Driver miraculously survives rollover of semi load of bitumen

Highway 831 south of Waskatenau was closed for several hours the evening of Jan. 14 and morning of Jan. 15 as emergency respon-
ses directed traffic around the scene of a semi-tractor rollover.

Smoky Lake RCMP reported the driver of the truck suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital by ground ambulance. Fire fighter and Town of Smoky Lake mayor Hank Holowaychuk said that was a "miraculous sur-
vival."

The injured man was driving a semi-tractor hauling two trailers carrying bitumen when he collided with a ditch on Hwy 831 near Twp 585A, just north of the bridge over the North Saskatchewan River. No spills were reported.

Waskatenau and Smoky Lake fire depart-
ments responded to the 6 p.m. emergency call. Smoky Lake provided a pumper, rescue truck and a Command truck to assist in traffic con-
trol. Traffic was disrupted for several hours and the highway was later closed to facilitate the safe recovery of the truck.

Smoky Lake RCMP continue to investigate the single vehicle collision.

Super-Schmidt Meteor Camera donated to Newbrook Observatory

The Newbrook Historical Society hopes to bring a camera equipment from the Newbrook Observatory this spring. Standing in the way of that endeavor are an estimated $165,000 in repairs to have the buildings in condition to securely house the historical items.

Society volunteer Brian Barnes said New-
brook's original Super-Schmidt Meteor Cam-
era is in storage at the Canada Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa and will not be released. However, the identical items which had been in the Meacock observatory (south of Athabasca) have been donated to the Newbrook Historical Society. They just need to get shipped here from southern Ontario.

"It's been quite an interesting trail to find these," said Barnes. "I sent emails all over the place, looking for the Newbrook camera."

Barnes' request was picked up by someone in Ontario who has worked in the astronomical field in Britain, Commonwealth, and passed on to his indus-
try contacts. The Newbrook camera was event-
ually located in the Ottawa museum, and Barnes was informed it would not be removed from there.

Still, his search turned up a 10-year-old advertisement listing the former Meacock camera and equipment for sale. He tried that contact information, and although it took a while, he found out the items were still in southern Ontario, stored in a shed on a farm.

There are 10 items and boxes of equipment weighing close to 8,000 lbs. Owner Andreas Gada donated the camera to the Newbrook Historical Society.

Barnes said the buildings on the observatory site are under the direction of the Alberta His-
torical Resources Foundation and need to be maintained and restored within their guide-
lines. The site was declared a provincial his-
toric resource in February 1990.

Unfortunately, the site has been neglected and the buildings have deteriorated to a stage where major work has to be undertaken to return them to their original condi-
tion," said Barnes. "From information gleaned from various sources, no exter-
nal maintenance has been undertaken for at least the past 10 years."

The siding, windows and roof need repair. Trees and brush that have grown up alongside the house and observatory buildings need to be removed and the ground around the buildings needs to be sloped so water drains away from them.

Because the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation requires restorations be done so the buildings are as close as possible to when orig-
inally made, the cost for the repairs is higher than it would otherwise have been. Barnes received quotes of about $150,000 for the sid-
ing, roof, windows, doors and observatory roof opening mechanism. The site also requires security fencing which will cost about $12,700.

In a presentation during the Dec. 11 Thorhild County council meeting Barnes asked the county to take care of the grading, tree and plant removal and repairs to the buildings. He noted the county could apply for matching grants from Alberta Heritage.

The re-opening of the facility as a museum will create tourism and business for the county, said Barnes. "This is evident by the number of visitors to Newbrook who want to view the observatory site and those on the Thorhild County tours who did not want to leave the site. Unfortunately, the tourists from outside the county have had to be sent away as the facility is not up to par."

The observatory site and buildings are owned by Thorhild County. CAO Wayne Franklin advised there are some funds in the 2019 budget for the Newbrook Observa-
tory but not enough for the restoration. He said a report will be coming forward at the Jan. 29 council meeting for council to discuss the larg-
er list of requests from the Historical Society.

The Meacock Observatory equipment donated to the Newbrook Historical Society includes a Super-Schmidt Meteor Camera. Six of these cameras were made in the 1940s for the joint Canada-United States science of space study. Two came to Canada and were placed in the program's northern observatories at New-
brook and Meacock.

Also being donated are accessories such as the plate molding machine, film cutter press, enlarger, cables, air pressure control board, water mixing valves and blueprinting.

The approximately one acre of land for the Newbrook Observatory was purchased by the federal government for $55 from Newbrook area farmer Adolph Meyn in 1947. The obser-
vatory was constructed in 1953. In 1957 Aurthur Griffin took the first photo in North America of the Russian Sputnik satellite.
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6:00pm - Preschool Programs
6:45pm - Kindergarten
French Immersion
Childcare available - email Judy at judy.santerre@sturgeon.ab.ca

NAMAO SCHOOL - February 5
6:00pm - Preschool Programs
6:45pm Kindergarten
Childcare available - email Natasha at natasha.paquette@sturgeon.ab.ca

OCHE PARK SCHOOL - February 5
6:30pm - Kindergarten

Landing Trail School - February 11
5:30pm - Kindergarten

CAMILLA SCHOOL - February 28
6:30pm - Kindergarten

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
Interested in our Preschool or Kindergarten Enrichment Program? Please ensure that you complete and bring with you to the Open House, the Initial In-Take Form that can be found on our website at www.sturgeon.ab.ca, simply click the Open House ad on the homepage.

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STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
AT 780-939-4341.

PREESCHOOL PROGRAMS include
HEADSTART for children who require support for speech- language and/or fine motor skills and/or social skills.
ENRICHMENT for children who are assessed as being “cognitively advanced”. Children must be screened and qualify for these programs under Alberta Education guidelines.

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS
Children must meet the minimum age requirements by September 1, 2019 to be eligible for the 2019/2020 school year.

• PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS minimum age:
  2 years, 8 months - those with significant needs;
  3 years, 8 months - those with mild to moderate needs

• KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM minimum age:
  4 years, 6 months

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For the second consecutive year, Redwater’s total development permits exceeded $6 million in value and included a multi-million dollar project. The total number of permits remained steady with 48 this year and 49 last year.

Redwater mayor Mel Smith said he is not sure if that is a sign of the economy recovering. “Redwater hasn’t felt the pain that some communities have,” he said. “I do believe we will see more residential development this year and possibly some activity in our industrial park. Fingers crossed.”

The seven institutional development permits had a total value of nearly $4.8 million. One of them, the 24 new units being built onto Diamond Spring Lodge, was valued at just over $4.7 million. A shed installed by Little Steps Development Centre was valued at $4,000. The remaining five permits, which covered items such as a change in use, sign installation and demolition of one wing of Diamond Spring, had a total value of $700.

There were three industrial permits with total value of $410,000 issued. The Petro Canada station at 48 Avenue and 48 Street had a $400,000 permit to replace underground tanks and build a canopy over its fuel pumps. A business in the industrial park got a zero value permit to remove damaged trusses and a $10,000 one to replace them.

Ten commercial development permits had a total value of $178,100. They included signage, a sidewalk patio and the opening of two cannabis stores, one valued at $90,000, the other at $50,000. Those stores have not opened. The provincial government suspended licensing of cannabis retail establishments in November 2018.

The remaining 28 development permits covered $1.4 million in residential projects. They ranged in value from $900 deck and fence construction to a $250,000 new home. Residential permits also included two duplexes and three triplexes valued between $165,000 and $200,000. 2017’s 49 permits had a total value of $7.6 million. Included in 2017 were the $3 million Tim Hortons/convenience store at Hwy 38 and Ochre Park Road and the proposed $3.5 million multi-use development on the south side of Hwy 38 at 52 Street. 2016’s 43 permits were valued at a total of $1.7 million.

Having a development permit issued does not always mean a project gets built right away or even at all.

Development permit values issued at 2017 pace in Redwater during 2018

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APSULE COMMENTS

NSAIDS, is an acronym meaning non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug. This class of medications is a popular choice for pain & discomfort. They are available without prescription & they do work. However, they do have side effects of gastric bleeding, kidney problems & negative effects on the heart especially with overuse. The two main ones are ibuprofen & aspirin but you should be aware that A.S.A. is also on NSAID. As well, these drugs are sometimes added to cold medications & this also has to be considered when taking other NSAIDS. Reading the fine print on the medication labels is important in making the right choice. Talk to your pharmacist for advice on what would be appropriate for your needs.

At Thorhild Drug Store we fit pressurized stockings and carry incontinence products, walkers, bath tub aids, etc.

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The addition of four paramedics increased the on-site ambulance service in the Vilna area to 24 hours a day. It was one of five Alberta communities to have its ambulance hours expanded at the beginning of December 2018.

EMS Operations North Zone associate executive director Rob Barone advised the change made the Vilna ambulance service the same as the service in Redwater, with a 12 hour day and a 12 hour night shift on site.

Vilna mayor Leo Chapdelaine said the change should save the ambulance provider money because it will not have to pay overtime to staff. He does not expect the change in staffing to make a significant difference to response times within the village unless the ambulance is in the station when the call is received. If the Vilna ambulance is on a call, the ambulance responding to Vilna will have to come from Smoky Lake or St. Paul.

Previously, Vilna was staffed using the core-flex scheduling model. Instead of having a crew based at the EMS station 24/7, crews were there during peak times of the day and remained on-call at other times when there were typically ambulance crews at Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake ambulances operate on the core-flex model.

The Vilna ambulance provides direct support to the Village of Vilna, Smoky Lake County, Town of Smoky Lake, Lamont County, County of Two Hills and the County of St. Paul. As part of the provincial borderless system, there may also be times where the Vilna ambulance is requested to support calls elsewhere in the region as required.

Westlock ambulance also had four new staff and now provides 24/7 coverage through an expansion to a 12-hour day shift and a 12-hour night shift with crews at the station. The Westlock ambulance provides direct support to the Town of Westlock, Town of Barhead, County of Westlock, County of Barstouf, Sturgeon County, and the County of Athabasca.

The staff increases in Vilna and Westlock were part of the province’s 100 additional paramedics announced by Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman Dec. 7.

The new paramedics are part of the Alberta government’s five point emergency medical services (EMS) expansion. Supported with a $29-million increase of the EMS in Budget 2018, the province is strengthening EMS across Alberta, alleviating pressures on emergency rooms and supporting front line workers.

“Albertans want to know that they and their loved ones will be taken care of if they face a medical emergency,” said Hoffman. “That’s why our government is taking action to strengthen emergency services and support the front line EMS workers. With more ambulances on the road and more paramedics ready to respond, Albertans will have improved access to emergency medical care when it matters.”

“Patient care drives every decision we make,” Alberta Health Services president and CEO Dr. Verna Yiu said. “These investments allow us to address some key priorities and improve access to care for Albertans. This targeted spending provides additional support where we need it most, both rural and in our metro operations, and improves our ability to continue to respond to patients whenever and wherever they have an emergency.”

Health Sciences Association of Alberta Edmonton Metro EMS Local co-chair Mike Hninn said, “After years of work to bring attention to the critical state of EMS in Alberta, we are very happy to stand with this Minister and this government, who not only offered her well wishes but found real money for real boots on the ground. As a result of this announcement today, Albertans across the province can feel just a little more assured that the emergency care they need will be there when they need it.”

Hospital Emergency Liaison Officers help improve the transition of care for patients from EMS ambulance crews to the emergency department, freeing the crew to return to the community more quickly.

A new psychologist will support the mental health of EMS workers and help paramedics work through the emotional stress involved in delivering front-line emergency medical care.

A total of 17 new ambulances were stationed in Edmonton, Calgary, Grande Prairie and Medicine Hat. Expanded hours for five ambulances to 24/7 coverage occurred in Vilna, St. Paul, Westlock and Sylvan Lake. The 90 new EMS staff went to Vilna, Westlock, Edmonton, Calgary, Grande Prairie, Medicine Hat, Sylvan Lake and St. Paul. Sixteen new Hospital Emergency Liaison Officers were split between Edmonton and Calgary.
### 2018: A Year in Review

#### Parks and Recreation
- Times Iron Horse Trail was bladed and ditches mowed: 1 (each)
- Address signs installed: 19
- Bear proof garbage containers placed at Hammore Lake: 4
- Camping units at Bellis Beach: 649
- Camping units at Hammore Lake: 3,397
- Camping units at Island Lake: 167
- Camping units at Kaduk Lake: 139
- Camping units at Moms Lake: 277

#### Planning & Development
- Safety Code Permits Issued: 131
- Development Applications Approved: 42
- Subdivision Applications Approved: 9

#### Public Works
- Flags sold for driveway snow removal: 279
- Dust control completed (MC30 Base): 4
- Dust control completed (Oil Base): 3
- Road rehabilitation (shoulder-pull): 1.5 miles
- Magnesium-chloride treatment: 9.5 miles
- Road micro-surface treatment: 4.5 miles
- Blade-mix oil treatment: 1 mile
- Road chip-seal treatment: 2.5 miles
- Bridges repaired: 3
- Culverts installed: 87

#### Environmental Operations
- Refrigerator units collected: 336
- Line locates completed: 203

#### Legislation
- Number of County Council, Committee & Board Meetings Held: 118
- Bylaws brought forward to Council: 24
- Motions made: 1,135
- Policies Adopted: 14
- Policies Amended: 37
- Public Hearings held: 6
- Invitations for Public Participation (*new initiative since June 2018*): 3

#### Emergency Services
- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services responded to:
  - Motor Vehicle Collisions: 71
  - Fires: 74
  - Medicals: 30
  - Fire Alarms: 18
  - Other: 8
- Total Emergency Service Responses: 209
- Fire permits issued: 184
- Fire permit inspections: 158
- Firework permits issued: 31

#### Agriculture
- Fields inspected for clubroot: 103
- Weed inspections completed: 291
- Weed control letters sent: 211
- Weed Notices sent: 4
- Weed enforce counts: 3
- Times all County roads received mowing: 1
- Percentage of all Municipal Rights of Way’s sprayed for weed control: 40%
County official believes business licences benefits owners and municipality

Business licenses should benefit the license holder as much as they benefit the municipality issuing the license — should function as a way of providing services to business owners and determining economic development departments.

"Economies are always adapting to change," said Thorhild County Marketing and Economic Development manager John Andersen. "Businesses are always adapting to change."

He said having business licenses is considered a best practice in economic development. Thorhild County is presently sending out notices for business licences and renewals, which are due at the end of January.

"Staff encourage business owners to fill out all the spaces on the form if they want the county to promote their business," Andersen said, noting that some business people do not desire that additional promotion. However, even if more promotional avenues are not desired, having a business license provides the county with contact information to advise business owners of upcoming opportunities such as the local trade show.

Andersen is updating the online business registry, collecting feedback on what business people would like to see done when that section of the county website is redesigned, and promoting the advantages of having him conduct a confidential one-on-one business visitation.

The online registry is just one internet platform.

"I would love to encourage people to use all of their internet-based channels," Andersen said. "Use it to make your business shine."

Along that vein, he is working with a firm to do a needs assessment of the county website and determine what to have and where to go with it. "If people have comments or feedback, I'd love to hear from them," he said. The redesign should be completed this year.

He is conducting confidential business visitations as part of that project and as a means of learning how he can assist individual entrepreneurs and give better customer service.

"I want to engage with businesses before I make changes," explained Andersen. "Different businesses have different needs and wants. You don't know until you ask; business owners are the experts in their business."

Andersen explained that when he builds relationships with local business people, it gives him the knowledge to select what economic development tools, tactics and strategies will best work for them as well as what services they need.

"I help them form connections and get out of the way," he said. That philosophy also applies to connecting with event organizers, the groups and individuals who put on trade shows, festivals, rodeos and fairs.

"When I get business intelligence that would be relevant to a particular industry, be it information that could help a retail business, or news of new contract opportunities from government for the private sector, by being able to quickly pull the contact information specific to a particular business operator I can and do pick up the phone, send the email or whatever to make sure the tip gets to the appropriate audience," said Andersen. "In my experience, businesses have their own information networks but may or may not be aware of my information."

The licence application provides the municipality with information about different businesses for a variety of purposes. Emergency and Protective Services can use it when equipment is required, perhaps to hire cars or water trucks for large-scale fire fighting.

"It lets them know who to call," said Andersen.

In the Planning and Development department, business data can be used to measure the health of a local economy (number of businesses and number of employees), promote the business sector, show where things are moving, how they are changing, and select information and opportunities business owners may be interested in.

In 2018 the county sold 130 business licenses, up from 123 in 2017. There were 134 in 2016.

Thorhild County business licenses cost $20 per year. They are required by all persons within the county who carry on or operate a business, trade or occupation, including resident and non-resident businesses, home occupations and hawkers and peddlers. Charitable and non-profit organizations are exempt from licence fees.

Penalties for breach of the business licensing bylaw are $50 for a first offense and $100 for a second and subsequent offenses.

Council may drop water rates by a dribble

Thorhild County is considering a slight reduction in water rates.

During its Jan. 8 meeting council directed administration to research and bring forward information on what adjustment to rates would be needed to remove the water and wastewater department from a deficit. Council unanimously passed council direction.

Corporate Services director Janelle Correa noted that during the last council meetings various councils have debated whether or not it is appropriate to set rates estimated for the department to break even or without including depreciation.

The present county rate structure provides for a 2019 deficit of $28,200 for water and $166,400 for wastewater. When depreciation is included. When depreciation is not considered, water has a surplus of $67,800 and sewer a deficit of $31,100. Combined, that makes a net surplus of $35,800.

Coun. Joyce Pierce said the utility should break even, not make a profit. She would like to see the depreciation removed from the equation and the rate lowered to create a break-even operation.

"We do need the capital rate rider," added Pierce. She felt the truck fill rates should not be adjusted because users do not pay a capital rate rider or a service charge. She also commented that industrial users should not be treated potable water for drilling or other such activities.

Council unanimously passed council. Cheryl Passey’s motion for administration to bring back the exact amount of adjustment to the rates needed to create a break-even when depreciation is not included in the calculation.

Council reviewed water and wastewater rates in some nearby communities and noted most of those rates were lower than Thorhild County’s. Coun. councillor Linda Newall.

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Take notice that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, Thorhild County has scheduled a Public Hearing in regard to the proposed:

Bylaw 02-2019, being a Bylaw to amend Thorhild County Land Use Bylaw No. 1194-2015, as amended, as follows:

Adding new Land Use District – Section 8.22 NRE- DC – Natural Resource Extraction Direct Control District

The general purpose of this District is to provide for natural resource extraction as a Discretionary Use on private and Crown lands adjacent to Long Lake (within 800m) within the Environmentally Sensitive Overlay (as per Thorhild County Municipal Development Plan 1195:2018).

Note: Lands proposed for natural resource extraction must be re-districted to this new land use district.

Date: Tuesday January 29, 2019
Location: Thorhild County Council Chambers (801-1st Street, Thorhild)

The proposed Bylaw and Schedule “A” may be viewed at the County Office, is available on the Thorhild County Website http://www.thorhildcounty.com/Residents/Public-Notices, you may request a copy via email from kelly.paty@thorhildcounty.com or by phone at 780-398-2802.

The Public Hearing on Bylaw 02-2019 will commence at 1:30pm. Persons interested in speaking at a public hearing shall register with the Development Clerk (phone: 780-398-2802 or email kelly.paty@thorhildcounty.com) prior to the public hearing. Presentations by the public may be made verbally, in writing or both. Please note that verbal presentations shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Those persons who have registered with the Development Clerk shall speak first, followed by other persons at the meeting who have not registered to speak but who wish to address Council.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:
Wayne Shanks, M.P.I., RPP, MCIP
Manager of Planning and Development
Phone Number: 780-398-2825 e-mail: wayne.shanks@thorhildcounty.com

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

• Seniors Transportation Driver
  Temporary Part Time

• Water and Wastewater Serviceman

Relief Position

Further Information is available at www.thorhildcounty.com or email laurie.andruschovsky@thorhildcounty.com

NOTICE OF DECISION OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Application(s):

1. Legal Description: Plan 2722HW Lot A
   Land Use Designation: R1B – Low Density Residential District
   Proposal: Change of use of a portion of a residence to a Public or quasi-public use to allow a public service (Cambridge Public Office) to be incorporated into the home including structural minor renovations
   Permit # 2279

Date of Decision(s): January 8, 2019 Appeal by: 4:30 PM, January 29, 2019

THE LAND USE BY-LAW provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Municipal Development Authority Officer may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) by serving written Notice of Appeal to the Clerk of the Development Appeal Board within twenty one (21) days after the decision is made. Any party wishing to initiate an appeal to be heard by the County’s Subdivision and Development Appeal Board must include with the letter (and/or other documents) of appeal a non-refundable fee of $100.00 in order for the appeal to be properly received and accepted.

Kelly Paty, Secretary for the Municipal Planning Commission
Phone: 780-398-2802 E-Mail: kelly.paty@thorhildcounty.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Bylaw No. 02-2019
Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Phone: 780-398-4MED (4633)
Located at the north entrance of the Thorhild County Administration Building

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Call 780-398-4MED (4633)

NOTICE TO THORHILD COUNTY RATEPAYERS

Annual Assessor Property Inspections

Thorhild County Assessors will be conducting their annual inspections commencing April 10, 2019 to December 31, 2019 in the following areas:

All of Sections:

For further information on any of our programs, or to register, please contact Rebecca at 780-598-2804

TIPS FOR TIPPING & FREON CHARGES

Effective February 1, 2019

Please be advised that as of February 01, 2019, as per Bylaw 38-2018, Tipping Charges will apply to:
- Non-residential users, and
- Residential users who do not present their Thorhild County issued ID card at either Thorhild County transfer station site, who dispose of waste and/or appliances.

Tipping and Freon Charges are as follows:
- $2.00 per bag to a maximum of $20.00 per load (half ton truck/single axle trailer; a “unit”)
- $20.00 per appliance (no charge if labeled that freon has been removed)

Please note any appliance such as a freezer, fridge, air conditioning units, etc. that have not had the freon removed and properly purged, and a label attached identifying the freon was removed, will be charged $20.00 per item.

THORHILD COUNTY

Call 780-398-4MED (4633)

Located at the north entrance of the Thorhild County Administration Building
Despite equipment failure, Sturgeon Refinery works toward becoming fully operational

Staff at Sturgeon Refinery continue to repair and test the bitumen refining units as they work towards having the refinery become fully operational.

An outline plan review increased from $600 to $1,000. Applying for a Land Use Permit increased from $200 to $250 and a rushed compliance statement for administration and to the municipality.

New fees were set for rushed compliance statement for administration and to the municipality.

Council unanimously approved Olsen’s motion to amend the fee schedule as recommended by administration. These fees were last reviewed in 2014.

Heartland sees government support, alignment as key to ensuring industrial investment

The Alberta Industrial Heartland Association (AIHA) 2019 annual Stakeholder Event attracted a sold out crowd of 1,000 stakeholders and industry representatives from across Alberta and around the world.

AIHA executive director Mark Plamondon said, “A crucial element to ensuring these investments are made here in Alberta’s Industrial Heartland.”

The Alberta Industrial Heartland is a key economic driver of the province’s economy, with potential for $30 billion in new investment by 2030.

The Alberta Heartland will be one of the five key elements featured in “Alberta’s Year in Review” at the conference with a welcome, then Plamondon presented AIHA’s year in review.

The Heartland/Council Executive Director Vanessa Goodwin opened an economic update. She said, “We remain steadfast and fully committed to implementing a solution,” she said.

The cost of a residential compliance statement for administration and to the municipality.

Coun. Dave McRae said it was important for council to see the costs for the work done to the municipality.

The single family residential development permit increased from $150 to $200. The request for a variance was changed from $200 plus the development permit cost to $250 plus the permit cost. A permit for a major home occupation increased from $100 to $150.

No changes were made to fees for permit access for developer fees such as a garage, shed, deck ($50); additions ($100) or fences ($25).

People who undertake a project prior to getting a development permit will be charged double the permit fee.

A demolition permit increased from $100 to $150 and a change of use permit from $100 to $200.

The fees were set for rushed compliance statements. The cost of a residential compliance statement remained at $200 while a rush (or expedited) permit will cost $400. A commercial compliance statement cost increased from $200 to $250 and a rushed compliance statement cost was set at $400.

Fees for a rezoning application increased from $600 to $1,000. Applying for a Land Use Bylaw amendment increased from $600 to $1,000 plus third party fees. Area Structure Plan (ASP) and MDP amendment fees increased from $1,000 to $1,500 plus third party fees.

An outline plan review increased from $3,000 plus costs excluding that amount to $2,000 plus third party expenses. Similarly, fees for the translation of an ASP or a Risk Assessment went from $5,000 plus costs that exceed that fee to $3,000 plus third party expenses.

The fee for an outline permit renewal fee and the $10 per site temporary signage fee were deleted.

Davie was raised by a pioneer family on a farm in the Thorhild area. He joined the army in 1944. On his release, Dave returned to his family’s farm in the Thorhild area shortly after. He married Vera, the love of his life, on October 29, 1945. To subsidize the farm income, Dave went to work in the oil fields in 1956. He began farming full time in 1957. Dave was a charter member and first president of the Thorhild Farmer’s Union. He served as Secretary for the Alberta Wheat Pool for several years. He was elected as County Councilor and as a School Trustee in 1980 and continued to be re-elected until he sold the farm in 1990 and relocated to Westlock, Alberta. Dave and Vera were active with the Reform Party of Canada. In 2003, Davie was awarded the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal for outstanding service to his community.

Cumulative Love is a memorial service planned for the summer. Condolences may be made by visiting www.wilsonfuneralchapel.ca.

Wilson’s Funeral Chapel & Crematorium serving Central Alberta with locations in Lacombe and Rimby in charge of arrangements.

Phone: 403.782.3366 or 403.843.3388

“Family Focused, Remembering Those We Love”

A soldier with 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (red #32) lunges the ball over the net during a volleyball game against the Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians) on Jan. 17 at the Edmonton Garrison Fitness Centre. The game was part of Exercise Strong Contender that took place from Jan. 14 to 18, and involved approximately 1,000 military members in 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. Other competitions included ice hockey, ball hockey, soccer, volleyball and powerlifting,” —photo by Grant Cree

Agnes Simpson
July 1, 1935 – January 13, 2019

On January 13, 2019 at the age of 83 Agnes Gertrude Simpson passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer’s at Dickensonfield Extended Care. Agnes “Short” is survived by her loving husband John and her daughter Tammy (Raymond) Turner her children Kristy (Peter) McLeod, Sarah Simpson (Trevor) Pharand, great grandchildren Emma, Cohen, Logan and Kinsley. Agnes was also survived by her brother Walter and sister Vicki as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by son Matthew (Matt), husband Charlie (Short), Parents Pete and Anne and 12 of her brothers and sisters.

We would like to thank the staff on unit 3A of Capital Care Dickensonfield for their compassion & care to Agnes and her family.

Pastor Doug Hale will officiate the celebration of Agnes’s life on Friday January 18, 2019 at 2:00pm at Evergreen Funeral Chapel, 16204 Fort Road with interment to follow in Evergreen Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.
Collision at Warspite junction on Highway 28 injures one driver

One person was injured when two pickup trucks collided at Warspite junction, Highway 28 and RR 184.

Smoky Lake RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Tina Chan said an investigation is being conducted regarding possible impaired driving and failure to stop at a stop sign. No charges have been laid at this time.

There was one person in each of the trucks involved in the collision. One with non-life threatening injuries was extricated from a damaged truck. Ground ambulance transported him to the Smoky Lake Health Care Facility.

The crash occurred at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 16. Smoky Lake Fire Department, EMS and RCMP were dispatched to the scene. Waskatenau Fire Department was called immediately to provide mutual aid.

Smoky Lake RCMP continue to investigate the collision.

Shoppers win in Redwater promotion

The Redwater & District Chamber of Commerce held a successful Postcard to Christmas shop local campaign that gave 16 winners a total of nearly $1,500 in prizes during December 2018.

Grand Prize Winner Karen Romanchuk won a $500 Visa gift card. Kathy Huculak won the runner-up prize of a one night stay in the jacuzzi suite at Paradise Inn plus gift certificates for Burger Baron, Liquor Station and Jade Spas.

There were numerous other prize winners during the event.

“Many years ago, the Chamber held the same event with success,” said Chamber secretary Nicole Krill. “Our chamber felt the need to revitalize this to encourage shoppers to support local businesses in our community.”

Krill said the shop local campaign for the 2018 Christmas season was successful, and the Chamber Events Committee will bring ideas forward for the 2019 Christmas season later this year.
Thorhild County council wants direct control of resource extraction around Long Lake

Thorhild County council is considering establishment of a Natural Resource Extraction direct control district within 800m of Long Lake for lands identified in the Environmentally Sensitive Overlay. That overlay surrounds Long Lake (for one to three miles from shore) except for the lands within the hamlet. Council passed first reading of Bylaw 02-2019, a bylaw amending the county’s Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to add a new resource extraction district to the LUB. Coun. Wayne Croswell was the only one to vote against the bylaw. A public hearing on this draft bylaw will be held Jan. 29.

Croswell said he was very concerned about the Natural Resource Extraction direct control district because it does not give the public an opportunity to appeal or review resource extraction developments. He accused the other councillors of having no interest in what the public said during public hearings about the Long Lake Area Structure Plan (ASP) and proposed gravel pits.

“From what I see, this is open season for private pits at Long Lake,” said Croswell. The direct control resource extraction district has no permitted uses and lists discretionary uses as resource extraction, accessory buildings and uses, extensive agriculture and extensive livestock. It states that when considering a development in this zone, council “shall have regard to” county documents such as the Long Lake ASP, county Municipal Development Plan, LUB, development concept plans and any related Environmental Impact Assessment.

Any site within the Environmentally Sensitive Overlay being considered for resource extraction must first be routed to the Resource Extraction district. Such rezoning requires a public hearing. Previously, on Nov. 13, 2018, council gave first reading to Bylaw 02-2019, an amending Bylaw that created a Natural Resource Extraction direct control district with resource extraction as a permitted use that could be approved by the Development Authority and that must conform with the requirements of the Long Lake ASP.

During its Dec. 11 meeting, after a closed session discussion, council defeated Croswell’s motion to amend Bylaw 43-2018 and make resource extraction a discretionary use. Croswell and coun. Joyce Pierce voted in favor, reviving Kevin Grometa and councillors Richard Filipchuk and Cheryl Pasay in opposition.

Council then passed Filipchuk’s motion to revise the Natural Resource Extraction district and make it a direct control district managed by council. That resolution was passed with Croswell and Pierce voting in opposition.

After passing first reading of Bylaw 02-2019 on Jan. 8, council unanimously voted to rescind its resolution which passed first reading of Bylaw 43-2018. That bylaw applies to the Environmentally Sensitive Overlay around Long Lake. It does not mention the Environmentally Sensitive Overlay by Half Moon Lake.

When Grometa was later asked if he felt Croswell’s accusation regarding the other councillors’ lack of interest in what the public said during public hearings was warranted, Grometa responded, “Since a Bylaw relating to this matter is still in front of council, I don’t believe I or any member of council should be making any comments at this time.”
Mobility devices only issue as traffic bylaw finalized in Sturgeon

The new Sturgeon County traffic bylaw has been passed, with "mobility aid devices" on public roadways taking the majority of the discussion before second and third readings were granted to enact the bylaw Jan 8.

Councilor Patrick Tighe raised concern that under the bylaw a standard mobility device is allowed, however in rural areas with gravel roads it may be more practical for someone with a physical mobility issue to use a golf cart or other type of vehicle to go down the road to get their mail.

Protective Services manager Pat Mahoney presented the bylaw to council noting "through the bylaw amendment process, only a few inquiries were received. Based on the inquiries, clarity on Section 4, Prohibited Vehicles "mobility aid devices" was provided and subsequently, the additional content "but does not include a mobility aid device" was inserted at the end of Section 4."

After several other councillors agreed with Tighe, Mahoney explained that the county bylaw is consistent with provincial safety regulations. He noted the County could consider different regulations than those of the senior government but it was not an action he would recommend.

When the issue of a law-abiding senior using a golf cart to get the mail being arrested by a police officer was again raised, Mahoney commented that he did not foresee the police giving it priority to engage a senior going to get their mail. He noted that enforcement staff use judgment.

Coun. Susan Evans noted that if Sturgeon finds it does become an issue council can advocate through the Rural Municipalities Association for changes to the provincial regulations.

In the background documentation, Mahoney had noted "additional clarification surrounding the applicability of road use agreements to the agriculture industry was also provided and subsequently, an exemption clause was added in the proposed bylaw amendment." Despite the strong agricultural base in the County, that section drew no discussion — positive or negative — from council during the final approval.

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County to initiate support of watershed issues through provincial association

There was unanimous support at Sturgeon County council to have the municipality initiate support for the water issues raised during a presentation by the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance last year.

Coun. Dan Desrosiers cited the size of the Sturgeon River basin, which is a tributary to the North Saskatchewan River, in Sturgeon County and neighboring municipalities. Several councillors spoke in favor of the advocacy citing other local impacts — including the Heartland Industrial Area’s need for water — noting that regardless of whether it is drainage, drinking water, sewage, runoff or lakes there is only one water and it is vital that government be involved in addressing issues to maintain the security of the water resource.

Coun. Desrosiers wants its administration to work with the Watershed Alliance to see an initiative in the community. He told the council there will be certain their lobby effort have a consistent message with that being promoted directly by the Alliance.

New rules aim to create safer construction zones for motorists and workers

The Government of Alberta is making sure highway construction zones stay safe, while helping the flow of traffic through construction zones.

Contractors are now required to cover speed reduction signage in a construction zone when no workers are present and there are no safety concerns.

The government is also limiting the distance of highway lane closures, making sure signs leading to construction zones are consistent and creating long transition zones for slowing down.

“The one major complaint we hear every year is that reduced speed limits are enforced when it’s obvious no work is occurring at the construction site. These changes will make sure our construction workers are safe as they build our roadways, while also helping concerned drivers spend less time in traffic and more time doing the things they love,” states Brian Mason, Minister of Transportation.

Safety remains the highest priority for road construction projects. Speed reductions will continue to be directed when and where necessary to protect highway workers and the travelling public. Speed limits will continue to be doubled when highway workers are present.

Construction zone requirements include:

• More consistent use of road construction signage.
• Limiting the distance of lane closures in construction zones, in most cases to a maximum of three kilometres.
• Speed zone reductions reflect potential safety hazards and range from 50 km/hr to 100 km/hr, even when workers are not present.
• More gradual speed reductions through construction zones.
• Longer distances for speed transition zones in advance of construction zones.
• More frequent use of electronic speed displays and rumble strips to slow traffic at the actual construction site.

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Non-resident fees set for Thorhild County transfer stations

People who do not have a Thorhild County Identification Card with them when taking garbage to Thorhild County’s transfer stations will now be charged tipping fees instead of being turned away.

Council amended its Collection and Disposal of Waste and Recycling bylaw to include tipping charges, so everyone who takes a load of garbage to the transfer stations can dispose of the material. The fees will be collected by county staff at the transfer stations and remitted to Waste Management of Canada Corporation (WMCC).

Half ton trucks or single axle trailers pay $20 per load. Bagged garbage will be charged $2 per bag to a maximum of $20 per load. Appliances that contain Freon will be charged $20 per item, a flow-through cost passed on to the province. Drivers of vehicles with more than single axles will be directed to the WMCC regional landfill north of Abee.

No changes were made to the hamlet waste collection fees or the fines for breach of the bylaw.

CAO Wayne Franklin said this is an attempt to collect fees from people without residential identification cards. The county hosting agreement with WMCC stipulates that free garbage disposal is provided only to county residents.

WMCC began operating its regional landfill in Thorhild County in October 2015. It did not set a deadline under which to meet this condition of the hosting agreement.

Council gave first reading to this bylaw Sept. 11, 2018. It passed second and third readings, without discussion, Jan. 8, 2019.

Raised grave markers may soon be allowed

Upright permanent markers (grave headstones) may soon be allowed in the Redwater Cemetery again. Since the town’s Cemetery Bylaw was passed in September 2013 only flat permanent markers have been allowed.

“Administration has encountered concerns from customers who wish to install an alternative to a flat permanent marker,” Corporate Services manager Diane Pysmeny reported during the Jan. 15 council meeting. “In discussions with memorial companies, it is possible that a flat foundation that is level to the ground can be provided for non-flat markers. Ensuring there is at least five inches of flat surface around the marker still ensures ease of ground maintenance and preserves the integrity of the marker.”

Council voiced no objections to the proposal to allow upright as well as flat permanent markers. Councillors passed first reading of the amended bylaw.

Administration will add a definition of grave cover before council considers second and third readings of the bylaw.

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Estate of RONALD PETER OLCHOWY who died on November 18, 2018
If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by March 8th, 2019 with Alvin Olchowy at Box 6989, 52015 - Hwy 47, Edson, AB, T7E 1V3 or Marlene Iwaskow at 5603 152A Ave NW, Edmonton, AB, T5A 4X7 and provide details of your claim.

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Estate of DELBERT ARTHUR SMITH also known as DELBERT SMITH who died on November 5, 2018.
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Persons wishing to appeal any of the above decisions must do so by filing a written “NOTICE OF APPEAL” to the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Panel (5048) Box 510, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 2C0 no later than four years from February 4, 2019 at 4:00pm. The appeal letter should indicate the development permit number, contact name and phone number, mailing address, and reason(s) for appeal.

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Legal Land Description: N 35-59-14-W4M
Area: East of Belts
Division: 3
Land Use Dirkt/?: Agriculture District (AG)
Use Type: Discretionary Use
Proposed Development: Communication Tower Facility (High-speed Internet Tower)

Permit Number: DP 043-18
Legal Land Description: NE 29-58-16-W4M
Area: North East of Pakun
Division: 3
Land Use Dirkt/?: Agriculture District (AG)
Use Type: Discretionary Use
Proposed Development: Natural Resource Extraction/Processing Facility (Sand & Gravel)

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