Morinville writes off taxes in secret agreement

While you may be preparing for a 4% increase in your Morinville house taxes, while home owners miss an additional storm sewer utility fee that used to be annual, the town has not been forthright in informing these property owners that the mayor refused to confirm that action was taken and the town failed to net $3,847 tax in the tax sale of the property.

The resolution provided no reason for the action and cited no policies. "Once all tools have been exhausted and over an extended period of time, the MGA ( Municipal Government Act) allows Council to cancel, reduce, refund or defer taxes," Mayor Barry Turner stated in response to media questions. "Council, after having considered all options, made the difficult decision to write off taxes on one residential property, given all avenues to collect taxes were exhausted."

Under the MGA the town can dispose of private property to recover unpaid taxes, however the Mayor refused to confirm that action was taken and the town failed to net the $3,847 tax bill in the tax sale of the property.

Turner also failed to explain how other residents can apply for similar treatment, stating, "I will reiterate our answer ... in that all residential and non-residential taxpayers are responsible for ensuring their taxes are paid on time, as outlined in the MGA."

He did refer to a policy in the response. "If you wish to look further into what Town of Morinville policies apply, please look at Policy 8208, Fiscal Principles, Practices & Policies."

However, that policy appears to indicate the town will not write off taxes -- that changes in taxes are to be done through appealing the assessment. The policy states, "While property owners may not appeal their property tax, they may appeal their property assessment by submitting, in writing, a formal complaint within 30 days of receipt of their tax notice to the Town Hall Review Board.

"In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, the Town Assessor has the authority to enter into a property tax settlement agreement. A credit to tax account will be issued for the current year only. This year's assessment and subsequent tax levies in prior years must be approved by Town Council.

"Be advised, the Mayor has proposed a secret agreement by the town to write off $3,847 in taxes.

"We are not prepared to get into specifics in order to protect the privacy of the homeowner, in accordance with the FIP (Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act), as noted in the motion," stated the Mayor. After responding that an explanation for the decision has nothing to do with the privacy of an unnamed homeowner, the Mayor responded the town has nothing more to say on the issue.

The town also passed a resolution to enter into an agreement regarding tax recovery with a non-residential property owner. In this case neither a policy nor explanation was provided however the Mayor confirmed this agreement would cover all taxes and penalties outstanding on the property.

The town did not release the names of the taxpayers benefiting from either decision.
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Weekly FYI is digital at sturgeoncounty.ca
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Starting this year, the “printed edition” will only be available bi-weekly right here in the Morinville Free Press and Redwater Review.
Next print edition: January 29, 2019

At Sturgeon County Council...
During the first Regular Council meeting of the 2019, Councillor Patrick D. Tighe was sworn in as Deputy Mayor and Councillor Susan Evans was sworn in as Acting Mayor for a six month term, January - July, 2019, by CAO Reegan McCullough.
Council also passed second and third reading of Bylaw 1419/18 – Regulating traffic within the boundaries of Sturgeon County.
The previous bylaw was amended to align with provincial legislation.
The next Regular Council meeting will take place January 22 beginning at 9 a.m. at Sturgeon County Centre or watch the live stream at sturgeoncounty.ca

Excellence in Agriculture Award
Application/Nomination Deadline: January 31
Sturgeon County’s Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizes innovation and/or environmental leadership by those involved in a grain, cattle or mixed farming operation, or in businesses and community groups that serve the agricultural sector in Sturgeon County.
This award is open to individuals, producers, businesses, or community groups who demonstrate either Innovation or Environmental Leadership in their operations. You don’t need to be nominated, tell us about your unique approach and apply today!
The deadline for applications or nominations is January 31, 2019.
Full details and applications are available at sturgeoncounty.ca or from Agriculture Services, call 780-939-8349 or email jbeazer@sturgeoncounty.ca.
Kampjes Farms, Lakeside Dairy, Ment-28 Agribusiness Ltd. and Reden Farms were recognized in 2018 for their Excellence in Agriculture.
Presentations will be made at the Sturgeon Proud Awards Night on April 10, 2019.

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.
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.

100 Year Farm Family Award
Application Deadline: January 31
Your family may be eligible for the 100 Year Farm Family Award if you can answer “yes” to the questions below:
• Has your land been owned by the same family for at least one hundred consecutive years?
• Are you a direct descendant of the original homesteader?
• Is your family actively farming the land currently?
• Do you reside on the original homestead quarter?
• Do you have complete documentation and ownership records?
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.
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STURGEON HEIGHTS SCHOOL - January 16
6:00pm - Preschool Programs
6:45pm - Kindergarten
Childcare available - email Stefanie at stefanie.bovennars@sturgeon.ab.ca

MORINVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL - January 24
6:00pm - Preschool Programs
6:45pm - Kindergarten - English and French Immersion
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.pauquette@sturgeon.ab.ca

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

PRESCCHOOL 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

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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.
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Morinville town council approves rec centre sponsorship agreement with Prospect ‘A’

The town of Morinville approved a secret sponsorship agreement regarding the Morinville Recreation Centre.

Council discussed the issue in closed session Jan. 8, then passed the following resolution in public session “that Council authorize the CAO to finalize a sponsorship agreement with the Prospect identified in Attachment ‘A’.”

Councillor Nicole Boutestein subsequently moved “that the report and attachment remain private” and that motion was passed unanimously by council.

Morinville town council previously authorized the development of a $30.5 million recreation centre and debenture borrowing of up to $22 million for the project. While this amounts to over $3,000 for every resident of Morinville (with the debt amounting to over $2,200 for every man, woman and child) council has kept details on the sponsorship program secret from residents.

The facility is due to open this spring, with a family membership rate set at $1,000 per year. The facility will have a hockey arena, fieldhouse, walking track, exercise areas (with equipment), children’s area and concessions.

The large land base has room for additional outdoor amenities with soccer, baseball, and toboggan facilities having been discussed but no site plan or timeline for these amenities has been publicly approved at council.

Councillor Patrick Tighe gets sworn in as Deputy Mayor of Sturgeon County on Jan. 8. Tighe was pressed into duty to chair the meeting briefly prior to his swearing-in when Mayor Alanna Hnatiw needed to pass the chairmanship to another councillor so she could make two resolutions. Tighe had been serving as the County’s first Acting Mayor from October to Dec. 31, 2018. —photo by Sturgeon County
In a close vote, Sturgeon County defeated a resolution that would have had a citizen task force review council pay and make recommendations.

Mayor Alanna Hnatiw received the support of councillors Susan Evans and Karen Shaw to her motion that Council direct the CAO to establish a citizen task force to review the elected officials’ remuneration and to bring back to Council a comprehensive list of recommendations that will ensure future compensation is fair, reasonable and sustainable. However, councillors Patrick Tighe, Wayne Bokenfohr, Dan Derouin, and Paul Bokenfohr voted against the resolution at the Jan. 8 meeting.

Hnatiw presented the resolution, noting that during budget deliberations “it was clear we couldn’t come to agreement” on a benchmark level. She noted that a third party study had been done on council pay and that could be part of the information considered by the task force.

Coun. disagreed, noting the third party report brought recommendations forward and he didn’t feel a task force should repeat what has already been done. Bokenfohr agreed with this view, citing the cost of doing studies along with the time involved versus the benefit that would be produced.

Derouin suggested that council is the citizen group that should make the decisions and it should do so. However, he did not respond to media questions later regarding whether he would be making a recommendation for a 2019 council pay or what that level of pay would be. He also chastised the former council for saying it was on the current council’s agenda because the previous failed to address the topic, noting it was not a popular issue for council and they had wanted to be re-elected.

Shaw denied the comments stating as a member of the former council they did address council pay and it wasn’t changed because that council felt they were adequately paid.

Eight-million-dollar decisions being made by senior governments in a matter of hours, suggesting the council pay issue was minor in comparison but council pay has been discussed for days.

He felt the topic on the didn’t correlate with the impact it merits.

After the defeat of the resolution council moved on without further action.

Responding to media later, Hnatiw confirmed that council is now being paid at the 2018 rate but the actual take-home pay will be lower due to the end of the one-third tax free allowance previously allowed to municipal elected officials by the federal income tax.

“The 2018 pay scale remains the same until such time as a motion to request otherwise is brought forward, so currently 2019 take-home pay is lower due to the federal tax change. We can now claim certain expenses on our income tax that we were unable to before. This takes some of the burden off the time that needs to be taken to account for our travel and activities in order to document those expenses,” she explained.

As to whether a consensus resolution or motion from council was necessary to address the pay level in the near future, she responded “I am not aware of any motions being brought forward regarding council pay structure.”

The Mayor noted, however, “I do believe that Council needs to update its policies around remuneration as some reach back as far as 1999. The scope of the work on this council has changed substantially since that time, and even since the last increase in 2012 of 2% (cost of living allowance) was 12 years ago. We are accountable for the value we bring to the municipality when we, in effect, reapply for our job on council every four years. Not many organizations have their employees reapply for their positions every four years. If we utilize the same outdated tool (human resources) practices with the staff of the municipality, we would not be functionable.”

Sturgeon County wants to work with the Watershed Alliance to be certain their lobby efforts are in the correct direction as provincial governments be involved in addressing issues to maintain the security of the water resource. Water — noting that regardless of whether it is Saskatchewan River, in Sturgeon County and neighbouring municipalities. Several councillors spoke in favour of the advocacy citing other local impacts — including the Heartland Industrial area’s need for water — noting regardless of that it is drainage, drinking water, sewage, runoff, rivers or lakes there is only one water and it is vital that government be involved in addressing issues to maintain the security of the water resource.

Council wants its administration to work with the Watershed Alliance to be certain their lobby efforts have a consistent message with that being promoted directly by the Alliance.

Hnatiw sees the council pay issue as just one element of a broader picture. “It is necessary to modernize this organization, which is the point of the Organizational Review underway and the changes in leadership we have needed. We need to acknowledge where our strengths are and hold on to that, and objectively review where we need to improve and act on that. We are the level of government that is held most closely accountable to provide day-to-day services with the least amount of tax dollars available to us, so we need to be high functioning and efficient. A progressive and positive work environment for staff and elected officials is integral to Sturgeon County’s success.”
The Town of Bon Accord donated $1000 to the Bon Accord Golden Gems to assist with their adult exercise program. The Golden Gems host an adult exercise group, facilitated by a professional instructor that focuses on cardio, strength training, balance and fun. Exercise benefits physical and mental health and this program allows residents in and around Bon Accord to achieve their goals without traveling outside of the region. (L-R) Bon Accord Mayor David Hutton and Bon Accord Golden Gems president Tom Strawson.

Gibbons has busiest fire department in the County

Gibbons fire department members responded to 263 calls during 2016.

“We are the busiest department in the county,” said superintendent of Public Works and fire chief Eric Lowe when he presented the 2018 statistics to council Jan. 8. Lowe said medical calls really bumped up the number of calls in town this year and calls in Sturgeon County were up a little. Although some years have “next to no” motor vehicle collisions, this year there were a lot of them (77) in the county. At the same time, because it was a wet year, there were not as many wildland fires.

The Gibbons department responded to 112 calls within the town and to 151 calls in Sturgeon County or to other towns within the county.

The calls in Gibbons were made up of 77 medical responses, 17 alarms, eight structure fires (only two fires in town, six false alarms or mutual aid to Morinville), five outside fires, three motor vehicle collisions and two citizen assists.

The Gibbons department was the initial callout for 83 of its 151 county calls and provided mutual aid to other county departments on the other 68 calls.

The calls consisted of 77 motor vehicle collisions, 17 outside fires, 15 alarms, 14 structure fires, 14 MedicalAssists, five vehicle fires, three electrical hazards, two smoke investigations, two hazmat, one controlled burn and one fuel spill.

Coun. Jay Millante said 77 medical calls is a significant number and commended the department on its work.

Gibbons Fire Department presently has 24 members, which is nearly at their cap of 25. When calls come in, everybody who is around responds. Lowe estimated they average minimum of six members per call with more responders showing up during evenings and nights because they are not away at work.

When the department receives multiple calls at the same time, it either splits and sends its units in different directions or has another department dispatched to cover events.

The Gibbons department has a rescue unit owned by the Town of Gibbons and an engine (pumper truck) owned one-third by the Town of Gibbons and two thirds by Sturgeon County. Lowe is investigating the possible purchase of another unit.

Sturgeon County deputy fire chief of Administration and Training Glenn Limns provided county statistics. Sturgeon County day staff had 164 responses and on-call staff had 138. The District of Calahoo had 263 calls to 151 alarms and on-call staff had 138. The District of Morinville had 118 county calls and an undisclosed number of calls from other towns.

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Golf carts fail to delay passage of county Traffic Bylaw

The new Sturgeon County traffic bylaw has been passed, with “mobility aid devices” on public roadways taking the majority of the discussion before second and third readings were granted to enact the bylaw Jan. 8.

Coun. Patrick Tighe raised concern that under the bylaw a standard mobility device is allowed, however in rural areas with gravel roads it may be more practical for someone with a physical mobility issue to use a golf cart or other type of vehicle to go down the road to get their mail.

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Following the bylaw’s presentation, councilors agreed with Tighe, Mahoney explained that “if the road is too bumpy for someone to use a golf cart, then a standard mobility device is allowable. Fenced backyard. 780-698-3945 or em...
Acting Mayor in Sturgeon County --
Councillor Susan Evans signs the Oath of Office as County CAO Reegan McCullough officiates during the Jan. 8 council meeting. Council voted to create the position of Acting Mayor at the end of 2018 to provide a third option for cheque signing. Evans explains the role of the Acting Mayor position: “As you know, a Deputy Mayor in addition to carrying out the duties of a Councillor would act as the Mayor in the absence /incapacity of the Mayor. The duties of the Acting Mayor would be acting as the Mayor in the absence /incapacity of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor. Examples of some of the ‘functions’ would include chairing the Council meeting, signing cheques, attend meeting functions, etc … again duties are carried out if the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor are unable to do so.”

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McCALLUM, Barbara Beth (nee Jackson)
May 23, 1947 – January 4, 2019

On January 4, 2019, in her 72nd year, Barb passed away quietly in the Hospice Ward at Rivercrest Care Centre in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta having succumbed to an inoperable cancerous brain tumor. Born in Halifax Nova Scotia on May 23, 1947, Barb was adopted at the age of four by William and Margaret Jackson who have predeceased her. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, John; three daughters, Traci, Tammy (Ken) and Bonnie (Dave); two sons, Charlie (Cheryl Rae) and Robert. She will be sadly missed by seven grandchildren, Jessica, Levi, Seth, Bailey, Ivan, Dave, Hudson; two step-grandsons, Tyson and Grayden; her sister, Margaret (Edward); brothers and sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Barb had a full and rewarding life. She enjoyed success as a wife, mother, grandmother, artist, musician, hobbyist, volunteer, traveller and friend to many. Special thanks to the staff at the Cross Cancer Institute, the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, and the Rivercrest Care Centre in Fort Saskatchewan for her treatments, care, and comfort. As per her wish cremation has taken place. A funeral service will be held under the auspices of the Gibbons Emmanuel Anglican Church on February 9, 2019 at 1:30 pm at the Gibbons Cultural Centre, 407 – 51 Street, Gibbons, Alberta. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society in lieu of flowers would be most welcome. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of STURGEON MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL (780) 921-3900.

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