Smoky Lake County being considered for bio-diesel plant

Smoky Lake County is again being considered for the site of a biodiesel plant. It is one of four sites in Alberta that Northern Eagle Renewables and Bio-Fuels is researching. A decision on where the plant will be situated will be made in early July. Between now and then community consultations and discussions with producers who may supply off-grade canola will be held. This is a Northern Eagle Pooled Investment Partnership VI (NE6) project. New West Opportunities Inc. (NE6 advise firm) senior partner Shane Pospisil presented information on the NE6 bio-diesel project during the Feb. 21 Smoky Lake County council meeting.

Pospisil explained that when a site at the west side of the county, near Waskatenau, was considered for a bio-diesel plant four years ago, pot lite government incentives were not available to the project, so it was relocated to the United States.

Reeve Craig Lukinuk said he attended the information meetings held in 2014 and feels there is exciting potential in the NE6 proposal. “I’m looking forward to it,” said Lukinuk. “I’m happy they’re back here, looking at Smoky Lake County.”

NE6 was established in January 2018. Its proposed $35 to $40 million (US dollars) biodiesel plant, which may be sited in Smoky Lake County, would use 500 tonnes/day of inputs such as off-grade canola and produce 85 million liters/year of biodiesel. Pospisil said part of the due diligence required is getting canola supply contracts in place. “We will not build a $40 million plant on spec,” he stated.

His company has 15 years of research which indicates Canada produces enough off-grade canola to support five of the proposed bio-diesel plants. Pospisil stressed that only off-grade canola would be used because it keeps the input costs lower, and it is not their intent to compete for food grade canola and increase the cost of food.

Another important aspect of the project is involvement (earned equity) by the Metis Settlements. Pospisil said, “The folks we’d be selling to are very interested in our having indigenous partnerships.”

Council accepted Pospisil’s presentation as information and directed administration to investigate what processes the county could undertake to expedite the development of a bio-diesel plant, such as pre-zoning a proposed plant site to Industrial District. NE6 is also investigating potential wind and solar energy generation projects in Alberta.

Fire Smart camp planned for youth

Looking for something interesting to do this summer? Smoky Lake County has started to develop a Youth Fire Smart Summer Camp program.

It will be for four or five days, place and time yet to be determined. County CAO Cory Ollikka said detailed information is not available at this time because the program and its curriculum are currently being developed by consultants and county fire chief Scott Franchuk.

This summer camp will give youth an opportunity to learn about community service, fire smart practices and how volunteer fire fighters impact their communities. It is intended to provide youth with the opportunity to learn about an activity that interests communities. It is intended to provide youth with the opportunity to learn about community service, fire smart practices and how volunteer fire fighters impact their communities. It is intended to provide youth with the opportunity to learn about an activity that interests them while building stronger relationships and engaging them in their community. As well, organizers hope youths who are aware of the activities and rewards of being volunteer fire fighters will be more likely to consider volunteering with their local fire departments as adults.

This program is budgeted to cost $15,000 which includes program development, instructors, lunches, departmental costs and program administration to investigate what processes the county could undertake to expedite the development of a bio-diesel plant, such as pre-zoning a proposed plant site to Industrial District. NE6 is also investigating potential wind and solar energy generation projects in Alberta.

Family Day fishing

Kai (L-R) and Aaliyah Pasieka have fun trying to catch a big one with the help of Kiersten Prebost at the Fish Pond at Redwater’s Feb. 18 Family Day activities.
Thorhild to consider the end of allowing free range cats

Thorhild County will consider including domestic cats in its Animal Control Bylaw. That bylaw addresses ownership and control of dogs, but specifically excludes cats.

Thorhild resident Paul Standon asked council to address the problem of wandering cats. In his Feb. 12 presentation to council he detailed some of the problems they caused on his property and presented information on Toxoplasmosis, a parasitic disease spread through cat feces. He noted that children are vulnerable to this disease, and it is sure to be in the playgrounds because of all the cats defecating around town.

Standon said he has to continually clean cat urine and feces off his house and yard. He put new siding on his home, and it is being destroyed.

“I’m so, so tired of it,” he said. “This is getting totally out of hand. This is sad.”

Stanton said when he had a cat, she knew the only way she could go outside was when she wore a harness and was on a tether. He asked council to amend the Animal Control bylaw so it requires everyone to keep their pets, including cats, under control and on their own property.

CAO Wayne Franklin said he would look at options for potential amendments to the Animal Control bylaw that might resolve the issue.

When contacted later, he speculated that many municipalities control dogs more aggressively than they control cats because dogs do not really pose a problem with attacking or biting people.

Reeve Kevin Gnutzma felt other reasons municipal bylaws tend to be geared towards dogs are that cats can reasonably be accommodated indoors with litter boxes and lend themselves more easily to an indoor lifestyle. Dogs are also a lot easier for bylaw enforcement personnel to catch.

The county Animal Control Bylaw was passed in 2014. Council will consider possible amendments to it at a future meeting.

DOES YOUR CHILD QUALIFY FOR ONE OF OUR EARLY LEARNING EXPERIENCES?

Thinking your child may benefit from an Enrichment or Headstart program? Call our office at 780.939.4321 ext 1257 to book a screening session. All children must be screened and qualify for these programs under Alberta Education guidelines.

Enrichment Program
Designed for children who are assessed as being “cognitively advanced.”
To be eligible for the 2019/2020 school year, children must be a minimum age of:
- 3 years, 8 months, by September 1, 2019.
Screenings are being offered at:
• MCCC
  • March 7, 8, 12, 15, 18

Headstart Program
Designed for children who require support for speech - language, and/or fine motor skills and/or social skills.
To be eligible for the 2019/2020 school year, children must be a minimum age of:
- 2 years, 8 months, with significant needs, by September 1, 2019, or
- 3 years, 8 months with mild to moderate needs, by September 1, 2019.
Screenings are being offered at:
• Fable Garden Hall
  • March 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20
• Bon Accord School
  • March 11
• MFRC
  • March 11
• Carrilla School
  • March 13
• Landing Trail
  • March 18
• Namao School
  • March 19
• Otchre Park School
  • March 20

TO BOOK A SCREENING, CALL
STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
AT 780.939.4341 EXT 1257

MCCC (Morinville Community Cultural Centre), 9502 - 100 Ave, Morinville - screenings serving all school locations
Fable Garden Hall, 10010 - 101 Ave, Morinville - screenings serving all school locations
MFRC (Miliitary Family Resource Center), Edmonton Garrison - screenings serving Guthrie and Namao communities
Bon Accord Community School - screenings serving Bon Accord, Gibbons and Legal communities

Remember, your child’s birth certificate will be required at the screening session.

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### Community Events Calendar

**March 2019**

**Redwater Public Health Clinic**
- Public Health Nurses provide immunizations for all ages, communicable disease control, post-partum nursing care and support, and non-critical childhood intervention. Call 780-942-6055 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also accepted.

**Clubs:** At the Redwater Health Centre this month are March 4 and 19 (Tuesdays) and March 7, 24, 31 and 28 (Thursdays) from 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

### Seasonal Job Opportunities

Various job postings for summer are now available:
- **The Town of Redwater:** Look online at [www.redwater.ca](http://www.redwater.ca)
- **Redwater Museum:** Inquire by email to audrey@petruk@gmail.com
- **Redwater Community Golf Club:** Inquire by email to redwatergolf@gmail.com

### 2019 Rain Barrel Program

Purchase a rain barrel for $35. For more information or to order forms, please call the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101. Order deadline is April 5, 2019. Barrels will be available for pick-up mid-May.

### Weekly Events

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- **Town of Redwater - Family & Community Support Services:** 780-942-4101
- **Sturgeon Community Resource Network:** 780-923-2374
A section of the Athabasca Landing Trail within Thorhild County will be re-made into a recreational trail during the next few years. The Opal Grazing Leases Road Allowance & Woodridge Trail project is scheduled for planning in 2019 and 2020 with construction to begin when funds are in place. It includes a six km section of trail plus signs, a staging area and access controls to allow walking and horse riding, but not motorized transportation.

During the Feb. 12 Thorhild County council meeting Alberta TrailNet Society executive director Linda Strong-Watson said her organization has identified about $150,000 in external funding for Athabasca Landing Trail development and maintenance of the trail. He did not have more detailed information on the trail within Thorhild County, but said the county has not designated money for it.

“At this time there has been no formal discussion regarding any funding,” advised Granetza.

Member organizations, including municipalities, pay $50/year membership. Other municipal members contribute a minimum of $5,000 for committee operating expenses such as meetings, signs, and promotional materials as well as contracted services for communications, public consultations, grant applications, website hosting, and planning and design support.

TrailNet has accessed over $4 million in external funding for Athabasca Landing Trail projects (bridges, trails and staging areas) between Fort Saskatchewan and Athabasca. The Athabasca Landing Trail, sometimes called the 100 Mile Portage, was built in 1876. Over the past 10 years portions of it have been rebuilt as a recreation trail. It is the part of the Trans Canada Trail (The Great Trail) that goes north from the cross-Canda east-west trail at Fort Saskatchewan and will extend to the northern land trail in British Columbia and the Yukon as well as to the water route that traverses the North West Territories and connects with the land trail at Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic Ocean.
4 BEDROOM HOME WITH 24'X24' GARAGE

The home is in a great area at 415 110 St in Thorhild with a nice big 3150 sq ft lot. It is located in a quiet area with a huge yard. It has 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a fully finished basement. The yard is fenced and there is a large garden area. The home is in excellent condition and is well-maintained. It is priced at $399,900. Call Glenn to view.

6.3 AC HONEY FARM

This property has a 1000 sq ft 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home on a 6.3 acre parcel of land. The home is in good condition and is ready to move in. It has a large kitchen, dining area, living room, office, and a fully finished basement. The yard is fenced and there is a large garden area. The home is in excellent condition and is well-maintained. It is priced at $599,900. Call Glenn to view.

6000 SF COMMERCIAL LOT IN LEGAL

The property is located 4 1/2 miles north of Legal on Hwy 2. It is a large commercial lot with plenty of space for future development. It has 6000 sq ft of footage and is priced at $99,900. Call Glenn for more information.

80 AC BEEF FARM NEAR REDWATER

This 80 acre beef farm has a large home with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. It is located near Redwater and is priced at $1,295,000. Call Glenn for more information.

FOCUSED ON THE BEAUTY OF WORK

This unique property is a raised bungalow in Inglewood. It has 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, and is priced at $497,000. Call Glenn for more information.
I like getting to know residents in town,” said Kilbourn. “I’m a people guy.”

“We’re proud as hell to have them here,” said mayor Mel Smith when he presented the achievement awards to Kilbourn and Anne Marie Cholack Feb. 19. “Congratulations.”

Kilbourn completed his Level 2 gas operator training in 2018. His Efficiency nomination described him as working hard during a busy season of gas relocations, new service connections and leak repairs. As well, he tried to find work in other areas and provided feedback for improvement.

The Teamwork aspect of the award recognized Kilbourn’s willingness to help others. Whenever the department needed help for grading or hauling material, Kilbourn jumped on the grade, tandem or any other equipment to assist. He promoted Safety through contributing during safety meetings, always following proper safety precautions and being vigilant when working around gas lines.

Kilbourn began working with the town in 2015 as an equipment operator.

“It’s a great, friendly environment,” he said. “A great organization. It’s a good working atmosphere with people with good attitudes.”

When staff retired and he was up for a gas operator position, he decided, with his wife Amanda’s encouragement, to take that training at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) and on the job.

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Town of Redwater gas operator Jon Kilbourn celebrates his Exceptionally Outstanding Achievement Award with his family, wife Amanda and their children Hayden, Lauren and Benjamin after receiving the recognition in Redwater town council chambers.

Thorhild County council approves financial backstop in case bills come in before taxes

Thorhild County has its annual borrowing bylaw in place for 2019.

At the Jan. 29 council meeting CAO Wayne Franklin said the borrowing bylaw is routinely passed every year so the county can access a $1 million line of credit if operating expenditures exceed cash inflow. There is a possibility that could happen before the majority of the tax revenue is received at the end of June. “We’ve never tapped into it,” commented reeve Kevin Gunnet-za.

In 2009 council changed the borrowing amount from $500,000 to $1 million. It has remained at that amount and has not been used in more than a decade.

Council unanimously passed all three readings of the borrowing bylaw without discussion.

Irene Evelyn (Holt) Norcross June 25, 1929 – January 26, 2019

Irene Evelyn (Holt) Norcross, age 89, of Willow, Alaska passed away peacefully with her family by her side at her winter home in Parkers, Arizona. Irene was born in Regina, Saskatchewan on June 25, 1929 the daughter of Reuben and Caroline (Zimmerman) Holt. Irene attended Egremont High School and then attended Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton. Following her graduation, she married Thomas Lee Phillips and moved to Alaska. Irene and Thomas had two daughters Jackie and Arianne. They later divorced. Irene was working in Anchorage, Alaska when she met her husband of 56 years James Norcross. They had two children Jimmy and Diane.

Irene loved the Alaskan outdoor lifestyle especially berry picking. Her hobbies were gardening, pottery, and making jewelry. She also enjoyed baking, cooking for family and friends and like her mother, she especially loved growing flowers. Irene loved her family and having her children and grandchildren gatherings as this was her greatest joy, especially during the holidays.

Irene was predeceased by her mother, Father, and brothers Gene and Jack Holt. She is survived by her husband James, children Jackie (Jim) Hummel of Liberty, Illinois, Arianne (Larry) Phillips of Eagle River, Alaska, Jimmy Norcross Jr of Homer, Alaska, Diane Norcross (Randy Brown) of Wasilla, Alaska, many grandchildren and great grandchildren, brothers Allan, Bruce, Ruelen Holt, sisters Rita (Randy Brown) of Wasilla, Alaska, Jimmy Norcross Jr of Homer, Alaska, Diane Norcross (Randy Brown) of Wasilla, Alaska, many grandchildren and great grandchildren, brothers Allan, Bruce, Ruelen Holt, sisters Rita (Randy Brown) of Wasilla, Alaska, and many nieces and nephews.

At the request of the family, a private service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Willow Historical and Wildlife Foundation, PO Box 388, Willow, Alaska 99688.

Love Your Dance

Love Your Dance is accepting new students year-round in Redway.

PANCAKE SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION

Friday March 1, 2019

Newbrook Hall

Supper 5:30 – 7:00

Ages 7 – Adults: $10.00

6 & under: no charge

Silent Auction will run throughout the evening.

Sponsored by:

Newbrook Ag. & Rec. Society

Newbrook 4-H Beef Builders
Savanna Rig 428 is a welcome sight. Rig 428 on location NW of Smoky Lake in the Thorhild grazing lease. Fueling our local economy as righands fill motels and restaurants. Great crews are giving our rural economy a much needed boost.

On Family Day, Stran Roth competes in the Slalom course at the Long Lake Ski Hill.

### MEDIA RELEASE

**For immediate release** February 21st, 2019

**Smoky Lake County Clubroot Policy Changes**

On February 19th, 2019, at the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting, a substantial change was made to the Policy Statement No. 12-03 Clubroot. Agricultural Producers who are found to have Clubroot confirmed on their property will continue to be notified as normal, but will now be required to enter into a Schedule “C” Clubroot Management Agreement starting in 2019.

This agreement is an 8-part plan, which outlines various strategies for managing Clubroot and will ensure producers are working to minimize Clubroot spread levels. Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Department will be hosting an information session on March 28th, 2019 to inform producers of these new changes in policy and updates from the Canola Council of Canada. For more information contact:

Tori Chmielowski
Agricultural Fieldman
(780) 605-5409
Email: tori@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

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**Inviting North Parkland Power Member-Owners to Join Us at Our Annual General Meeting**

**Mark Your Calendars**

March 14th, 2019
Pembina Place, Redwater, AB
4944, 53 St
Meeting at 7:00pm

An election will not be held this year as the available openings were filled by acclamation.

**Weekly FYI is digital at sturgeoncounty.ca**

Check out your Weekly FYI online every Tuesday at sturgeoncounty.ca

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

Next print edition: March 5, 2019

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Thorhild County Council is pleased to provide a snapshot of the 2018 & early 2019 activities.

In 2018, Council approved bylaws to provide for a business incentive and investment grant program for investments in new Machinery & Equipment and Non-residential classes. New Machinery and Equipment investment will receive a grant of $200,000 for five years every million dollars of assessed investment. Non-residential investment will receive $15,000 for five years for every million dollars of assessed investment.

The Thorhild County Council commented on the dam, bridge, and erosion damage to County roads and bridges. Council understands resident’s frustration with the road closures; and has been working towards the most efficient repair and replacement. The preliminary bridge replacement cost for four (4) bridges estimate was $5.4 million but secondary tendering has shown that the bridge replacement cost estimate at $4.4 million. The bridge replacement contract has been awarded to Camacents Ent. with work commencing in the open to traffic in July 2019. Damage and repairs to the roads ranged from culvert replacements, gravel inlays, surface gravel, grader work, excavations and clay fill.

On December 11, 2018 Council approved the 2019 Capital and Operating Budget to include $8.3 million in new capital asset projects including the $5.4 million bridge replacements and no increase in operating spending. To date, Thorhild County has received no assistance from the Provincial or Federal Governments to help offset the damage due to last Spring’s flooding. The County has been able utilize reserves to keep taxes low, but reserves will be reduced significantly.

Thorhild County Family Medical Clinic opened its doors in April 2018. In the 160 days the clinic has been open, the nurse practitioner has seen over a thousand patients. The Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RHPAP) has been so impressed with our innovative approach to delivering rural healthcare it released a video about the County Medical Clinic and its successes. Council wants to thank Dr. Francois Erasmus for his service to the community over the past year. Unfortunately, his last day at the clinic is Wednesday, February 27, 2019 and recruitment for a replacement doctor is underway. The clinic remains fully operational even without a doctor in attendance.

Parent Link had a successful transition to the Thorhild Seniors Lodge. Parent Link programs are meant to help families in their parenting journey. Adult Learning Programs and Family Community Support Services continue to host programs to meet the changing needs of the community. If there is a program you would like to see offered, please contact the Manager of Community Services, at the County Office.

Free swimming and lessons at Thorhild Swimming Pool and Long Lake Ski Hill were a huge success in 2018 and will continue in 2019. There have been 684 skiers to the end of January. For County residents, remember your County ID card to gain access to the free skiing.

The lost revenue for the free swimming and skiing is offset from the Legacy Funds received as a result of in excess of a million dollars per year in waste royalties received from Waste Management of Canada Corporation. Council has also dedicated money from the legacy fund to refurbishment of the Newbrook Observatory. All of this is being accomplished without the use of the County’s General Municipal tax revenues.

The Radway Fish Pond was stocked during the spring and summer with trout; for fishing and day use camping. Half Moon Lake Park continues to be a popular destination for camping.

Community groups have come forward with detailed plans on how to improve community life. Council continues to work with these groups to explore collectively these plans can be accomplished. To date, projects moving forward:

**“Seed to Sprouts Daycare”** – Council approved $15,000 seed money towards start up costs in 2019 Budget.

**FOTSPA** – donation of hot tub at the Thorhild Swimming Pool.

Increased funding for the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Foodbank.

Long Lake Hamlet Water Supply Committee applied for a capital grant from the Community Support Services fund to refurbishment of the Newbrook Observatory. All of this is being accomplished without the use of the County’s General Municipal tax revenues.

The County also used funds from the 2018 budget to completely repave the County’s Water Commission Debernt.

Council has passed a number of noteworthy Bylaws:

**Long Lake Area Structure Plan** received third reading of Council on November 13, 2018. An Area Structure Plan is as statutory plan for managing land use and development within an identified plan area.

**Cannabis became legalized and therefore a Consumption of Cannabis Bylaw was regulating the growing and marketing of Cannabis.**

**Municipal Parks Bylaw was passed.** The Bylaw sets out regulations that will protect people and property within the County’s Municipal Parks.

**Council Code of Conduct Bylaw and Public Participation Policy** were completed as part of the requirements of the Municipal Government Act.

**Emergency and Protective Services bylaws and policies were updated.** This includes policies that reflect the level of training required, minimum standards and service levels. The focus is on a commitment to learning new skills and to better serve the community.

Please contact the Manager of Emergency & Protective Services at the County office, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter. Radway Fire Hall was re-commissioned and there are seven volunteer members responding from the hall.

In 2018, Council met with several Provincial Ministers regarding various projects within the County, and Council will continue to meet with and lobby the Provincial Ministers on those projects and any new projects in 2019. Talking to the Ministers is Council’s way of voicing what are our ratepayer’s concerns.

On behalf of Council,
Riley Bugbee enjoys a day of skiing at Long Lake Ski Hill. Thorhild Central School grade 2,3 and 6 students were treated to a beautiful winter day of skiing and fresh air on Feb. 20th.

Dancers from Love Your Dance get ready to perform a showcase of their routines at the County Library Annual Sweetheart Perogy Supper.

The Radway 4H Multi club members gather after public speaking was done. On Feb. 3 the Radway 4H Multi Club held its public speaking competition. All members spoke on interesting topics and did well with their speeches. Here are the results of the competition: Senior 1st place - Simon Erdman; Senior 2nd place - Rudy Michetti; Intermediate 1st place - Amber Barto; Intermediate 2nd place - Luke Erdman; Intermediate 3rd place - Gabriel Niven-Turenne; Junior 1st place - Stella Macklin; Junior 2nd place - Celine Boyes; Junior 3rd place - Robert Lamoureux. The 1st and 2nd placings are eligible to attend and compete at the Thorhild 4-H District public speaking competition. Long time Communications sponsor Alaslink continued with their support as well the Radway Agricultural Society for the use of the Agricentre.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THORHILD COUNTY - CASH LEASE AGREEMENT

Thorhild County has the following land available for lease for agricultural purposes:

- **PARCEL No.**
  1. Pt SW31-59-21-W4, Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 072 8972 – approx. 31 acres
  2. Pt SE 31-59-21-W4 – approx. 34 cultivated acres
  3. N ½ of NW 06-60-21-W4 – Lot 1, Plan 782 0249 – approx. 79.87 cultivated acres
  4. S ½ of NW 06-60-21-W4 – Lot 2, Plan 782 0249 – approx. 79.86 cultivated acres
  5. E ½ of NE 06-60-21-W4 – Lot 4, Block 11, Plan 822 1381 – approx. 12.80 cultivated acres
  6. W ½ of NE 06-60-21-W4 - Lot 3, Block 11, Plan 822 1381 – approx. 19.55 cultivated acres
  7. NW 05-60-21-W4 – 104.85 (approx. 85 cultivated acres)
  8. NE 05-60-21-W4 – 113.54 (approx. 52 cultivated acres)
  9. SE 08-60-21-W4 – approx 159.96 cultivated acres & SW 08-60-21-W4 – East side of tracks – approx. 84 cultivated acres

**Tenders shall describe the proposed crop rotation of land for a three (3) year term. The lease will commence April 15th, 2019 and end on April 15th, 2022. To prevent CLUBROOT infestation, Canola will be grown at a maximum of once every three (3) years.**

Please submit written tenders to the attention of Clarence Dowhan, Agricultural Fieldman, Box 10, 801 – 1st Street, THORHILD, Alberta T0A 3J0. Deadline is Friday, March 15th, 2019 at 3:00p.m.

For further information contact: Clarence Dowhan, Agricultural Fieldman, Phone: (780) 307-4435.

DATED this 20th day of February, A.D. 2019
Wayne Franklin, P. Eng., CAO

**NOTICE OF APPEAL HEARING**

**SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD OF THORHILD COUNTY**

**FILE NO.: 001-THOR-2019**

An appeal has been filed with the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board regarding the following:

- **File No.: 001-THOR-2019**
- **Development Permit Number:** DP 2277
- **Proposed Development:** Construction of Detached Garage with a variance to allow a 5 foot setback
- **Legal Description of Subject Property:** Plan 5819KS Block 7 Lot 14 – Hamlet of Long Lake
- **Decision:** Refused

A Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) hearing has been scheduled for:

**PLACE OF HEARING:**
Thorhild County Council Chambers
801-1st Street, Thorhild, Alberta
**DATE OF HEARING:**
March 7, 2019
**TIME OF HEARING:**
9:30 a.m.

Any persons affected by the proposed development have the right to present written submissions and/or to be present and be heard at the hearing. Hearing participants may submit a visual and/or written submission to the Clerk of the SDAB for inclusion in the agenda package.

The deadline for submissions for inclusion in the agenda package is February 28, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. Submissions will be accepted until the hearing date, however those received after the agenda deadline may delay or postpone the hearing or the decision-making process.

If you are unable to meet the submission deadline, please bring 10 copies of your visual and/or written material to the hearing. Please be advised that your entire submission will form part of the public record.

Relevant documents and materials respecting the appeal will be made available for public inspection on March 1, 2019 at Thorhild County Administration Building.

Contact Carol Revega, Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at 780-398-2808 or carol.revega@thorhildcounty.com.

DATED February 13, 2019

The information is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 33 (c) and will be included in the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board agenda. The agenda is a publicly available document. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact the Thorhild County FOIP Coordinator at 801-1 Street, Thorhild, Alberta, T0A 3J0, (780) 398-2808.
Cholach recognized by town for team building, saving money

Efficiency, teamwork and promoting her municipality earned Town of Redwater administration assistant Anne-Marie Cholach an Exceptionally Outstanding Achievement Award.

“She’s always looking for ways the town can save money,” said Corporate Services manager Diane Pysmeny.

Cholach received two nominations, both of which recognized her for the work she did in organizing and promoting the town’s Public Works Week events that received national and provincial awards from the National Public Works Association and the Alberta Chapter Public Works Association. Her second nomination also recognized her for team building and for efficiency that saved the town money.

Cholach has worked for the town nearly four years, doing accounts payable and Public Works administration.

“It’s a great place to work,” she said. “They treat employees really well here. It’s a good work team environment.”

She worked in administration more than 15 years, much of it with the federal and provincial governments, and found that working in each level of government has its own pros and cons.

Cholach is bilingual; her parents are French Canadian and lived in Montreal for a time when she was young.

“I grew up all over Canada,” she explained. “My parents enjoyed moving.”

She and her husband, Barret Cholach, have lived on a farm north of Redwater for about 10 years. They have one dog and two cats.

“Outside of work, Cholach enjoys home staging, interior decor and volunteering with her ministry,” the nomination noted.

Cholach’s Exceptionally Outstanding Achievement Award nomination noted her hard work in organizing an outstanding Public Works Week event which encompassed many activities for children and youth as well as promoted the municipality.

“Her efficiency recognition came from research of companies that provide coverall and mat cleaning and an analysis of that against the current contract. The change improved efficiencies and saved the town money,” the nomination stated.

“Anne-Marie always has a positive outlook at the workplace and is a great contributor to the team,” stated the nomination. “She is always willing to help out where needed for other team members. When Anne-Marie is given a project she takes on the task with great enthusiasm and ideas; she is dedicated to seeing projects and tasks through to a successful conclusion.”

Cholach recognized by town for team building, saving money

Town of Redwater administration assistant Anne-Marie Cholach accepts her Exceptionally Outstanding Achievement Award from mayor Mel Smith. “Congratulations,” said Smith. “On behalf of council, thank you.”

Planting for the Future

Agriculture Services will be hosting a free Planting for the Future Workshop where we will cover:

- Site preparation and seedling planting for shelterbelts
- Shelterbelt planning
- Planting eco-buffers as an alternative
- The importance of riparian planting and execution
- Interactive site assessment using aerials of your own property

Everyone is welcome, however, only Sturgeon County residents attending this workshop will receive a $25 coupon that can be used towards the Sturgeon County Tree Program. Please note that coupons are limited to one per residence and space is limited for the workshop.

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre
9913-104 St., Morinville
RSVP: Register before March 11, 2019. Space is limited. Call Jen at 780-939-8349 or email agriculture@sturgeoncounty.ca

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Resident has harsh words about Redwater’s pool

Letter to the editor,

I was reading a February Review and to my amazement I see a Town of Redwater AD looking for summer pool staff as well as other summer staff. In the same newspaper was an article relating to the pool usage during 2018 being lower then previous years. It makes one wonder if this facility was closed more often then due to mismanagement during the 2018 summer, children were turned away or put on a wait list because of shortage of staff. If you were to go to go for a swim, they would have to phone first to check if the pool was open. I find this beyond belief when other community pools such as Thorhild have adequate staff and don’t charge patrons. I had the opportunity to visit the new Recreation Centre in Val- leyview, Alberta. The Town and County had the sup-
port of the residents and other companies in the area to build an indoor multi use pool with weight pit, running tracks and basketball courts. Because my wife and I were Super Seniors (over 70), our admiss-
sion was free. I was embarrassed to tell other pool patrons that I live in Deadwater, and Sturgeon Coun-
ty, home of the newest oil refinery in Alberta, where recreation and services is almost non-existent. August 15,2018 I had a long conversation with the Town Manager relating to the mismanagement of the swimming pool. It was closed many days due to lack of staff or any other mismanaged excuses such as too smokey.

This makes me wonder about many thing such as the dying condition of this Town, the high tax load, and top end management. As a taxpayer and indirect-
ly her employer, I made the suggestion that the recreation process starts in September and October by going to the schools in the area to meet with inter-
ested students about a well paid summer job. I rec-
ommended that part of the recreation should be if the applicants acquired the necessary lifeguard cours-
es during the winter, they would be reimbursed based upon their hours of employment at the Redwater pool for this invested time.

During our conversation I asked her how she man-
aged the situation of town staff refusing to work on August 15, 2018. The Town employed Life Guards refused to work because it was too smokey, yet I observed the town grass cutting employees working around the same pool facility. They were wearing all of the necessary safety equipment, such as steel toe boots, coveralls, hard hats, and using smoke generat-
ing equipment. I asked the town manager why these employees were not removed from the area due to risk as the suntanning lifeguard town employees refused to work as put the labour code. This code is very specific in that if an employee initiates a refusal to work an employer is required by law to remove all people from the area until the investigation is completed. I asked if she had followed Labour Cana-
da codes and Occupational Health and Safety guide-
lines, her reply was to indicate she could check with their part time safety guy. I am lead to believe from past experience that the proper routine must be fol-
lowed by an employer when an employee files a refusal to work letter in writing. The refusal to work is written when he/she believes that they are working in an unsafe condition. I believe that a stop work order is to remain in place until it has been investi-
gated and experts are sent to Labour Canada and Occupational Health safety Board. As an employer we could be liable for health issues that may arise in later years especially if an investigation is not done. I have not seen anything in the Town Council minutes refer to this incident.

As a taxpayer and employer I am asking the Town of Redwater Council. How was the refusal to work by the lifeguards on August 15, 2018 resolved?

-Lorne Vog

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Redwater Art Society member Doreen Stechmniak (Standing) gives instructions to Tammy Kondro (Seated L-R), Alexaver P. Kondro and Autumn Slauen-White at a Learn To Paint table during Redwater’s Feb. 18 Family Day activities.

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Torbild County’s three libraries serve all ages with print and electronic materials plus community programs that bring area residents together in safe, enjoyable venues. The libraries circulated nearly 37,400 items last year, which is more than 10 times the county population of 3,260.

“Torbild offers our residents a 37,400 item library system. Items lent out by local libraries through the inter-library system totalled 7,713,” said library manager Kathleen Pasay.

“When talking about the libraries I can’t say enough about how important they are for a thriving community especially during poor economic times,” said Thorbile County Library board chair Krista Perry.

“Our libraries are warm and welcoming facilities for our patrons to enjoy in small communities that would otherwise feel quite isolated. Our patrons literally can walk in and have the world at their finger tips. I am so privileged to be on this board and work with the amazing people involved in our libraries, as I get to see first hand how libraries improve the quality of life from one end of the country to the other,” Perry added.

About 5,510 patrons visited the Thorbile Library in 2018. Sherrill Gladeau is a regular who spends time at the library two or three times a week, often listening to gospel music on the computer.

“I actually learned to use the computer at the library here,” he said. “It’s been a real good service. I’m surprised more people don’t come here. Libraries are great. This one still has books and a great librarian, too.”

Thorbile library directly circulated 15,180 items, of which 5,800 (38 percent) were print items. Patrons of the Thorbile Library also borrowed 5,350 items through inter-library loans. Thorbile Library lent out 2,920 items via inter-library loans. Library staff ran 75 programs which had 978 participants.

Library Manager Kathleen Pasay said the most popular and valued service is the use of the library’s public computers. Because of that, she did some programming in that area.

“I teamed up with Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and have held a few educational programs such as Introduction to Microsoft and Excel, and iPad Basics,” said Pasay.

She also ran a book club which focused on Parenting books and a general Book Club focused on fiction. Programs included a few Ladies Night Out in which participants did various crafts and children’s programs such as Movie day, Minecraft Lab, and HP Reality.

“I believe that the patrons enjoy the wide range of programs offered, whether it be educational or for fun,” Pasay said. “I feel that the library is a great librarian, too.”

“At nearly 6,070 people, Radway Library had the most walk-in patrons among the three libraries. It is getting adults to volunteer with the library board. We are literally可以 walk in and have the world at our fingertips. We are doing a lot more programming,” said Pasay.

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“Without that back-up support, the library has difficulty providing the needs of the community,” said Pasay. “It’s an ideal space to promote the pursuit of lifelong learning.”

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“I believe that the patrons enjoy the wide range of programs offered, whether it be educational or for fun,” Pasay said. “I feel that the library is a great asset to our community and benefits everyone.”

She said a concern at the library is the dwindling numbers on the Friends of the Thorbile Library Society board. The Friends group raises funds for the library and assists with activities such as the Children’s Fair and Christmas party.

At nearly 6,070 people, Radway Library had the most walk-in patrons among the three libraries. It also had the highest number of directly circulated non-print items.

Radway directly circulated 7,470 items, of which 3,660 (49 percent) were print items. As well, patrons borrowed 3,490 items through inter-library loans. Radway library lent out 3,920 items via inter-library loans. Library staff ran 46 programs with 527 participants.

“I think the most valued services are the inter-library loans that greatly increase the patrons’ library selection, the public computers and the printer, and the children’s programs and adult get-togethers,” said library manager Sandra Moschansky.

“I believe that the patrons enjoy the wide range of programs offered, whether it be educational or for fun,” Pasay said. “I feel that the library is a great asset to our community and benefits everyone.”
Redwater splits fuel purchases evenly among local suppliers

Redwater gas stations now share in both gasoline and diesel fuel sales to the Town of Redwater. Previously diesel was bought from the Co-op cardlock station and gasoline purchases rotated monthly to the other four stores.

During the Feb. 19 council meeting Infrastructure manager Nawaz Panhwer proposed amending the town’s fuel purchasing policy to more evenly distribute the town’s $52,000 in fuel purchases among the five local businesses.

The Fuel Purchasing policy had been implemented in 2010 and revised in 2015. Panhwer noted that when the policy was revised in 2015 it specified gasoline purchases to rotate monthly between Petro Canada, Fas Gas and Redwater Esso with diesel purchases made at the Co-op cardlock. When Petro Canada (west) opened last summer it was added to the rotation.

The gasoline and diesel fuel purchases were set up that way in 2015 because at that time most of the dealers were not open for 24 hour service (the cardlock was).

“Now all dealers are open for 24 hour service except Fas Gas,” said Panhwer. When fuel must be purchased outside the monthly dealer’s hours of operation, it will be acquired from the business that is on the next month’s rotation.

Councillor Les Dorosh asked if staff would ensure the rotation changed so the purchases from stores changed to different times each year because the town used different amounts of fuel in different months. Panhwer replied each station would be used during different months in succeeding years.

Council unanimously passed Coun. Connie Butcher’s motion to amend the policy as recommended.

In a later interview Coun. Dwayne Spicer, who owns the Fas Gas fuel station, said he did not ask for the policy review; it came from Panhwer through regular policy reviews that are ongoing.

“I was ready to declare pecuniary interest and leave (council chambers), but upon asking the other councillors they thought it was okay if I stayed,” Spicer said. “I did not participate in the discussion, and I voted in favor of the policy change as it treated everyone equally with no perception of favoritism.” He estimated that for the businesses involved, the policy amendment probably results in no financial change or creates a loss because now the town fuel purchases are divided among five stores instead of three or four.

Mayor Mel Smith clarified why pecuniary interest did not apply to Spicer in this situation. “There wasn’t any price discussion or vote taken on anything that would benefit Dwayne,” Smith explained.

In 2018 the town spent $24,400 on diesel fuel and $27,400 on gasoline. This did not include fuels for the Fire Department vehicles and equipment as that is purchased by Sturgeon County. The fuel for the town’s fire truck is then billed to the town.

The Thorhild Titans attended the Redwater Mini Mites Tournament February 9th. The kids received medals after their 3rd game of the day. Thank you Redwater for hosting an amazing event!
Penalties for unauthorized use of Thorhild County property are now in place.
Council passed second and third readings of the Unauthorized Use of County Property bylaw without discussion during its Jan. 29 meeting.
“We received no feedback or comments since first reading,” CAO Wayne Franklin reported. First reading was passed Jan. 8. The fine for a first offence is $1,000 plus the cost of repairs or replacement. For second offences the fine doubles to $2,000 and for every offence after that it doubles to a maximum of $10,000.
This bylaw was designed to address situations through bylaw enforcement that the RCMP can not, or would have difficulty, taking action on. It covers vandalism as well as inappropriate use of county infrastructure such as a former gas utility customer taking the lock off a gas meter and reconnecting to the county system, residents removing gravel from the county road and spreading it on their driveways, dumping garbage in ditches or trenching water drainage channels on public land.
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