Heartland Industry a driving force in Sturgeon County’s strength

Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw delivered her annual State of the County Address on the evening of Sept. 19 in the Synergy Aviation hangar at Villeneuve Airport. —photo by Grant Cree

Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw held her State of the County Address ‘The Future Takes Flight’ on the evening of Sept. 19 in the Synergy Aviation hangar at Villeneuve Airport. County staff reported 120 guests registered for the annual gathering where the mayor shared her current perspective of the county, and an outlook for the future.

“Like flying an airplane, leading an organization can be exhilarating, terrifying, and rewarding all at the same time,” said Mayor Hnatiw. “Many of the lessons for successfully piloting an aircraft apply to the leadership of our community. Pilots—like leaders—must know where they are going, be aware of changing conditions, monitor controls, creatively solve problems, and make strategic decisions.”

During her address, Mayor Hnatiw spoke about topics ranging from economic growth and agriculture to Sturgeon’s financial picture. Other topics included annexation with St. Albert, partnering with the Villeneuve Airport, and some recent County Council initiatives.

Referring to the county’s economic situation, Mayor Hnatiw noted Sturgeon continues to grow thanks to opportunities in the Industrial Heartland and other areas across the county.

“Sturgeon County belongs to the second fastest growing region in Canada,” she said. “We have 22,000 acres available for industrial development and over 480,000 acres of total farm area. Businesses have access to a highly skilled workforce and residents have an opportunity to land well-paying jobs.”

The mayor added that low prices for oil and gas, while having a negative impact on the upstream production sector, have meant “big opportunity” for downstream energy and for petrochemical companies that use oil and gas as feedstock.

“As Chair of the Alberta Industrial Heartland Association, I am proud to tell you that Investments in the Heartland region support over 31,000 full-time equivalent jobs and produce 55.2 Billion in gross domestic product output nationally according to a recent report from accounting firm Ernst & Young,” said Mayor Hnatiw.

She noted the county must remain competitive to attract investment opportunities in plastics manufacturing, aerospace component manufacturing, transportation and logistics, pulse fractionation, and Hemp based manufacturing.

But she warned that other jurisdictions also want this investment and described the situation as “an incredibly competitive environment” needing discussion for incentives, investment in infrastructure, and streamlined regulatory processes necessary to win back the investments lost to the United States.

“The window of opportunity is closing so we must act quickly,” said Mayor Hnatiw. “We are taking the strategic steps to seize that window of opportunity and adapt to the market.”

She described Sturgeon County as an “agricultural powerhouse”, noting that agriculture is ranked as Alberta’s second largest industry, next to the energy sector. “We have exceptional growing conditions in Sturgeon County, with plenty of productive land and agricultural infrastructure offering new opportunities in this expanding industry,” said Mayor Hnatiw.

“We recognize the challenges producers are facing such as succession planning, attracting labour and selecting the best crop to survive mother nature and the ever-changing complicated export market.”

Referring to the Regional Agricultural Master Plan, the mayor said County staff are working and challenges to ensure land use planning supports a sustainable and resilient future.

“Stronger leadership and support are needed from the federal government to encourage a thriving agri-food sector,” she said. “We are seeing an increase of value-added agricultural activities, industries such as processing, packaging, distribution and retail food sales will continue to flourish within our borders.”

The county recently welcomed a new $40 Million investment from G3 west of Morinville.

A new high-efficiency elevator began construction this summer, and is scheduled to open next year. “It is designed for speed and efficiency, able to unload trucks in less than five minutes, load 150 car trains under continuous motion on a loop track system and move grain to their Vancouver terminal,” said Mayor Hnatiw.

Regarding Sturgeon’s financial picture, the mayor said: “As a rural municipality, Sturgeon County has proportionately higher expenditures per capita than an urban municipality. Sturgeon County’s largest costs relate to roadway infrastructure.”
Take It or Leave It at Roseridge

Residents are invited to pick up new treasures or dispose of unwanted items at no charge. --photo by Grant Cree

Take It or Leave It program at Roseridge Waste Management facility is open to residents looking to pick up new treasures or dispose of unwanted items at no charge. -- photo by Grant Cree

Berry noted the facility has managed the Take It or Leave It program since 2017 as a routine part of their daily operations. "When the town of Morinville was doing those big events, that was different because it was done in partnership with the town," said Berry. She was referring to the annual ‘Reuse it or Loose it’ recycling initiative spearheaded by local resident Cynthia Wandler.

"This is our little contribution to try and get people to think about reusing before they dispose of stuff," said Berry. She pointed to a building (known as the Paint Shed) that houses the Take It or Leave It program. "Now that we’ve taken it over with all of these recycle products, it includes paint recycling which is a very huge program."

Inside the Take It or Leave It building on Sept. 19 was an assortment of unwanted furniture and other items waiting for a new home. "We recycle paints in this building as well," noted Berry. "Our space on this site is really limited, this facility was designed in the early 1990s."

According to Roseridge, the Take It or Leave It program offers a chance for unwanted items to be reused by others. Residents can drop off or pick up items anytime during normal operating hours. People who don’t bring garbage but want to browse through the Take It or Leave It shed are asked to bring their permit so they can check out potential new treasures.

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FREE HOME EVALUATIONS
Approximately 400 students at Landing Trail School in Gibbons participated in the annual Terry Fox Run on Sept. 19. This year, the walk/run occurred through the town as participants moved to a local park before returning to the school.

Students were encouraged to bring a $2 donation to show their support. “All the Toonies get donated to the Terry Fox Foundation,” said Kim Morlock, the school Office Clerk. Several staff members led by example by running with the students as parent volunteers served as spotters to help children when required.

“We do this run as an awareness of cancer,” said Grade 2 teacher Rebecca Hache, who is also the Landing Trail School Guidance Counselor. “We’ve talked about Terry Fox with all of our students. It’s a yearly thing so the kids know the story, so we talk about it and discuss why we do it. And it’s a lot of fun to go out and run.”
Report shows Morinville can expect tax hike -- every year for 25 years.

You can look forward to a few decades of tax rate increases in Morinville if the town follows the path of a Long Range Financial Plan report from consultants to bring its debt load under control.

The alternate is that council will choose to ignore the report and then residents and businesses can expect the spasms in tax increases that resulted in a 30% tax hike for commercial property in 2019.

MNP provides expertise in accounting, consulting, tax, and a wide range of business advisory services and provided council with a variety of scenarios regarding the town’s financial future.

In short, the report shows council that it needs to cut costs, increase fees for service, increase taxes and look for other revenue streams — but that it will still hit its mandated debt limit twice, most notably in 2030 if it undertakes all the planned capital projects. Administration noted that with the possible sale of the Ray McDonald arena and the removal of the demolition costs, as well as unspecified changes that will result in the town not having to construct a new RCMP detachment it is possible the debt limit may not be breached.

However council was also told that no allowance was included in the MNP report for capital expenditures on a museum or a public library project because there was no financial information available on the projects to supply to the consultants. Administration also pointed out that rumours of a reduction in the annual Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant are not accounted for in the report.

Among numerous graphs is one showing the town is now using its utility revenue to keep the net financial position of the town in the black, because the tax supported general operating fund will not produce enough revenue to keep the town from operating at a deficit for the next decade. “Based on the current information Council’s goal of a balanced tax supported operating budget within 3 years is unlikely to be achieved. However there is a short and closing window to make key decisions to progress towards that goal,” MNP advised council during the Sept. 17 committee of the whole meeting. “Tax supported departments currently operate at a deficit and are being supported by utility departments’ revenues,” notes the report.

Explaning another graph, MNP noted “The red line is the Town’s current debt limit which is most significantly exceeded in 2019 with the addition of the pool, new fire hall and large roundabouts and signals additions.” However the consultants pointed out, “while total forecasted capital debt does exceed the Town’s limit in 2030-2034, the forecasted debt servicing costs do not,” and suggested that if council revised its policy regarding its debt limit that would avoid exceeding the mandated debt limit (85% of the provincially-set limit for the next decade). “Based on the current information Council’s goal of a balanced tax supported operating budget within 3 years is unlikely to be achieved. However there is a short and closing window to make key decisions to progress towards that goal,” MNP advised council during the Sept. 17 committee of the whole meeting. “Tax supported departments currently operate at a deficit and are being supported by utility departments’ revenues,” notes the report.

While few people expect to see a swimming pool as part of the Morinville Leisure Centre in the next decade, half the consultants re-echoed that perception, stating “maintaining debt below mandated levels will require strategic planning by the Town, which could possibly include deferring capital expenditures.”

The consultants produced four scenarios for tax mill rate increases ranging from 2% to 5.5% annually (with the assumption the inflationary increase will also raise the property assessment) concluding “only in Scenario 4 will the Town remain below its debt limits throughout the 25-year time horizon of the model;” however it noted that “except for Scenario 1, all of the scenarios and base case project a total surplus each year (would go into reserves).” Scenario 4 had a 5.5% annual increase in the mill rate along with a one time (but sustained) cost cut of 7%, while Scenario 1 had a 2% annual hike in the tax rate and a one time sustained cost cut of 5%. Each of the scenarios also had varying percentage annual increase in the town service and user fees ranging from 2% to 5%. These fees have little impact on the total budget.

None of the scenarios could be considered good news for property owners who can expect to also face ongoing hikes in utility costs.

MNP offered five recommendations, with several detail points under each however none is a quick fix and residents may be surprised that these are not already in place, given the multi-million dollar municipal operation:

• Council should agree on a set of financial principles to guide decision-making.
• The Town should select and commit to a long-term combination of “levers”:
  • Review the Policies and Plans
  • Prioritize Long-Term Planning within Town Departments
  • Balance the Overall Community Interest

Mayor Barry Turner noted the report provides the town with a tool to use in its decision making. (Figures can be entered into a variety of scenarios to project the current and future financial impact).

MNP had emphasized in its presentation that the Long Term Financial Plan was not to replace or direct the budget, that it is an information tool for the town to use in making financial decisions — to understand the impact a decision may have. The report was referred to the Oct. 8 regular meeting of council.

Aurora Rakowski, holds a chicken at the school’s Morinville Public Learning Farm. “Our chickens did excel very well over the summer under the care of Brian Croft, myself and the local daycare,” said Morinville Public School Grade 1 teacher Monique Webb. “We managed to relocate all the roosters that hatched in our set of chicks we raised and we started to see a few eggs laid over the summer.

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Unofficial Division 2 By-election Results

The following are the Unofficial Election Results of the Sturgeon County Division 2 By-election:

- Moffat, Lynda 207
- Toms, Kristin 381 declared elected
- van Woerkom, Rudy 64

652 Division 2 residents voted in the by-election. 84 residents took advantage of special ballot and advance voting opportunities and 568 residents voted on election day. Kristin Toms will be sworn in September 24.

First responders hold joint training session

Smoke and heat from the flames of a fire during a training exercise are as realistic as one can experience, short of the real thing. Training first responders in a realistic scenario is vital; it hones their skills and best prepares the team to respond to a real industrial incident.

On September 3, first responders from North West Redwater Partnership (NWR) and Sturgeon County Emergency Services (District of Bon Accord and Redwater Fire Department) travelled to the Lakeland College Emergency Training Centre to conduct industrial live fire exercises. It's a state-of-the-art training centre in Vermillion for firefighters and emergency personnel and one of the best facilities of its kind in North America.

"Joint training opportunities such as this are tremendously valuable for all members involved," stated Mr. Chad Stacey, Emergency Response Specialist for NWR. "Training together and knowing each other greatly enhances team cohesion, a key factor in any successful emergency response."

Members look forward to their next joint training opportunity so they can continue to enhance and improve on their emergency response capabilities.

Sturgeon County offices will be closed on Monday, October 14, for Thanksgiving. Essential services will be maintained.

One week left to apply for a Sturgeon County Board/Committee

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If environment is a passion, consider applying to be on the Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee. If you like to talk roads, put your name in for the Transportation Advisory Committee.

If you're interested in learning about land use and property assessment guidelines, you should check out the Assessment Review Board or the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Whatever your passion, whatever your interest, we have a board or committee for that. You also get paid for serving on a board or committee!

Learn more at sturgeoncounty.ca and apply to be on a Sturgeon County board or committee. Application deadline is September 30, 2019.
Sturgeon County welcomes councillor Kristin Toms

Sturgeon County Division 2 spans west to east from Highway 2 to Highway 28, and north to south from Township Road 554 to Highway 28, and north to south from Township Road 554 to Township Road 562.

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Drivers urged to pay attention at crosswalks after vehicle hits student
by Grant Cree
Morinville RCMP urge motorists to pay attention at crosswalks, especially now that schools are back open. On Sept. 16, an eight-year-old girl was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of 100 Avenue and 101 Street. She was evaoted by STARS Air Ambulance to the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary.

"She’s doing much better," said RCMP Corporal Jeff Sutherland during an interview with the Free Press on Sept. 19. "I’d like to give a reminder to everyone that the new school year is in session. Drivers and pedestrians need to be aware and pay attention." Sutherland added the incident is still under investigation. "Once it’s investigated, we’ll determine if any charges are applicable," he said. Cpl Sutherland also suggested that parents remind their children about crosswalks.

As for motorists, Cpl Sutherland referred to Section 41 of the Alberta Traffic Safety Act. "Rules of the Road. "In Yielding to Pedestrians", Section 41(1) states: "A person driving a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway at a crosswalk or a marked pedestrian crossing, and a vehicle shall not overtake the stopped vehicle." He added that "a vehicle has not overtaken and pass the stopped vehicle."
Jeff Parsons: 780-305-4328

From - 2 mi N, 11 mi W on Hwy 33 towards Fort Assiniboine.

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Our Association is dedicated to coordinating, advocating, and promoting sustainable industrial development in the Heartland region. The Association is a cooperative effort of Lamont County, Strathcona County, Sturgeon County, and the Cities of Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan.

Opening Day on September 7th. The ice surface, bench areas, change rooms and seating areas impressed many who were checking the facility for the first time.

- Photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

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Plan to attend old farmed as married & Mrs. Hansen are setting due to present health. Remember Outside Contractor Antiques at sale on Sept. 17.

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Big changes in ag land use locally over two decades

In the past 20 years the number of farms with cropland decreased by 60 percent while loss farmers live the land also significantly changed as the number of acres under summerfallow decreased by 35 to 51 percent. Comparing numbers from Statistics Canada’s 1996 Census of Agriculture with that from the 216 census shows how adjustment of major crop rotations needed to be made as land use changed with changes in agricultural practices impacted the way farmers operate.

Sturgeon and Smoky Lake counties had an increase from 1996 to 2016 in the amount of cropland under production, but the cropland acres in Thorhild County decreased.

In 1996 Thordil County had 96 farms with 398,379 acres (12 percent less) in cropland. In 2016 it had 70 farms (38 percent fewer) reporting 364,490 acres (12 percent less) in crops.

In 1996 Smoky Lake County had 564 farms with 209,983 acres in crop. It had 371 farms (34 percent fewer) report 209,961 acres (marginal increase) in crops.

“I believe it all has to do with economics,” said Thordil County Reeve Kevin Grummett. “It is big business, I don’t believe too many producers can afford to haul summerfallowed. You can’t charge them for that with no return. They crop every year and just add more fertilizer and chemicals.”

Shrinking area region has a huge decrease in the number of farmers using summerfallow (from 588 in 1996 to 125 in 2016) and the number of acres under summerfallow (from 50,280 in 1996 to 8,400 in 2016). Over the 20 years the amount of fallow land across the three counties decreased by almost 2,170 acres per year.

In 1996 Thordil County had 195 farms with 14,883 acres of summerfallow. It had 43 farms (78 percent fewer) reporting 2,629 acres (85 percent less) of summerfallow in 2016.

In 1996 Smoky Lake County had 230 farms maintaining 15,312 acres of summerfallow. In 2016 it had 44 farms (81 percent fewer) with 2,684 acres (83 percent less of summerfallow).

While the number of farms reporting tame or seeded pasture decreased 35 to 41 percent, the amount of acres decreased by a much smaller margin: eight to 21 percent.

Sturgeon mayor Alanna Huot said, “This trend would be mostly linked to cattle production specifically. The need for REM and common pasture-raised livestock in Sturgeon County. My understanding is it is common in the prairie provinces to see the influences of urbanized development. The pressures of increased population often bring about a decrease in livestock production. Strengthening of commodity markets for oilseeds and grains over the last 10 plus years has provided additional incentive for producers to convert pasture land into crop land.”

She added that the BSE crisis in 2003 caused the loss of many cattle export markets, so many beef producers downsized their herds or left the cattle industry altogether.

Thorhild County had 304 farms with 50,544 acres of seeded pasture in 1996. Two decades later it had 148 farms (51 percent fewer) report having 40,170 acres (24 percent less) of seeded pasture.

In 1996 Sturgeon County had 396 farms with 68,243 acres of natural pasture while in 2016 it had 178 farms (55 percent fewer) with 9,790 acres (12 percent less) of natural pasture.

Sturgeon County had 509 farms with 47,686 acres of natural pasture in 1996 and 265 farms (48 percent fewer) with 36,471 acres (24 percent less) in 2016.

Smoky Lake County had 419 farms with 176,563 acres of natural pasture in 1996 and 245 farms (42 percent fewer) with 159,478 acres (10 percent less) in 2016.

Figures were taken from Statistics Canada’s 1996 and 2016 Census of Agriculture. A Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years.

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She noted that while Sturgeon County may not offer all programs or services directly, in many cases it provides funding support to the parties that do.

In terms of annexation with the City of St. Albert, the mayor noted that the county acknowledges the importance of working together on sustainable growth for the region. "This means respecting the rights of the landowner,“ she said. "We are committed to the Capital Region Growth Plan, and more importantly, further action with the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board. "We will work together with the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board on sustainable growth for the region,“ said Mayor Hnatiw.

She noted that Sturgeon County recently initiated a sub-regional partnership called the Villeneuve Land Partnership. This will be a group comprised of various municipalities in the sub-region, in addition to chambers of commerce and other interested stakeholders.

This joint effort will be to promote that part of the region to attract investment, jobs and opportunity. "With access to major highways, CN Rail, and this green airport, we can work together with the Edmonton International Airport to develop the right combination of commerce and other interests in the world,“ said Mayor Hnatiw.

"There is a worldwide shortage of aviation pilots, and diminishing numbers of the aerospace mechanics. We have the capacity for manufacturing and testing new technologies. "She emphasized access to post-secondary institutions, a young workforce, and opportunities to increase participation in Science, Technology Engineering and Math for local students. The mayor’s concluding remarks focused on recent County Council initiatives. She noted that Council is nearly halfway through its term. In early 2018, Council passed a motion to conduct an independent third-party Operational Review of the organization.

"This was done to evaluate what’s working well and what areas need improvements,“ said Mayor Hnatiw. "It’s important to ensure that we operate in the most efficient manner and that we are supported by our systems and processes."
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