Artist Leo Arcand overcame challenges to complete Canada 150 project.

“We will never know how to embrace the beauty of one’s knowledge, language, culture, prayer and way of life until we share it with truth, love and understanding. Bringing it to life in stone forever is my gift I share,” said Leo Arcand, a full-time sculptor from Alexander First Nation.

Arcand was one of the five artists chosen for the Capital Boulevard Legacy Public Art Project in celebration of Canada 150, in 2017. Forty-eight Alberta artists were invited to submit proposals for the project and Arcand’s maquette, a small scale version of his vision for the six-foot marble sculpture entitled “Nature’s Harmony,” was one of the winning entries.

“I wanted to introduce my vision from being First Nation Cree, share some of my history, share the culture, some of the teachings through the carvings knowing that our cultures are all connected as one,” Arcand explained in a video on the meaning behind the sculpture.

The artist’s concept for the piece was a representation of the people of between First Nations people and the animals of our province, the legends I have learned about this connection, our history, the legends and the integral role that each family member holds. The four elements, Water, Fire, Wind and Earth, are depicted as they support all life on Earth.

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Starting from a 5,000 pound piece of Vanier sandstone, the Canada 150 sculpture was not without its challenges, Arcand acknowledged. What was to be a six-foot marble sculpture was not without its challenges, sometimes that which cannot be understood in our history, share the culture, some of the teachings.

As he explained the Buffalo spirit represents courage and bravery to withstand life’s challenges and hardships. The Eagle Spirit represents the ability to foresee the future and act proactively through both traditional and modern lifestyles. You can get someone who you are.

The Child represent the importance of family and kinship and the integral role that each family member holds. It was fun but intimidating, Arcand said, as he noted Macklin worked for the next three weeks until he could see it was the right time to leave.

“If it wasn’t for him, who knows how long I would have been stuck,” Arcand said, adding he learned so much about his creativity and about discipline.

Arcand related, “I would have been stuck,” Arcand said, adding he learned so much from his health issue, a diagnosis of diabetes that he said changed everything.

Once healthy enough to return to the studio “I couldn’t find it for a while” he said as his blocked creativity saw him struggle further with depression. He said he prayed for somebody to help.

“Then one day I got a phone call from another of the Capital Boulevard project artists, Ken Macklin of Gann saying he was outside my studio and would like to see how the sculpture was going. I tried to brush him off and he said maybe he could see it tomorrow,” Arcand related.

Macklin was the next morning and called again but this time Arcand said he did go down to the studio and let him in. “You sure have a long way to go” was Macklin’s conclusion Arcand said, adding that Macklin then said he would love to learn more about stone sculpting. Arcand said he could teach him and Macklin quickly suggested how about tomorrow and he would bring the tools he would need and be there at nine. “Come on, it will be fun” he said and Arcand responded, “I seemed to break the ice for him.

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Will new utility fee be added to Morinville town bills in 2019?

Morinville residents may be greeted with a new charge on their utility bills in 2019 if council approves a Stormwater Utility report strategy being presented for discussion on Oct. 16.

According to the Corvus report the town is currently using $5.15 per month from your property tax to cover the cash costs of operating the stormwater system. However, current charges are covering operations only. Costs do not include the cost to replace 6 million of stormwater assets when they reach their end of life or to add new assets.

The infrastructure involved in the "stormwater services" include: drainage and flood mitigation via infrastructure such as catch basins, manholes, mains, storm ponds, pumping stations, etc., states Corvus.

According to the report the full cost revenue requirements for Morinville’s stormwater utility is about $1.86 million in 2018, declining to about $1.73 million in 2027. However, “the current draw on the tax levy (about $208,000 in 2018) is inadequate to meet the self sustaining needs of the utility.” This will create a stormwater infrastructure deficit of about $15.9 million by 2027 if the existing draw from property tax is continued.

The recommended strategy would see a Stormwater Utility line item charge of $5 per month on residential utility bills in 2019, escalating each year to reach $32 per month in 2027. Commercial property would pay double the residential rate. This fee would allow the accumulation of $6.9 million in the stormwater utility reserve by 2027 for use in capital and maintenance needs.

Council is meeting as committee of the whole Oct. 16, so no decision can be made on the recommendations during that session.
Morinville pays tribute to former Mayor Lloyd Bertschi

Morinville town council paid tribute to former Mayor Lloyd Bertschi, who passed away on Oct. 5.

Bertschi served the town of Morinville as a Councillor from 1989 to 1995 and then as Mayor from 2001 until 2012. He also served as the President of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association from 2007 to 2009.

He was a strong leader for Morinville, and while he served a number of significant community projects were completed such as the splash park, the Morinville Community Cultural Centre, the renovation of Town Office, and the centennial clock, states the town.

Noting that Bertschi had served Morinville “for such a long time” during the Oct. 9 council meeting, Mayor Barry Turner said it is “important to recognize that contribution.”

In a formal statement on Oct. 11, Turner stated Bertschi “was one of Morinville’s finest advocates, and fought extremely tenaciously for his vision for Morinville – a strong, growing community with a sustainable future.

His legacy lives on as Morinville continues to grow and develop as one of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region’s fastest growing communities.

“I served with Mayor Bertschi from 2001 until 2007, and developed a tremendous respect for his ability to move projects forward, and his ambitious style of leadership that made things happen. I am honoured to have had the opportunity to have served Morinville with him, and am deeply saddened by the loss. Thoughts and condolences go out to Lloyd’s family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time,” Turner concluded.

Bertschi resigned from his fourth term as Mayor when career opportunities took him out of Morinville.
CANNABIS LEGALIZATION IN ALBERTA

OCTOBER 17, 2018

At the Regular Meeting of Council on October 9, 2018, the Town of Morinville voted to adhere to provincial regulations for legal consumption of cannabis. In summary, those rules state the following:

- A person must be 18 years of age
- Products can only be purchased from licensed stores
- Children cannot enter cannabis stores, even with an adult
- Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated is illegal
- Cannabis cannot be within reach of anyone in the vehicle
- A person can only possess or purchase 30 grams at a time
- Edibles are not yet legal to sell
- A person cannot smoke in some public places
- Only four plants can be grown per household

For more information regarding provincial regulations, visit: https://www.alberta.ca/cannabis-legalization.aspx.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Protective Services at 780.939.4361.
Morinville will continue to receive over $1.5 million through special fees and riders on power and gas utilities paid within the municipality.

A 20% electrical franchise fee and 19% natural gas delivery tariff charged to utility services within the town will continue in 2019. The fees are only levied on the delivery portion of the monthly utility charges and work out to fees of less than $20 each per month for residents, they generated $69,405 in natural gas tariff revenue to the town and $691,585 in electrical franchise fees in 2017. Morinville and Bon Accord charge the full 20% electrical franchise fee allowed by legislation. Legal charged 10%, while Gibbons and Redwater did not charge a franchise fee in 2018 according to documentation presented to Morinville town council on Oct. 9.

When the system was set up some councils felt it was an opportunity to offset a bit of the municipal service costs to institutions which are exempt from town property taxes (schools, hospitals, court houses, and a variety of other provincial and municipal properties). The municipalities which opted to set the franchise fee at zero feel it amounts to a hidden tax for residents and businesses.

Laying groundwork for regional transit

Residents and businesses in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region are a step closer to a more convenient and integrated transit service between all 13 communities and counties as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed today to establish a Regional Transit Services Commission. The MOU outlines how the Edmonton Metropolitan Region partners will voluntarily work together to set up and operate inter-municipal routes, leaving local service with existing transit agencies. The Regional Transit Service Commission will provide more integrated and reliable movement between nearby communities than the current mix of transit services. “This win/win approach to regional commuter transit service is a great example of how the municipalities are working together to make best use of resources to benefit our citizens, businesses and the environment,” said City of Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson. “This is a great day for regional collaboration and a step closer to achieving our ultimate goal of saving taxpayer dollars through improved services”, says Mayor Barry Turner. “This is an opportunity for Morinville to evaluate providing future transit services to key regional connection points at a more reasonable cost than going it alone.” The Government of Alberta has provided $3.7 million to support behind-the-scenes work to set up the commission. The goal is to have the new commission begin inter-municipal operation after 2020. The Edmonton Metropolitan Region will join the ranks of major Canadian urban centres that have efficient regional transit services, including Vancouver, Victoria, Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa.

Town leaves franchise fee at 20% for electricity, 19% for natural gas

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The museum board intends to continue many of these activities and relationship. Among other highlights planned for 2019 are: hosting the Alberta Land Surveyor’s Association display ‘Making Their Mark’ (Oct. 1st to Dec. 15th); continued active participation in the Alberta Culture Days; continued active participation in Veterans Week; continued active participation in the Christmas Festival.

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School Division asks town to waive $15,560 building permit fee for renovation

Morinville town council will be studying a request from the Sturgeon School Division to refund a building permit for its central office renovation.

The Sept. 14 letter came before council on Oct. 9, pointing out the school division was pleased to learn the town approved both the Development and Building Permits for the project and had waived the Development Permit fees, however “our pleasure was tempered by disappointment when we learned that Morinville Planning and Economic Development charged $1,556 for the Building Permit.”

The letter signed by board chair Terry Jewell pointed out the division is the largest employer in the area and a strong supporter of local businesses and “once work commitments on this project, the town will be the beneficiary of significant revenue from workers attending the site.” He pointed out the school division is not a business that can generate revenue to cover off the permit fees.

“Council it would bring a report on the issue to council on Oct. 23.

Library funding request up 12%, but still 14% less than previously projected

“Developed with some of the efficiency review recommendations addressed, our budget request comes at 14% less than we had projected last year and at 12.3% more than the 2018 municipal appropriation for a total of $583,300.98,” states the Morinville Community Library Board’s submission to the town, which will be formally presented Oct. 16.

The submission to council contains a list of statistical highlights: Open 7 days/week: 52 hours per week; 4,720 cardholders; 32,438 visits to the library; 103,170 materials circulated; 5,638 persons using the computer and online material; 517 study session downloads; 517 study session participants; 1,032 tutoring participants; 70 exams practiced; 146 ‘1000 Books Before Kindergarten’ participants; 135 ESL (English as a Second Language) participants; and 161,784 minutes read for 2018 Summer Reading Program.

The library was recognized provincially for its excellence. It was the Minister’s Award and ‘You Library Award’ winner for the Indigenous Canada Learning Circle Program which reached 135,000 people through its weekly programs at the library and online material.

Council will receive the presentation from the library on Oct. 16 in preparation for going into the 2019 town budget development.

RCMP partner with school divisions for pilot project on cannabis

Cannabis legalization has been an item on the table for open discussion in many of Sturgeon communities with very little response. Is this because people don’t want to voice their opinions on it? Are we all educated enough on the topic to form an opinion? Are we oblivious and wish to continue to be? Or is there simply a general disinterest in the topic due to being indifferent?

The legalization comes into effect on October 17th Canada wide. As such, parents may be concerned about their children and how it may affect them. The St. Albert RCMP has partnered with Greater St. Albert Catholic School District (G SACR D) and the St. Albert Public School District in a pilot project where teachers and counsellors will co-develop lessons about the new legislation, the legalization and medical use of cannabis, and to understand the mind-altering risks that it may pose to youth. The lessons will be presented to elementary and secondary schools throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

The collaborative team encourages parents to participate in community sessions and online resources, and to talk openly to their children about cannabis and the new legislation.

R. Lloyd Bertschi

(September 5, 1929 - October 5, 2018)

R. Lloyd Bertschi of Morinville, Alberta passed away October 5, 2018 at the age of 59 years. He was born September 5, 1959 in St. Mary’s Hospital in Camrose, Alberta. He was the first son of Emie Sr. and Letha Bertschi. He was baptized into the Christian faith October 11, 1959 at Grace Lutheran Church.

He was predeceased by his father Emie Bertschi Sr. Lloyd is survived by his son Robert (Jessica) of St. Albert, Alberta; his mother Letha Bertschi. He was baptized into the Christian faith October 11, 1959 at Grace Lutheran Church. He was the first son of Emie Sr. and Letha Bertschi. He was baptized into the Christian faith October 11, 1959 at Grace Lutheran Church.

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Lloyd is dearly missed and will be fondly remembered by family and friends.

A Funeral Service was held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2018 from the Grace Lutheran Church (5306 50 Ave (Camrose)) with Rev. Greg Koss officiating. Inurnment took place in the Camrose Cemetery.

Memorial donations are gratefully accepted to the Cross Cancer Institute Volunteer Services Shuttle Van Program. To send condolences, please visit www.burgarfuneralhome.com.

Burgar Funeral Home Camrose & Daysland (4817 51 Ave, Camrose, Alberta T4V 0A4) in care of arrangements. 780-672-2121.

“Dedicated service since 1906”
As you carve you bring it to life and you can see it," Alexander First Nation artist Leo William Arcand says of his art. He adds he is blessed "to be able to create and make a living."

The acclaimed full-time sculptor has works that have been acquired nationally by corporate and government collections, including the private collection of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

In 2016 Prime Minister Trudeau presented one of Arcand’s soapstone carvings to then USA President Barack Obama. "The message in that piece was for love, courage, hope, honesty, working together," Arcand said in a CBC interview.

The sculpture, entitled "Courage," was of a woman’s face embodied on an eagle which portrayed the relationship with Mother Earth and humankind coming closer together he said.

Arcand remembers well his development as a sculptor. He was always sketching during his elementary school days but that dropped to the wayside as he hit his teens. It was his Mom’s passing that saw him return to drawing - pen, ink and pencil - as an outlet for expressing his emotions.

Looking at the Windspeaker magazine and other artists’ work, as well as another local artist Fabian Yellowbird’s work inspired him further.

But it was his cousin Clayton Kootenay who in 1991 offered him a piece of soapstone to try his hand at carving that saw him find his passion. Arcand says he soon found himself absorbed with the stone as he worked with tools he didn’t know how to use on the balcony of his apartment in St. Albert.

It took his wife going into labour and having to rush off to the hospital for the birth of his daughter Julia to pull him away.

"So that to me was a blessing – to have those two events happening and not knowing it was going to be part of my future," Arcand said.

That was over 25 years ago and the self-taught carver says "I want to learn something everyday, to be better today than yesterday, not just as an artist, but as a person.”

Arcand who admits he loves working with marble, has been working mainly in soapstone, drawing his inspiration from his culture and spiritual connections.

"I do not produce art, nor do I create it. I discover the spirit of each stone and together we decide it’s message," Arcand is quoted in his artist biography on the Bearclaw Gallery website.

"The stone is waiting there for millions of years – waiting for someone to discover it," Arcand said. He added sometimes the stone speaks for itself but other times it can be like butting heads. He says he follows a process starting with studying the stone, cleaning it and if he still can’t see what it is meant to be he will start on the base and eventually he may see a head.

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Arcand says it is his goal to have them use the studio to create their own art and welcomes those genuinely interested to try their hand at developing the skills.

He contends the stone is therapeutic and what can’t be expressed with words can be spoken through the stone.

"I hope they gain something from this culturally, mentally, physically, emotionally," Arcand said. "I hope that it will carry on and they will continue to come back and strive to learn more and that it will open up doors for them to be able to express themselves freely as human beings."

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Carol Okerman new Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Poster Contest director

The Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association (APRCWA) poster contest informs youth on the importance of crime prevention in their community by encouraging them to get creative and show their awareness.

Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association (SRCWA) takes part in the Annual APCWA Poster Contest each year. In their posters, school aged children in grades one to nine throughout rural Alberta are asked to share their thoughts on Rural Crime Watch. Artwork must reflect the themes Rural Crime Watch, Crime Prevention or Report a Poacher. Posters can be hand drawn or computer generated, however new for 2019, posters will only be judged at grade levels from grades one to nine, no separate computer generated categories exist as in previous years.

For SRCWA local Poster Contest, students in grades one through nine were invited to participate on September 17 via e-mail to 16 schools within Sturgeon County from Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools and Sturgeon School Division. Schools include Bon Accord Community School, Camilla School, Ecole d'Entrechat, École Notre Dame Elementary School, École G.H. Primeau School, Gibbons School, Guthrie School, Kaposha Education Centre (Alexander), Landing Trail School, Legal School, Lilac Schick School, Morinville Colony School, Morinville Public Elementary School, Landing Trail School, and Sturgeon Heights School. Posters will be picked up the week of October 22 from participating schools to be judged.

Posters will be judged in categories: First, Second, and Third Place winners will be declared in each category, that best illustrate the themes. Posters must be 8 1/2 inches high by 11 inches wide in landscape format using only one side of the page. Students were advised only letter size in landscape format will be accepted, if posters are submitted in any other paper size they will be disqualified.

"I have lived in Sturgeon County for over 43 years. My three children and most important my three grandchildren live here. I have been a member of Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association for as long as I can remember but never have I seen the need for this association more than in the past few years. We in the rural communities are seeing a shocking increase in the crime rate," said Carol Okerman, SRCWA Poster Contest Director for 2019.

"I believe the SRCWA Poster Contest is a way to engage the youth in our community to get involved in crime prevention. As the age of our volunteers increase it is necessary for us to attract younger members and I believe the Poster Contest is a valuable tool for accomplishing this."

"When I was younger I won a Poster Contest in Edmonton for the YMCA. I was so proud of what I had accomplished not realizing that while I was doing my poster I was learning. I learned about the mission of the YMCA and all the programs that were available to help families. Our poster contest is a way to educate children to be the "Eyes and Ears" of their community, to work in partnership with the local RCMP."

"I decided to take over the position as Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Poster Contest Director because I don't want to see this program end." -photo by Dolly Bolten

Sturgeon County to consider adding Acting Mayor position

by Tristan Turner

Sturgeon County council. Patrick Tighe got a motion unanimously passed that requests administration to bring forward a request for revision (RFD) to add an Acting Mayor position to council and to have it rotate in the role, only additional duties in the absence of the Mayor. Tighe added that the idea came to him after speaking with a colleague from Strathcona County, which has an Acting Mayor position.

"Our proposal for more information will be carried forward with administration as part of the RFD, according to county administrators."

Students in grades one to nine in Sturgeon County were invited to submit posters for the 2019 Rural Crime Watch Poster Contest through Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association (SRCWA) who will judge posters locally prior to sending on first place winners to Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association to be judged again. All mediums such as pen, pencil, coloured pencil, crayon, paint, or felt pen will be accepted. Computer generated posters can also be entered however they must be a direct copy from the Internet.

"Informing youth on the importance of crime prevention in their community by encouraging them to get creative and show their awareness is what the poster contest is all about. Every year hundreds of students enter their artwork in the local SRCWA Poster Contest which is part of the APCWA Poster Contest."

2018 ABP fall producer meetings and elections

ZONE 7
All Meetings 7 p.m. start
Free Supper 6 p.m.

Oct 30
Hazel Bluff, Community Hall

Nov 1
Anselmo, Community Hall

Attend a meeting in your area to meet local delegates, hear what ABP has done this year and engage with your industry association. Producers can vote in the check-off plebiscite at all meetings. This is your opportunity to make a decision on future funding for your organization and industry.

ZONE 7 Includes:
Thorhild County No. 7, Barrhead
County No. 11, Athabasca County, Lac Ste. Anne County, Woodlands County, Opportunity No. 17, Sturgeon County, Westlock County, Yellowhead County, Jasper River No. 124, I.D. No. 12 - Jasper Park, Municipality of Jasper.
Sturgeon County Winter Maintenance is Ready!

Clearing Snow from County Roads

First and foremost, no matter what the weather conditions, our top priority is to maintain safe and driveable roads for our residents. Sturgeon County is committed to providing a high level of snow removal service throughout the winter season. Sturgeon County has carefully planned levels of winter road service to combat the diverse weather conditions we see each year. Our fleet provide effective snow plowing services to County roads through a road priority system.

The road priority system identifies roads that are high traffic, collectors and local roads.
- During the winter months, Transportation crews work 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. plowing, sanding and clearing roads.
- After a significant snow fall (10 cm or 4 in), our plow operations increase to 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

The Snow & Ice Control policy defines a “Recognized Snowfall Event” as “an accumulation of 10 cm (4 inches) or greater of uninterrupted snowfall.” A continuous snowfall that results in significant snow accumulation (less than 10 cm) may also require plow operations to operate as a “recognized snowfall event”.

Cannabis Becomes Legal on October 17, 2018

Earlier this year in anticipation of Cannabis legalization, Sturgeon County began preparing for change to policies and bylaws to accommodate the change and to understand the impacts. Sturgeon County will adhere to Provincial rules and regulations that come into effect October 17, 2018.

Consuming Cannabis – What You Need to Know

Alberta has set the minimum age for purchase and consumption of cannabis at 18. Public smoking or vaping of cannabis in Alberta will be prohibited from any place where tobacco is restricted, and in the following places:
- On any hospital property, school property or child care facility property
- In or within a prescribed distance from:
  - a playground
  - a sport or playing field
  - a skateboard or bicycle park
  - a zoo
  - an outdoor theatre
  - an outdoor pool or splash pad; and
  - any motor vehicles, with the exception of those being used as a temporary residence, such as a parked RV.

Next steps will involve monitoring other municipalities regulations and further public discussion regarding the land use bylaw that will look at everything from cannabis production facilities to storage and distribution.

For more information please visit sturgeoncounty.ca

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- Patrick D. Tighe - Division 5: 587-876-5797
- Karen Shaw - Division 6: 780-990-2381
The Mosaic Mural Project commemorating our Centennial is now on exhibit at the Sturgeon County Centre in the main lobby. The project was led by artist Lewis Lavoie with the participation of 600 to 800 Sturgeon County residents. There are approximately 1200 titles in the artwork reflecting 100 years of history in Sturgeon County. Whether you painted a tile or would just like to check it out, you’re welcome to come take a look.

Sturgeon County Appoints New CAO

Sturgeon County Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Reegan McCullough, its new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), effective November 5, 2018. In July 2018, Sturgeon County engaged in a national search lead by Aplin Executive Search, a national recruitment firm specializing in municipal senior management recruitment. “Reegan possesses the balance of private and public executive management experience that this council was interested in. His development of strategic policy, regulatory development, capital construction, financial accountability and intergovernmental relations will help guide Sturgeon County into the future,” says Mayor Hnatiw. At this time, Council wishes to extend its sincerest thanks to Mr. Bill Minnes for filling the role of Interim CAO during this transition. I would also like to thank the ad hoc hiring committee members and Council for their support during this process.

Dumping Garbage is illegal and carries a fine!

Sturgeon County takes pride in keeping the roads safe and clean for you and your families! However, we’ve been receiving calls reporting garbage dumped in County ditches.

**Keep Sturgeon County Roads Garbage-Free**
If you witness illegal dumping on the roadways, please note the license plate number if possible, along with the vehicle description, and report this information to **Enforcement Services** at 780-939-8418.

**RCMP CONNECTION**

Property Crime Prevention

The Morinville RCMP have seen a significant rise in property crimes throughout the past few months. Residents are encouraged to be conscientious neighbours and report suspicious activity, persons or vehicles to police in a timely fashion. Most of these crimes are crimes of opportunity and without the public’s help it is often difficult for police to identify suspects. If you see something/someone you believe is suspicious, the RCMP encourages you to call and report it. If you have been the victim of theft or break and enter please call RCMP as soon as practical. The Morinville RCMP and Sturgeon County are committed to reducing property crimes in our communities.

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Canada’s best restroom title awarded to one of Sturgeon area’s own

by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

St. Albert Honda is a family business with strong roots in St. Albert and Morinville for almost 50 years by the Hodgins Family. It started with brothers, Brent and Garry in 1979 and in 2001 Ross and Jean Hodgins began the process to take ownership while still in Morinville as Frontier Honda.

In 2003 Brent and Garry retired from their daily activities with the business and by 2011 the purchasing process was completed and Ross and Jean became the new owners.

During this time, a plan was already in the works to return the business to the St. Albert area as Honda wanted their dealers to be in more urban areas. In 2006, 6.2 acres of raw land was purchased in Sturgeon County adjacent to St. Albert’s northern boundary and in 2007 the boundary increased through annexation which included the property purchased for the new Frontier Honda site. Planning and construction began in 2014 and Ross Hodgins claims that here is where they wanted to ensure their motto “It’s All About the Experience” was properly articulated.

Hodgins says, “It means that from the moment you walk in and are greeted, we want our customers to feel welcomed and comfortable in our space — that first impression is very important, but we wanted it to continue through the entire experience which includes the restrooms.” The doors opened to the new location, renamed as St. Albert Honda on July 20, 2015. It has state of the art innovative and contemporary technology that supports all the customers purchasing and servicing needs.

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These details have not gone unnoticed by the customers who visit. Hodgins says that it was a customer who started the Bathroom contest endeavor after complimenting how clean and unique the restroom was, and suggested to the receptionist, Marion Dingman that she enter it into the contest.

Dingman admitted she started she knew nothing about it and the customer suggested she google it! She did and after some thought, approached her co-worker, Ashley Ferguson about it. After they both agreed it was a good idea she pitched the idea to Hodgins who said, “sure, it sounds like fun,” not knowing the full extent of the details on this contest.

She now says, “we are honoured to have been chosen, the restroom is a part of the whole experience so we are living up to our motto.” Although it is not a traditional award for a car dealership, the team of St. Albert Honda are grateful for everyone who voted and participated in the contest. The win also came with a $2500 product credit with Cintas Canada products and Hodgins states that they are looking into acquiring an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) which is a life saving device that is critical in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest. Hodgins is pleased that his business is recognized for excellence in customer service, whether it’s for the restroom, on the sales floor or in the service centre.
Huge increase in client visits at Gibbons Family Resource Centre

Since the Gibbons Family Resource Centre (GFRC) opened in March, the number of client visits increased from 20 in February to 190 in August.

Now that the GFRC services have been in their new building for six months, Gibbons Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) co-ordinator Laura Schmidt provided an update on how the services are being accessed. Each month, clients served by FCSS, Sturgeon Community Resource Network and Early Childhood Development have increased.

"It’s been busy around here," Schmidt said. "But we were all kind of shocked when we looked at the numbers. Hopefully, we can continue to meet the needs of everyone in the community. It’s not just for the Town of Gibbons." Schmidt explained that the greatest reasons for the increase were ease of access noting that all the services are in one location and ability of staff to now inform clients of what other services may be available to them.

When anybody comes into our building now we do an intake," explained Schmidt. "So if they come for one service, we can tell them about other services they quite often do not know about. If they come in for the food bank, we know to ask if they need clothing, or tools for school, winter wear, the Christmas hamper program, and other services. A lot of time people weren’t aware of all the things we could potentially help with.

In February 2018 FCSS, Sturgeon Community Resource Network and Early Childhood Development served 20 unique clients during 20 client visits, and they accessed 69 resources. In August, 95 unique clients were served during 190 client visits. They accessed 166 resources and spent 290 minutes building capacity. Schmidt described community capacity building as the process by which individuals and organizations obtain, improve and retain the skills, knowledge, tools, equipment and other resources needed to do their jobs competently or to a greater capacity.

Comparative client numbers for these months in 2017 were not available.

Located in the GFRC but not included in the above service numbers are Sturgeon Family Literacy, Sturgeon Adult Literacy, the Sturgeon Community Clothes Closet and the Bon Accord-Gibbons Food Bank.

Schmidt listed the top three trends in GFRC service: once a client has reached out to the GFRC, they become a repeat client, repeat clients access multiple resources, and they feel that they have been heard and have accessed resources that improved their capacity.

As for service providers need more space because of this dramatic increase in use of the GFRC, Schmidt said, "I hope not. We have a beautiful setup now, and the town has been so generous to us. For right now we are in the perfect location, and it’s all thanks to the town of Gibbons for giving us this wonderful location." That said, she acknowledged that no one ever knows how needs will grow or what new services might be needed.

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The town of Morinville will be using the provincial regulations to govern the enforcement of rules governing cannabis use when cannabis is legalized on Oct. 17.

After having Enforcement Services manager William Norton draft a bylaw and present it on Oct. 9, with the lawyer used by the town for bylaw pro-

cations sitting in the public gallery available for input, a split vote saw council shelve the bylaw.

Coun. Stephen Dulie moved to accept the bylaw as information, with the intent of bringing it back if situations arise that are not covered by the provin-
cial rules. If it has not been brought back to council within a year, the bylaw issue is to be reviewed at that point by council.

Mayor Harry Turner and councillors Lawrence Griffin and Scott Richardson wanted the initial read-
ing of the draft bylaw passed at the Oct. 9 meeting but failed when the Dulie motion passed 4-3 with the support of coun. Rebecca Balanko, Sarah Hall, and Nicole Boothstein.

Turner had pointed out that if council doesn’t pass first reading and hold a public hearing, it is denying the residents of the town the opportunity to voice their opinions on the issue. He was supported by Griffin, who noted the issue is from and centre in the public’s eye and a lot of people feel they haven’t been heard.

Sgt. Norton told council the draft bylaw mirrored most of the provincial legislation. One difference was a 10 metre setback from restricted locations (parks, school grounds, public doorways) compared to the 5 metre setback for consumption in the Gam-
ing. Legislation and cannabis regulations. The Mor-
inville bylaw also would have prohibited the grow-
ing of cannabis in front yards, while the provincial regulations do not restrict the location of the plants around a home.

Earlier concerns about the town police not being authorized to enforce the legislation have been addressed by the senior governments, with the Solicitor General’s office working with the munici-
palities to make the appropriate changes to allow Community Peace Officers to enforce the legisla-
tion as soon as it becomes law. Norton explained, “The Solicitor-General’s Office cannot pre-empt-
tively grant authorities to peace officers,” but that once enacted Morinville will be in a position to “offer enforcement and prevention to residents shall the need and occasion present themselves.”

“Law Enforcement in Morinville will be well equipped to deal with Cannabis consumption con-
cerns with the passing of the provincial act and existing Morinville Bylaws,” Norton stated later in the week. “Residents will be well served by both the RCMP and the Local Community Peace Officers during this new time of cannabis legalization.”

According to the statement from the town, on Oct. 17 provincial rules for legal consumption of cannabis require that a person must be 18 years of age. “Products can only be purchased from licensed stores and children cannot enter cannabis stores, even with an adult. Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated is illegal and cannabis cannot be within reach of anyone in the vehicle. A person can only possess or purchase 30 grams at a time and edibles are not yet legal to sell. A person cannot smoke in any public places and only four plants can be grown per household.”
The town of Morinville’s strategy of keeping its commercial tax mill rate equal to its residential mill rate generated considerable discussion at Council on Oct. 9, with one councillor supporting the split mill rate among all municipalities in the Capital Region to generate more revenue from its business base while another councillor took a shot at Sturgeon County for the wide split between its residential and commercial-industrial mill rates.

The report from administration was accepted as information by council, with the intent of discussing it further at a budget retreat before bringing the debate to the public forum.

Councillor Nicole Boutestein stated “my personal opinion” is supporting a split mill rate, noting that it is important that business in the community knows council is looking at doing so.

Mayor Barry Turner was also leaning towards a split mill rate, noting that documentation (in a consultant and administration) “shows pretty well” what not having a split mill rate has done. He said that it is important for the town to have an implementation plan in place if it is going to split a mill rate, noting that council should be “reasonable” on the timeline to look forward to public input,” he stated.

Councillor Stephen Dufek cited a business lobby group’s report which praised Morinville as the most business friendly community and was critical of Sturgeon County’s wide split between residential and commercial-industrial mill rates. Dufek referred to Sturgeon County as “wonderful” county that some would like to see absorb the town of Morinville.

However, Sturgeon — like all other municipalities in the Capital Region — has a higher commercial-industrial mill rate than residential rate, with that rate set at 6.97 for Morinville and 10.50 for Sturgeon. But, even if Morinville had the same commercial-industrial mill rate as Sturgeon, the County would have still almost double the ratio between the commercial and residential mill rates because Sturgeon’s residential rate is among the lowest in the Capital Region at 3.72 while Morinville’s is third highest at 6.97. To bring the ratio used by the business lobby closer to Morinville’s rate, the county would have to dramatically raise its residential tax rate.

The municipal mill rate is the largest portion of the property tax bill and the only portion controlled by the councils. (School and housing foundation requisitions are collected on the same property tax bill but are passed on to those requisitioning authorities.)

Director of Corporate and Financial Services Shanna Shawna referred the council from administration provide a lot of information as a foundation for a decision. She noted the next step is for council to establish several tax policy directives.

The first is to decide whether council wants to adopt a split mill rate between residential and commercial, and if so then does it want to reach the regional level ratio? If a split mill rate is desired, then council needs to decide whether it wants to set a small business class of taxation or leave all businesses in the one category. (New provincial legislation allows the small business class of taxation to be set at an rate up to 25% less than the non-residential category.)

Then council needs to decide whether it wants to link future tax rates to a factor such as the rate of inflation, or the rate of growth in property value. And, if the council decides to link future tax rates to the replacement and maintenance of capital assets or to the procurement of new assets.

There is still misunderstanding about the mill rates, with Boutestein noting that a residence assessed at a couple hundred thousand dollars less than a $750,000 business example in the documentation pays almost the same in taxes as that business. However, the two categories now have the same tax rate so the higher the assessment, proportionally the higher the taxes to the town. The confusion appeared to be comparing the mill rate paid on the residence with only the municipal mill rate on the commercial property. While the town collects the school requisition for the province and the requisition for the housing Foundation both are direct in-and-out entries and are not part of the town’s revenue stream. The only portion the town utilizes is from the municipal mill rate, which council determines.

During the debate CAO Stephane Labonne advised council the town has already received a letter from the Morinville Chamber of Commerce asking that the mill rate structure remain as is. The letter is actually from last April during the setting of the 2018 town tax rate. “We, the Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce know that we have a competitive edge on the mill rate right now in the Regional area and hope that this will spur on local business while growing residentially. We appeal council on building the recreation centre, as well as having two new schools located in the community however we believe that Commercial taxes should not be raised at this time,” the Chamber of Commerce stated.
Nolan Crouse (left) auctions a variety of desserts held by volunteers (right) during the fourth annual Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation gala fundraiser on the evening of Oct. 13 in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. Crouse, the former mayor of St. Albert, was the master of ceremonies at the Break Free From Domestic Violence Gala. Proceeds from the gala will fund the construction of Jessie’s House, a safe house for local residents fleeing from domestic violence. --photo by Grant Cree

Lynn Rosychuk (left), President of the Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation (JMMF), stands at the silent auction tables with Kris Porter (centre), Director of the JMMF Board and Teena Houghson (right), the JMMF Community Engagement Coordinator. They hosted the fourth annual Break Free From Domestic Violence Gala on the evening of Oct. 13 in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. Proceeds from the gala will fund the construction of Jessie’s House, a safe house for local residents fleeing from domestic violence. --photo by Grant Cree

Two entertainers with Transflowmation dazzle the crowd of more than 250 guests who attended the fourth annual Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation Break Free From Domestic Violence Gala on the evening of Oct. 13 in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. Proceeds from the gala will fund the construction of Jessie’s House, a safe house for local residents fleeing from domestic violence. --photo by Grant Cree

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Side line teammates and head coach Lee Ibey had eyes on #19 Cierra Bannick of Sturgeon Composite High School Junior volleyball team as she bumped a ball to her frontline teammates during a match against St. Albert Catholic High School at the Morinville Community High School Junior Varsity Girls Tournament on October 13th. The winner of this game went into the final game of the tournament, and happened to be SACHS. --photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

The Morinville Community High School (MCHS) Junior Varsity Girls volleyball team won Gold at their invitational tournament on October 12-13th at MCHS. The girls won 27-25 in their final game against St. Albert Catholic High School to take home gold. Way to go girls! As for the boys, Gold went to Sturgeon Composite High School and Silver went to Morinville Community High School.

The town of Morinville is providing moral support for the development of an indoor archery range in the community. The Morinville Fish and Game Association advised council by letter that construction and operation of the archery range is being considered as the group’s next project.

Noting that archery has grown dramatically in the last two years with youth registrations in Canada increasing by 22,000. The group included a sketch of a 30x150 foot building near its existing structure to house the indoor range.

Council voted to provide the letter of support for grant applications, as requested.