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The town of Morinville and Sturgeon County invite residents to the 10th Reuse It or “Loose It” event; an opportunity to clear out unwanted items and find new treasures, free of charge.

Primarily an environmental initiative, this event first launched in May 2013 and has kept countless items out of our landfills. Secondary benefits of this program include redistribution of wealth and keeping communities tidy. Once the event is over, as many items as possible are redistributed, before the rest are taken to the landfill.

Reuse It or “Loose It” is held on Sept. 22 at Skyline Ball Diamonds from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Item drop off starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

“In honour of the community support for this event, we want to celebrate,” states Cynthia Wander, Organizer of Reuse It or “Loose It”. “The Town of Morinville will be organizing a tree and shrub planting event for Oct. 5. Details including location and time will be promoted once confirmed. In addition, at the Reuse It or ‘Loose It’ event itself, we will be accepting Morinville Food Bank donations and raffling off gift baskets of eco-friendly products.”

By the numbers, this is a well-attended and organized initiative. Each event typically has over 15 volunteers—many of them involved since the beginning—assisting in everything from set-up, concession, loading/卸载, sorting, tear down, and counting. What are they counting? Over the past six years, more than 3,884 vehicles have come through the gates to drop off or pick up items.

As a community program, Reuse It or “Loose It” has far-reaching benefits. In addition to the immediate assistance to residents, organizations including The Father’s House, Church Youth Group, the Gibbons and Bon Accord 4-H Clubs, Value Village, and the Morinville Food Bank receive support. The event has also expanded over the years; a recent addition is a plant swap, where residents are encouraged to bring any unwanted /split plants for others to take home.

The only items not accepted at the event are mattresses, booster seats, and car seats. The Town of Morinville provides a removal service for residents with mobility challenges. Event rules are on the town website.
Heartland Industrial Association wants regulatory system fixed

In order to be able to “compete to win” Alberta’s Industrial Heartland Association (AIHA) contends the regulatory process needs to be streamlined, create fair, transparent and long-term investment attraction tools, avoid layering of taxes and regulations from multiple levels of government, maintain a carbon pricing system that is globally competitive and investment friendly, and continue to invest in economy-enabling infrastructure.

Sturgeon County Council received that message as AIHA executive director Mark Plamondon and Manager of Government Relations Lynette Tremblay presented an update at the regular meeting of Council Aug. 28 with Mayor Alanna Hnatiw thanking them for the synopsis and advocacy points.

AIHA is a collaborative 20-year partnership of five voting municipalities (City of Fort Saskatchewan, City of Edmonton, Lamont County, Sturgeon County and Strathcona County) and three associate members (Towns of Gibbons, Redwater and Bruderheim).

Plamondon noted Alberta’s Industrial Heartland is 582 sq. km of a value-added energy cluster, and Canada’s largest hydrocarbon processing centre. There is $40 billion in existing investment with 6,000-plus full time direct jobs and 25,000-plus indirect jobs. He noted these are good high paying and middle class jobs. “AIH is a key driver of economic activity in Alberta and Canada.”

There are 40+ Industrial Heartland companies with $1.5 billion in local spending annually. AIH is home to two refineries with carbon capture technology and is one of the world’s most attractive locations for advanced chemistry manufacturing and value-added energy processing, he told Council. “Collaborative cluster model provides for improved efficiency, innovation, safety and sustainability,” Plamondon said, citing the emergency response as an example.

Recent investments saw Inter Pipeline’s announced $4.1 billion capital investment in a first of its kind in Canada propane to polypropylene facility which will produce a high value product in high demand worldwide. Plamondon noted Canada currently imports 100% of its polypropylene. The facility will provide 13,000 construction jobs through to 2021 with 300 full-time permanent jobs, stated the presentation.

Tremblay said petrochemical investment is good for Alberta. The multiplex effect sees five jobs generated in the broader economy for every petrochemical job. “Doing more manufacturing of our resources, we get higher value and create more jobs,” the report stated. These are highly skilled, high paying jobs with the average petrochemical salary 45% higher than the average manufacturing job.

Council was told a diversified economy “provides a more stable source of government revenue that is not subject to commodity price fluctuations” Plamondon noted a competitive investment climate is needed to drive future economic growth and innovation. “Regulatory certainty, transparency and timeliness are critical for attracting new investment,” he said, adding Canada is two to three times slower than the USA on project approvals.

He said Canada typically accounted for 10% of projects but since 2011 that has fallen to only 2% adding one of Canada’s biggest “users has become our biggest competitor” (USA).

Plamondon called on Council to “help get the message out” on how to compete to win. Coun. Patrick Tighe questioned the “tax layering.” Plamondon cited federal and provincial issues with the clean fuel standard on top of the provincial carbon levy as an example. He noted they don’t get into details such as the municipal tax regime until the site specific “but that has not been a big factor,” he concluded.

The Town of Bon Accord’s annual Amazing Race took place on August 28—it had 9 registered teams and just over 20 participants. Bon Accord Summer Staff, Maryssa McGrath and Kate Westra, orchestrated the race which included 9 challenges in 9 different locations in the Town of Bon Accord. Teams had to figure out clues which directed them to the next location and challenge. Despite a little bit of rain there were smiles all around. Bon Accord Food Town and Bon Accord’s Circle K donated prizes to the winners and participants. The photo shows the Top 3 teams. (L-R) Teams: TBD, Bob’s Burgers Fans and Area 51
Amid the leaves changing colours, Rachel Caputo was fishing with her husband Jordan Saltel on September 4, enjoying the warm summer glow at Cardiff Park. The couple said they don’t fish close together because if they did, their lines would get tangled. This is the first time in a couple years Caputo and Saltel have visited Cardiff Park to fish. --photo by Dolly Bolen

A brilliant day for fishing

The Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation has been selected by Lowe’s St. Albert to be the beneficiary of the Annual Lowe’s Heroes program. From Sept. 1 to 30, customers from St. Albert Lowe’s store will be invited to make a donation at check-out to support the local organization chosen by their store. Lowe’s Canada will match 50% of all customer donations up to $2,000 per store.

“The funding couldn’t have come at a better time. We are expected to break ground on our safe house build before the year’s end. Funds from this campaign will support individuals and families in our region who are affected by domestic violence,” said Kris Portier, Director, Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation Board of Directors.

The Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation will be breaking ground on safe house to shelter for survivors of domestic violence before the end of 2018. The safe house is expected to be completed and operational in 2019. The Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation (JMMF) envisions a society that does not tolerate domestic violence and communities bringing safety and hope to vulnerable individuals and families. To this end, its outreach program provides support to survivors of domestic violence and public education about domestic violence.

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Business program to benefit Jessica Martel Foundation’s safe house campaign

Understanding and taking care of your septic system

Date: September 19, 2018
Location: Sturgeon Agriplex (25021 TWP Rd 554, Cardiff)
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Learn what you can do to properly manage and maintain your septic system. Attend the Septic Sense workshop hosted and presented by Sturgeon County with technical expertise provided by the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association (AOWMA) and materials developed by Land Stewardship Centre (LSC).

Workshop Covers:
- What a septic system is
- How a septic system works
- Design and installation
- Maintenance
- Troubleshooting
- Regulations

Attention: Full Road Closure in Your Area
TWP 554 at intersection with RR220

Road closure is in effect from August 23 to September 30
The road closure will be along TWP 554 from RR220 to 125 Street.

We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. For more information visit: iprheartland.com/community/road-closures.cfm

Dates are subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.
Do you want to become a firefighter? Sturgeon County Emergency Services is recruiting! If you are 18 years of age or older (although we’ll consider 16 and 17-year-olds on an individual basis) and you like physically demanding and gratifying work, and you’re a positive, team-oriented type, we want you to join our team. No previous experience is necessary. We offer the opportunity for you to contribute to the safety in your community. Professional NFPA 1001 Certified firefighter education valued at $12,000, WCB and life insurance coverage. You’ll train approximately three hours a week, with the occasional weekend training opportunity. When a fire is reported, volunteers will be notified, and if you go out on a fire call, you’ll be paid for your time.

Make Firefighting Part of Your Life
For more information please contact 780-939-8413 or 780-939-8416 or visit sturgeoncounty.ca. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the Calahoo, Namao, Bon Accord and Redwater Fire Halls from September 1–30, 2018.

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2018 Sturgeon County Fire Cadet Program Graduation
Front row from left to right: Eamon McKenzie, Victoria Morrissey, Rachael Morrissey, Brionna Parno, Hanna Longson, Nia McKenzie, Hayden Brenneis
Rear row from left to right: Ethan Winfield, Dreyson Jago, Justin Idestrup, Jaxson Maio, Ethan Scolamiero, Haylee McBride, Donovan Eden, Tyler Konanz

Alcomdale 100th Anniversary Celebration
On Saturday, September 29, come and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the hamlet of Alcomdale. There will be historical displays, family activities and a potluck supper. Hall will open at 3:30 p.m. with a potluck supper at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free, please bring a potluck item in a disposable container, drinks will be provided. For more information please find Alcomdale Community League on Facebook or AlcomdaleEvents.blogspot.com

September Meetings
10 Community Service Advisory Board (CSAB) 7 p.m.
11 Regular Council Committee of the whole to follow 9 a.m.
Morniville’s six million dollar committee is still without members.

On Aug. 28 Morinville town council went into closed session for almost half an hour and when they came out never appointed any of the seven public members to the committee which will be soliciting $6 million in donations and sponsorships for the $30.5 million rec centre.

Council went in closed session to consider “Morinville Community Recreation Facility Sponsorship Committee Candidates.”

However when council returned to open session instead of appointing the public members, council appointed Mayor Barry Turner, Deputy Mayor Rebecca Balanko and coun. Scott Richardson as an alternate. There was no motion to establish such a committee or to establish the number of members, goals or process for such a committee.

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Red belt martial artist Doveina Bolen demonstrated a Taekwondo front snap kick with a board held by her twin brother, Conan Bolen and Assistant Instructor Mrs. Kardolus of Phoenix Taekwondo during the Active Living Fair on September 6th at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

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This week’s photo enforcement will be conducted in the following areas:

- Cardiff Rd
- Grandin Dr
- Morinville Dr
- Sunnyvale Road
- East Boundary Rd
- 104 St
- 107 St
- 100 Ave
- 101 Ave
- All School Zones
- All Playground zones
- All other areas where speeding is a concern

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No appointments to committee soliciting rec centre sponsors
“At this time, we believe the structure is serviceable, but at or near its expected life-span,” states the Structural Condition Assessment of Ray McDonald Sports Centre in Morinville. “A more significant maintenance and repair program is recommended if the facility is to remain operational beyond 2019,” state engineers Read Jones Christoffersen in a report going to council Sept. 11.

“Based upon the results of our site visit and our review of all available documentation of the Ray McDonald Sports Centre, it is evident that deficiencies are present within the building that require attention in the near term. We understand that the building is intended to be operational for one more season, closing in the summer of 2019. Our recommendations are presented in light of the future closing of the facility,” the report states.

Among the recommendations are:
- Trip hazards around the building should be reviewed and repaired
- All loose column reinforcing connections should be tightened from the outside of the building. While it appears the bolts were tightened since the 2017 investigation, it is possible that the bolts which are more difficult to access (for example the top chord connections) were not tightened. On-going monitoring is recommended to ensure this repair continues to perform for the remaining life of the structure.

If the building is to remain in use past 2019, there are numerous recommendations, from inspecting the long span roof trusses to repairing the envelope of the building to prevent moisture penetrating the structure, to repairing the missing cross bracing in several areas, removing rotted material from several areas and replacing, investigating column cracks with regard to its impact on load carrying capacity, a permanent repair to replace the temporary repair of column bases.

In a statement to council accompanying the report, Director of Public Works Claude Valcourt advises that “Trip hazards and other minor maintenance items forming part of the recommendations within the report will be addressed as part of our regular maintenance program. Otherwise, no major concerns were identified requiring immediate attention. The demolition of the Ray McDonald Sports Centre is still planned for 2020, and is budgeted accordingly within the long range capital plan.”

The town currently has a $30.5 million project underway to construct a new recreation facility, which includes an ice arena to replace the Ray McDonald arena.

**Minor repairs needed to Morinville arena for this season — but a long list if not permanently shut down at the end of 2019**

**Tighe wants County council to discuss dust control options**

by Tristan Turner

At their Sept. 11 meeting, council will be discussing a motion by County Councillor Tighe to consider new dust control options along gravel roads. Currently, Sturgeon County operates a program that subsidizes the cost of applying a calcium chloride solution to the road in front of properties to reduce the amount of dust tossed up by passing vehicles.

The new motion would direct administration to consider alternative options for road treatment that may be more effective at suppressing dust, including oil or other solutions.

Coun. Tighe originally brought a notice of motion to council on this issue on July 9, before Council’s summer recess, informing them that he would bring this issue forward. Tighe then said that the reason for his motion is that “calcium chloride has been ineffective and not satisfying for residents.”
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County may ban miniature vehicles on roads, other changes possible in traffic bylaw

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Happy to see police using technology to stay on patrol
Letter to the editor;
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by Tristan Turner
Sturgeon County council will be considering revising their Traffic Regulation Bylaw with the presentation of First Reading of Bylaw 1419/18 at their Sept. 11 meeting. According to the result for decision prepared by county administrators, the revisions to the law that governs traffic regulation and restrictions are being made to keep the county’s legislation in line with updated provincial laws, as well as new county policies.

New law bans electric scooters, golf carts and other small vehicles on County roads
Changes include revisions to the law’s definitions, and also new restrictions surrounding “Prohibited Miniature Vehicles” which will be restricted under the new legislation. These include but are not limited to:
- electric scooters, pocket bikes, golf carts, go carts, personal transporters and motorized skateboards.

These changes will mean that no one will be allowed to operate any of these ‘miniature vehicles’ on any County roadway or County property. The law does explicitly clarify that mobility aid devices are not prohibited under the law’s definitions.

The legislation also introduces a new section on road use agreements pertaining to commercial vehicle activity in the County. The section empowers the Transportation Manager to mandate that businesses enter into Road Use Agreements if they believe the weight or frequency of use of commercial vehicles could damage highways. These new agreements may stipulate designated truck routes or other restrictions, and if businesses fail to comply with them, the agreements can be terminated, banning the equipment from accessing County roads. Farming equipment and potable water hauling vehicles are explicitly exempt from these restrictions.

The legislation also makes several other smaller changes, including prohibiting littering on roadways or onto private property from a vehicle.

First Reading of Bylaw 1419/18 will be held on Sept. 11 in Council Chambers.

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Community Information

Upcoming Town Events

Reuse It or "Loose" It - 10th Event
Saturday, September 22, 2018
Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(Items drop-off starts at 8 a.m. & ends at 2:30 p.m.)
Location: Sturgeon County Centre (965-100 St.)
You are invited to set "loose" items no longer wanted or needed (but still usable) by bringing them to a central location for others to browse through and take home free of charge.
This event is one day only!
For more information, please contact Public Works at 780.939.2590.

Household Hazardous Waste Round Up
Saturday, September 22, 2018
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Sturgeon County Centre (965-100 St.)
Doing some cleaning before winter sets in? Certain household wastes need special treatment. Items should be tightly sealed in original or clearly labeled containers.
For a full list of items accepted, visit www.sturgeoncounty.ca.

Alberta Culture Days
Friday, September 28, 2018 and Saturday, September 29, 2018
Join us for a variety of free activities throughout the town.
Watch for more information at www.morinville.ca.

Costs for Our Community
October 1 to 15, 2018 (clothing drop-off)
October 18 and 19 (1 p.m. to 5 p.m., coat depot open)
Each year a number of our families go without proper winter clothing. This is our opportunity to donate or receive warm winter clothing.
Gently used jackets, mitts, totes, and snow pants in all sizes are greatly appreciated.
Bring your donations to Morinville Community Cultural Centre (9520-101 Ave) Meeting Room 5.
For more information, contact Community Services at 780.939.7839 or www.morinville.ca.

FOR A FULL LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS GO TO WWW.MORINVILLE.CA

Town Council

Agenda packages for Regular Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings are posted on the Town website at www.morinville.ca by 4:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting date.

Regular Meeting of Council
Saturday, September 11, 2018 | 4 p.m. *new time*
Council Chambers
St. German Place 10125-100 Ave.

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Saturday, September 18, 2018 | 4 p.m. *new time*
Council Chambers
St. German Place 10125-100 Ave.

Regular Meeting of Council
October 9, 2018 | 4 p.m. *new time*
Council Chambers
St. German Place 10125-100 Ave.

Town Reminders

LIVE at the CCC - 2018-2019 Season
LIVE at the CCC tickets: available for purchase online
This season our Mainstage Series features four performances that are new to our stage and Family Series stars three returning performers, all with brand new shows.

MAINSTAGE SERIES
• November 10 - The Great Canadian Songbook
• February 1 - Nashville Hurricane
• March 22 - Cloig
• April 5 - ABBA Cadabra

FAMILY SERIES
• November 3 - Wiff Jams Live
• January 26 - Al Simmons
• February 23 - Outerbridge - Magic Odyssey

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Organics Collection
Organics are collected weekly from May to October (3rd week of the month). November to April, organics will be collected bi-weekly. For detailed information, download the waste collection schedule at www.morinville.ca.

Appointment of Residents to Boards/Committees
The Town of Morinville invites applications from residents who are interested in serving on the following Boards/Committees:
• Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
• 3 vacancies
• Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)
• 1 vacancy
• Community Services Advisory Committee
• 1 vacancy for Morinville resident
• 2 year term
• 3 vacancies for Local Organizations/Groups
• 1 vacancy
• Appointment by your Organization and endorsed by Council.
Members selected will reflect 1 of the 3 focus areas: Sport & Recreation, Family & Community Support Services, and Culture & Events.

For application packages and information, visit the Town Office, 30125-100 Avenue, Morinville or website, www.morinville.ca.
Please submit your application package no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2018.
in person: to the attention of the Legislative Officer
by email: legislativeofficer@morinville.ca

Community Information

Starting September 22, 2018
Morinville Ringette
Every Saturday
9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
For more information, contact Andre at 780.887.6497.
Register at www.morinville.ca.

Morinville"Mavericks Fan Hockey Every Sunday
8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
For more information, contact Tyler at 780.939.7834 or techxwry@morinville.ca. Register at www.morinville.ca.

Ice Rental Schedule

The following free programs are coming soon.

FREE Programs sponsored by ReMax.
Youth Shinny
Mondays 3 - 4:15 p.m.
Friday 3 - 4:15 p.m.

Adult Shinny
Friday 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Family Skate
Fridays 1:15 - 2:30 p.m.
Sundays 12:45 - 2:15 p.m.

Ice Rental Rates: Contact Community Services for availability or to request a booking at 780.939.7839.

Family Skate starts Sunday, September 16, 2018!

Curling Registration
Registration is Friday, September 14, 2018 at 7 p.m.
Men's Monday 7 p.m. Thursday 7 p.m.
Ladies' Monday 7 p.m. Thursday 7 p.m.
Mixed Tuesday 7 p.m. Friday 7 p.m.
Seniors' Tuesday 7 p.m. Thursday 7 p.m.
Sticks Tuesday 7 p.m.

Bonspiels Dates

For more information or to register, email bonspiels@morinvillecurlingclub.com.

Bonspiels

Saturday, November 10 & Sunday November 11
Open Stick
Saturday, November 17 & Sunday, November 18
Seniors' Saturday, December 1 & Sunday, December 2
Men's Friday, January 25 to Sunday, January 27
Ladies' (6 end games) Friday, February 22 & Saturday, February 23
Mixed (6 end games) Friday, March 15 & Saturday, March 16
St. Patrick's Day Theme
Sunday, March 16

Community Grants

Submission Deadline: September 30, 2018
If you are a not-for-profit organization, community group, team, or association of Morinville and have projects that benefit our community, you may qualify for assistance through the Community Grant Program.
To apply, download the application at www.morinville.ca, or for more information, please call 780.939.7839.
Sturgeon Refinery hits 6 million barrels of diesel; will be in full production by year end

During the past 10 months the Sturgeon Refinery produced six million barrels of diesel fuel from synthetic crude oil. When the final two processing units are completed later this year the refinery will begin producing diesel from bitumen. “We expect to have bitumen feedstock in during the fourth quarter of this year,” said North West Redwater Partnership External Relations manager Vanessa Goodman. “At that point we’ll be operating as designed — processing diesel from bitumen which includes operating the last two units. We anticipate being fully operational by the end of 2018.”

Since November 2017, the Sturgeon Refinery has been processing synthetic crude oil into diesel and other valuable products as part of the commissioning and start up process. Recently, total diesel production hit six million barrels. That’s enough diesel to fuel up four million fire trucks or one million combines for this fall’s harvest. Diesel users across Western Canada and beyond have been making use of Alberta’s newest source of fuel.

“As we close in on the end of refinery start up, the interest in ‘where we’re at’ is greater than ever,” said Goodman. “We’ve produced six million barrels of diesel, invested over half a million dollars into local communities, reached the final stages of commissioning and start up, and remain focused on safe, reliable operations with approximately 700 staff and contractors on site daily.”

Because diesel is currently being produced from synthetic crude oil, commissioning and start up purposes, the refinery is not at full production. Once fully operational and processing 79,000 barrels per day of produced bitumen, production will increase to 40,000 barrels per day of ultra low sulphur diesel and approximately 40,000 barrels per day of valuable products such as vacuum gas oil, natural gas liquids, and diluent.

As the commissioning process continues for the refinery, inspections and tests are being finalized on the last two units — the L-C Finer and the gasolinizer. When these units start up all 10 of the refinery’s units will be running. At that point, the refinery can begin to process bitumen from Alberta’s oil sands. The switch in feedstock from crude oil to bitumen is the last major milestone for the Sturgeon Refinery to operate as designed, taking low value bitumen and processing it into much higher value diesel. Converting the refinery to bitumen feedstock and achieving safe, reliable operations is the near term focus of NWR’s team.

While construction on the refinery itself is complete, there are still some activities that are noticeable to passersby. Flaring may be more apparent as systems and units are tested to ensure they are working properly. For the Flare Management Plan helps guide and manage flaring during start up. Additionally, road construction work at the intersection of Hwy 643 and RR 220, which is the entrance to the refinery, will realign the range road north and south of the highway. This work is expected to be completed in November. Visitors to the site are urged to drive carefully through this construction area and obey all reduced speed signs.

The refinery site currently has a workforce of approximately 780 people per day. This includes NWR employees, long term contractors, and teams involved in finishing commissioning and start up. Once the refinery is fully operational, the long term workforce will be approximately 450 people. Career opportunities with NWR are posted on its website as they come available.

Over 95 percent of construction waste was recycled instead of sent to landfill or burning during the refinery construction. Items such as copper wire, wood, plastic, scrap metal, and beverage containers were returned for a refund, and those funds were earmarked for community investment. All that waste was turned into half a million dollars of worth in local playgrounds, food banks, public speaking, town festivals, library technology, seniors mentoring, youth athlete training, and more. To celebrate the milestone of half a million dollars of community investment from recycling, a community challenge with $10,000 in funding is coming soon.

“Many people have keenly followed our progress for years, and some even a decade,” Goodman said. “It’s exciting times as we close in on the end of start up!”

The $8.5 billion Sturgeon Refinery is the first new refinery in Canada in 30 years and the first to have an integrated carbon capture process. It produces ultra low sulphur diesel which is marketable across the globe.

The formal ground breaking for the refinery was Sept. 29, 2011. NWR plans to construct two more phases of the refinery in the future to triple its production capacity.

NWR is a partnership between North West Refining and Canadian Natural Resources Limited.
Who gets photo tickets?

Morinville residents receiving photo enforcement tickets outnumbered out of town offenders in April, however in May and June the trend reversed in a strong way.

In April 54% of the 176 photo radar tickets were sent to Morinville residents or businesses but in May 73% of the 255 tickets went to non-residents and in June 68% of the 187 offenders were non-residents, according to second quarter statistics reviewed by Morinville town council on Aug. 28.

While non-residents are the primary source of ticket revenue under the program, private vehicles are by far the greatest contributors with company vehicles consistently receiving only a fraction of the tickets of private cars.
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LEGAL / NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of DESMOND SIMMS SCOTT who died on February 24, 2018.

If you have a claim against this Estate, you must file your claim by October 19, 2018 with Gordon D. Putnam, Q.C. at PUTNAM & LAWSON 9702 - 100 Street Morinville, Alberta T8R 1G3.

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Local farmers share the harvest

Local farmers operated 14 combines over a 150-acre field in Sturgeon County on Sept. 8 to harvest barley that will be sold to help feed people in Third World countries. The 16th annual Share The Harvest event included a variety of grain carts and trucks. The crop will be sold and the proceeds raised will be donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) to work towards their vision of a world without hunger.

“This is one of the ways we raise funds for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank,” said Terence Barg, an Alberta representative with the CFGB. “Farmers get together to grow grain on a piece of land, and there’s a lot of support from the local community, agriculture corporations, and churches.”

The 150-acre field east of Gibbons is owned by Pembina pipelines, which donated the land to support the CFGB project. Other local companies and suppliers helped by providing fertilizer, seed, equipment, and labour. Barg said their assistance a gift that helps to significantly reduce operating costs so more money goes to overseas assistance coordinated by the CFGB.

“Farm it’s important because of how much we have here in this country,” said Barg. “There’s people who are hungry in other parts of the world. People who are involved in this harvest today are generous, and they believe we have a responsibility to help others who are in need.”

The Harvest was established in 2003 by farmers in the Fort Saskatchewan area who wanted to do something to help the less fortunate in other countries. “We feel called to help the poor around the world who struggle to simply get enough food for themselves and for their families,” explained Shaun Galloway, Director of Share the Harvest.

“This is our traditional model where we have had a lot of support from agriculture industry, and we are extremely grateful for all the help that we have received from them,” said Gal-loway. “We wanted to increase our giving, so in addition to our traditional model, now we are partnering with our community which has responded in a fantastic way.”

Galloway noted that Share The Harvest is one of approximately 26 Grow Projects across Canada that raises funds for the CFGB. Businesses and individuals donate land and crop inputs like seed and fertilizer, while the organizers donate their time and equipment. It’s great to be working with a great bunch of guys here locally who have the heart to help those in need,” said Galloway.

Shaun Galloway (left), Director of Share the Harvest, welcomes local farm families to the 16 annual Share The Harvest event on Sept. 8 at a 150-acre field in Sturgeon County. The harvest is sold to help feed people in Third World countries.

Local farmer Wayne Groot operates a combine as he delivers a load of barley into a Super B grain trailer cart. This field is part of the 16 annual Share the Harvest event on Sept. 8 at a 150-acre field in Sturgeon County. The harvest is sold to help feed people in Third World countries.
Dallas Arcand performed a hoop dance on the main stage during the Sturgeon County Centennial Culinary Cookout on September 8th at Cardiff Park. Arcand explained to the audience that he uses 13 hoops to represent the 13 moons and encouraged them to visualize what the hoops create as he is dancing. He stated that the saying “many moons ago” has literal meaning from his elders and that with the traditional calendar there are 13 moons – each representing a fresh start and currently we are on the Harvest Moon. –photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

Are seven needed on town council if they all vote the same on virtually every issue?

If council votes as a unanimous block on virtually every issue, are residents getting full value for having seven members elected to debate and participate in debate and voting?

In the last six months the town of Morinville has held nine regular and special council meetings. With seven community leaders representing independent and varied viewpoints how many resolutions would you expect to be passed unanimously? 33%? 50%? 75%?

Actually every single resolution passed, or defeated by council, since March 1, 2018 has been done so unanimously — with two exceptions. On April 24, coun. Lawrence Giffin was the lone dissenting vote on an issue related to the library. On June 26 council was split 3-3 on the issue of Frustration Alley (half block east of 100 St.), with coun. Scott Richardson having withdrawn from the meeting due to a financial interest.

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