A 15.5% municipal property tax rate hike in Morinville expected by businesses with the introduction of the the 2019 Taxation Bylaw has turned into double that — 32.8%.

On April 9 council advised that the hike in the mill rate was only one factor. At play, in addition, the average increase in the commercial property assessment was 15%. Since the actual property tax results from a calculation using the two factors, the increased assessment combined with the large tax rate increase means that commercial property will be paying 15% more for the education and Homeland Housing requisitions. These added another approximately 50% to the bill above the municipal portion which businesses paid in 2018.

And what is council’s reaction to this situation? The Mayor and five councillors present April 9 voted unanimously in favor of the taxation bylaw.

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The report on the planned tax rate shows that for each $300,000 in assessed value, the property owner will be paying $2,091.73 in municipal taxes, and in 2019 a $300,000 assessment increases compound the impact.

The report shows that on average for each $300,000 in assessed value, the property owner will be paying $2,778.34 in property taxes — compared to $2,991.73 in 2018. That is for every $300,000 in assessment.

And that is only the municipal portion (the part used by the town) while the increased assessment also means that commercial property will be paying 15% more for the education and Homeland Housing requisitions. These added another approximately 50% to the bill above the municipal portion which businesses paid in 2018.

The assessment changes reflect averages across the town, some commercial and residential properties will vary higher or lower than the average so the actual impact on your house or business will only be known when you get your tax bill. The town does not send out assessment notices in advance of the actual tax bill.
Four Winds Public School to open in January

Principal Dan Requa (center right) and several staff members of Morinville’s newest public school joined together for their first open house near the Four Winds Public School site on April 8th. —photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

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Located in Morinville’s Notre Dame community, Four Winds is a progressive, student centered environment with a capacity of 600 students. In partnership with Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary, Four Winds will take on a learning style that instills and promotes growth, innovation and commitment to learning. It will offer flexible curriculum delivery, collaborative open spaces, an amphitheatre and learning garden. The school will also include honorary areas such as the Donna Hunter Learning Commons, the Thelma Chalifoux Learning Garden and the Audit Kowalyk Science Lab for local area women who were lifelong advocates for Public Education.

The School’s mission statement, “A Step Toward an Inspiring Education Journey” is supported by its program highlights and career & technology foundations courses and clubs. It will support inclusive education in programs such as French Immersion, Athletics, Dance Academy and Music, as well as Robotics, Entrepreneurship, Digital Citizenship and many more. Registration is accepted at the Morinville Public School.

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Count Yourself In! Complete the Census Online

Sturgeon County is conducting a municipal census between April 15 and June 30.

Why should you complete the census?

Did you know that Sturgeon County receives up to $178 in provincial and federal grants for each resident counted? These funds help to plan for municipal services like roads and social programs.

Completing your census online is quick and easy. Watch your mail for a Census letter with your PIN, then go to sturgeoncounty.ca/census to count yourself in!

Census workers will be going door-to-door two weeks after PIN letters are mailed to offer residents another way to complete the census. If you have completed your census online, a census worker will not visit your home.

Land Use Bylaw Amendments

Sturgeon County continues to fine-tune the Land Use Bylaw in order to keep abreast with the changing needs of our agricultural and residential community as well as industry. These changes require regular text amendments to the Bylaw – amendments that can become quite technical and difficult to understand.

For the next round of amendments, we’ve developed an infographic that addresses four of the main amendments to make the content easier to understand. Watch Sturgeon County social media platforms and look for the print ad on April 23 and 30 right here in the Morinville Free Press and Redwater Review.

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All Sturgeon County offices will be closed
Friday, April 19 and Monday, April 22 for Easter.
Sturgeon County council unanimously supported the first reading of its Taxation Rates bylaw on April 11, which contains a zero increase in taxes for 2019. “The 2019 Taxation Rates Bylaw proposes a 0% increase in municipal property taxes, the same percentage increase presented in the budget,” Jones stated. “The council reinforced Council’s direction to respect residents and minimize the impact taxes present in a poor economic climate,” states information presented by administration.

The bylaw proposes the County will raise $67.6 million in total property tax revenue including requisitions (compared to $68.6 million in 2018). Of that, general municipal property taxes amount to $200,601,338 ($49.3 million in 2018). Administration points to an additional huge factor in the County finances: “The Sturgeon Refinery revenue was not included in the tax rate bylaw development as the plant is not yet commissioned. The estimated $36 million of refinery revenue identified during the budget cycle was allocated to capital projects and reserves and as such, will not impact operations.”

The report notes that municipal taxes are the most important single source of revenue for Sturgeon County. “Approximately 70% of operating revenues in 2019 will be derived from municipal property taxes.” While the tax rate is not increasing, individual properties may see some variations as a result of changes in assessment. “Assessments used for budget purposes are estimated approximately eight months prior to the availability of final figures. The estimate is required to gain an understanding of the net impact the budget will have on property taxation in the County,” administration notes, also indicating “Overall increase in assessment values from the 2018 to 2019 was 0.4% for residential and 3.2% for non-residential.”

Other funds being collected through property taxes are for three requisitions: the 2019 Homeland Housing requisition of $680,093 (an increase of 8%) has been received; the 2019 Alberta School Foundation requisition is estimated at $16,619,992 net; and the 2019 Designated Industrial Property requisition of $150,498 (increased by 57% due to tax rate increase as well as assessment).

The tax rate contained in the bylaw includes the following for municipal purposes: residential tax rate .0036449 (or 3.6449 mills); non-residential, machinery & equipment .0102808 (10.2808 mills); farmland .0094700 (9.4700 mills); non-residential, municipal purposes: residential tax rate .0010497 (1.0497 mills); non-residential, farmland .0010497 (1.0497 mills); small farms .0036449 (3.6449 mills); non-residential, small farms .0030406 (3.0406 mills); and 3.2% for non-residential.

The taxation rate bylaw may be changed during council debate as it is considered for three readings before going into effect. First reading of a bylaw is the introductory step, with second and final reading the normal stages for questions and debate however the achievement of a zero tax increase was surprisingly subdued during the session, with no member of council taking the opportunity to verbally celebrate it.

Gibbons Fire Dept Member Jesi Hedstrom and Chief Eric Lowe stand proudly next to Lyle and Jodi Jones who joined the Department in 1976 and passed away in November 2018. Hedstrom is at the forefront of an honorary project and proud to soon be introducing a scholarship that will be open to students of Sturgeon County enrolled in EMS related programs such as Fire, EMS, RCMP, First Responders for Mental Health and Dispatch. –photo by Amy Hibbard-Hisscock

Gibbons fire department volunteer honoured through EMS memorial scholarship by Amy Hibbard-Hisscock

In November 2018, the Gibbon’s Fire Department was deeply impacted by the loss of one of their long time members, Geoff Jones. Jones was very involved in his community through family, work and volunteering. He joined the Gibbons Fire Department in March 1976 and retired in June 1983. He then continued serving as a dispatcher in May 1999 until Parkland took over dispatch services in 2005 or 2006. Jones is remembered for participating in every fundraising event, candy drive and BBQ held. He was very dedicated to the Department, a member of Gibbons town council, and an Ambassador for the Town of Gibbons. He was survived by his wife, Chris; son David and daughter Susan; 7 Grandchildren and 2 Great-Grandchildren.

The Fire Department wanted to do something in honour of Mr. Jones. Jesi Hedstrom, member of the Fire Department had an idea of a scholarship — the deeper idea is to help others as he did — and have it go to someone with a shared passion. Hedstrom was the lead in the project and had to conduct research on starting a scholarship program and present it to the team members who then passed the idea via vote. Jones’ family members were on board with the idea and his wife Chris has agreed to be a co-sponsor of the scholarship when it is given to the recipient in September. Hedstrom indicated that the information for the scholarship criteria will be available on the department’s website in May.

The criteria for qualification for the $1000 scholarship will first be a student enrolled in an EMS program including — but not limited to: Fire, RCMP, EMS, First Responders for Mental Health, and Cadet programs. Unfortunately students enrolled in basic programs such as standard first aid, CPR and Medical First Responder are not eligible. The applicant must reside in Sturgeon County and must be an active community volunteer. There will be an emphasis on the volunteer role — for example — role, number of hours, how many and types of organizations. A letter of reference will need to be provided from the organization(s) and the applicant will also be required to submit a written response from a question in their application.

Hedstrom indicates that the criteria may be in tighter form in upcoming years as things are ironed out from starting the scholarship program. At this time, she says applications will be open from April 30 through August 30 and the recipient will be presented with their $1000 reward in September 2019. The funds will come from the Friends and Family of the Gibbons Volunteer Fire Department Association’s BBQ event that runs during the Town Wide Garage Sale in early September. The 23 members of the Gibbons’ Fire Department encourage residents to support this program by attending their BBQ fundraiser.


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St. Clare, Redwater: 10:00 am
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Skaro: 3:00 pm

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Tensions rise over delays with alley, access to business

If it appears to be a never-ending saga about the condition of the lane (alley) east of 100 Street directly south of 100 Avenue — you can only imagine the frustration of a business that was directed to use the lane as the only customer access to his coffee business.

Ken Langdon, owner of the Espresso Barn, can tell many frustrating stories of trying to deal with the town to get the lane maintained or even get an answer on issues related to replacing the front access to the lot off 100 Street, or the planned upgrading of the alley.

Council budgeted to upgrade the alley in 2019 but there has been no timeline for construction nor information available on alternate access to the business during construction. The town has also failed to provide a decision on the application submitted on Oct. 11 to replace the access from 100 Street to the lot. The town removed the access in 2012 without the consent of the property owner when it was repairing a waterline break on the street. Adjacent businesses have direct access from 100 Street.

The town agreed to give the alley priority for maintenance until the situation is rectified, during council discussions last year. In that discussion council was told it requires over an hour of grader work each time the alley is maintained. Langdon, however, recorded an instance of the maintenance of the alley — the grader was in the alley a total of four minutes and six seconds.

On April 11, Langdon stood next to a couple of elephant track potholes well over a foot wide and about eight inches deep in the lane, saying the alley hadn’t been graded in 77 days. Even during freezing rain early this year, the town trucks did not salt the alley however did so for another business — even doing the drive-through lane on private property.

The exchanges between town officials and the unique coffee business have degenerated through texts and social media, with Coun. Stephen Dafoe advising Langdon “I’m done with your snide email and Facebook comments” and not to contact him in the future, while town CAO Stephane Labonne texted the businessman that he has nothing positive to say about Morinville and “I’m not your punching bag.” Verbally the exchange continued much stronger language, according to Langdon — who is a former oil worker and no shrinking violet himself. While the councillor and CAO may feel good chastising the business, it did little to calm the situation or address the concern with the lane.

Even on the decision regarding the front access and the timing of the back lane upgrade and tensions are rising, it appears there may still be some hope as the exchange hasn’t deteriorated to the point of Dafoe advising “I confide to sometimes clicking on profiles to see if the person looks as dumb as the comments they are making,” as the councillor told one woman through social media.

For those not familiar with the situation, the alley in question starts directly behind Scotiabank and its condition is obvious just a few feet south of the sidewalk on 100 Ave at the alley access.

The Espresso Barn is an innovative self-contained drive through coffee service designed by Langdon — fully serviced with water, heat and power and containing modern equipment within the small building.

The lane, dubbed Frustration Alley, has no clay base or cap and is not gravelled — basically consisting of field dirt which turns to mud, however careful drivers in cars can navigate the obstacle course of potholes to reach the drive-through business and pickup trucks can handle the potholes. Town council is holding a Committee of the Whole meeting on April 16 and it would prove an interesting challenge to see how many of the seven council members will drive their personal vehicles through the alley before or after the meeting.

Espresso Barn owner Ken Langdon stands beside a large pothole in the centre of the lane providing access to his drive-through business and on the edge of a huge pothole — about 8 inches deep — in the main driving track of the lane.

The square curb and gutter replaced access to the lot now containing the Espresso Barn in Morinville. The town of Morinville removed the access to the lot in 2012 without the consent of the property owner during the repair of a waterline break on 100 Street. Espresso Barn owner Ken Langdon stands in the path of what could allow direct access from 100 Street.

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Ecole Notre Dame Huskies featured a sample performance during their school's Open House/Showcase on April 11th. Here a stunt is performed by Bella Saleh (base), Kira Farrents (flyer) and spotter Zailea Johnson. —photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

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More roads expected for complete County-paid dust control list

While council unanimously approved the list of roads in which Sturgeon County will provide fully subsidized calcium chloride dust suppression treatment in front of residences this year, the issue will be returning to council with an added list of those roads done last year which will again be done this year but were not on the list.

Coun. Kenton Shaw had several roads that were done last year and received verbal confirmation at the meeting that they would continue to be done, as well she noted that scheduled plant turn-arounds (or shut downs for maintenance) this summer will result in thousands of workers going to the plants in the Heart-land Industrial area and other roads will end up being used if the main highway becomes clogged.

Gary Mayhew, manager of Transportation Services, advised that some of the roads referred to by Shaw may receive the dust treatment under the industrial program and that staff would be in consultation with industry regarding turn-around traffic issues.

The County legislative officer advised council that if specific roads are being questioned, those should be listed on the addendum as being in the program — that list will not be an informal vote.

Staff will be bringing back a complete list of roads receiving the fully subsidized dust treatment under the various programs — from County haul routes to industrial to road agreements — for council to review but council approved the initial list in the interim.

There was a split on council regarding adding Range Road 236 in the Cardiff-Rosedale area. Coun. Susan Evans asked for the traffic counts and was advised that the count last year was almost at the threshold for an arterial road — just being short by 40 however councillors Wayne Boikenfroh, Neal Comeau, Doug Demong, and Patrick Tigné voted against adding it.

Evans was supported in the request by Shaw and Mayor Alanna Hnatiw. Evans noted the mandate of council is to provide a safe community where residents are provided with access to quality of life and she felt the dust control on the road was warranted for the quality of life of those residents.

The only new road added to the 2018 list is Range Road 234 from Highway 37 north to Township 560. Administration noted that Sturgeon County’s Dust Suppression Policy specifies that responsible parties “will be required to provide dust control to accommodate residents that are located along a designated haul route.”

Under the policy dust suppression is “provided for 100m in front of residences that are located within 200m of the haul route and where visual and negative dust impacts to quality of life would be expected.” Under this policy Sturgeon County itself as eligible to be considered a responsible party and must provide the dust suppression.

Morinville sets six priorities for 2019

The town of Morinville approved its three year strategic plan, which has six priorities for 2019.

The priorities include mainly initiatives that are already underway:

• Develop an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with Sturgeon County.
• Deliver a balanced 3-year operating budget and long range capital plan.
• Establish a sponsorship to support the opening of the Morinville Leisure Centre.
• Deliver the construction of the Morinville Leisure Centre on time, on budget, and within scope.
• Complete a master site plan for the 77-acre Morinville Industrial Lands.
• Promote Morinville as a preferred location for business attraction by stakeholders and investors.

“We do now have a plan... I look forward to its implementation,” Mayor Barry Turner commented after approval was unanimously supported by the six council members present April 9.

The town has been meeting with Sturgeon County to develop the ICF as required by the Municipal Government Act.

A committee has been formed to promote sponsorships and donations for the new recreation centre, renamed Morinville Entertainment Centre.

The rec centre construction has a guaranteed contract price, as long as council does not change specs before completion.

The 77-acre recreation site master plan has disappeared into the bureaucracy of the town, with status unknown.

As far as promoting the town as a preferred location for business attraction, the council will give first reading to a 33.2% average increase in the municipal property taxes for business just minutes before approving the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan. It appears the business attraction priority for 2019 may be at the bottom of the list for a good reason. 

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The town of Morinville wants to be sure all school bus stops are safe. After discussion, decided to take a softer route to address the issue.

Coun. Lawrence Giffin raised the issue in a notice of motion calling for the Mayor “to write a letter to Sturgeon School Division and Greater St. Albert Catholic School Division asking for a comprehensive hazard assessment of all school bus stops, including but not limited to, the assessment of risks, risk reduction measures taken to date, and a listing of current school bus stops within the Town of Morinville.”

Several councillors agreed with the intent of Giffin’s motion which was considered April 9, but felt the town would be overstepping its authority to do so. Giffin noted there have been concerns raised with specific bus stops and he wanted to ensure the safety of all the youngsters before there is an incident.

Council decided to refer the issue to its Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee to make a recommendation. There was some discussion about the best route to voice concern — possibly through exchanges between town and school administration or by waiting for a meeting between school trustees and town council (which are held ‘semi-regularly’).
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Work safely in accordance with Roderside Health and Safety program
Report bylaw infractions to manager or site supervisor
Provide active assistance in site cleaning inspections, accident investigations, safety meetings, and promote a positive attitude toward health and safety.

Regular cleaning of scales, disposing buildup of snow, ice, and debris
Conduct random load checks for unacceptable waste and ensure recyclable material are placed in the appropriate waste segregation areas

Make disposal and recycling information available to facility users. Enforce policy and procedures as necessary.

Periodically inspect recycling areas to ensure the proper sorting of material
Accept waste oils, and other waste liquids permitted to our recycling centre
Open and close the main gate daily
Maintain signs in a condition for good repair. Wash signs as required to uphold clean appearance
Maintain fences as required to ensure site security

Regularly inspect ground water monitoring wells
Inspect, restock and maintain first aid kits
Inspect fire extinguishers monthly

Requirements:

• A valid Class 5 Alberta operators license
Physical ability and dexterity to perform a variety of manual skills (lifting, bending, squatting etc.) working outdoors in all weather conditions

Strong customer service skills, including the ability to work well with others and to meet and deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner

A security clearance and drivers abstract and physical conditions of employment

Steel toe shoes

Starting Wage: $23.00/hr-$26.00/hr depending on experience

May to November

Application Deadline: This competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Please submit resume quoting “Casual – Seasonal Laborer” to: Human Resources, Roderside Waste Management Commission 55515 Rge Rd 251, Sturgeon County, Alberta, T8R 0N9
Email: compliance@roderside.ab.ca Fax: 780-839-4788

We would like to express our appreciation to all applicants for their interest, however, only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

Please Don't Dump.
Phone: 780-939-5678

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Rural Crime Watch Poster Contest inspires creative youth engagement

Drawing on past success, the 2019 Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association (SRCWA) Poster Contest inspired 196 young artists from 11 out of 16 schools in Sturgeon County region to participate. Of those 196 posters, 27 winning posters won first, second and third place in grades one to nine from nine schools. Bon Accord Community School, Camilla School, École Citadelle, École Georges H. Primeau School, Local School, Lilac School, Morinville Community High School, Morinville Colony School and Namao Schaat were the winners.

Every year SRCWA holds their own Rural Crime Watch Poster Contest in conjunction with Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association (APRCWA) then mails their first place winning posters in grades one to nine on to APRCWA to be judged again for the Provincial contest.

The Rural Crime Watch Poster Contest Awards Night for 2019 was held on April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association Rural Crime Watch Poster Contest was Claire Hickson grade six from Namao School on April 8. Hickson received a certificate and $500 from SRCWA and a plaque from the Solicitor General and $650 from APRCWA for her two first place wins at the SRCWA 2019 Rural Crime Watch Poster Contest Awards Night at Namao Community Hall. Morinville RCMP Staff Sergeant Chris Palfy assisted with handing the winners their prizes and posted for photos. --photo by Dolly Bolen

After the event Okerman said, “Many people do not see the need for a Poster Contest to engage the youth in our community, but I have many examples of how much the students and their families look forward to this night. I call parents informing of their child’s win and the date and time of our Awards Night. While I was telling one mother I could hear a big yawn in the background. This happened on her way home with her child and he overheard our conversation. I phoned another mother and she informed me that her daughter worked very hard and spent many hours on her poster. As she was sitting waiting for her name to be called she turned to her mother and said that it would be nice to win the Award and the Provincial Award. The look on her face when we announced that she was a double first place winner was priceless. One father I talked to asked if Grandma and Grandpa could come to support their Grandson. What better way to get our message through than to start with a child?”

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Big winners of the Awards Night were Clair Hickson grade six from Namao School winning first place for SRCWA and first place for APRCWA, Clare Rolleston grade seven from École Georges H. Primeau School winning first place for SRCWA and third place for APRCWA and Maysen Wedman grade nine from Morinville Community High School achieving first place for SRCWA and second place for APRCWA. All winning students spotted happy smiles while accepting their awards, grateful for recognition for their artistic expression illustrating what they perceived Crime Prevention, Rural Crime Watch and Report a Poacher meant to them.

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This year’s sponsors of the Awards Night included Bolen’s Survival Inc. for designing the certificates, designing the slide show and donating the cookies and doughnuts, Sturgeon County Councillor Susan Evans for sponsoring the cost of the rent of Namao Hall and Tim Hortons in Morinville for sponsoring the coffee and hot chocolate. Local prize awards were sponsored by SRCWA and Provincial awards were sponsored by APRCWA.

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