Help police catch Morinville arsonist

Morinville RCMP are asking for the public's assistance to catch the person setting fires in the community.

Around 8:45 pm on May 4th, 2019 Morinville RCMP were alerted to a string of fires determined to be arson leading from the Morinville RCMP detachment area to the railroad tracks behind 101 avenue.

The suspect departed the scene on foot and ran east of 107 avenue in the open green space.

The RCMP is requesting members of the public in the area to check their surveillance cameras and to advise police if they saw anything unusual that can assist with the investigation.

The RCMP are working with the local fire department and fire investigators on this crime.

Anyone who has any information or saw any suspicious activity is asked to report to the Morinville RCMP at 780-939-4550. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the “P3 Tips” app.

CAO termination proves expensive for taxpayers

Changing chief administrative officers resulted in Sturgeon County paying 67 percent more for the CAO position in 2017 than in 2018. When the councillors elected in October 2017 terminated the CAO, the severance pay was more than his salary for most of the year.

In 2017 the county CAO served from January until shortly after the October election. During 2017 he was paid $351,400 in salary and benefits plus $381,280 in severance pay.

From January to November 2018 the county was served by an interim CAO whose contract was for $203,900.

The new permanent CAO began Nov. 5, 2018. He received $36,330 during November and December of 2018.

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More information about the exercise can be found at [www.kariosblanketexercise.org](http://www.kariosblanketexercise.org).

When:  Wednesday, May 29

Where:  St. Albert Hall, 55320 RGE RD 251

Register by:  May 23

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**Town, county collaboration options on table**

On April 25, the negotiating teams from Sturgeon County and the Town of Morinville held a second meeting to continue Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework discussions, in accordance with the Modernized Municipal Government Act (MMGA).

The committee reviewed the scope of work for the detailed options analysis that is underway and to be considered on May 13. The options analysis is being prepared in a collaborative manner between both the Town and County Administrations, supported by external experts.

“We are making progress, these meetings demonstrate our genuine commitment to creating plans that will benefit the greater community,” said Morinville Mayor Barry Turner.

“These meetings help to refine our shared priorities and plan our next steps. As we contemplate future growth and the needs of our residents, it’s important that we consider the interests of both municipalities,” said Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw.

In addition to the Mayors, Morinville is represented by Councillors Nicole Routenstein and Stephen Dafoe, and Sturgeon is represented by Councillor Karen Shaw and Deputy Mayor Patrick D. Tighe. The group will host an Intermunicipal Affairs Committee (IAC) meeting on May 6 to share information from the negotiating teams to both Councils.

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**4-H BEEF SHOW & SALE**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2019**

Sturgeon Agriplex

25021 Township Rd 554, Cardiff, AB

**SHOW: 12:00 PM**

**SALE: 6:00 PM**

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Morinville-St. Albert MLA Dale Nally is Alberta’s Associate Minister of Natural Gas. He was named to that portfolio when Alberta premier Jason Kenney announced his cabinet April 30.

In that position Nally will work to ensure Albertans receive the full value for their natural resources and fight for more market access for Canada’s liquid natural gasses to displace carbon intense sources of energy around the world.

“On behalf of Sturgeon County, I would like to offer my sincerest congratulations to Minister Nally on his appointment to Associate Minister of Natural Gas; you have our full support,” said Sturgeon County mayor Alanna Hnatiw.

“I think our Premier made a very good choice,” said Redwater mayor Mel Smith. “Dale Nally will be a fantastic advocate for Alberta’s Industrial Heartland. I know he is excited about getting involved.”

Nally was elected with 50 percent of the votes cast by Morinville-St. Albert voters.

According to the MLA biography on the government website, Nally has decades of private sector experience managing and leading business units that generate between 50 million and 80 million dollars in revenue.
Landrex updates Chamber on 100 Street developments

Construction will soon be underway for a Boston Pizza scheduled to open this fall on 100 Street. That’s according to Sophie Baran, Executive Vice President of Landrex, who spoke at the monthly Chamber of Commerce luncheon on May 1 in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

“Boston Pizza will be the newest addition to the Westwinds community, and is scheduled to open in the late fall of 2019,” said Sophie Baran, Executive Vice President of Landrex. She was the guest speaker at the monthly Chamber of Commerce luncheon on May 1 in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

Approximately 50 people attended, including Mayor Barry Turner, Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw, and other local elected officials. Chamber President Shaun Thompson, owner-manager of the Morinville Sobeys store, introduced Baran—who spoke about Landrex involvement on 100 Street development.

Landrex is a St. Albert based land development and real estate company that also operates in commercial space and leasing, vertical construction and home building. “We develop beautiful neighbourhoods, dabble in commercial real estate and construction, and most importantly, we try to be very involved in the communities we build in,” Baran told the Chamber audience.

Baran noted that Landrex has been active in Morinville for several years. “We developed The Lakes neighbourhood, and are now working on The Westwinds neighbourhood,” she said. “Within Westwinds, Landrex initially developed the commercial space that brought McDonald’s into town.”

Speaking of the local Boston Pizza franchise, Baran told the Chamber that construction will soon be underway. “It only takes about six months for us to get the building constructed and fully operational,” she said. “While it may seem like it’s taking a while to get built, I promise you’ll be able to order those Cactus Cut Potatoes this fall.”

The new restaurant will result in about 70 new jobs, comprised of full and part time positions. “While some of the hiring will kick off shortly, the majority of it will be done through a hiring fair in October that will be hosted in Morinville,” said Baran. After the luncheon, Mayor Turner spoke to the Free Press. “It’s great to hear some of the plans that Landrex has coming forward,” he said. “Westwinds is one of our newest neighbourhoods, and it has seen some great improvements already. It’s going to be a fantastic growth area for our community, it looks to a positive growth and a positive future for Morinville.”
Are you part of the solution or a part of the problem?

It could be any typical Friday morning in Morinville and many of our local commuters are driving west out of Morinville on 100th avenue also known as Highway 642. At least 90% of these drivers are considerate and abide by the traffic laws. It is the other 10% who I write this article about.

For residents living along 107 street and those adjacent to 100th avenue, the typical work day starts at just before 6 a.m. with a number of passing pickup trucks sounding like a pride of roaring lions feeding on a fresh kill. There is no traffic enforcement at this time of the day, so they just roar on by. Many of the same vehicles have illegal black tinted windows, have their truck bodies jack up beyond the legal limits and some even have exhaust stacks to accentuate the growl. Thanks to these drivers, residents in places like Morinville don’t need alarm clocks.

Through the mid part of an average day the Town of Morinville’s photo radar truck sits faithfully in front of the A & W or the Court House. Traffic is well aware of the white Ford, and drivers exhibit the best of behaviour. There is an occasional RCMP cruiser or Peace Officer, however their priority appears to be catching those drivers who do not make a stop clearing off the Highway 2 exit ramp into Morinville. Of course not all of the problematic drivers have commuted out of Morinville, and they continue to plague our streets and avenues with their disregard to traffic laws. One late model sports car that I will call the red buldog can be heard long before you see him, and long after he passes you. I have even watched a silver sports car race down the 30 km lane behind the Christian Fellowship School to perhaps keep pedestrians on their toes.

The real excitement starts around 3 p.m. during weekday afternoons and throughout the weekends. Those of us in Morinville face morning and evening traffic. The Shell station becomes a beehive of vehicles playing dodge cars, and frequently exiting illegally left out the station. The action engenders people in the cross walk, and those turning right onto 100th avenue. There is no worry about being ticketed however, for there is no enforcement of the no left hand turns sign.

The growing pickup trucks are now joined by sporty cars with modified exhaust systems and black tinted windows, and of course I can’t forget the seasonal motor cruisers or Peace Officer; however their priority appears to be catching those drivers of their speed limit. I have recommended this idea to Morinville Transportation, hopefully the idea doesn’t get lost in red tape. What does it take to remind those irresponsible drivers who feel they must not only be seen racing, but heard by everyone? To these drivers I ask, have you ever walked your dog on a leash or felt almost become a blur racing down 107 street? I often wonder if these drivers, their families or neighbours use the soccer fields, playgrounds, ball park, skate park, the walking trail, or use the cross walk at 107street and 100th avenue? Perhaps they have never given this idea any thought.

If residents of Morinville put their full trust traffic supervision and enforcement, then I fear they are going to be greatly disappointed. After spending almost two years seeking help and advice, I became aware that traffic by law enforcement in Morinville is not what I had hoped for, and that a good number of traffic laws or civic bylaws carry little or no enforcement. The honesty of a local RCMP Sergeant made it clear he was not going to promise surveillance that was going to be done. Thank you Sergeant I do appreciate your honesty. Resources are stretched, Morinville traffic bylaw enforcement (other than photo radar) appears almost ineffectual, and Alberta Transportation just refers you back to a local authority, or doesn’t respond at all. After the mess Alberta Transportation made of 100th avenue with their chip paving and their partial spring painting of lane lines on 100th avenue, it is probably best they not be involved.

So what is the answer? Follies I wish I had the answer, however respect for one another would I believe, make a huge difference. Could we as Morinville residents treat others as we wish I had the answer, however respect for one another would I believe, make a huge difference. Could we as Morinville residents treat others as we want to be treated? These problems are just not going to get better on their own until we try to do better ourselves, or encourage the problematics 10% to do the same. We often know who they are, and sadly many of the offenders live right in the area of 100th avenue and 107 street. I am sure that all Morinville residents and the involved enforcement agencies can do better jobs of making our streets and avenues safer places.

—Submitted by Ray Boniston (Morinville resident for 42 years)
Stacey Buga, Program Coordinator for the Morinville Community Library, was excited to share details with Chamber members about "The Great Alberta READ Trip," an all-ages summer reading program. "It will take place from July 2 to August 16," said Buga. "There’s no charge for participants and the activity will be barrier free. Sponsorship opportunities are still available." Buga spoke at the monthly Chamber of Commerce luncheon on May 1 in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. —photo by Grant Cree

**Council, auditor review statements after large surplus in 2018**

Sturgeon County’s audited financial statements confirmed the county finished 2018 with the $2 million annual operating surplus staff had estimated, but that’s not a number easily found in the audited statements.

During his April 23 presentation to council, auditor Phil Dirks of Metrix group LLP reported an annual operating surplus, including amortization, of $8.9 million.

“You have a $10 million operating surplus; you’re in good financial shape,” said Dirks. He gave the county a clean audit opinion.

That $8.9 million operating surplus was part of a total annual surplus of $24.7 million. It also included $6.2 million in government grants and $8.5 million in contributed capital assets turned over to the county by developers.

Corporate Support general manager Rick Wojtkiw explained municipalities are required to report that way, which is similar to the way the provincial government reports its finances.

To find the actual annual surplus of $2 million, readers need to reference Note 21 of the audited statements. There items such as $15 million in capital costs, $8.6 million in internal transfers and $8.5 million in contributed assets were deducted from the $24.7 million while other items such as $9.4 million in amortization were added to it for a resulting annual surplus total of $2 million. That is the amount of funds council allocated to reserves earlier this year.

“We’re converting two different kinds of reporting structures,” said Wojtkiw.

At the end of last year Sturgeon County had total long term debt of $30.8 million (in 36 debentures). That included the new debt of $1.3 million taken out in 2018 for the Pilon Creek Estates subdivision. The county has used 30 percent of its total debt limit of $103 million.

Coun. Wayne Bokenfohr asked Dirks if the county would still be in a good financial position if it had taken on $15 million in debt for a new county campus.

Dirks said yes, the debt would just be higher.

“But we wouldn’t be looking at a zero percent tax increase,” suggested Bokenfohr.

“Perhaps,” said Dirks.

Council unanimously passed coun. Karen Shave’s motion to approve the audited financial statements.

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by Grant Cree

“I am very concerned about the actions that China has taken against our canola farmers,” said Member of Parliament Dane Lloyd. “We have a lot of canola farmers in Sturgeon River-Parkland. They’re making critical decisions in these upcoming weeks, and they need to know that we are going to have a market for canola.”

On May 2, the Free Press spoke to MP Lloyd about the crisis. He was in Ottawa, and monitoring the situation with increasing alarm.

“Unfortunately, the Liberals have failed to take action on this issue,” said MP Lloyd. “We have requested emergency debates over and over again, and the Liberals have refused to allow an emergency debate.”

According to a press release on May 1, Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer outlined three immediate actions that Prime Minister Trudeau could take to stand up for Canadian canola farmers and restore trade with China.

First: appoint a new ambassador to China. Second: launch a formal trade complaint with the WTO (World Trade Organization) against China. Third: pull Canadian taxpayer dollars from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

“It has been two months since the Chinese government banned imports of Canadian canola,” stated the press release. “During that time, due to market uncertainty the canola sector has lost approximately a billion dollars and farmers have been forced to make difficult decisions regarding this spring’s planting season.”

MP Lloyd also spoke about the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. “Basically, $250 million of taxpayers money is going to our China run bank to build pipelines and roads in China,” he said. “And their government is holding us over a barrel and blocking our superior, clean canola imports.”

Local Air Quality News Update

Portable Station Moving to Chipman

Our portable air monitoring station in Bon Accord ceased operations February 27 and will begin operating in Chipman in May. A summary report on air monitoring data collected during the nine months the station was in Bon Accord will be made public once it is completed.

AGM and Presentations

Join us on Monday, May 13 in the Lion Prides Room at the Dow Centennial Centre in Fort Saskatchewan starting at 6:00 p.m. for our Annual General Meeting. We’ll be sharing 2018 ambient air quality monitoring results for the Airdhead plus discussing a special Data Trending and Comparison Report we will be releasing at the meeting. There will be door prizes, giveaways, food and refreshments.

Air Monitoring Information

We recently released our Q1 2019 Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) results which show low risk AQHI readings between 73% and 89% of the time for the seven FAP stations that are used to calculate AQHI numbers for the region.
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Chamber seeks to add value

by Grant Cree

Shaun Thompson, owner-manager of the Morinville Sobeys store, is President of the Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce. He’s inviting local business people to get involved with the Chamber. “We’d love to get new members, we’ve been doing a lot of great things,” said Thompson after the Chamber’s monthly lunch on May 1 in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

“We had Pembina Pipelines come out to our last meeting and tell us what they’re going to do in the region. There is a lot of opportunity there,” said Thompson. The Chamber also hosted a representative from the Villeneuve airport who did a presentation for the members.

Ultimately Chamber membership helps business people stay connected with what’s happening in the area. “It’s about driving the regional activity to businesses and what’s coming,” said Thompson. “And the jobs spinoffs and the input into the economy. Today we had Landrex development, and they told us what their plans are for the future here in Morinville.”

Other Chamber initiatives include a group insurance benefit plan, a golf tournament on July 11, and a membership directory. “We’re just about to send out our 2019 team directory for the end of May,” said Thompson. “They’ll be delivered to some households and also delivered to the businesses. There’s a lot of great things going on, we’re trying to add value to businesses. I urge you to join the Chamber.”

The Chamber also represents business interests in the community, which includes speaking on behalf of business leaders to local elected officials. “We’ve also done a couple of presentations in front of town Council about mill rates,” said Thompson. “Obviously from the town we’ve had a pretty big increase, and we’ve had good conversations defining and getting clarity on things.”

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Audit shows minor hike in Sturgeon council pay

Sturgeon County council salaries and benefits increased less than one percent last year, going from $485,630 in 2017 to $488,910 in 2018.

In 2018 Mayor Alanna Hnatiw received $88,950 ($52,730 salary, $9,460 benefits) and in 2017 she received $15,930 for her service from October to December.

Comeau was paid $65,370 ($54,500 salary, $10,870 benefits) in 2018 and $11,270 in 2017.

Kaup served from January to October in 2017.

Former councillor Ferd Caron and Jerry Kaup served from January to October in 2017.

Caron was paid $58,750 and Kaup $52,010.


Former mayor Tom Flynn was paid $75,110 in 2018.

In 2018 Mayor Alanna Hnatiw did not respond to a request for comment before press time.

Figures were taken from the 2018 audited financial statements. Salary includes monthly base pay and honorariums. Benefits include the employer’s share of professional memberships, Canada Pension Plan, health care and dental benefit plans, group life insurance and disability coverage.

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The Force is strong with these ones! Grade two students of Ecole Notre Dame Elementary School in Morinville enjoyed a day of Dress Up on May 3rd in light of May the 4th being on Saturday. Students Brenley Allain, Mia Ferrante, Elizabeth Murko, Ali Ferrante and Lucas Logan were joined with a Storm Trooper to form their Star Wars alliance.
The new Sturgeon County bylaw regulating off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on county roads specified two regions where such riding is prohibited and kept the maximum speed for OHVs on county roads at 30 km/hr. In a split vote, Sturgeon County council passed its new bylaw April 23, despite two councillors arguing the speed limit should be increased and sufficient public consultation did not take place. Counsellors Norm Comeau and Patrick Tighe voted against passing second and third readings of the bylaw. Tighe argued that today’s OHVs are “extremely safe” and “designed for gravel roads.” He questioned the 30 km/hr limit on roads where other traffic travels, at 80 km/hr. “We may be causing a bit more of a traffic jam or traffic problems,” he said.

Protective Services manager and fire chief Pat Mahoney said the province does not specify a speed limit, the 30 km/hr was carried forward from the previous bylaw. He said the majority of the OHV community at his office receives relate to speed and noise. OHVs are allowed on county roads and, conditions permitting, are allowed to travel on the far right side of the road. Provincial legislation requires helmut be worn.

Comeau said OHV use has graduated from squads and trikes in 2004 to side-by-sides today. He also felt they should be allowed to travel at the same speed as vehicular traffic. He then pointed out that many OHVs do not have a place to mount a license plate. Operators have to carry the plates and produce them on request. Coun. Susan Evans noted OHV do not have safety features such as air bags that vehicles have. “If you’re using an ATV to check fences, 30 km is too fast,” said coun. Karen Shaw.

Mayor Alanna Hnatiw said 30 km/hr is not fast enough for someone going from field to field in an ATV with a roll bar and five point harness. She suggested a speed change could be considered at another time.

Tighe questioned the effectiveness of the public consultations held in Calahoo and Redwater because only four people attended each place, and some of them thought the event was about OHV safety, not a bylaw presentation.

Evans said the ads ran in local newspapers and various online platforms for weeks, and people do not attend such events if they are not negatively impacted by proposed changes.

The OHV bylaw prohibits operation of OHVs on all county roads and reserves within the area of Sturgeon Valley from Hwy 2 east to Hwy 28 and from Hwy 37 south between Hwy 2 and Hwy 28 to Edmont on and St. Albert north boundaries, in the Sandy Lake Wilderness Area and everywhere the county has posted signs prohibiting OHV use.

The hours of operating an OHV on county roads were extended by one hour and is now from 8 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, except for agricultural activities. All OHVs operated on county roads must be registered and insured.

This bylaw has been in the works since last year as Protective Services staff updated the previous OHV bylaw (from 2004) to match changes to provincial legislation. Council passed first reading Feb. 27, 2019 bylaw (from 2004) to match changes to provincial legislation. Council passed first reading Feb. 27, 2019.

No changes were made to the penalties for breach of the bylaw, which range from $75 for operating with a license plate not visible to $500 for operating an OHV during an emergency or fire ban.

Sturgeon County is monitoring fire conditions

Although last week’s rain and snow are helping to green things up, at this time Smoky Lake County has a fire red andThorhild County a fire advisory in place. Sturgeon County did not set a formal advisory, but residents are urged to be aware of conditions and use fire safely.

Sturgeon County fire chief Pat Mahoney said conditions throughout the county were dry or drying up until the recent precipitation which should assist in things beginning to green up.

“At this point we are continuing to monitor conditions, speaking with neighboring municipalities and provincial officials,” said Mahoney. “Currently there are no advisories, restrictions or bans in place. Certainly, as conditions change, any one of these could be considered. For those residents who have active permits and those enjoy ing back yard fire pits, as always they are asked to follow permit conditions, be safe and aware of conditions around them.”

The Thorhild County fire advisory was set April 15. Moderate fire risk exists, but C.A.O Wayne Franklin said that is not always indicated on the signs posted along major roads entering the county. He said staff set the markers to moderate risk and then unknown persons move them back to low risk.

Under an advisory no fire permits will be issued, but burn barrels may still be used as long as a current Burn Barrel Permit is in effect and the following criteria are followed. Barrels shall be non-combustible, undamaged, covered with a tight fitting metal mesh screen with openings of 6 mm or smaller and placed on non-combustible material at least three meters away from combustibles. Fire pits may also be used providing they are a minimum of three meters from buildings, property lines or combustible material.

Smoky Lake set the fire restriction April 29. Coun ty Fire Chief Scott Franchuk advised the fire hazard is high, so the county will not be issuing burn permits until further notice.
Morinville has CAO work on CAO evaluation policy

Morinville town council approved the formal policy and procedure in April regarding the CAO Performance Evaluation. The committee which was involved with the policy and the procedure to be followed included “Mayor Barry Turner; Councillor Rebecca Balanko; Councillor Sarah Hall; Stephane Labonne, CAO; Trish Pretzlaw, Human Resources Manager; Melodie Steele, Legislative Officer (minutes),” according to two sets of committee minutes approved by council on April 9.

With Balanko absent, council representation was only two people in a meeting of five when the draft of the policy and procedure were apparently finalized by the committee. According to the minutes there were no motions made during the committee meetings, no chairman identified, and the policy, procedure, evaluation tools were just listed and sent to council.

Council approved both the minutes of the policy committee and the draft of the policy and procedure on April 9. The draft policy and procedure had been prepared by Pretzlaw and signed off by Labonne. The only comments from the Mayor and council referred to the achievement of having something concrete to guide council in the process rather than doing it on an ad hoc basis as in the past.

Council voiced no concern about the CAO participating with a committee drafting the policy specifically aimed at evaluating his performance. They get the resources they need to achieve success and the organization are aligned with the strategic direction of the Town Administration. More specifically, Council will:

• Ensure the goals and objectives of the CAO and the organization are aligned with the strategic direction of the Town.

• Support the CAO and the organization so they get the resources they need to achieve success.

• Recognize progress and achievements of the CAO through informal discussions, Mid-Year Check-In (optional) and Performance Evaluations.

• Review and approve any revisions to this policy.

• By motion of Council, appoint members to the CAO Performance Evaluation Committee”
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**Salary:**

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Price Reduced: $549,900

*Hewitt Estates Acreage*

Fully finished bungalow on a beautiful mature lot. The main floor has an open plan design, huge eat in kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 29x36 attached heated garage, and a large, private yard.

Price: $529,900

Out of Town

0.39 Acres
5350-52 St, Gibbons

Price: $139,900

0.67 Acres
4606-36 Ave, Gibbons

Price: $147,000

0.70 Acres
4718-39 Ave, Gibbons

Price: $145,000

Want a Big Yard?

Charming 1109 sq ft bungalow on a huge pie lot with attached 24 x 22 double garage in Gibbons. 4 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms, & family room addition on main floor. Lots of upgrades & loads of space for the kids. Parking & outdoor play space.

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Affordable Family Home

This modern 1076 sq ft mobile home has a side driveway & front veranda. 3 bedrooms & 2 full bathrooms. All appliances, window coverings & garage shelving included. Situated on a well set up lot in Gibbons. Make it Your Home!!

Price: $99,500

Beach the Spring Rush

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5415-50 St

Bon Accord Beauty

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Upgraded Bungalow in Bon Accord. Open floor layout with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully finished basement, OVERSIZED 28x24 detached garage & ONLY 10 MINS TO THE GARRISON!

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