Morinville highlights budget

The town of Morinville issued the following statement on Dec. 18 after Council passed the 2019 Operating Budget and 2019-2038 Long Range Capital Plan a week earlier. The budget calls for a 4% increase to residential tax rates in 2019 and a 14.4% increase for industrial and commercial properties. These increases are on top of a new utility charge for storm sewer service, which was previously covered by the tax revenue.


Council had deliberated over the submissions from Administration through November and December as well as engaging residents through open houses and an online survey. The approved budget maintains existing core service levels, programs, fees, and includes the new Morinville Community Recreation Facility.

Highlights from the 2019 approved operating budget include:

- Morinville Community Recreation Facility:
  - Capital construction costs paid via capital grants (no taxpayer impacts)
  - Transition of budget from existing arena to new facility April 1, 2019
  - New revenue streams include: field house, running track, fitness area, meeting room, concession/retail opportunities, child program/play space
  - Operating Hours & Fee Structures approved by Council

- New initiatives:
  - Fire Service Master Plan
  - Long Range Financial Plan
  - Social Services Needs Assessment
  - Bi-Annual Compensation Review

- New staff:
  - Morinville Community Recreation Facility (5.5 FTE)
  - Corporate Communications Assistant (1)
  - Parks Operator (1)
  - Seniors Programmer (0.09)

- Capital Investments:
  - Website Development
  - Park/Sports Field Developments
  - Road Sidewalk Rehabilitation Planning
  - Solar Light Extension
  - Fire Department Parking Lot
  - Lane Drainage Improvements
  - Utilities upgrades

- This budget represents an improvement over last year’s financial position. A general expense reduction of $577k assisted in balancing the increasing costs of delivering services and the introduction of the new Morinville Community Recreation Facility,” explains Shawna Jason, Director of Corporate and Financial Services. “Long term financial planning will be required over the coming years to ensure Morinville continues to be financially sustainable with a balanced budget and healthy operating reserves.”

- Property Tax and Utility Rate Impacts:
  - Municipal taxes are expected to increase by 4 per cent along with a split non-residential rate for the commercial and industrial assessment classes by a factor of 1.1 over the residential rate, with the goal to introduce a split rate of 1.5 over a five year period. Contributing factors to the decision to take this path include the increases relating to the cost of maintaining current operations, the operating costs associated with opening of the Morinville Community Recreation Facility, and the implementation of a long term tax strategy to ensure rates are fair, equitable, and sufficient to sustain Council’s priorities.

- The final municipal tax rate will be approved in the spring of 2019 through the passing of the Property Tax Bylaw.

- Utility rates will see changes as well, in the form of a new storm water levy which will transition to full cost recovery model, similar to water, sanitary, and solid waste fees which represent a 2.5% increase.

- “Overall, Morinville’s budget reflects an 8% increase in revenue totaling $21.5M and expenses totaling $20.7M. This is a 6.5% increase over last year’s budget net of new debt financing costs. The consolidated budget reflects a $1.1M surplus which is comprised of a $776k deficit projected with increased tax supported operations and a $1.9M surplus within Utility operations,” said Jason.

- “Council and Administration have worked exceptionally hard to arrive at a budget with Morinville’s long-term sustainability at heart, while minimizing the impact on local taxpayers. This budget is part of a multi-year approach to eliminating an annual operating deficit. With the introduction of the split non-residential rate, the impact of future increases on the residential taxpayer will continue to be reduced over time, resulting in a much more sustainable long term approach to taxation,” says Mayor Barry Turner. “Council is also excited about the new recreational opportunities being realized in 2019 with the opening of the new Morinville Community Recreation Facility and the adjacent site, which will be a significant increase in the level of recreation facilities and services available to residents.”

The final 2019 Operating Budget and 2019-2038 Capital Plan documents will be available online in January 2019.

—Town of Morinville

Dorelle Crush crushed 205lbs here while spotted by fellow cross fitters Andrew Shalapay (left) and Duane Windier (right) and she wasn’t stopping there. She was participating in Black Bar Crossfit’s “Plates for Plates” fundraiser in December where athletes donated 10 cents per pound lifted along with any pledges they collected to the Morinville Knights of Columbus Christmas Campaign. —photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock
Is it time for your mammogram? Screen Test is coming to Alexander First Nation on Jan. 29, Morinville Jan. 30 to Feb 1, and Gibbons Feb 2 to 4.

Alberta Health Services — Screen Test brings breast cancer screening to women across Alberta with its mobile mammography clinics.

Why should I get a screening mammogram?

A screening mammogram is a special X-ray of your breast. Once you’re over 50, it is the best way to find breast cancer early. Screening mammograms can help find breast cancer when it is very small, 2-3 years before you or your doctor can feel it. The earlier breast cancer is found the better treatment can be. In fact most women (about 90%) are now surviving breast cancer 5 years after diagnosis.

Why should I get a screening mammogram?

Women 50 and over should plan to have a mammogram every 2 years and may self-refer. Women 40-49 should discuss the risks and benefits of screening with their doctor, and require a referral for their first appointment. There is no cost for this service. For more information visit: www.screeningforlife.ca/screentest

Here are some common myths and facts about breast cancer screening:

Myth #1: Breast cancer isn’t very common.

In fact, 1 in 8 Alberta women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. Myth #2: Only women with a family history of breast cancer will get it.

The truth is, 80% of women who develop breast cancer have no family history. It’s important to understand that you are still at risk for breast cancer even if no one in your family has ever had the disease. Myth #3: Regular mammograms can’t find small tumors any sooner than women could find them themselves.

Screening mammograms can find small tumors about 2-3 years before they can be felt. That’s screening is so important - it can find cancer before it has a chance to become more serious.

Myth #4: Having a mammogram can cause breast cancer or can cause an already existing cancer to spread.

Mammograms use a very small dose of radiation. Research confirms that the risk of harm from radiation from mammography is very low. The benefits of finding and treating breast cancer early far outweigh the risk of the small dose of radiation.

Myth #5: There is nothing a woman can do to lower her risk of developing breast cancer.

While it’s true that there are some things you can’t control, there are some things you can do:

- Physical Activity - Be physically active throughout your life and exercise every day.

- Alcohol - Limit the amount of alcohol you drink to no more than one drink per day.

- Smoking - Don’t smoke and avoid second-hand smoke. If you’re currently a smoker, talk to your healthcare provider about options for quitting or cutting back. You can also get support at AlbertatQuits.ca or call 1-866-710-QUIT.

- Long-term Hormone Replacement Therapies (HRT) - Limit using the combination of estrogen and progestin or menopausal hormone replacement therapy to no more than 5 years; long-term use (beyond 5 years) increases a woman’s risk of breast cancer. But within 2 years of stopping, a woman’s risk of breast cancer returns to average. To book an appointment call Screen Test at 1-800-667-0604 (toll-free).

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Embracing Your Child’s Early Learning Experience.

At Sturgeon Public School Division, we work hand-in-hand with parents/guardians to bring out the individual strengths and unique personalities of each little learner, while starting them on the path to a bright and promising future.

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSES

Join us at one of our Open Houses - learn more about our Preschool Programs, and check out what our Kindergarten Programs have to offer.

**STURGEON HEIGHTS SCHOOL** - January 16
- 6:00pm - Preschool Programs
- 6:45pm - Kindergarten
Childcare available - email Stefanie at stefanie.bovenmars@sturgeon.ab.ca

**MORINVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL** - January 24
- 6:00pm - Preschool Programs
- 6:45pm - Kindergarten
Childcare available - email Judy at judy.santerre@sturgeon.ab.ca

**NAMAO SCHOOL** - February 5
- 6:00pm - Preschool Programs
- 6:45pm Kindergarten
Childcare available - email Natasha at natasha.paquette@sturgeon.ab.ca

**BON ACCORD SCHOOL** - January 14
- 6:00pm - Kindergarten

**GUTHRIE SCHOOL** - January 16
- 6:00pm - Kindergarten

**OCHRE PARK SCHOOL** - February 5
- 6:30pm - Kindergarten

**LANDING TRAIL SCHOOL** - February 11
- 5:30pm - Kindergarten

**CAMILLA SCHOOL** - February 28
- 6:30pm - Kindergarten

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS** include HEADSTART for children who require support for speech-language and/or fine motor skills and/or social skills.

**ENRICHMENT** for children who are assessed as being “cognitively advanced”. Children must be screened and qualify for these programs under Alberta Education guidelines.

**MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS**
Children must meet the minimum age requirements by September 1, 2019 to be eligible for the 2019/2020 school year.
- PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS minimum age: 2 years, 8 months – those with significant needs;
- 3 years, 8 months – those with mild to moderate needs

**KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM** minimum age: 4 years, 6 months

**ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**
Interested in our Preschool or Kindergarten Enrichment Program? Please ensure that you complete and bring with you to the Open House, the Initial In-Take Form that can be found on our website at www.sturgeon.ab.ca, simply click the Open House ad on the homepage.
**NEW!**

**6.74 ACRES HOBBY FARM - NORTH EDMONTON**

- 6.74 acres nicely set up as a hobby farm with horse facilities for 2 including 2 paddocks, 2-10x10 shelters for animals.
- 1340 sq ft 1 1/2 story home features 1 bedroom on the main floor and a second bedroom on the upper floor. The home has vinyl siding and recently had a new metal roof installed. Good sized kitchen with a handy laundry area, large living room with vaulted ceiling, bedroom and full 4pce bath complete the main floor living area. Upper floor has a good sized bedroom with attached deck overlooking the living room is a small library. Nice ceramic tile and laminate flooring, patio doors to deck and wood stove are some of the features this home has to offer. There is access to the basement from outside and it is used for storage. Outbuildings include an older double detached garage, pole sheds and storage sheds. Less than a mile to paving and only about half hour to Fort Saskatchewan and North Edmonton making it a great location.

**2300. Call Heath to view.**

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**UPDATE 3 BEDROOM IN MORINVILLE**

This beautifully upgraded 3 bedroom home in Sunshine Lakes Estates in Morinville is move in ready. It has had numerous upgrades over the past years including furnace, HWT, shingles, siding, windows, doors, interior doors, kitchen cabinets, sun room & outside deck. It now features ceramic tile floor, all new carpet in the upper floor bedrooms, pantry, open concept kitchen & built in vacuum. The fully finished basement has a 2 large bedrooms & a 1/2 bath on the upper level and an additional large bedroom with 3-pc bath & large walk in closet on the lower level. The basement has a finished FR (which could be converted to 4th bedroom) & huge laundry room with sink & storage area. The large fenced backyard is a gardener's delight with lots of flower beds & shrubs, concrete patio & storage shed. The double garage is partially finished & finished & has a concrete overhead door. Nothing left to do here except to bring your furniture & furnish the place for move in.

**$2400. Call Glenn to view.**

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**NEW!**

**4.9 ACRES WITH HOME & SHOP IN NEWBROOK**

This oasis is a gardener's dream. Rare find of 0.89 acres, open concept living room/kitchen, 2 baths, 2 brms, den, family room, and 3 pressure heated decks (2 have gasline for BBQ). 26x24 garage has an extra room in it that is drywalled and furnace installed. The property has a huge water system for water as well as community well and all buildings were shingled in 2017. Long Lake has a ski hill, golf courses, hiking trails, snowmobiling and excellent fishing. The house is completely finished from top to bottom. There is a large upper back deck and a gazebo with a hot tub. Nice open concept living room/kitchen with lots of cabinets & island large 24x24 garage. The property is close to Long Lake Prov Park. Skiing, boating, hiking close by.

**$109,900. Call Heath to view.**

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**NEW!**

**CLYDE BUNGALOW WITH HEATED GARAGE**

This bungalow on the right on Hwy 63, only min to lot's of recreation at Long Lake Park, Skiing, boating, hiking close by. $190,900. Call Heath for more information.

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**NEW!**

**6.74 ACRES WITH HOUSE AND SHOPS IN NEWBROOK**

Good solid starter home, living for small family. 750 sq ft with same sized garage plus an original character with original hardwood floors, glass interior doors with solid wood trim, kitchen has speckled granite countertops, ceiling fans & lots of natural light. The remainder of the land is rolling crop land. A bonus for long term tenants. The triplex sits on 100x130' lot with two double detached garages. Only 20 min to Redwater which has a great pub, elementary school, doctor, dentist, pharmacy & the nearby Hamlet of Newbroom. Each of these 2.47 acre parcels have good quality soil so in no time at all you will have mature trees, a fruit tree plan to plant for future fruit. Excellent garden, etc. Only about 20 minutes to St Albert. $95,900. For each parcel. Call Glenn for more information.

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**NEW!**

**LARGE 7.73 ACRES FARM NEAR NEWMARKET**

- 7.73 acres of good grain land (beautiful canola crop this year) spring crop running here. Run your own business, indoor storage facility or the property is that it has city water. So much potential for the future here. 30'x50' attached garage & chain link fenced yard. Double garage built in 2004 just a few minutes NW of St Albert. This is a mixture of lovely meadows and pastures and farm with nicely set up 6.74 acres of bare land. All of this land is located in the Hamlet of Newbroom.

**$215,000. Call Heath to view.**
2.47 ACRES • 2.47 ac in Sturgeon County • Out of subdivision • Utilities near property line • 1 mile off HWY 44 & minutes to Morinville • MLS# E40494880 & E40494881

LOTS NW OF MORINVILLE • $109,900 • 2.47 ac lots • Located few minutes NW of Morinville • Out of subdivision • MLS# E4102580, E4102579 & E4102581

1119sq.ft 2 storey condo • MLS# E4116560
- 2 powered parking stalls
- Fully finished basement
- 3 bdrms / 1.5 baths

10.25 ACRES • $299,000 • 10.25 ac 1/2km West of ROB • Municipal water & utilities at property line • 50x150 metal Quonset on concrete • MLS# E4094881

WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN
• 1111sq, ft 2 storey condo • 3 bdrms / 1.5 baths
• Fully finished basement • 2 powered parking stalls
• Located on main street in Legal • MLS# E4134167

1111sq, ft 2 storey condo • MLS# E4126578
- Beautifully maintained
- No Condo Fees
- Large backyard
- Central air & single detached garage

2019
Why rent when you can own
$514,900
• 874sq, ft 3 storey
• 3 bdrms / 2.5 baths
• Recently updated throughout
• Hardwood, granite, ceramic tile

I'm looking forward to working with you in 2019 to Getz You Moving!

Thank you to all my past and present clients for a successful 2018.

3 bdrms / 2 baths
1368sq.ft 3 storey
MLS# E4133664
- Central air & single attached garage
- Newly hepatd, insulated, and built-in kayak storage
- Beautifully maintained
- No Condo Fees

PROPERTY
• 843sq, ft renovated bungalow • 2 bdrms / 1 bath
• Single def' garage w/ front & back lane access
• Located on main street in Legal
• MLS# E4134167

CUTE & COZY
$159,900
- 843sq, ft renovated bungalow • 2 bdrms / 1 bath
- Single def' garage w/ front & back lane access
- Located on main street in Legal • MLS# E4134167

INVESTMENT PROPERTY
$177,000
- 817sq, ft bung • 2 bdrms / 1 bath
- Large backyard
- Newer roof, bath, flooring & paint
- MLS# E4121141

MAINTENANCE FREE LIVING
$184,900
- 905sq, ft main floor condo • 2 bdrms / 2 baths
- In-suite laundry, warm laminate, concrete patio
- MLS# E4126014

GREAT PRICE! GREAT HOME!
$299,900
- 904sq, ft 4 level split • 3 bdrms / 2 / 2 bathrooms
- Updated kitchen & bathroom, newer flooring & windows
- MLS# E4137515

NO CONDO FEES
$284,900
- 1114sq, ft 2 storey half duplex • 3 bdrms / 2.5 baths
- Fully finished basement • Central air & single attached garage
- MLS# E4134989

RENOVATED HOME ON 7.29 ACRES
• 2 bdrms / 1.5 baths
• Completely renovated

WARM & INVITING
$394,500
- 1627sq, ft 2 storey • 4 bdrms / 3.5 baths
- Fully finished basement
- Landscaped & fenced yard w/no neighbours behind you
- MLS# E4133664

ACREAGE W/ SHOP
$678,900
- 1200sq, ft bungalow • 3 bdrms / 2 baths
- 2.64 Acres only 8 mins W. of Morinville
- Single att'd & triple det'd garage PLUS shop
- Municipal water • MLS# E4130677

1/2km West of ROB
- Municipal water & utilities at property line
- Out of subdivision
- MLS# E4126117

Beautiful home
$374,900
- 1221sq, ft 2 storey townhouse condo • 3 bdrms / 2.5 baths
- Single attached garage
- MLS# E4129783

WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN
$159,900
- 1111sq, ft 2 storey condo • 3 bdrms / 1.5 baths
- Fully finished basement
- 2 powered parking stalls
- MLS# E4134167

RENOVATED
- 874sq, ft bungalow
- 3 bdrms / 2.5 baths
- Fully finished basement
- MLS# E4130677

Thank you to all my past and present clients
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Each Office Independently Owned & Operated
After four year closure
Campsite Road is now open

Campsite Road (Range Road 274) re-opened Dec. 19 with a newly reconstruct-ed gravel surface following a four-year road closure. Lafarge Canada entered into a development agreement with Sturgeon County in 2014 requesting to close Campsite Road (Range Road 274) for up to four years. Lafarge Canada funded the supply and placement of the new base and future pavement for the 800 meters of the roadway. “This project benefits Sturgeon County taxpayers as Lafarge funded the construction costs to upgrade this well-travelled road. Thank you to the Gravel Extraction Committee for their involvement in this project and helping to build stronger communities. This is a great example of cooperation and collaboration between Sturgeon County and Industry working together for residents and the community.” said Deputy Mayor Wayne Bokenfohr.

Lafarge Canada’s contribution of approximately $500,000 worth of sub-grade reconstruction and $870,000 worth of future asphalt surfacing greatly reduces the amount of budget required to complete the overall connection between Highway 633 and 37 and will help advance the reconstruction in the 4-Stage Capital Plan. The asphalt surfacing and granular base is anticipated to be completed in 2020/21, dependent on significant tax growth revenue.

A formal ribbon cutting will take place in the spring of 2019 to officially celebrate the opening of Campsite Road.

Witness Requested
Did you see a collision between a motor vehicle and a reindeer late Dec. 24? The suspect is believed to go by the street name ‘Grandma’ and should be approached with caution. The reindeer was stunned by the collision but uninjured. There is no danger to the public as the two parties appeared to be known to each other. ‘Grandma’ is reported to have shouted “How do you like it?” before leaving the scene. Contact the Loyal Polar Constabulary if you have any information regarding this incident.
Sturgeon County residents may qualify for reduced fire insurance rates

Sturgeon County Protective Services has been accredited by Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) to provide Superior Tanker Shuttle Service (STSS).

The Districts of Namao and Calahoo, along with Morinville, Legal, Gibbons, Bon Accord, and Redwater Fire Stations have been added to the list of accredited agencies for the delivery of Superior Tanker Shuttle Services and the appropriate changes have been made to the fire insurance grading index.

What does this mean for you?

Residents within the districts named above who own detached dwellings and are within 8 km of an accredited fire hall and 5 km of a water supply point may be eligible to receive an improved Fire Insurance Grade.

We recommend that you contact your insurance agent directly and review your current Property Fire Insurance ratings. If your insurance company does not apply the STSS Accreditation, please explore options by obtaining quotes from other companies.

For more information, check out the FAQs on the Property Fire Insurance page at sturgeoncounty.ca or contact Chief Pat Mahoney at 780-939-8400 or email pmahoney@sturgeoncounty.ca.

Dog Licence Deadline: January 31

Sturgeon County dog owners residing in all multi-lot subdivisions and hamlets, are required to obtain a dog licence. 2019 Dog Licences are available at a cost of $20.00 for neutered males and spayed females or $30.00 for unneutered males and unspayed females.

If you have an existing licence for your dog(s), you will not receive a new tag; you will simply renew your licence.

Call 780-939-4321 to purchase/renew your dog licence with your credit card or visit County Centre and pay in-person before January 31, 2019. For more information visit sturgeoncounty.ca

Tax Installment Payment Plan Reminder

The Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) allows Sturgeon County property owners to pay their property tax in monthly installments instead of a single payment, reaping your property tax into more manageable amounts to help with budgeting.

Sturgeon County must receive your signed application before January 10 for the plan to be effective that same year. If your application is received after January 10, the plan will become effective January of the following year.

You can join the plan if:
- your property tax account is not in arrears;
- you have cheque privileges at a financial institution;
- you do not currently pay your taxes through a mortgage company (P.I.T.)

Please contact Sturgeon County Centre at 780-939-4321 or email: taxation@sturgeoncounty.ca

100 Year Farm Family Awards

Application Deadline: January 31

Your family may be eligible for the 100 Year Farm Family Award if you are actively farming the same land owned by your family for 100 years or more.

To find out if you qualify log onto sturgeoncounty.ca or call Jen Beazer at 780-939-8349 and submit your application by January 31, 2019.

Presentations will be made at the Sturgeon Proud Awards Night on April 10, 2019.
Government states that Alberta’s economic recovery continues

For the second year in a row, Alberta led the country in non-traditional sector growth, according to a government report. More Albertans are working and job opportunities are growing, with more than 58,900 jobs created in the past year. Alberta continues to have the highest employment rate in the country and the highest weekly earnings, while paying the lowest taxes in Canada. On average, Albertans pay $11 billion less in taxes a year compared to the next lowest-taxed jurisdiction.

“In 2018, we saw the recovery in Alberta’s economy become more entrenched. Jobs are up and the deficit has dropped. While we have seen our fair share of challenges, our government remains on track to balance the budget as planned in 2023. We will continue to act on behalf of Albertans to ensure our economy remains strong,” states Joe Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance.

Alberta’s economy also continued to diversify this year with food and chemical manufacturing being strong contributors to the economy. Recent expansions saw food manufacturing shipments grow to record levels in 2018, with payroll employment in this sector expanding more than nine percent this year. Chemical manufacturing also saw solid growth with real GDP growing to a new record per year since 2014. This strong growth in food and chemical manufacturing, along with gains in other categories like machinery, metals and non-metallic minerals, pushed non-energy exports to a new record high in October, and up 12 percent overall in 2018.

“Alberta’s economy is creating good jobs across sectors and we’ve seen new opportunities for entrepreneurs, growth in our tech sector and attractive investment opportunities in our petrochemical industries. We’ll continue to support diversification through targeted investments that support businesses and communities across the province,” states Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade.

Alberta’s tax credit programs continue to support growth across sectors. The Alberta Investor Tax Credit program has helped foster a more diversified economy by encouraging investments across sectors and we’ve seen new opportunities for entrepreneurs, growth in our tech sector and attractive investment opportunities in our petrochemical industries. We’ll continue to support diversification through targeted investments that support businesses and communities across the province,” states Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade.
The Calgary Herald reported that the Alberta government was calling for interest in building a new refinery in the province. The call for interest was part of the government’s efforts to diversify the province’s energy sector and create new jobs.

Premier Rachel Notley announced that the government was issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to explore new options for refining and upgrading Alberta’s oil resources. The RFP was designed to help inform next steps and encourage investment in new refinery projects.

The Alberta government had identified the need for a new refinery to increase the value of Alberta’s oil sands and create new jobs. The government was willing to pay up to $1 billion for a new refinery, which would help the province diversify its energy sector and reduce its dependency on oil exports.

The RFP would be open until February 8, 2019, and submissions would be accepted from companies interested in building a new refinery in Alberta. The government was willing to pay up to $1 billion for a new refinery, which would help the province diversify its energy sector and reduce its dependency on oil exports.

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Investing in innovation for Alberta industries

The province is helping emis-
sions-intensive industries cut costs and become more efficient with upgrades to technology and equipment, states a government press release. An investment of $50 million from Alberta’s Cli-
mate Leadership Plan will help trade-exposed industries reduce costs and increase competitiveness. The Sector-specific Industri-
al Energy Efficiency Program is targeting efficiency at pulp and paper, chemical, fertilizer, miner-
als and metals facilities.

“We understand that industries are diverse — that there are rarely one-size-fits-all solutions. That’s why we are pleased to offer a way for even more facilities to move forward with exciting ideas from concept to implementation,” Stavish said. The innovative tech-
nology creates jobs, diversifies our economy, reduces emissions and cuts costs — all of which are important parts of Alberta’s jour-
to a lower-carbon future,” states Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks and Minister responsible for the Cli-
mate Change Office.

Projects will be selected through a competitive process based on greenhouse gas emis-
sions reductions, improvements to facility competitiveness, overall project strength and social, eco-
nomic and environmental benefi-
ts.

“Sherritt sees significant bene-
fits in programs like this, which help Alberta’s important value-
added industries compete globally while cutting emissions locally. Sherritt has been a proven leader in nickel and cobalt — key metals that will drive the electric vehicle revolu-
tion — in Alberta for more than 60 years, and this type of program can help lower emissions while dealing with the global reality of increasing competition from more emissions-intensive facilities in other jurisdictions. Support from the Government of Alberta is key to helping existing industries develop projects which meet both emissions and economic goals,” states Lyle Trytten, general man-
ger of sustainability, Sherritt International Corp.

The program will support tech-
nology investments at facilities big and small, old and new. From-
end stages of project design, like engineering plans, will also be eli-
gible for funding to ensure opera-
tors with fewer resources can take advantage of the program.

“Addressing the challenge of climate change in Alberta, across Canada and globally depends and will continue to depend on chemis-
try-based solutions and the tech-
nological advancement and inno-
vation of our industrial sector. The recycling of carbon levy revenue back to industry to improve cost competitiveness and reduce emissions is another signal that the Alberta government can send sup-
porting Alberta’s industrial sector within the future low-carbon econ-
omy,” states Bob Masterson, president and CEO, Chemistry Industry Association of Canada.

“Working in cooperation with the Government of Alberta has been a crucial part of Orica’s car-
bon reduction strategy in North America. This innovative grant program is just one of many ways that everyone wins when we have strong collaboration among indus-
try, government and our local communities,” states Kate Willis, site manager, Orica Carlingford.

“This program recognizes that the pulp and paper sector is a lead-
ner in GHG reduction and will be an essential contributor in lead-
ning the province to a low-carbon emission future. We are encour-
aged by this program and other initiatives that the Alberta govern-
ment has facilitated,” stated Brian Kennedy, president and CEO, River Pulp.

“Only facilities that report emis-
sions under the Carbon Competiti-
iveness Incentive Regulation 2018 reporting year are eligible for funding. Successful applicants are eligible to receive 25 per cent of project costs up to a maximum of $8 million per facility. Applica-
tions are open from Dec. 19, 2018 to Jan. 31, 2019.

Post-secondary more accessible, affordable in 2018 says province

This year, the government improved the post-secondary system by ensuring that Albertans get an affordable education, closer to home accor-
ding to a media release from the province. From capping tuition and helping insti-
tutions diversify their program offerings in high-tech to sup-
porting colleges transitioning to universitites, the province continued to improve afford-
ability and accessibility of uni-
versity and college education.

“Alberta’s universities and colleges are absolutely critical to securing our province’s future. Our government is investing in students so they can re-
ach their full potential and get the education they need for the economy of the future,” states Marlin Schmidt, Minis-
ter of Advanced Education.

Highlights of the year include:

• Introducing new legislation to grow post-secondary learn-
ing spaces by 3,000 seats through a $43-million invest-
ment and $7 million for new investments in the program.
• Grants for first year of college for for-profit institutions.
• Investing $1.4 billion, including $776 million in Cap-
tial Maintenance and Renewal funding, to support for-
post-secondary institutions over five years to ensure stu-
dents have safe, modern class-
rooms and learning facilities.
• Increased the number of student representatives on col-
lege and university boards.

Over the next year, Advanced Education will col-
laborate with post-secondary institutions to advance legis-
lation and policies while maintaining affordable, high-
quality education across the province.
CAREERS

Manderley Turf Products Inc.
55403 Range Road 222, Sturgeon County, AB T0A 1N1

Looking for FARM SUPERVISOR
Seasonal 7 months work Wage is $24.00 per hour.
Benefits include: 4% Vacation Pay per pay period.
Medical Insurance provided.
Start Date April 15, 2019
Must have at least 5 years experience.

Duties include:
- Develop working schedules and establish procedures, ensure farm safety procedures are followed, Supervise employees, maintain and repair farm equipment.
- Operate heavy loads, physically demanding, attention to detail, standing, walking, bending, crouching and kneeling.

Requirements:
- Over 5 years experience.
- Physically demanding, outdoors, rural environment.
- Must be physically fit, be able to stand for long periods of time and able to do heavy lifting.

Salary: $24.00 per hour.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Weed Technician Intern (Position)

Lamont County is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of a Weed Technician - in part of the AMCF Career Focus Program. This is a 6 month position starting from May to the end of October of 2019. The Weed Technician will report directly to the Agricultural Farmer.

Duties and Responsibilities
The successful applicant will be responsible for:
- Reaching and responding to weed complaints, conducting field inspections and weed identification.
- Advising landowners of weed control responsibilities and
d- Issuing of enforcement notices as required by the Agricultural Service Board and the Weed Control Act.

- Assist with annual crop pest surveillance, including insect and crop diseases.

Qualifications:
The successful applicant shall be a student graduating in April 2019, or a graduate of a post-secondary program in Environmental or Agricultural Studies from an accredited institution. The individual shall possess good communication and public relations skills. A working knowledge of weed species identification, crop pest identification, an agricultural background, and a familiarity with word processing and spreadsheet computer software would be an asset.

All applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age, possess a valid Class 5 driver’s license and provide their own reliable transportation to work. A driver’s abstract will be required prior to employment commencement.

This competition will remain open until 4:00 p.m., January 16th, 2019. Please forward your resume/application to:

Lamont County
Human Resources Department
5303 – 50 Avenue
Lamont, AB T0B 2G0

Please indicate which position you are applying for with your application.

Lamont County thanks all applicants for their interest. However, only those who have been selected for an interview will be contacted.
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