Morinville wants grads to celebrate responsibly

by Grant Cree

“We’re trying to make students aware that even though it’s a celebratory time after the culmination of 13 or 14 years of hard work, we still want our students to be safe,” said Don Hinks, Principal of Morinville Community High School (MCHS). The school’s annual mock collision event scheduled for May 15 was postponed due to rain, so they improvised with another plan.

Students gathered on bleachers in the gym where several guest speakers delivered a series of sobering presentations about the dangers of driving while impaired. Although the warnings concern everybody, these messages were intended for those who will soon be graduating.

“While you’re celebrating, there’s a still a way to do it safely,” said Hinks. We want to make sure our students are aware that anytime they get into a vehicle, somebody may have been drinking — and you don’t want them to be driving.” Hinks emphasized the importance of students and grads demonstrating maturity during a social activity, even if it risks making them unpopular.

“You want to be responsible. If they [impaired people] can’t be responsible, then maybe you can be responsible for them and take their keys,” said Hinks. “That way nobody gets themselves into a situation with a worst-case possible scenario where somebody dies.” MCHS hosts the annual mock collision to create vivid awareness of how deadly impaired driving can be.

That’s why the school partners with experts who share timely information as a warning that lives can be ruined in an instant. “Those visuals and stories are so important,” said Hinks. “So hopefully it touches home with some of our kids in terms of them thinking, ‘You know what? If I’m going to do this, I need to do this right.’”

The guest speakers on May 15 included Alberta Health Services, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, RCMP and emergency first responders including the local fire department. Typically MCHS also arranges for drama students to act as collision victims. They wear make up simulating blood and serious wounds, which adds to the realism.

“Sometimes we’ll bring in someone from a funeral home to give the kids the worst possible case scenario,” said Hinks. “It’s a different experience when you see somebody laying in a casket. It has more impact. Do you know what I mean?”

Despite the postponement, Hinks says MCHS still plans to conduct its annual mock collision event, either before or after the grad. “We’d like to do it before going into exams, so either late this month or early June,” he said. “It’s a well-run event that really impacts our students in a very positive way.”
Grade 11 student discovers his talent at cabinet making

by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

Grade 11 student of Morinville Community High School, Jayden Boutin, may have found his calling. Cabinet makers build and repair custom or production-type fixtures and furniture made of wood or wood substitutes. Their duties may include creating detailed drawings, mapping layouts and patterns, operating woodworking equipment, cutting, shaping and molding pieces of wood, etc. Cabinetmaking is a category in the Skills Canada competitions and Jayden Boutin participated this year.

High school students may begin their journey with Skills Canada with either a Regional or qualifying Skills Canada competition. Boutin attended the Edmonton Regional Skills competition on April 6th at NAIT, against approximately 15 other students for Cabinet Making and won Gold. Construction /Fabrication teacher, Kyle Green said, “This is an absolutely incredible achievement for his first year of skills competitions.” Boutin moved on to participate in the Provincial Skills competition that was held at the Edmonton Expo Centre on May 8th and 9th. Unfortunately, Boutin didn’t place in the top three but he came in 11th out of 20 participants. He says of the experience, “This was my first time competing at Skills and I am proud of myself for placing 1st in my region and 11th in the Province.”

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Safety Tips During the Farming Season

Spring is here, and farmers are back on the roads and in the fields. This means an increase in slow-moving equipment on rural roads, which can be hazardous. Be safe out there and share the road.

Farmers please remember to:
- Avoid high traffic times and busy roads
- Make sure all flashers and lights are clean, visible and working properly.
- Stay alert for hazards such as soft shoulders, narrow bridges, loose gravel, and deep ruts.
- Pull over to allow traffic to pass, if conditions are safe.

Motorists please remember to:
- Be aware of slow-moving farm machinery. Be patient.
- Watch for vehicles marked with slow-moving vehicle signs.
- Do not drive in equipment blind spots where operators cannot see you.
- Keep back a safe distance — at least 50 feet, when following.

Dale MacMillan Scholarship

The Dale MacMillan Memorial Scholarship for Community Leadership is funded by the Calahoo-Villeneuve Gravel Extraction Community Enhancement Fund. It recognizes the contributions and dedication of Dale MacMillan, who was instrumental in helping achieve a balance between residents and gravel extraction operations in the Calahoo and Villeneuve area.

Criteria for Selection
- Must be a resident of Sturgeon County. Students residing temporarily outside of Sturgeon County for schooling are eligible to apply.
- Evidence of enrollment in a recognized post-secondary institution.
- Supporting materials of leadership and involvement benefiting their community within Sturgeon County.

Download the application form at sturgeoncounty.ca and submit before May 24, 2019.

Job Experience Training (JET) for Youths

Sturgeon County youths ages 12 to 17 can gain valuable work experience by volunteering with Sturgeon County’s Summer Programs as a JET this summer!

As a JET, you will experience a job interview, attend fun trainings to grow your leadership skills, connect with like-minded people and more. JETs only need to work free shifts throughout the summer and attend the training sessions, but don’t worry, we work around your availability so you can still enjoy your summer!

The JET program also works with the high school work experience credit program where you can earn up to three credits towards your high school diploma. Work Experience students must apply by 4 p.m., May 31, 2019.

All other applicants must apply by 4 p.m., June 7, 2019.

Applications are available online at sturgeoncounty.ca or at the Sturgeon County Community Services Office, 9610-100 Street, Morinville (next to Drayden Insurance).

For more information, please contact Amanda Magyar by email amagyar@sturgeoncounty.ca or call 780-939-1385.

Residents Could Save on Fire Insurance

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

What does this mean for you?
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Review your current Property Fire Insurance ratings with your agent. If your insurance company does not wish to apply the STSS Accreditation, it is recommended that you explore options by obtaining quotes from other companies.

For more information, please visit www.sturgeoncounty.ca/STSS to review the FAQ or contact Chief Pat Mahoney at 780-939-8400 or by email at pmahoney@sturgeoncounty.ca.
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The War Amps

Photo radar continues to catch predominantly out-of-town drivers in Morinville however in February, local residents stepped on the gas pedal heavily enough to easily defeat that trend.

In February 59% of the speeding tickets were issued to town residents, with only 41% going to out-of-towners.

According to first quarter stats released May 14, the other two months in the quarter followed the traditional trend of town residents receiving a minority of the speeding tickets.

In January only 35% of the tickets went to local citizens with 65% out of towners and in March the figures were similar — 39% to Morinville citizens and 61% to vehicle owners with addresses outside the community.

In January there were 80 violations, with February seeing 41 speeding tickets issued and 161 in March.

The large majority of tickets are for speeds exceeding the limit by between 10 and 15 kph.

Jayman Jestin completed a 4.25M long jump during the Morinville Community High School track meet on May 16th. It was the last activity of the day following competitions in other events such as triple jump, high jump, javelin, shot put, and running events.

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Morinville RCMP Investigate arson of tool shed at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre. On May 13th at approximately 4:20 p.m. Morinville RCMP and Morinville Fire and Rescue attended a tool shed fire at the Rendez-Vous Centre at 9913 104 street in Morinville. Once on scene it was determined that the fire was intentionally set. A fire investigator also attended the scene. The suspects had pushed a shopping cart full of newspapers and clothing against the back of the shed and lit the contents of shopping cart on fire causing damage to the shed. Morinville RCMP is requesting the public’s assistance in solving this crime and request anyone who saw someone pushing a grocery cart near the railway tracks of 99 avenue or 104 street in Morinville during the time of this incident to contact the Morinville RCMP. Damage to the shed is under $5,000. The RCMP and Fire Investigator continue to investigate. Anyone with information or who saw any suspicious people is asked to report it to the Morinville RCMP at 780-939-4520. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3tips.com or by using the “P3 Tips” app.
HORSE SET UP WITH WALKOUT BUNGALOW

This one will WOW you! A large 3 bedroom plus bonus room with gorgeous walkout bungalow in pavement, just off May 28, a few minutes north of Edmonton. The 2327 sq ft air conditioned home has a south facing backyard with a sunny south facing deck over the valley & Edmonton lights from the 3 seasons sunroom. This home is owned by an interior decorator & it is shown in the beautiful furnishings that were chosen. Main features include large LR with massive windows & the air-conditioned adjoining kitchen has newer quartz countertops, built in appliances & plenty of cabinets & countertops. Massive MB with gorgeous ensuite with clawfoot tub, main floor laundry & den complete this level. The walkout basement has 3 more bedrooms, large FS & plenty of storage. 80×100 indoor riding arena with atf & 3 stall barn, 8 corals, & additional land that could be used for cattle or hay. 42×22' triple attached garage with in-floor heat has poured concrete pad. 154×36 believers this property is perfect for equestrian or sport. $1,999,000. Call Glenn to view.

ACREAGE IN THE CITY

6.65 ac with a 4 bdrm home, 3 car heated garage, barn on pavement light in NE Edmonton. This 1.5 acreage features open Sear's Lot 95. The property is just minutes from both kitchen & LR & has a great view of the valley. This acreage is perfect for a Hobby Farmer. Idyllic setting, lots of land to raise livestock or plants & some trees as well. $359,900. Call Glenn to view.

2.4 ACRES IN UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

2.4 acres plus privacy fence on 2.4 acres, built in 1974, 25×15 garage, 18×24 workshop. Great location & the property is zoned residential. The property is about 1/2 mile north of the University of Alberta. $240,000. Call Glenn to view.

3.4 ACRES WITH HOME AND SHOP IN MORINVILLE

This cute 3 bedroom bungalow with a large yard & mature trees is perfect for a family or couple. The yard is large enough for a pool & a vehicle garage. The home has been well maintained & is ready for move in. Huge 18×24 garage with in-floor heat & 6×10 shop. Lots of room for hobbies or storage. The home has been beautifully updated. $369,900. Call Glenn to view.

TREED BUILDING SITE W/POWER & GAS

Gorgeous 5 ac treed yardsite with power & gas just about 1 1/2 miles off highway 60. This parcel has been cleaned up with all the old buildings removed. Mostly even ground & mature trees surround the parcel of land with an open clearing facing south which will give you beautiful view of surrounding countryside. Great development location. The site is about 1/2 mile north of Highway 60. The property is about 20 minutes NW of Morinville & 30 minutes W of Edmonton. $79,900. Call Heathor for more information.

2 BEDROOMS IN REDWATER

For Only $59,900

Good opportunity here for an investor or first time homebuyer. This 1½ story home has 2 bedrooms & 1 bath & is on a 50 ft wide lot in that great location of Redwater. Original home was built in 1949 & addition was added in approximately 1995. A lot of TLC will make this a great little home at a very reasonable price. The property is well maintained & the home is easy to maintain. $59,900. Call Heathor for more information.

80 ACRE HORSE RANCH

RENOVATED

Recently a 10 ac is a horse lover’s delight with newer 2100 sq ft raised bungalow with 3 bedrooms & 2.5 baths. The yard has a large barn with 3 large stalls, a large monitor shop, and 40×60 shop. The property is heavily treed & has an excellent water system. The property is situated on the south side of highway 651 between Morinville & Wetaskiwin. The property is about 30 minutes south of Edmonton. $599,900. Call Glenn to view.

10,000 SF COMMERCIAL LOT

Prime 100×100 commercial lot in High Park Subdivision. The lot is on the west side of 100th Street & is at the entrance of High Park. The lot is the perfect size & location for a small business. $249,900. Call Glenn to view.

3.9 ACRES IMMEDEATELY NORTH OF EDMONTON

This 3.9 acre site is in a rural setting just north of Edmonton. It is just a few minutes north of the city limits & the yard has been cleaned up with all the old buildings removed. The yard is mostly even ground & mature trees surround the parcel of land with an open clearing facing south which will give you beautiful view of surrounding countryside. Great development opportunity. The site is about 1/2 mile north of Highway 60. The property is about 20 minutes NW of Morinville & 30 minutes W of Edmonton. $79,900. Call Heathor for more information.

THORNHILL BUNGALOW

W/SIZED HEATED GAR.

Well maintained & nicely upgraded older bungalow with 4 year old 20×22' heated detached garage. Upgrades in past 4 years include electrical panel, shingles, stucco, furnace & hot water system, paint inside & out, some bath upgrades & windows. Main floor features large open floor plan, 2 good sized bdrms, 4 pc bath & laundry/bathroom. Basement has 2nd kitchen, second LR, 3 bdrms, utility room & a 3 pc bath. Fenched yard has new deck with gazebo, large storage shed, lots of flowers & shrubs & oversized dbl garage. Great opportunity here for large family, large storage shed, lots of flowers & shrubs & oversized dbl garage. Lots of mature planted trees of all kinds, many flowering. The property is a must see! $399,900. Call Glenn to view.

UPGRADED 54S PLUS CONDO

IN NORTH EDMONTON

Beautifully appointed & upgraded 54s plus condo in Sherpherd’s Place. The condo has over 540 sq ft of living area with 3 large bdrms & 2 good sized bdrms & 2 large bathrooms. The condo has been well maintained & has been freshly painted & some new flooring & window treatments. The yard has a large private yard, covered deck, mature native trees, many flowers & shrubs & oversized garage. Located about 1/2 mile south of St Albert with lots of opportunity for your business. $79,900 plus GST. Call Heathor for details.

FARM LAND NE OF WESTLOCK

150 ac of good grain land (beautiful canola crop this year) with a spring irrigation system. 158 ac of good grain land (beautiful & recently had new metal roof. They have a double detached garage, pole shed & several outbuildings. This property is about 1/2 mile south of Morinville & about an hour NW of Edmonton. $599,900. Call Glenn to view.

FARM LAND NEAR MORINVILLE

3.9 ACRES W/ SE WIDE ENTRY:

New & nice & well maintained 3.9 acre property with a block of 5 mature native trees of all kinds, many flowering. The property is a must see! $399,900. Call Glenn to view.

FARM LAND NEAR WETASKIWIN

Great price on a nice property here! This 9.9 ac property is close to Morinville & is on the south side of Highway 60. The property has a small barn, a 40×60 shop, and a 30×40 garage. The property is about 1/4 mile north of Highway 60. The property is about 20 minutes NW of Morinville & 30 minutes W of Edmonton. $399,900. Call Glenn to view.

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6.74 ACRE HOBBY FARM

BY MORINVILLE

This 6.74 acre hobby farm has a great shop & a barn plus a 56'x30' canning shop. The shop has 2 bdrm & has a separate entry. The property is on the west side of Highway 651 between Morinville & Wetaskiwin. The property is about 30 minutes south of Edmonton. $1,999,000. Call Glenn to view.

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2.47 ACRES OF BARE LAND NEAR MORINVILLE

Gorgeous 2.47 ac treed yardsite with power & gas & is about 1/2 mile north of Highway 60. This parcel has been cleaned up with all the old buildings removed. Mostly even ground & mature trees surround the parcel of land with an open clearing facing south which will give you beautiful view of surrounding countryside. Great development opportunity. The site is about 1/2 mile north of Highway 60. The property is about 20 minutes NW of Morinville & 30 minutes W of Edmonton. $59,900. Call Heathor for more information.

ROYAL RANCHFARM LIVING AT LOXE LAKE

Pride of ownership shows through throughout this 65. ac. borders town of Redwater. Owner formerly operated a welding/ manufacturing business here in Redwater. Owner has lived in the property is that it has city water. So much potential here. There is almost $1700 per year revenue from gas line along the property. This property is on the SW corner of that intersection. $2,400,000. Call Glenn to view.

LAND NEAR LAC MAINE

This 10.9 ac property is about 1/2 mile north of Highway 60. The property is close to the south end of Morinville & is about 1/2 mile south of Highway 60. The property is about 20 minutes NW of Morinville & 30 minutes W of Edmonton. $999,900. Call Glenn to view.

45 ACRES WITH HOUSE AND WORKSHOP

Pride of ownership shows through throughout this 65. ac. Borders town of Redwater. Owner formerly operated a welding/ manufacturing business here in Redwater. The house was built in 1949 & addition was added in approximately 1995. The property is about 1/2 mile north of Highway 60. The property is about 20 minutes NW of Morinville & 30 minutes W of Edmonton. $999,900. Call Glenn to view.

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UPPERBEDS

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- NEW - Professionally remodeled kitchen
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Students on mission trip

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Strange incident as animal skeletal remains dumped in town parking lot

Redwater was abuzz with speculation as the skull, rib cage and various large bones from an animal appeared in the parking lot between downtown and the CN tracks last week.

RCMP officers investigating the dumping of the animal carcass in downtown Redwater arrested a man with numerous outstanding warrants.

The afternoon of May 13 a carcass of a large animal was left in the parking lot south of 49 Avenue and east of 49 Street. Police stopped a blue-green GMC truck which they believed was potentially involved in dumping the carcass.

Redwater RCMP Cpl. Mark Joy reported the man driving the truck was arrested for refusing to provide a breath sample, having no insurance on his vehicle and having a number of outstanding warrants from outside this area. The vehicle was towed.

Town of Redwater staff disposed of the carcass at the direction of the RCMP. Infrastructure manager Nawaz Panhwer said the carcass was in such a condition as to not be easily identified, but may have been a horse.

No explanation has been suggested by officials as to why the skeletal remains were dropped off in the high-profile location.

That’s almost a wrap! 2019 Graduates from Morinville Community High School: Daron Cyr, Liam Froment, Evan Revells, Reis Armstrong, Alicia Brost, Sayler Tarzwell, Jenna McKinney and Alicia Diberardino are excited to close this chapter and open the next. Graduation ceremonies commence May 17th at the Edmonton Winspear Centre and they are all ready following their rehearsal on May 16th.
Bon Accord 4-H prepares for beef show and sale

Bon Accord 4-H Club members have been busy, including two fieldtrips in March. On March 9th there was a trip to NAIT for sausage making. Members learned and had hands-on experiences in making sausage, including: the grinding of the meat and preparing and mixing the ingredients; how to properly stuff sausage in casing; and food and safety handling.

NAIT provided instructors, information on food preparation and thermal processing as well as history of sausage, types of sausage and recipes. All members received sausage to eat at lunch, and the 4-H club provided buns, drinks and condiments. NAIT provided the sausage free of charge and all the members were able to bring home three kinds of sausage they made earlier in the day.

The fieldtrip was a huge success, the kids were very engaged and NAIT has invited the club to come back next year to make beef jerky! NAIT was very well organized for the project, with an amazing facility.

March 23rd was a Fieldtrip to Highland Feeders feedlot near Vegreville. The members learned about the feeding process and general operation of the feedlot, feedlot health management and the marketing strategies currently being used to market “sustainable beef” to Albertans. A Highland Feeders employee provided all the members with an information booklet with statistics on Highland’s operations conducted the tour and provided information.

The club rented a school bus to take members from Gibbons to the feedlot and after the information session, took a tour of the feedlot by bus. The tour was fantastic. Members got to see how a large operation (currently feeding about 26,000 cattle) worked. They were able to compare some of their feeding and health management practices to their own at home with their 4-H beef projects.

Bon Accord 4-H appreciates FCC (Farm Credit Canada) for their Grant to make these learning experiences possible for our club, we appreciate the support!

This month members participated in Bon Accord weekend which was on Mother’s Day weekend. Bon Accord weekend has been a time when all the members get a chance to spend time with their animals and make sure their animals get used to the Sturgeon Agrophiles since it is where the show will be. The weekend also helps the members really connect with their steers and lets members spend some time together.

The Bon Accord 4H Show and Sale is May 29th. The Show starts at noon at the Sturgeon Agrophiles in Cardiff and Grand Champion Steer class is at 6 p.m. followed immediately by the 4H Sale.

Anyone interested in supporting the club are are welcome to attend, purchase a steer or just watch and enjoy all the fun. The members look forward to seeing you there.

— Aly Youn, Club Reporter

Concession, vending machine suppliers set for rec centre

The town of Morinville’s new recreation complex attracted four businesses interested in supplying vending machines to the facility, one business interested in operating the concession and no interest in a planned retail space within the structure.

“Concession — the selected company is Lodgix’s (Accommodation & Services Inc.),” Director of Community Protective Services David Schaefer advised council May 14. “Lodgix will be responsible for all administrative and operational requirements of the concession.”

“Vending — the selected company for this service is Signature Vending Services. Also with local roots, one of the key operators lives in the Sturgeon region,” Schaefer stated, noting they are used by many rec facilities in the Edmonton area.

“Administration received no proposals or follow-up interest with respect to the retail service option. In reviewing the available space, Administration has determined that it would best be used for programing at this time, and with the sponsorship program moving along there are parties interested in sponsoring this area,” stated Schaefer.

The $30.5 million project is expected to open by the end of this month although the official opening is May 29th.

Council also approved up to $110,000 for lighting to come from the East Boundary Road intersection along the north side of Highway 642 to the rec centre access. Administration had brought a preliminary estimate of $35,000 for the lighting extension, however both council. Lawrence Griffin and Scott Schaefer questioned that strategy. It was pointed out that instead of just lighting the highway double-headed lights could illuminate the planned walking trail just inside the property line as well as the highway.

By doing it as part of the highway lighting it was felt it could save funds compared to a separate lighting project for the trail at a later date.

Council agreed and set a new limit. If the quote from Fortis comes in higher than $110,000 the issue will be brought back to council for the final decision, otherwise administration can award the project.

Funding for the project is coming from photo radar ticket revenue that was directed to a Safety Initiative reserve. The account has over $176,000.
Town to end threat from home runs hitting houses

The town of Morinville is going to resolve the issue of residential homes suffering from soft balls hitting their homes and landing in their yards adjacent to the Meadows Baseball Diamonds.

That’s if you can believe the latest pitch from council — it has been going on for a long time and all of council appeared to be aware of the problem when a resident’s letter of concern was included in the May council agenda packets.

Despite the letter being part of the agenda, administra
tion had little current information about the situa-
tion noting that adult slow pitch had agreed to use no-fly softballs on the diamonds because of the small size of the outfield. The use of the diamonds by minor league didn’t create the same problem of balls leaving the diamond.

Coun. Lawrence Griffin raised the issue of the letter, making a motion that administration bring back costs for putting nets up blocking the balls from going in the direction of the adjacent residential area. He pointed out this is a safety issue for residents who are in
danger of having family members hit by a stray ball. He also agreed with comments in the letter about parking and garbage problems.

After a long discussion of the council debate ended by directing staff to correct problems being caused in the neighborhood from adult use of the undersized diamonds and report back to council.

Coun. Scott Richardson, who appeared to be the most knowledgeable about the situation as a ball player and organizer, told the meeting that in fact adult slow pitch has stopped using the Meadows for league play, instead using diamonds at Cardinal or the Skyline baseball diamond in town. He suspected that the bulk of the problems are occurring when the Meadows is used to increase the number of diamonds during slow pitch tournaments. He also noted that garbage bins need to be located at the entrance to the Meadows so people will use them as they are leaving the ball park rather than emptying their vehicles along the roadside as they drive away.

Mayor Barry Turner, another ball enthusiast on
council, discounted the use of netting to stop balls from leaving the park saying there are some strong players in slow pitch and the netting wouldn’t stop balls from leaving the park.

Directors of Community and Protective Services
david.scherfer@morinville.ca

Regarded the garbage problem, Public Works
director Claude Valoies said that if Enforcement
division isn’t able to bring in order to the situation, his department is the one that would have to go out and clean up the garbage left behind.

The very detailed letter from W.M. LaPerle outlined
the problems that have been ongoing for years. In a very polite manner it made it clear that players often collect balls from the front yard of homes and that two 5-gallon pails of balls collected by the homeowner show the frequency of the problem and the dan-
gers to anyone who may be outside in the yard.

The new rec centre grounds east of Morinville include four ball diamonds in the concept plan, how-
ever there is no timeline for development.
Highway 642 will require two types of repair to road surface in Morinville

Problems with the chip seal coat on Highway 642 (100 Ave) in Morinville have been handled in two ways.

On May 14, Public Works director Claude Valcourt advised council that about a dozen people from Alberta Transportation and the town staff walked the problem area the previous week. It was noted that from the 100 Street traffic light west the failure of the chip seal could be corrected by redosing the treatment. However the Highway from the traffic light to the east boundary of Morinville has deteriorated and discussions on repair appeared to favor milling the surface (removing a thin layer of the pavement and then resurfacing).

However, he emphasized to council that Alberta Transportation has not made a firm decision on the east side repair. Valcourt told council the province has been continuing to direct them to file a damage claim but when contacted by the public the town is able to determine the reason for the failure of the chip seal treatment to adhere to the pavement (removing a thin layer of the pavement and then resurfacing).

Alberta Transportation asked for permission to do a night construction project because of the high volume of daytime traffic and on-street parking. Valcourt advised that he committed to allowing the night work, feeling it was a better option than the 2018 problems.

No timeline has been set for repair work to take place.

Mayor Barry Turner advised council that he had been writing to the previous transportation minister as well as the constituency candidates in the provincial election. He is planning to meet with MLA Dale Nally and has asked administration to write to the new transportation minister to arrange a meeting.

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Because 100 Ave. is a numbered provincial highway (Hwy 642) the province is responsible for the street maintenance through town.

Emergency response vehicles line Highway 28 between Gibbons and Coronado Hill as firefighters attack a grass fire early last week. The three local counties remained on alert for fire as spring winds provided a real threat from any small ignition in the dead fall vegetation. A gentle rain the evening of May 14 and the following day helped ease concern but the area still remains relatively dry.

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**Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the assessment notices for all property held in the Town of Gibbons were mailed on May 23, 2019 in accordance with Section 208 and 311 of the Municipal Government Act, H-26, 1 RSA 2000.

All assessment notices are deemed to have been received seven (7) days after mailing within Alberta and fourteen (14) days outside of the province.

Taxes are due on July 3rd, 2019. Balances still owing after the deadline will be subject to a 10% penalty and a further 16% on outstanding balances after December 31st, 2019.

Any person who wishes to appeal their assessment must, by July 30th, 2019 register a complaint on the Assessment Review Board Complaint Form, which are available at the Town Office or on our website at www.gibbons.ca.

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