Charlie’s Angel won this round as she tossed saddle bronc rider Dan Turnbull during the Aug. 3 Smoky Lake stampede.

Spectators line the outside of the barrier during the truck event at the Smoky Lake demolition derby Aug. 5. —photo by Hank Holowaychuk

A sign and barricade block access to the Redwater skate park after vandals damaged it. The Redwater Skateboard Park is closed and will not re-open until after town staff clean and repair the vandalism done to it. Community Services manager Jodi Brown advised the skateboard park was vandalized the evening of July 25 and again over the weekend of July 27-28. Story inside.

Smoky Lake County councillors and staff recognize the 75 anniversary of D-Day with their float in the Aug. 3 Smoky Lake Heritage Days parade. They won first place in the Municipalities category.
FOR LEASE • REDWATER ALBERTA
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VACANT OFFICE / COMMERCIAL BUILDING
6905 sq. ft. Concrete Block & Brick
Central Air Conditioning
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Lots of Power. Lease Space can be divided.
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Lodge lift
A crane lifts the heating, ventilation and air conditioning unit onto the roof of the $6 million Diamond Spring Lodge expansion wing Aug. 7.

STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Screening Assessments are Underway for the 2019/2020 School Year.

If your child may benefit from an Enrichment or Headstart program, call our office to book a screening assessment.

ENRICHMENT—for children who are 3 years, 8 months as of September 1, and are assessed as being cognitively advanced (accepting students for Sturgeon Heights and Namao School).

HEADSTART—for children between the ages of 3 years, 8 months and 5 years as of September 1, who have an identified mild to moderate delay in one or more of the following areas: speech-language, fine motor or social skills. Children 2 years, 8 months as of September 1, will be considered if the delays are severe.

TO BOOK A SCREENING ASSESSMENT, CALL STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT 780.938.4341 ext 1257

Children must be screened and qualify for this program under Alberta Education guidelines.
Miranda and Harco Middelkamp provided a donation to fund items for use during lessons and programs at the swimming pool.

THORHILD COUNTY FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

Backyard Safety for Children:

Playing outside is important as it helps with a child’s development and well-being and provides necessary exercise. Watching your child while they are playing in the backyard is important to prevent injuries by making sure the yard is safe for kids.

Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are welcomed

Regular Hours: Monday/Thursday/Friday 9am-3:30pm
Tuesday 11am-7pm
Wednesday 10am-3:30pm

August hours: closed August 22 – 26, 2019, & August 29

Call 780-398-4MED (4633)

Located at the north entrance of the Thorhild County Administration Building

www.thorhildcounty.com

The website is still down and we are working to find a solution.

Check Facebook and Twitter for information

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Thorhild County Enforcement Services
Complaint Line

1-825-845-2020

August 24th @ Thorhild Arena

TRADE SHOW

Vendor spaces limited:
For local businesses, not-for-profits and community groups

COST
- Businesses, $10
- Not-for-profits & Community Groups, Free
- General Public, Free

AUG 24 2019

Shop Local

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JOHN AT 780.398.2828

Phone: 780-398-3741 or toll free: 877-398-3777
www.thorhildcounty.com
801 - 1st Street, Box 10, Thorhild AB T0A 3J0

Public Works & Agriculture Services
21414 Twp Road 600 A
780-398-3977

Emergency After Hours
Utilities 780-398-3939

THORHILD COUNTY

Open House—August 27, 2019
Urban Chickens

The County is now engaging the community to gather information with respect to urban chickens within Thorhild County Hamlets.

Where can I learn more?
An open house will take place on Tuesday August 27, 2019 at the Thorhild Golden Age Drop-In Centre located at 710-7 Avenue, Thorhild, Alberta from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Take the Survey
By August 21, 2019
1. Online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVDYZFL
2. In person at Thorhild County

An Information Flyer is also available for viewing at the County Office, Facebook or Twitter.

Phone: 780-398-3741 or toll free: 877-398-3777     www.thorhildcounty.com     801 - 1st Street, Box 10, Thorhild AB T0A 3J0

Public Attendance is Free. Doors open
10 am to 4 pm
August 24th @ Thorhild Arena

For Vendor Information and to RSVP, contact
John at 780.398.2828 or
john.andersen@thorhildcounty.com

RSVPs allowed for non-County vendors after June 20th. Spaces are limited!

THORHILD COUNTY

Contact Us!
Administration
801-1 Street
Box 10, Thorhild, AB, T0A 3J0
780-398-3761

Thank You!

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**HORSE SET UP WITH WALKOUT BUNGALOW**

This home will WOW you! Fantastic 61 acre horse set up just off of 27a. This walkout bungalow on pavement, just off main road, is located on 61 acres north of Edmonton. The 2327 sq ft air conditioned home has a south facing backyard with a million dollar view of valley & Edmonton. The 2 acres is fully fenced and cross fenced property. The 3 season room has a wood stove, 2 poe ensuites, great room & separate family room. Renovations in last 10 years include shingles, fascia, windows, flooring, basement foundation wall, decks, smart home setup & new bathrooms. The basement has 1 bedroom, laundry, storage and walkout to the backyard. The large yard is fully fenced and cross fenced. Must be seen! $1,999,000. Call Glen to view.

**AFFORDABLE HOME ON ALMOST HALF ACRE IN THORHILD**

Beautiful 2 bedroom home in the Hamlet of Thorhild with an affordable price tag! Upgrades to the home over the past 15 or so years include new furnace (approx 2012), kitchen cabinets, wood stove, hot water tank, flooring and paint. The third bedroom currently has the washer and dryer in the closet space. Gorgeous lot with a secluded fire pit area that is surrounded by mature trees and landscaping. It is just a couple miles NE of Thorhild, less than 7 minutes to Hwy 28, a few minutes north of the Sturgeon River in Shil Shol Estates, only about 20 min to St Albert. $49,900. Call Heather to view.

**COZY BUNGALOW WITH HEATED GARAGE**

This 176 sq ft bedroom mobile home is located at 88 Waskatenau. Enjoy the affordable living! Upgrades include new flooring, kitchen cabinets with large island & quartz countertops, new fence, new front sidewalks. Backyard features a gorgeous covered deck, greenhouse, garden area, dbl detached garage & a large storage shed. Complete with all furniture, dishes & even cat litter! Summertime getaway or year round living. $350,000. Call Heather to View.

**1 BED CONDO IN EDMONTON**

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**4 BED HOUSE WITH WALKOUT BASEMENT IN ST ALBERT**

Central air, gorgeous new kitchen, 5 bdrm, 3 bath, 2 story double features vaulted ceilings, 2400 sq ft. Renovations over 2000 sq ft 3+1 bdrm, 4 bath home that shows pride of ownership. Upgrades include new roof, new siding & trim, wall thickness, kitchen cabinets with large island, shingles, tile, laminate floors, new bathrooms, new doors, new windows, & quartz counters. The front yard includes some tress, sidewalk, siding, eva-stairs, toilets & deck. Features include custom outdoor kitchen, new wood & matching mobile exterior, with huge walk in closet on the 2nd floor. The large yard includes a huge walk in pantry, laundry room, FR & could easily have a 5th bdrm with another 150 sq ft. Nicely landscaped, privacy fence & fence on large lot. There is access to the bsmt from outside & it is used for storage. Outbuildings include an older double detached garage, pool poles & storage sheds. Less than a mile to pavement & traffic & only 15 min to Fort Edmonton & North Edmonton make for great location. $199,900. Call Heather to view.

**3 STORY BUNGALOW IN EDMONTON**

A must see! Great 3 story bungalow, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 2500 sq ft. Ready to move in ready. $699,000. Call Glenn to view.

**2 STORY BUNGALOW IN ALBERTA**

New! New! Guaranteed! wing outside & garage. This bungalow was custom built by Cynthia Homes & has 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2 car garage, 2500 sq ft. The yard includes many planted trees, a nice firepit area, garden spot, storage. Outbuildings include an older double detached garage, pool poles & storage sheds. Very conveniently located just off of St Albert Trail, close to shopping, hospital & restaurants. $199,900. Call Heather for directions.

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**REDUCED!**

**UPGRADED MORINVILLE BUNGALOW**

Nicely upgraded and maintained 1345 sq ft bungalow in Morinville. Features include a large, sunken main living area, kitchen with facing gas fireplace, spacious, gorgeous hardwood flooring & large window with 2 poe ensuites with walk in closets. Fully finished bsmt with 3 bedroom, 2 bath, den/office/studio room, 2nd living room & laundry. Upgrade in the past includes new windows, doors, kitchen, bath renos, kitchen sinks, stucco, shingles, furnaces, HWT & new central air. The yard includes a gorgeous covered deck, greenhouses, garage area, dit detached garage & a large all season RV. Must be seen to be appreciated. REDUCED! $134,900. Call Glenn to view.

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**ALMOST 2 ACRE HORSE SET UP**

Work from home or run your own business, indoor storage facility or great for affordable living. Over 1760 sq ft 5 bdrm, 3 bath home had major renovations done in about 2003. All new windows, new vinyl siding, new shingles, new fascia, flooring, baths, kitchens were done. Present owner purchased it in 2006 and has maintained naturally with a high efficiency HUMA furnace, HWT finished, built a wrap around deck, built 24x24 detached double garage, completely finished & encased for horse property. Home sits well back from road & has 4 barns, a large workshop, aluminum frame doors, & poplar finish. Features gorgeous sunken back porch area with 3 poe bath & walk in deck, close to creek, garden area, built detached garage & a large all season RV. Must be seen to be appreciated. REDUCED! $350,000. Call Heather to View.

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**ACREAGE ON PAVEMENT**

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**VALENT VACANT LAND AND LOTS**

**NATURE LOVER'S DREAM**

Nature lover’s dream property. 71.12 ac. with approximately half of it in large, mature spruce, poplar, willow & other native trees. Remainder has been farmed in the past & is currently in grass. The Nemis creek runs through west end. The property is a couple of old homestead buildings by the entrance to the property & lots of great building sites on this rolling land. Great recreational or hunting land as well as being a great investment opportunity. Contact us for more information.

**780-942-2023**
SMOKY LAKE FARMERS’ MARKET
SATURDAY, AUG. 17
10:00AM - 1:00PM AT THE COMPLEX

Featuring: Local Food demonstrations:
Try your hand at making perogies & holubchi
Live Bee Observation Hive
Food Samples: home made ice cream by Just
for Licks, bannock, local Haskap berries, local vegetable & fruit items, chicken burgers, fresh honey & more
Free Shopping totes to the first 100 visitors!

Metis Crossing’s float featured period costumes, a canoe, fiddle music and a dinosaur in the Smoky Lake Heritage Days parade Aug. 3. Their presentation earned second place in the Commercial-Business category.

The Shapka Family with Doug Shapka and Penny, Wyatt and Tyson Tchir, Cindy and Lauren Pooke and Becky and Mark Boychuk in the wagon outriders Jeremy Tchir, Jordon Pooke, Jamie Shapka and Brandon Orichowski placed first in the Western Wagons and Teams category.

Resident wants tax increases to stop

I have lived in this Town (Redwater) for over 30 years and my taxes have almost double in the last 15 years. I do not see or feel that our present Town officials have any concern about the rising taxes, as if the increase is a way of life. I don’t think it has to be that way.

The reason I am writing this Open Letter is to see if there are other Town residents like myself who would like our elected Town Mayor and Councillors be mandated by us to aggressively find ways to lower our taxes.

The elected Town officials may not pay much attention from only the odd protester or disgruntled resident; however if we can become the majority, then they have to listen to our demands.

So if you are in the same frame of mind and interested in become a part of the majority, then they have to listen to our demands.

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Starting this year, the “printed edition” will only be available bi-weekly in the Morinville Free Press and Redwater Review.

Next print edition: August 27, 2019

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**Division 2 By-Election set for Tuesday, September 17**

**Voter Eligibility:**
- Individuals can vote in the Division 2 by-election if they:
  - are at least 18 years old;
  - are a Canadian citizen;
  - are a resident of Division 2 of Sturgeon County on election day (September 17, 2019);
  - have presented acceptable identification; and
  - have not already voted in the by-election.

Visit sturgeoncounty.ca/election for more information.

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**Seniors Workshop - September 12**

Connect with local seniors ages 50+ on September 12.

This full day workshop includes a hot breakfast, lunch, and some fun with Louis Pezzani and his Mind Magic.

There is a presentation by STARS Air Ambulance, an Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s Disease panel discussion and information about Sturgeon County Walking Trails.

Return transportation is available from communities in Sturgeon County, but seats are limited.

To attend, please register online at sturgeoncounty.ca/programs by September 5. If you need help with online registration, call 780-939-8334 or stop by the Sturgeon County Community Services Office, 9610-100 Street in Morinville next door to Drayden Insurance.

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**Household Hazardous Waste Round-up - Sept. 21**

Starting your fall clean-up? Certain household wastes need special treatment.

Things like antifreeze, paint, solvents, batteries and cleaning fluids can be harmful to the environment.

That’s why we’re offering county residents an opportunity to do the right thing and put hazardous waste in its place!

Items should be tightly sealed in original or clearly labeled containers.

For a full list of items accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Round Up, visit www.sturgeoncounty.ca.
The search of a home in Redwater has resulted in the recovery of over $15,000 worth of stolen items.

Redwater RCMP executed a search warrant on the evening of July 10 at a residence located on 47th avenue in the town of Redwater. Due to evidence gathered during investigations into multiple break and enters in the area, RCMP received judicial authorization to search the residence and were able to recover stolen property related to these criminal offences.

Six people were initially taken into custody during the execution of the warrant with two people ultimately facing charges related to this warrant. Two other people were arrested and held for unrelated criminal charges and two were released without charges. An estimated $15,000 of stolen property was recovered and returned to the rightful owners, and a further estimated $1,500 in property was seized but has yet to be reported to police as stolen.

A 31 year old Redwater man and a 25 year old man from Fort Saskatchewan are charged with possession of stolen property over $5,000.

Redwater RCMP are asking anyone who may not have reported a break and enter or theft which may be related to this occurrence, or anyone with information regarding this occurrence to contact the Redwater RCMP at 780-942-1007. To remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app.
Vandalism closes Redwater’s skateboard park

The Redwater Skateboard Park is closed and will not re-open until after town staff clean and repair the vandalism done to it.

We hope the individuals responsible will recognize the significant cost and issues their actions have caused and that there will be no additional incidents of this nature once the Skateboard Park is re-opened later this month,” said mayor McElroy. “Many enjoy this facility throughout the season. It is a shame to see it closed due to the actions of a few individuals.”

Community Services manager Jodi Brown advised the skateboard park was vandalized the evening of July 25 and again over the weekend of July 27-28. Both vandalism incidents were reported to the RCMP. Anyone with information regarding this vandalism is encouraged to contact the RCMP at 780-942-3600.

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Award winning artist at 15

by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

Sofia Soria is a young artist who is making gains in recognition. This started at an early age when she would colour in her colouring books and be very particular about staying in the lines when her peers would be scribbling with various colours anywhere on the page to “colour” the picture. Her mother, Ursula, states, “no one was allowed to colour in her books. Her Grandmother coloured a page and went out of the lines and it made Sofia very upset.” Sofia laughed and agreed that she is very detail oriented and it likely started back then.

Sofia says she would “doodle” during class and go through piles of paper with 15 minute mini-masterpieces. They were rough sketches of anything that she’d see or imagine; and those early doodles earned attention from her peers. Ursula said she attempted to get Sofia into the Redwater Art Society at age 9, but they only had members aged 17+. There wasn’t an outlet for Sofia to share her love of art with others her own age. It didn’t stop her though. She would draw sketches of friends as she got older and more experienced. She has a number of sketchbooks with unfinished work. Sofia says, “I listen to music and it sets the mood for the image of my art work. I try to show emotions through the drawings.”

Sofia became more serious about her artistic ability when she started attending her Morinville Community High School art class with Mrs. Tara Riccoppo. Riccoppo appreciated Sofia’s talent and would present her with opportunities to participate in non-school related assignments. During her grade 9 year, Sofia created a piece entitled “Elders Wisdom” which was inspired by a poem of the same title that encompasses stories of Elders in the community who were survivors of residential schools. A print of her art piece is featured on the Truth and Reconciliation Wall at MCHS and also in Redwater School. To date, she has sold 9 and donated 6 prints of this piece that started her journey as an award winning artist.

After seeing a print of Sofia’s indigenous artwork in a bistrot in Redwater, a print was purchased by Joanie Hare, member of CAMNA (College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta) the association presented it to the Nistawoyou Friendship Centre in Fort McMurray as a gift. Hare, also a member of the Art Club in Redwater brought Sofia to the club and advocated for her work at her craft with the support of the group even at her young age. The Art Club in Redwater encouraged Sofia to enter her work into Art Shows. Her most recent finished piece of work entitled “John Lennon” was created for her brother who is an avid Beatles fan, received much rave. This led to Sofia’s first Art Show entry.

Sofia entered all three pieces into the youth category of the Alberta Community Art Clubs Association (ACACA) Zone Show. She received 1st place for Elders Wisdom and John Lennon. The two pieces moved on to the ACACA Alberta Wide Show in Drumheller. John Lennon received the Harry Wohlforth Drawing Award. This is a special award for the top juried artwork in drawing for the show across all categories. Her portfolio has moved forward and will be featured for the “Best of the Best” Alberta Spirit Show. Framed prints of John Lennon and The Lion adorn the wall in Morinville’s ‘High Grounds Coffee Shop, “Lion” and “John Lennon”. Sofia is looking forward to revisiting some of her unfinished pieces in her sketchbooks and maybe completing a few. She’d like to build her portfolio as she has several pieces in the works. She has no big projects on the go currently and indicates she’ll wait until school starts again. She can go to the store with more supplies and have the opportunity to blend in her personal projects with class assignments. Sofia states, “my doodling presentations go unfinished because I find motivation to create something new. When I have a class assignment and deadline, it forces me to complete the project and stay focused on it.” As for her future endeavors, Sofia says she’s scared of not being able to do anything after school if she focuses on art at college level. She has had an interest in the medical field — not for anything specific but keeps it at the back of her mind. She thinks that perhaps keeping her art as a hobby will maintain her interest and growth. For now, she remains the only youth in the Redwater Art Society-Morinville Art Club and wishes to join other youth that are serious about art as an outlet to attend. She plans to volunteer and see how she enjoys teaching her talent to others and says it may lead to an interest in teaching as a career.

Sofia Soria’s artistic representation of the poem Elders’ Wisdom at age 14. The Redwater artist has earned much recognition for this piece.
Krista Perry and Roy Kubica happily accept a donation from the dissolving Sunflower Dance Club Parent Association for the amount of $4432.75. The funds will go toward the new shelving projects at Thorhild and Radway libraries. Shown here are: Krista Perry (chair, Thorhild county library board), Janice Tobias (Sunflower Dance Club parent association) and Roy Kubica (treasurer, Thorhild County Library Board).

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Redwater Health Center Long Term Care residents & staff visited the Redwater Museum on July 26, 2019. A morning tour of reminiscing & visiting with tea, coffee, and snacks. Back row: Tracy Shemonichek (HCA), Emily Brown (UNE), Brandi Andrusko (Rehab Therapy Assistant), Lee-Ann Wirun (Admin Secretary) Front row: Pauline Mocka (resident), Desre Rose (UNE), Chris Carruthers (resident), Henry Chaba (resident)

Thorhild County councillor Richard Filipchuk tosses a double handful of candy as councillor Cheryl Pasay reaches into the box for more during the Radway Pioneer Days parade July 27.

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Votes were tallied for the Redwater Quilters Guild quilt show on Saturday, July 27 in Radway. Carol Van Meter collected First-place ribbons for her large “Ugly Duckling” quilt and her stained glass-effect Christmas table topper. Maureen Barret-Cross was awarded a First for her medium-sized “Mountain View” quilt and Third for her medium-sized giraffe quilt and hexagonal table topper. Judy Morgan’s “Blue Dolphins” quilt came second in the medium quilt category, and Lois Andrews’ “Stars” quilt came third in the large quilt category.

Second place in the small quilts category went to Sharon Yent for her Christmas table topper. The quilters were delighted to have over 80 viewers vote on their favorite items. Carol Van Meter’s first-place large quilt, “Ugly Duckling”...
Total number of local farms down, yet there are more very small and very large farms

Over the past 15 years the number of farms in local counties decreased by about 40 percent. Thorhild and Smoky Lake counties showed a significant increase in the number of very small and very large farms; Sturgeon County had a slight increase in very large farms and a decrease in small ones.

Statistics Canada reported the following data on size of farms from its 2001 and 2016 Census of Agriculture. Sturgeon County reported 615 farms in 2016, 42 percent fewer than its 1,055 in 2001. Thorhild County’s 353 farms in 2016 were 40 percent fewer than its 584 recorded in 2001. Similarly, Smoky Lake County had 371 farms in 2016, 37 percent fewer than its 585 farms in 2001.

Smoky Lake County CAO Cory Ollikka noted the continuing trend of the last 50 years of rural depopulation in Canada “was both predicted and prescribed” by a federal white paper in 1969. The increase in farm size was a natural outcome because the amount of farmland stayed fairly unchanged while the number of farms and farmers decreased.

“Thinner margins and aging demographics of farmers have been significant factors in this consolidation over the years,” said Ollikka.

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“There are producers of nearly all types of food using this model, and some of the products have a really high value compared to the number of acres needed to produce them,” Ollikka said. “Vegetable farms are a good example.”

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PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Bylaw No. 1436/19
Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

In accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, Sturgeon County Council continues to request public input on proposed Bylaw No. 1436/19, following a recessed and continued public hearing. This Bylaw proposes to amend the regulations regarding the production, storing, processing, distribution and retailing within Sturgeon County. The Bylaw proposes areas where both standard- and micro-sized production and distribution facilities will be allowed, where retail facilities will be allowed, and specific regulations that will regulate the impacts of these facilities on surrounding land uses. New changes to this bylaw have been proposed since the original circulation. These changes include modifications to property line setbacks, setbacks between dwellings and micro-production facilities, and setbacks from public institutions including, but not limited to, schools and provincial and federal healthcare facilities.

The Public Hearing shall be held on:

Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
(or as soon as practical thereafter) at:
Sturgeon County Council Chambers, 9613-100 Street,
Morinville, Alberta

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a submission in writing and/or registering to speak, either in favor or in opposition to the bylaw, by contacting Legislative Services (phone 780-939-8279 or email legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca).

Please note that all verbal presentations will be limited to five (5) minutes and is summarized in writing to form part of the public record. Although all those in attendance wishing to speak will be heard, persons registered to speak at the Public Hearing will be heard first.

Any inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw should be directed to Colin Krywek in Current Planning and Development Services at dkrywek@sturgeoncounty.ca or 780-939-8275.

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