Sturgeon Refinery preparing for gasifier start-up

Following the safe and successful conclusion of the Sturgeon Refinery’s maintenance shutdown in December, it resumed production of diesel from synthetic crude and is now preparing for gasifier start-up and production of diesel from bitumen.

“We’ve achieved several notable successes in the face of challenges with the gasifier unit and continue to push forward into 2020 with every bit of determination, expertise, and focus needed to become fully operational and refine Alberta’s bitumen at the Sturgeon Refinery,” said North West Redwater (NWR) Partnership manager of External Relations Vanessa Goodman. “Our team of employees and contractors did an exceptional job executing the maintenance work, totaling over 390,000 hours of employment.”

Those hours were logged by skilled tradespeople, inspectors, technical experts, planners, and dozens of other job functions.

Goodman said, “We’d like to reiterate how fortunate we are to operate in one of the greatest industrial regions on earth surrounded by incredible communities. We are committed to supporting those communities as much as possible, most recently through our annual Donation Drive.”

NWR employees and contractors collected nearly 4,000 pounds of food, toiletries, diapers, and other infant items; six large boxes of new books and toys; and nearly $5,000 in financial contributions. The donations were delivered to the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank, Bon Accord-Gibbons Food Bank, Alexander First Nation and the Stollery Children’s Hospital.

“Giving back to our local communities is one small way to show our gratitude for the continued support,” said Goodman.

New Hall Captain for Newbrook --

Thorold County Fire Chief Dave Fidler (right) promoted Greg Labelle as the Hall Captain for Newbrook in Newbrook on Jan. 9 during regular weekly training. A Hall Captain is the senior firefighter in a hall. They are responsible for providing leadership to the other firefighters in the hall, the overall planning and maintenance of their respective halls and co-ordinating their halls with the other halls in the County. “Captain Labelle has been with Thorold County Emergency Services for 5 years. In that time he’s been a dedicated and hard-working member. I am quite confident in his abilities to maintain high standards and morale in Newbrook,” said Fidler. Thorold County Emergency Services is a paid-on-call Fire Department responding to emergencies throughout Thorold County. Firehalls are located in Thorold, Newbrook, Long Lake and Radway. There are approximately 35 active members. New members and inquiries are always welcome.

Advertising Deadlines
Thursday 2 p.m. for Tuesday edition

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The attendance area and school bus routes for Vilna School are being reviewed. Any changes to be made following that review will be decided upon before the end of April 2020.

The review will include community concerns and will put forward boundary options and what their impacts would be on the school and bus routes.

Superintendent Neil O’Shea said that as demographics change in communities the school division has to adjust to changes in the number of students riding on buses, taking into account ride times and school boundaries.

“Some Vilna routes are pretty slim,” he said.

Vilna School is served by six routes, three within AVPS, two from Smoky Lake and one from H.A. Kostash School. Total ridership for Vilna School is approximately 35 active members.

Stefan Mykytiuk, who represents the Vilna area on the A VPS Transportation Committee, said there will be a review of attendance area on Oct. 30. The board received a review of Vilna School’s programming on Oct. 24 (a followup to the 2015 programming review) and postponed making the decision to hold an attendance area review until Jan. 16. Trustee Tom Mykytiuk did not participate in the vote regarding the boundary review because his wife works at Vilna School.

Vilna School and Vilna Outreach School presently serve 223 students, send their children to the school of their choice; however, the school division will provide busing only to students who live in the attendance area of the school they go to.

Families with children attending a school not in the attendance area in which they live must make their own transportation arrangements.

In April 2017 the board changed the boundary between Vilna School and H.A. Kostash (HAK) School in Smoky Lake, putting the western edge of the Vilna attendance area into the Smoky Lake area. The borders are now immediately east and south of Highways 857, 28 and 36.
Temporary fix approved for Thorhild pool building

Thorhild County will shore up the damaged roof beams in the swimming pool building for this year, then complete a structural analysis on the building and undertake long term planning before deciding on how much work to put into it or if the entire structure should be replaced.

Two of the six beams are failing. They will be shored up at a cost of $5,000. The structural analysis will cost $9,000.

The work was not budgeted, so council designated the funds from the accumulated surplus. Council passed a motion to take the above actions during its Jan. 14 meeting with only reeve Kevin Grumetza voting in opposition.

“As I understand it, the council had a conversation and decided they should do this. The only comment I have is, I think it’s a good idea to move forward,” Grumetza later explained. “I feel there’s time to plan before making a resolution.” He would have preferred that before taking action this year, council talk over plans for the entire park area, including consideration of a partial roof over the pool, a previously proposed spray park and the hot tub funded by the Friends of the Thorhild Swimming Pool Association.

The structural analysis will include core samples of the walls and floor but will not include any electrical or mechanical inspections.

Sturgeon County continues to restructure management

On Jan. 16, Chief Administrative Officer Reegan McCullough announced that Sturgeon County will undergo a number of staffing changes to provide quality, cost-effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of Sturgeon County.

These changes are based on the completion of a number of reviews in 2019, including the MNP Operational Review; Assessment Services; Organizational Performance; and Business Needs Assessment.

In addition, the County is facing a number of new changes resulting from the October 2019 provincial budget including reduced funding from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI); increased costs for policing services; potential changes to Machinery & Equipment (M&E) assessment; and the new provisions of Bill 7 & Bill 29 to incent investment for Thorhild.

Effective immediately, operational requirements including infrastructure, transportation and community services will be under one division with Scott MacDougall as the Chief Operations Officer (COO). He will manage and align all of the infrastructure needs with future growth opportunities.

“The organizational changes will help the County now, by getting on the right foundation and will build an organization, culture and direction that is sustainable for many years to come. As with any restructuring, staff changes are inevitable. Departing staff are thanked for their valuable contributions to the organization,” states a release from Sturgeon County.

In quotes McCullough stating, “this restructure is an important step to align our organization for growth while maintaining our core services. The organizational changes better align with Council’s vision and focus on growth for Sturgeon County.

There is a tremendous opportunity in front of us. With Council’s vision and direction, supported by a strong administrative team the County is well-positioned for growth, states the release.

McCullough joined Sturgeon County Nov. 5, 2018 following his tenure as CEO for Niagara Parks Commission.

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SAT., JANUARY 25TH AT 9:00 A.M.
- ANTIQUE, COLLECTIBLES
- PARTIAL LISTING
- FEATURE: Mink Coat – White & Grey
- Additional: Military Officers Jacket
- Furniture: Steampunk Trunks – Tall Wardrobe
- Decorations: Bentwood Rocker – Duncan File Coffee Table
- Lighting: Wing Back Chair – Platform Rocking Chairs
- Miscellaneous: Oval Dining Room Table & Chairs – Round Dining Room Table & Chairs – Hall Bench – Desk – Several Kitchen Chairs
- Miscellaneous: Brass & Glass Shelving Unit • MEDALS: Medallia 10 Gal. (2) • 5 Gal. Sunburst • 3 Gal. Medallia w/5 Gal. Sunburst in Excellent Condition – List has some chips • SEVERAL LAMPS: Electric & Coal Oil (Table & Hanging) • WASHBOARDS: Glass, Metal & Linen; Lots of Sad Irons & Trivets • TOYS: Leaey, Dinky • Matchbox • Ertl • Collectible Bicycles • Banjo • Guitars & an Organ
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- Previewing: Friday, February 14 • 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Online Bidding will be available through Collector.com or LiveAuctionWorld.com

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Scheduled Meetings

All meetings are open to the public. If you would like to be a delegate at a meeting please contact the main office at least ten (10) working days prior to meeting date.

Committee of the Whole:
~ Planning
January 20, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

County Council Meeting
January 23, 2020 @ 10:00 AM
February 20, 2020 @ 9:00 AM
Public G 8 A Period 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Joint Municipalities
January 27, 2020 @ 6:00 PM
- Smoky Lake National Hall

Regional Community Development Committee
January 28, 2020 @ 9:00 AM
Public G 8 A Period 10:20 AM to 11:00 AM

RCMP Liaison Committee
January 29, 2020 @ 11:00 AM

Regional Fire & Rescue Committee
January 29, 2020 @ 1:00 PM

County Budget Meeting
February 10, 2020 @ 1:30 PM

Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works Offices will be
CLOSED
Monday, February 17, 2020
for Family Day

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Toll Free: 888-656-3730

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www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Smoky Lake County Request for Proposal (RFP)

PROJECT: County Lakes: Recreational Area
Facility Supervision and Cleaning Services
Year 2020 to 2024

Smoky Lake County is currently accepting proposals from persons interested in managing the County Lake Recreation Areas for the following sites:

Site 1: Hammore Lake: West End and East End and Island Lake
Site 2: Moss Lake and Kaduk Lake
Site 3: Bellis Lake

Request for Proposal Forms are available at the Smoky Lake County Main Office or on-line at www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca

All proposals are to be received no later than: 2:00 PM, Monday, February 10, 2020

For inquiries please contact:
Ed English, Parks and Parks and Recreation Manager
eenglish@smokylakecounty.ab.ca
Telephone: 780-656-3730  Cellular: 780-660-5429

Grapevine
January 2020

2019: A Year in Review

Parks and Recreation

New address signs installed 23
Bear proof garbage containers placed at Kaduk Lake 4
Camping units at Bellis Beach 691
Campground units at Hammore Lake 3,406
Campering units at Island Lake 118
Camping units at Kaduk Lake 75
Camping units at Moss Lake 298

Planning & Development

Development Permits 61
Submission Applications 15
Safety Code Permits 137

Agriculture

• Fields inspected for clubroot 101
• Locations monitored for Bertha Armyworms 3
• Weed inspections completed 312
• Weed control letter sent 221
• Weed treatments 3
• Times all County roads received a mowing pass 1
• Percentage of Municipal Right of Way’s grass sprayed for noxious weed control and brush control 50%

Public Works

Flags sold for driveway snow removal 286
Dust control completed (M/G30 Base) 9
Dust control completed (Oil Base) 3
Road rehabilitation (shoulder/pull) 0 miles
Magnesium-chloride treatment 23 miles
Road micro-surface treatment 0 miles
Blade-mix oil treatment 1 mile
Culverts installed 77

Legislative & Administrative

Sets of meeting minutes 116
Bylaws brought forward to Council 31
Council resolutions voted on 1,323
New policies adopted 16
Existing policies amended 39
Public Hearings held 7
Invitations for Public Participation 2

Environmental Operations

Frost removal from 387 refrigerator units
Line locates completed 336
Edmunston Booster Station is now in operation

Natural Gas

Length of underground gas pipelines installed 6 km
New Natural Gas Service Installs 12
Line locates completed 358

Emergency Services

Smoky Lake County Emergency Services responded to:
Motor Vehicle Collisions 68
Fires 54
Medicals 32
Fire Alarms 19

Total Emergency Service Responses 173
Fire permits issued 213
Fire permit inspections 187
Firework permits issued 34

Smoky Lake County Waste Transfer Station

Winter Hours

Effective January 3rd to March 31st, 2020

Smoky Lake Landfill
Monday & Saturday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Spedden Landfill
Wednesday & Sunday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Bellis Transfer Station
Monday & Saturday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Vilna Transfer Station
Tuesday & Saturday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Waskatenau Transfer Station
Saturday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
No urban chickens in Thorhild County

Back yard hens will not be allowed in Thorhild County hamlets.

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Derouin said Sturgeon County and the City of Fort Saskatchewan support the reduction of the noise, adding it would only get worse with the increased rail traffic as developments are finished in Albert- ta’s Industrial Heartland.

General Manager, Infrastruc- ture Services Scott MacDougall said he spoke with peers in Strathcona, who have done some whistle cessation programs. “It could be expensive” Hnatiw said “but worthwhile,” Derouin agreed, stating it would not just be in that one area in Division One but throughout the County. “I know it is annoying,” Hnatiow said “but safety is paramount.”

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For any further information, please contact:
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

COLD WEATHER SAFETY

Transfer Stations

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Council shows appreciation for firefighters’ service

Eight Thorhild County Emergency Service personnel received Service Awards last week.

Firefighter Doug Humm was recognized for his 50 years of service. Recognized for their 15 years with the department were deputy chief for Long Lake Fred Judge, Cpt. Jim Frederiksen and firefighter Dwayne Tulik.

Receiving five year certificates were fire chief Dave Fiddler, Cpt. Deb Fiddler and firefighters Lisa Pomerleau and Gyno Pomerleau.


That sentiment is shared by many, and was expressed by county resident Dan Small in a letter in which he thanked the county fire department for responding three times to put out a fire that destroyed a grain dryer last autumn.

“This was my second devastating fire in just over three years,” wrote Small. “In both cases, I’m that there still are people around here who will drop whatever they’re doing to come out and fight it. If they weren’t around when the calls came in, the yards would have been totally destroyed, which would have cost us much more than what the final bill came out to be. People tend to undervalue basic municipal services until they need them. Thanks to the firefighters for your help and to the county for continuing to support their efforts.”

County Emergency and Enforcement Services responded to 106 calls in 2019. They included 42 motor vehicle collisions, 13 rubbish or grass fires, 11 other fires, 11 public service (assist police, first aid) calls, five natural gas leaks and one gas line rupture, nine miscellaneous rescues, seven resuscitation (heart attack, respiratory emergency) calls and seven false alarms.

Sturgeon will tackle sensitive issue of roadside memorials

Sturgeon County Council will be looking into the sensitive issue of roadside memorials in the coming year. Coun. Patrick Tighe raised the issue at the regular Council meeting Jan. 14.

“It is a very sensitive subject,” Tighe said, “but I think it needs to be tackled.” He noted some roadside memorials are very tasteful but some are “out of control” plus people gathering at the memorial site “can be invasive” to adjacent properties.

Coun. unanimously agreed as they directed Administration to draft a road-side memorial policy to be presented to Council by June 23, 2020.

Saving Sturgeon County’s Pets

Losing a pet due to a house fire can be a devastating experience. While firefighters attempt to get pets safely out of burning structures, they are not able to revive them unless they have the proper equipment, specially designed animal masks that can be used both on conscious and unconscious pets.

Sturgeon County Emergency Services partnered with CW Canine Consulting of Devon to supply local fire departments with pet oxygen mask kits, each containing three different size masks that can be used on dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, and many other species. Not only are these masks reusable, but extra parts can be ordered as needed. The Bon Accord, Calahoo, Gibbons, Legal, Morinville, Namao, and Redwater Fire Departments are all now carrying the Pet Oxygen Masks on their fire engines. You can learn more about the mask kits at www.petoxygenmasks.org.
Alberta rural municipalities prepare to lobby colleagues across country

Sturgeon County Council is calling on other Alberta rural municipalities for support to host an Alberta reception at the 2020 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference “where Alberta’s rural municipalities can inform and educate conference delegates about Alberta and build further inter-provincial relationships.”

Coun. Neal Comeau put forward the motion to send a letter to the other Alberta rural municipalities for support to host an Alberta reception at the FCM conference, adding they need to “try to bridge the gap, go with a united voice on what we have to offer.”

Coun. Wayne Bokenfohr said with the election coming up, they need to re-educate. “Our refinery is world class,” he said, “with 100% carbon capture.”

Mayor Alanna Hnatiw said the narrative around the message of who we are was left up to others and it was not balanced. She said the rest of Canada needs to know the “steps taken around clean energy and innovation.”

On Jan. 14, council approved up to $10,000 from the Council Contingency Reserve to fund Sturgeon County’s contribution to the 2020 FCM conference advocacy event. Bokenfohr concluded committing the funds was the litmus test — “put your money where your mouth is.”

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