New school in Legal; upgrade to Morinville Community High School

A new school in Legal and modernization of a Morinville school are among 25 Alberta school capital projects announced Nov. 1. In Legal a new Kindergarten to grade nine school will be built for the École Citadelle, Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord (Greater North Central Francophone Education Region) (GNCFER). Morinville Community High School (MCHS), which is in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools (GSARCD), will receive a CTS (career and technology studies) modernization.

GNCFER superintendent Robert Lessard said, “It’s very exciting. The community has been waiting 20 years for the announce-ment of a new school. It’s a good surprise on a Friday morning.”

He said the current facility serves 125 students from Kindergarten to grade 12 in a school and leased community centre space. The school building is “100 years old” and was not constructed as a school, but there is a stable school community, well supported by its mem-ber families. Many of them have multiple gen-erations that have attended the school.

A site for the new building has not yet been selected.

GSARCD superintendent David Keohane said the CTS upgrades have been the top prior-i-ty in the division’s capital plan for four years. “We’re ecstatic about this news,” he said. “I credit the board of trustees for its advocacy and for talking with MLAs about this. We’re really pleased the government is going ahead with this.”

The upgrades will enhance the Culinary Arts and Food Studies area and the Cosmetology area. Keohane said school enrollment increased by two percent this year, and those programs continue to be popular with students. He noted that student engagement and success includes academic marks and the knowledge they are learning at their best in an area of their own interest.

This was estimated to be a $1.4 million proj-ect three years ago. MCHS serves 532 students in grades nine to 12.

No timelines or details were provided for the 25 provincial projects which will cost a total of $397 million.

“We made a promise to Albertans that our government will continue to build new schools, and we are doing exactly that,” said Minister of Education Adriana LaGrange. “Through our significant investment in new schools, replacements, modernizations and infrastructure upkeep, our children will continu-e to learn in up-to-date and safe spaces. This will result in better success in our classrooms. The future is bright for Alberta students,” said the Minister of Infrastructure Prasad Panda, “These 25 projects confirm our govern-ment’s commitment to continue to build schools across the province. Alberta Infrastruc-ture will continue to deliver key infrastructure projects to build prosperity for Albertans.”

Joan Waples of Smitten by Mittens was surrounded by her handmade felted wool mittens with polar fleece lining at the Apple Fest craft market at Morinville’s Rendez Vous Centre on November 2nd. Waples is based in Morinville but will be found in craft markets in surrounding areas through the holiday craft market season. –photo by Amy Hibbard-Hitchcock.
Sturgeon Hockey Club Initiation Golden Knights were out collecting bottles for team fundraising in Morinville in November 2nd. Ready to toss the final bag to fill up the truck is (L-R): Assistant Coach Dustin Brenneis, Lane Condon, Brody Cormier, Nixon Sturgess, Coach Ryan Condon, and Lucas Brenneis. --photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscok
I attended the Bud- get open house this week. I would encour- age those that were unable to attend to check the budget on the town of Mor- inville website and provide their feedback through the online portal.

Staff were attentive and willing to discuss and give their insight into rationale and thought processes.

While none of us will ever 100% agree with each line item, the concern I gave was that the Vision and Mission state- ments for the town Council and Adminis- tration does not con- tain targets on growth. On the analysis of fee increases, taxes, staff raises, etc., there were only compar- isons of other town and municipalities' tax rates, fees, and salaries.

In my business experience, unless you quantify those against the results achieved, you are the blind following the blind. (Should we increase salaries of MPs in Ottawa if they only go 10 billion in debt in 2020, but compare that to the US debt of 100 billion, or the last 4 years of 40 billion?)

I attended the fee and licencing presenta- tion awhile back, and when I asked MNP rep- resentatives, who presented a spreadsheet of other municipal fees, what those towns’ results were in terms of growth, the response was that they had not looked at this. Fees cannot be decided by looking at standings on a spreadsheet. There must be qualitative judge- ment. The same goes for taxes, wages, etc.

I would ask that when you do look at the budget, judge each against an umbrella ques- tion. Does this decision contribute to the growth of the town, business and residential?

A town that does not have strong growth, as facilities and infrastructure deteriorate, has no choice but to raise taxes exponentially to those dwindling few that hang on. And those only hang on until the realization that their property value will continue to go down as the taxes make them undesirable when com- pared to other municipalities.

As well, Canada is just a few years away from the tipping point of more than 50% of it’s citizens being over 66, on fixed incomes. When they consider downsizing and moving to a smaller town, taxes will stand forefront in their decision process, and their negotiation on pricing for your home.

Get involved. It is not just the town’s finan- cial future, but yours.

—Alan Otway, Morinville

Budget is not the town’s financial future, it’s yours
OPEN HOUSE

Long Lake Gravel Pit Development
Section 12-13-35-25-4W2M
(SML 800855 & SML 100085)
If you are a stakeholder that may be affected by this project, we would like you to join us for an Open House. This Open House will give stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback on the project.

Saturday November 24, 2019
10 am to 4 pm
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The feedback received at the Open House will be used to refine JMB’s project planning for this development. Your input is valued, and we look forward to speaking with you.

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PLAYSAFE: Don’t Let It Happen to You

Neil Diamond tribute performer Jason Scott entertained more than 40 guests in the Morinville Royal Canadian Legion on the evening of Nov. 1. The show Diamond Forever: A Celebration of Neil Diamond featured numerous popular sing-a-long songs and hits by the American singer-songwriter, musician and actor. –photo by Grant Cree

Morinville Public School hosts parent conference

by Grant Cree

More than 300 parents of children enrolled in Sturgeon Public Schools gathered in Morinville Public School (MPS) on Nov. 1 and 2 for the third annual Early Childhood Education Parent Conference. “This year’s conference focuses on the power of connection,” explained Cherie Hyland, Acting Director of Early Childhood Education.

“At Sturgeon Public School Division, we really value our families,” said Hyland. “We value our parents and believe that parent connection in families is crucial to child development, future mental health and all those areas.” She noted that the participants were from communities across Sturgeon County, in addition to Morinville.

“We really believe in educating parents as well as educating children,” said Hyland. The two-day event focused on opportunities for parents to connect with educators and listen to inspirational speakers. Danielle Read, a registered social worker, facilitated and authenticity coach, spoke to more than 120 parents on the evening of Nov. 1 in the MPS gym. Her topic: Be Who You Are, Love Who You Are and Give Your Kids Permission to Do the Same.

On Nov. 2, Dr. Jody Cattrellon spoke about the science behind social development and offered practical advice on how to (re) connect. The conference included 15 other sessions for parents to choose from – everything from ‘Bonding Beyond’ to ‘Find Your Village’. Hyland emphasized the variety of presentations. A lot of the sessions we call family oriented programming helping families with whatever areas they feel they need help with,” said Hyland. Sturgeon Public Schools partnered with community agencies, including Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society, offering Handle With Care and Melanie Har- ris with FN-Lutheran Physical Therapy Inc., offering Movement Alphabet and Fitness and Fun.

Section 12 & 13 TWP 62 RGE 19 W4M
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Fort Saskatchewan Golf & Curling Club
Saturday November 23, 2019

The show Diamond Forever: A Celebration of Neil Diamond is presented by Singer and actress, Denise Read, a registered social worker and authenticity coach. She will be joined by local music legend, Jeff Fields and singer and actor, Jody Cattrellon.

For tickets, call Jody Cattrellon: 780-995-1482.

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**Reds flashing? NO PASSING!**

Life is busy and it’s easy to be distracted as you go about your day. As resident safety is a top priority, Protective Services reminds motorists that it is **illegal to pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing**.

Traffic from both directions must come to a complete stop when the overhead alternating red lights have been activated and remain stopped until the red lights have been turned off. This means you must stop whether you are approaching an oncoming bus or following one, even when it is on the opposite side of two-way highway.

The penalty for failing to stop for a school bus with its flashing red lights activated is $543 and six demerit points.

Please do your part to help ensure everyone gets home safely.

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**Agricultural Plastics Recycling for Producers**

Are you a Sturgeon County producer? Do you use agricultural plastics like twine, net wrap or grain bags within your agricultural operation? The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) would like to hear from you.

Join us at an informal information gathering session as we assess the need for an agricultural plastics recycling program within Sturgeon County. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**When:** Friday, November 15, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Cardiff Hall, 55320 Range Rd 251, Sturgeon County

Contact 780-939-8349 for more Information.

For those producers unable to attend, an online survey is available from November 8 until December 31 at sturgeoncounty.ca/agrecyclingsurvey

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**MÉTIS WEEK**

**November 10-16, 2019**

In recognition of MÉTIS Week, please join Sturgeon County for the inaugural raising of the MÉTIS Nation of Alberta flag on

**Friday, November 15, 2019 at 3 p.m.**

Sturgeon County Centre
9613 - 100 Street, Morinville, AB

Members of the community are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

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**“Budget Portal” Now Online**

The “Let’s Talk Budget” online tool provides residents an opportunity to ask questions, get answers and learn more about the 2020 Budget. The 2020 Budget meetings will be held November 27, 28 and 29 and are open to the public.

Can’t make it? Watch live at sturgeoncounty.ca/legistar.com
Sturgeon joining Capital Airshed to monitor County’s west side

Following a presentation by the Alberta Capital Airshed (ACA) at the Oct. 22 Council meeting, Sturgeon County authorized municipal membership starting in 2020 at an annual cost of $3,750. The membership would include two passive air monitoring sites within the County as well as the ability to access support programs and further air quality monitoring sites as required.

ACA is a not-for-profit, multi-stakeholder organization established in 2006 made up of government, industry and non-government agencies and institutions. “The value of the ACA is that we provide unbiased monitoring, scientific analysis and credible information on ambient (outdoor) air quality,” said ACA Executive Director Gary Redmond.

“Sturgeon County falls within two airsheds — ACA and the Fort Air Partnership (FAP) which monitors air quality in the Industrial Heartland area,” he added. “While we know a lot about the regional air quality thanks to a network of monitoring sites, we don’t have much specific data for the west half of Sturgeon County (the portion within the ACA) other than one monitoring site in Villeneuve where we operate a passive monitoring system. “This is not the only gap in our region as air monitoring can be quite expensive. We are currently building our monitoring using some new innovative, less expensive technology in partnership with our members, schools and interested community residents.”

ACA currently has nine continuous, 12 passive and eight sensor monitoring sites. They are fundraising to obtain a portable monitoring station for incident based or short term air quality monitoring.

Continuous monitoring operates 24 hours a day seven days a week collecting instant measurements, reports exceedence and provides data for Air Quality Health Index calculation.

Passive monitoring measures two substances, NO2 and SO2 with filters analyzed in the laboratory. It provides a monthly average and is useful in determining trends and future monitoring.

Sensor monitoring measures fine particulate which is the greatest concern for human health with results streaming live on the ACA website.

Sturgeon County administration noted, “ACA has the expertise and air monitoring equipment to help residents concerned about air quality in the County as well as providing valuable information during wildfire fire events. Membership in the ACA would provide the County with monitoring data, support addressing nuisance odour issues and assist in communication and outreach to residents on air quality matters.”
Honour and Remember

The Remembrance Day Ceremony has played a major role in Remembrance since 1911. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we gather in memorial parks, community halls, work-places, schools and homes to stand in honour of all who have fallen. Together, we observe a moment of silence to mark the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in the service of their country, and to acknowledge the courage of those who still serve.

--courtesy Royal Canadian Legion
Importance of Remembrance

Canadians often associate The Royal Canadian Legion with Remembrance ceremonies and events. Through these initiatives, we honour and remember Canada’s fallen Veterans and help ensure Canadians never forget. The Legion is responsible for planning and coordinating annual Remembrance Day ceremonies in communities across the country, including the national ceremony in Ottawa.

For many, our most widely known activity is the annual Poppy campaign that leads up to Remembrance Day. Legion members and other volunteers distribute tens of millions of Poppies, and gratefully accept donations to raise money in support of Veterans and their families.

While November is recognized as a time of Remembrance, for the Legion and for many across the country, Remembrance is a year-long commitment. At any given moment, there are many opportunities available to anyone wishing to show their appreciation for those who served, including:

- Becoming a Legion member to support Veterans year-round
- Making a donation to the Legion’s Poppy Trust Fund at any Legion Branch
- Saying “Thank you” to a Veteran
- Wearing a Poppy
- Honouring a fallen Veteran on the Legion’s Wall of Honour and Remembrance
- Planting Poppy seeds or growing a garden of Remembrance
- Visiting a cenotaph
- Inviting a Legion Branch to make a presentation at a school or community group
- Participating in the Legion’s Pilgrimage of Remembrance
- Wearing or displaying commemorative items from the Poppy Store

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If you wish to purchase a wreath or cross please contact Louise Bauder at 780-923-3126.

The Gibbons Legion, 5027 - 50 Street, will be open following the service for refreshments and entertainment by Two Bad Apples. Children will be asked to leave by 2:00 pm.

Remembrance Day Service
COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTRE, 5111 – 51 Street, at 10:45, Monday, November 11, 2019.

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---courtesy Royal Canadian Legion
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Let us not forget the sacrifices made by our Military

staff and students pause to remember and honor those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Lest We Forget

On Oct. 26 at Tim Hortons in Morinville, Cubs Daniel Malysh and Deondre Stamp had Remembrance Day poppies available for the public in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Legion’s annual poppy campaign.

Lest We Forget

The Poppy Is a Symbol of Wartime Remembrance

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Town of Ville de Legal

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Remembrance Day
November 11th
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Ceremonial first poppy of campaign

Gibbons Legion Branch #226 presented the ceremonial first poppy of the campaign to the Mayors of Bon Accord and Gibbons. Presenting the poppy on Oct. 24 to Bon Accord Mayor David Hutton, is Branch President Darren Longstaff.

Remembrance Day

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On Sunday, October 6, 2019 Kevin passed away at the age of 64. Kevin (Prok) will be greatly missed & forever loved by his wife Holly of 40 years, his boys Karl Ryan (Mariela) and Kurt (Lex), Granddaughters Emma & Eva.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 1200hrs - 1700hrs at Half Moon Lake Community Hall, 23332 Twp Rd 590, Alberta (16 miles north of Bon Accord, Alberta on Lily Lake Road).

Sincere gratitude is owed to many Healthcare Professionals who shepherded us through this struggle & the friends and colleagues both in the community and the oil field industry who showed support & love. Donations in Kevin’s memory would be appreciated if you wish to the Gibbons Legion Branch #226 or Cross Cancer Institute (Edmonton) 780-432-8500, 11560 University Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 1Z2.

Kevin Prokopetz

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Connie Cox, grade 3 student at Morinville’s Ecole Notre Dame Elementary School, along with his peers featured their pumpkin books projects in the school’s gymnasium on October 30th. Cox’s book was “Fly Guy’s Big Family” and his pumpkin -- well, a pumpkin version of the main character -- Fly!

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He’s perhaps the youngest Fire Fighter in Morinville dressed in full gear, yet very serious when it comes to collecting treats! 2 year old Jaxson Ingram enjoyed going door to door on Halloween in his neighborhood.

--photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

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Influenza is serious. Immunization works. Get Immunized.

Alberta’s influenza immunization program is ongoing. Influenza immunization is offered, free of charge, to all Albertans six months of age and older.

Upcoming Immunization Clinics in Your Area

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