

PUBLIC NO LONGER ALLOWED AT MOST STURGEON COUNTY BUILDINGS

As Sturgeon County continues to navigate the dynamic and changing landscape related to the global COVID19 pandemic, we remain committed to the delivery of essential services while ensuring the health and safety of our residents and staff. In an effort to do this, the following changes are in effect immediately:

The following County buildings will be closed to the public until further notice. For those who require emergency service or time sensitive business, please call 780-939-4321 or Toll Free 1-866-939-9303 to book an appointment.

- Sturgeon County Centre
- Agriculture Services Trailer
- Community Services Office & Sturgeon West
- Feet & Building Services
- Protective Services Headquarters
- Sturgeon South

All Sturgeon County Fire Stations will be closed to the public; however, fire response levels will remain the same.

All scheduled Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are cancelled until the end of March, at which time we will make a decision on whether public meetings can resume or if cancellations will be extended.

Family & Community Support Services is available to residents who require assistance. Call 780 939-8332

or 780-722-1479 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for information and available supports.

Development Support Services will still receive applications (development permits; all safety code permits; subdivisions; amendments, compliance certificate requests, etc.) via Email, Fax, mail or the Sturgeon County Centre drop-box. For any other inquiries contact us via email or phone.

E: pandd@sturgeoncounty.ca

P: 780 939-8275

F: 780 939-2076

We will be posting local community changes and updates as necessary electronically.

During this unprecedented and difficult time, the health and safety of our residents and staff remain a priority. County staff have been asked to work from home where possible and to avoid in-person meetings. All business related travel including offsite meetings, courses and conferences have been cancelled in accordance to the guidelines to AHS guidelines. We strongly encourage our residents to follow suit where appropriate.

If you have health related questions or concerns about COVID19, call Health Link 811 or your healthcare provider. All Albertans are encourage to rely on Alberta Health Services for the latest information, guidance and resources.

--Sturgeon County

SKI HILL, LIBRARIES CLOSED IN THORHILD COUNTY

Thorhild County libraries have confirmed are closed and will remain closed to the public indefinitely.

Thorhild County also closed the Long Lake Ski Hill March 16th for the remainder of the season.

“At this time Thorhild County Administrative and Public Work offices remain open the public and the County has initiated public sanitizing stations at entry points and is practicing recommended social distancing protocols to maintain public access. As CAO I continue to

MORINVILLE CANCELS COUNCIL MEETING, CHANGES STAFF DEPLOYMENT

At a special council meeting March 17 Morinville Town Council cancelled its March 24 regular meeting and may hold council meetings electronically after that if the COVID-19 situation continues.

Councillors walked through a new-look lobby on the second floor of the town administration building as a public sanitizing station stood at the top of the stairs, with retractable barricades providing about a three foot space between the client standing area and the

consider – and balance – delivery of public services with the need to address COVID-19 concerns of the community and staff,” states Chief Administrative Officer Paul Hanlan.

The Thorhild and District Ag Society also announced the closure of the arena. “Due to the increased spread of COVID-19 and direction from AAAS the arena is now closed for the season ... We will also suspend all future Ag meetings until further notice.”

service counter.

Council was also told that routine work is continuing to be done but on a modified staffing model. Administrative staff, including top executives are rotating between in-office and working from home to decrease the number staff in the building at any one time.

Public Works staff are also on a modified schedule and deployed to a variety of tasks rather than working together on projects, to minimize contact.

STAY AWAY FROM RCMP DETACHMENT EXCEPT FOR URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES

The Morinville RCMP Detachment issued the following notice on March 16.

In light of the unprecedented circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and in the interest of the health and well being of our clients and employees alike, it is asked that the members of the general public refrain from attending the Morinville RCMP detachment if at all possible.

Providing the best possible service to our communities remains our top priority. To ensure this continues, we will remain to be available by telephone for routine matters and at the front counter in

urgent circumstances.

For any routine enquiries please call our administration line. It can then be discussed whether you need to attend the detachment or if we can assist you over the phone.

For all routine and administrative enquires please call: 780-939-4550

To file a complaint call: 780-939-4520

The procedure for urgent calls for service has not changed. In these circumstances please call 911. We thank you for your understanding. We will keep you informed as circumstances change.

BEADING, TRAPLINE TALES CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 SITUATION

Métis Crossing in Smoky Lake County announced changes to its programs.

“Due to the precautions we are taking with the COVID-19

situation, we are cancelling our Beading Class and Tales From The Trapline programming that was scheduled for March 21, 2020. We apologize for any disappointment this may cause.”