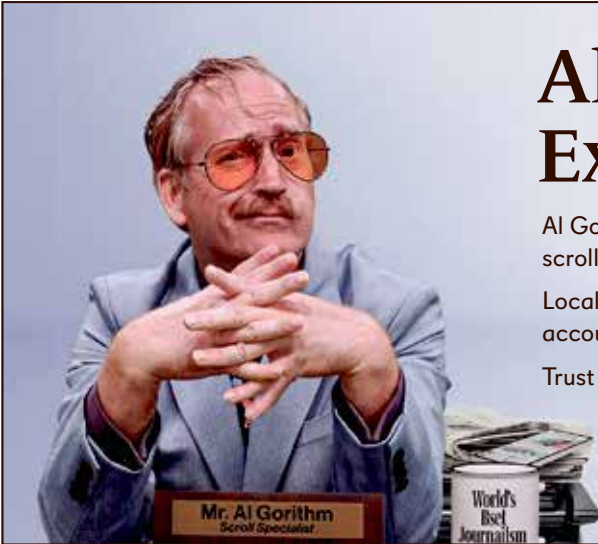
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