Hemp processing facility proposed near Egremont hopes to begin construction soon

A facility to process hemp is proposed south of Egremont. Greensight Agri-Holdings Inc. hopes to begin construction in about one month and be in operation this fall.

“Our intent is to have growing agreements with local farmers, hire local residents to work in the processing facility, and have it built and maintained by local contractors.”

Greensight was established in 2018 with the goal of producing superior wellness products while maintaining sustainable production.

“We are in support of sustainable production, market development and co-operation,” Mattar said.

Greensight received its Industrial Hemp License from Health Canada in April 2019 and is currently growing hemp in five locations in Thorhild and Sturgeon counties. Depending on having its processing facility, Mattar anticipates receiving the Canadian license for processing this year.

The $6.5-$7 million Thorhild facility will contain 5,000 square foot processing facility plus a 6,000 square foot storage and drying building. No noise and no smell will be produced. Because the hemp plants are harvested young, they have very little fiber. What fiber there will be collected and sent to a fiber processing plant.

Extraction of the hemp oil will be through a process using carbon dioxide (CO2). Because 99 percent of the CO2 gets recycled, the facility will operate using a single tank of CO2 that will be refilled every three or four months. Refinement of the product uses a small amount of ethanol (a 45 gallon drum of it will be stored on site), of which nearly 100 percent will be captured for reuse.

A primary product will be cannabidiol (CBD). CBD is being studied for therapeutic uses and has received market approval in the United States for use in treatment of two forms of epilepsy. Greensight also values in extracting hemp seed oil to sell as a nutritional food additive because of its high concentration of Omega 3 and 6.

This facility will be both Health Canada and European Union (EU) certified. Engineering director Trevor Kuhn noted that is important because it enables Greensight to export its product to Europe where CBD oil sells for triple the Canadian price. What sells for $6/milli-liter in Canada can get $18-$19/milli-liter in Europe. The Thorhild facility is sized to produce 5,000 liters/year.

“Thorhild is our golden egg, because we can export from it,” said Kuhn. He estimated close to 1,000 acres of hemp fields will be needed to feedstock it.

Once the Thorhild processing facility is operating, a larger (but not EU certified) processing plant is planned for Sturgeon County. Greensight hopes to sit on it on land it owns at RR262 north of Hwy 37 (southwest of Morinville). Hemp (Cannabis Sativa) and marijuana (Cannabis Indica) are varieties of the cannabis plant. Hemp is non-intoxicating, while marijuana is harvested for the industrial use of its derived products including paper, clothing, building materials, cooking oil, hemp flour, hemp seed-based products and medicinal products. Hemp varieties of cannabis contain 0.3 percent or less THC content. Intoxication is caused by tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

Marijuana is cannabis that contains more than 0.3 percent THC and can induce psychoactive or euphoric effects on the user.

During the June 11 Thorhild County council meeting Marketing and Development manager John Andersen said growing hemp could diversify the crops for area farmers.

“There are different hemp products,” he said. “This is new talk about old possibilities.”

“That’s good news, very good news,” said reeve Kevin Grummet.

Planning and Development manager Wayne Shanks said part of the reason for an open house is to educate the public, let people know what hemp is and what it means to the community. The open house is not a requirement of the Municipal Government Act, but is required by the county as part of the development permit application process.

Coun. Richard Filpichuk suggested an agricultural tour so people could see what the plant looks like.

“Once the plant is harvested, they will be able to see what it looks like,” he said.
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Thorhild County Agricultural Services would like to thank Shell Quest for their generous donation of $7070 toward purchase fruit-bearing trees and irrigation at the Radway Fishpond. Community members can now enjoy picking fruit as well as fishing in Radway. The donation was acquired through Shell’s Community Investment funds. We would also like to say a big thank you to Bruno Wiskel (pictured) and his team from Mr. V’s Trees, where the trees were purchased, and for the planting and installation of the new water irrigation system. This project is another great collaboration between partners within and surrounding the County.

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Fee: $15

Time: 9 AM to 4 PM

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Facilitator: Rebecca Hansen

Date: July 4

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Tax payments must be received at the Thorhild County Administration Building before the end of the business day, on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Tax Payment Options

- By mail, Box 10, Thorhild, Alberta, T0A 3J0, postmark will determine date of payment.
- At the Thorhild County Administration Building, 801-1Street, Thorhild, AB
- Cash, Cheque or Debit Card. Credit Cards are not accepted for tax payments.
- Mail slot located at the South door of the Administration Building. Mail slot will be checked at 4:30 p.m. on July 15, 2019. Any tax payments in mail slot after 4:30 p.m. will incur a 10% penalty.
- In person, telephone or internet banking at most chartered banks. Ensure your payment is made well in advance, so that Thorhild County receives the payment by the July 15th due date. Note there could be a delay between payment at the bank and receipt of funds by the County.

Cheques are payable to Thorhild County. Please include the remittance portion located at the bottom of the tax notice.

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
A Supply Chair Forum gave half a dozen major employers the opportunity to connect with over 200 potential contractors and service providers.

“The response has been very positive,” said Sturgeon Economic Development co-ordinator Amy Oshanyk. “People are very excited to learn about how their little companies can do business with all these exciting projects or for Sturgeon County on things like little brushing projects.”

About 220 people attended the event, which was hosted by Sturgeon County in Redwater June 10.

“Folks are really enjoying it, and they like the opportunity,” said Sturgeon Economic Development manager Tyler Westover. “We’re here to network with fellow Sturgeon County businesses and check out any opportunities,” said Dustin Paquette of The Haz Waste Company out of Calahoo.

Supply Chain presentations were given by government and private industries. Speakers were Sturgeon County general manager of Municipal Services Scott MacDougall, Government of Canada Small and Medium Enterprise Research & Innovation Development officer Robyn Auld, Interpipeline Indigenous & Stakeholder Relations officer Michelle Goodkey, North West Redwater (NWR) Partnership (Sturgeon Refinery) Supply Chain co-ordinator Mike Halliday and NWR External Relations manager Vanessa Goodman, Pembina Buyers and Supply Chain Management supervisor Chantel Verbin and Canada Kuwait Petrochemical Corporation (CKPC) External & Community Affairs manager Sarah Penny.

Sturgeon County staff began working on this event about four months ago and were pleased with the high attendance. “We’re certainly interested in hearing feedback,” said Westover. “We want to support local businesses.”

Most attendees were from the local area, but some came from as far as Red Deer and Calgary.

Canada Kuwait Petrochemical Corporation (CKPC) project manager Jim Mykytyuk (Left) speaks with Almita Piling director of sales Mark Stinson at the June 10 Supply Chain Forum hosted in Redwater by Sturgeon County.

Holy Family Catholic School Grade 1/2 year end celebration recipients: Isla Sauchuk - Just Because, Barrett Bentley - Most Dedicated, Jayden Rosa - Most Improved gr. 2, and Waylan Shwetz - Most Improved gr. 1 with their teacher Mrs. Maynard at the Waskatenau school.

Canada Day Weekend BBQ with Dane Lloyd, M.P.

Join me for a BBQ on Wednesday, June 26, 2019

When: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
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On June 12th, twenty five students from Mrs. Schryver’s Kindergarten Class at Thorhild Central School travelled to Edmonton for a field trip to Safety City. Students engaged in learning about pedestrian and traffic safety.

Thorhild Central Schoolgraduands Carla Pannebaker (L-R), Savannah Martinkus and Jayme-Lee Spence pose for a picture during the class of 2019 graduation banquet May 25. —photo by Monica Dahl of Bullfrog Images

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You’ve earned the respect and admiration of this entire community, and we are eagerly looking forward to even greater things from you in the future. Graduation is just the beginning.

Good work, Class of 2019!

From the Council and Staff

Thorhild County

THORHILD CENTRAL SCHOOL 2019 Graduates!

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Owen Glover  William Lee  Adam Maess  Brayden Martinkus  Savannah Martinkus  Rudy Michetti  Chase Monipathi

Long range look shows up to $5 million needed for Redwater’s wastewater infrastructure

The Town of Redwater will need to spend $2 to $3 million on a new lift station and $2 million plus to maintain sewer lines during the next several years. Associated Engineering representatives Patrick Mastromatteo and Diego Mejia presented a high level look at what the town requires and gave a ballpark estimate of how much it will cost during the May 21 council meeting.

The present lift station requires a resizing from a 45 liter/second pump to a 157 L/sec pump; a one cubic meter wet well to a 26 cu/m wet well, and a 220 mm force main to a 350 mm force main. The current blower is not operating properly and the electrical and control panels are due for replacement.

Mastromatteo said construction has to be done to accommodate gravity flow from the elevation of the industrial area or a second lift station put in.

When coun. Rob Olsen asked if the town could get grants for this type of infrastructure, town manager Deb Hamilton replied that most of the provincial water-wastewater grant program funds go to potable water projects under Water For Life. Infrastructure manager Nawaz Panlauer explained that sewer projects are considered a second priority, and none were funded in 2018.

Regarding the town’s sewer lines, Mastromatteo said they had all been inspected with a camera, so the town has good information for decision making. “A lot of your sewers are in great condition,” he said.

Hamilton said the information is part of the asset management plan. The town has an annual sewer lining program, and this will enable staff to avoid lining pipes which will soon require replacement. It also shows if paving work is due to be done over a cracked pipe, so the pipe can be repaired before the paving is done.

Mastromatteo recommended the town begin its maintenance program “everywhere it says there’s a broken pipe.”

Council accepted the report as information. “It’s certainly something we have to discuss sooner than later, then move forward with planning,” commented mayor Mel Smith.

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Newer 2 Storey In Edmonton
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Upgraded Waskatenau Bungalow
Nicely upgraded and maintained 1934 sq ft, 3+1 bdrm bungalow in Waskatenau. Features hardwood flooring throughout, 3 pce ensuite, large sunroom, large covered back deck overlooking the quarter acre lot. The home is beautifully maintained with newer paint, new carpets, and a large new basement windows. The property is zoned R1 & a dog friendly neighborhood with lots of trails. $459,900. Call Heather to view.

5.74 Acres With Horse Farm
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Stunning former show home in Legal! This property features a 2014 4 bdrm bungalow featuring a large LR, BR's, kitchen, & 2 full baths. The property is located on a quiet dead end street and has a large back yard. The home is beautifully maintained and move in ready. $235,000. Call Heather to view.

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6.65 ac with 4 bdrm home, double garage, & barn on 1500 sq ft lot. The property is located on the northeast side of Redwater. The property is zoned R3 and has a maximum permitted building size of 1500 sq ft. The property is a must see! $199,900. Call Heather for more information.

Acreage In The City
6.65 ac with 4 bdrm home, double garage, & barn on 1500 sq ft lot. The property is located on the northeast side of Redwater. The property is zoned R3 and has a maximum permitted building size of 1500 sq ft. The property is a must see! $199,900. Call Heather for more information.

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Thorstorn Central School's 2018-2019 Roots of Empathy family, Cara and Isaac, Kwiatkowski, stand with Baba and Gido Gargus (Cheryl and Gerald Gargus) during the year end celebration for the Roots of Empathy program. Isaac is the fourth Roots of Empathy "teacher" as the Roots of Empathy program started at TCS in October 2010.

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**Sunday June 23 • 10:00 am**

**Sale Site:** 13 kms West of Thorhild to RR 231, 6 kms South or From Clyde 21 kms East to RR 231, 6 kms South

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**DURING THE JUNE 14 GREENSIGHT AG-HOLDINGS INC.’S OPEN HOUSE ABOUT ITS PROPOSED HEMP PROCESSING FACILITY, GREENSIGHT STAFF AND THORHILD COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES GATHERED FOR A PHOTO. IN THE PICTURE ARE GREENSIGHT PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER MUSTAFA CELIN (L-R), THORHILD MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER JOHN ANDERSEN, COUN. RICHARD FILIPCHUK, GREENSIGHT CEO LAWRENCE MATTR, COUN. CHERYL PASOY, REEV KEN GRUMETZA, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER WAYNE SHANKS, AND GREENSIGHT STAFF CHRIS SVILIKIN AND HENRY MILLER.**

**Industrial hemp for wellness products could offer cash crop opportunity for area farms**

Growing industrial hemp for a proposed new local processing plant could be the crop diversification some area farmers are looking for. For processing into wellness products the hemp crop is harvested young, at between 30 and 40 days, so farmers could grow two crops each year.

Greensight Ag-Holdings Inc. is in the permitting process for a hemp processing facility near Egremont in Thorhild County and hopes to have it built this year. It will require up to 140,000 lbs of hemp per year as feedstock.

Greensight Engineering director Trevor Kuhn said the single biggest factor in choosing the site for the processing facility, which will be supplied with hemp from local farms, was the high water table.

“We did some work in the area and saw how wet and moist the ground was,” said Kuhn during Greensight’s open house in Thorhild June 14. “We feel this area has the best soil and precipitation. The high water table is an advantage. We got quick germination here.”

It’s great for Thorhild County and it’s great for agriculture producers,” said Kuhn, said Trevor Kuhn of the proposed processing facility and the crop feedstocks it will require. “It’s crop may not fit in everyone’s crop rotation, but it’s an opportunity for some.”

This year Greensight is growing, or has agreements with farmers in Thorhild and Sturgeon counties to grow, two varieties of hemp. The entire plant gets harvested.

“If it’s taken early, we use 99 percent of the plant,” said Kuhn.

Asked what kind of equipment farmers need and if the hemp needs to be swathed and dried, Kuhn said they work with whatever equipment the farmer has.

“We feel Thorhild County as a major opportunity as farmers and the science, research,” he added. He estimated the return for farmers will be about 4.5 times the current price of canola.

Once the hemp is off the field, Greensight stores it at a certain temperature and humidity. It has to be processed within three months for optimum quality of products.
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Next print edition: July 2, 2019

Cannabis Legalization in Sturgeon County

The Federal Government introduced Bill C-45, known as the Cannabis Act, to legalize recreational cannabis in Canada. Cannabis became legal on October 17, 2018, and provisions will be made for consumption of cannabis products such as edibles as of October 17, 2019.

Over the past two years, we have connected with residents to talk about cannabis legalization through drop-in sessions and an online survey, gathering feedback about consumption, production and distribution, and retail sales. Sturgeon County is working to manage the legalization of cannabis in the best interests of our community and based on the feedback that was received. We would like to share the proposed approach to manage the legalization of Cannabis.

Sturgeon County has currently proposed Bylaw 1436/19 to amend the Land Use Bylaw, which proposes to allow standard-sized production and distribution facilities in medium to heavy industrial areas, and to allow micro-sized production and distribution facilities within agricultural parcels. It also proposes for retail facilities to be allowed in commercial areas and puts forward specific regulations that will regulate the impacts of these facilities on surrounding land uses.

A public hearing will be held Tuesday, June 25 at 2 p.m. in Council Chambers. A draft of Bylaw 1436/19 can be found at sturgeoncounty.ca
Thorhild County Farmers’ Appreciation beef-on-a-bun supper.

Thorhild County receptionist Mary Petersen and reeve Kevin Grumetza serve the salads at June 8 Thorhild County Farmers’ Appreciation beef-on-a-bun supper.
13 properties up for tax sale in Thorhild County

Thorhild County has 13 properties listed for tax sale this year. The reserve bids range from $1,700 to $425,000.

During its June 11 meeting council approved the reserve bids recommended by administration. Corporate Services director Janelle Cornelius advised the county is required to set reserve bids that are as close as reasonably possible to the market value of the parcels. The suggested reserve bids were proposed by the county assessor.

Up for auction are two properties in Egmont (one for $62,500 and the other for $123,500), two in Newbrook ($1,700 and $5,000), one in Long Lake for $423,000, three in Radway ($36,000, $64,500 and $65,000), three in Thorhild ($62,500, $72,500 and $65,500) and two rural properties, a 30 acre parcel for $154,500 and a 10 acre parcel for $50,000.

The tax sale auction will be held July 23. At any time, up to and including the morning of the public auction, the property owner or the encumbrance holder may pay the outstanding tax arrears and have the property removed from the sale list. The county may take title to properties that do not get sold.

Metis Crossing hosts 1,000 students

In the two weeks leading up to National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, Metis Crossing in Smoky Lake County will host about 1,000 students from 17 schools.

Site manager Leon Boychuk-Hunter explained that younger students, from Kindergarten to grade four, enjoy the Art In The Woods program while older students participate in the National Indigenous Peoples Month program. The programs are led by eight Metis Crossing interpreters who dress in period costumes.

Program activities provide the opportunity to learn about and celebrate Metis contributions to Canadian society. Students have fun with Voyageur Games, crafts, a nature walk, foraging and discussing native plant uses. Staff serve bannock and tea made from foraged plants such as wild raspberry leaves, mint, nettle and spruce tips. They sweeten it with honey from the Metis Crossing bee hives.

Viewing Canadian history from an indigenous perspective is part of the Alberta Kindergarten to grade 12 curriculum. Because June is National Indigenous Peoples Month, it is seen as a good time for students to learn the histories, diversity and contributions of First Nations, Metis and Inuit people.

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Some Redwater residents are struggling with invoices for having the town-hired contractor clear their sidewalks on or earlier this year.

On June 4 Redwater council changed the administration fee for bylaw contracted work such as sidewalk clearing from 5 percent of the bill to a flat $25 fee. It’s too little for some residents.

Michael Martin was billed $865 for sidewalk clearing in February; that included a $120 administration fee.

“That bill is something else,” she said. “I couldn’t pay it, so they put it on my landlord’s taxes.” She is one among many, and had a doctor’s letter saying she could not do physical work.

“And the depression I was going through at the time, she asked,” she added. She said when she objected to the amount of the invoice, the mayor and town staff told her they could not reduce it because they had to treat everyone the same.

Ryley Kirk lives on a corner lot. When the town cleared the sidewalks he received a bill for over $900. It included an administration fee of more than $200. When he complained about it, he was told he should have shovelled his own sidewalks.

Jacob Bigelow said he was “pretty choked” about how the sidewalk clearing was handled. “There was no notice given out to most people,” he said. “And it happened literally two weeks before all the snow melted.

Bigelow explained that he is usually very good at shovelling off his sidewalks within 12 hours of a snow fall, but because he lives on Hwy 38 (48 Avenue) the highway clearing equipment then travels over his sidewalk. Other times he will have the sidewalk done and then snow will melt, run onto the sidewalk and freeze into a layer of ice. It was for chipping ice off the sidewalk that he was billed $200 (including administration fee).”

Mike Suitor received an invoice for sidewalk clearing in January. It totalled $125 (which included a $25 administration fee). “That’s a lot of money for less than an hour of work,” Suitor said.

Acting mayor Rob Olsen and town manager Deb Hamilton were emailed questions asking how the contractor was selected, why notices were not given to everyone prior to the contractor clearing the sidewalks and if people who are unhappy with such a bill are informed they have the right to appeal it before council.

Hamilton explained the town Community Standards Bylaw states sidewalks are to be cleared within 48 hours of a snow fall. It does not require notice be given that the town contractor is starting to do the work.

Hamilton said the requirement to clear sidewalks within 48 hours was communicated “absolutely everywhere, numerous times.” Sidewalks were checked by the part time Sturgeon County bylaw officer and Hamilton.

“At no time did we send a contractor out at the 48 hour mark; it was usually days later as we simply did not have the staff capacity to tour like the full time bylaw officer did,” said Hamilton. “During the brutally cold weather, we did not expect our contractor to go out so some of the sidewalks were very bad, packed down with people trying to walk on them, etc.

And we had many complaints, especially from seniors and with mobility aides and even young parents trying to push a stroller.”

At no time, she said, did the town treat everyone the same.

Hamilton advised that some invoices for snow clearing this winter were $900. It included an administration fee of more than $200.

She said the town treats everyone the same otherwise it could be accused of being biased.

As for how contractors are chosen, Hamilton said the bylaw office tries to line them up well in advance of winter, and works with those who have business licenses. The town has had this same contractor for sidewalk clearing for a number of consecutive years. Previously, there were two contractors, but one stopped doing that work in 2017.

Hamilton noted that citizens may complain directly to council on any issue.

Admin fee fixed at $25 for future snow removal bills

Redwater residents will now be charged an administration fee when billed for bylaw contracted work such as sidewalk clearing. Previously the administration fee was 5 percent of the total invoice.

“I think this is a good change,” said Coun. Dwayne Suitor during the June 4 council meeting.

Town manager Deb Hamilton said over the winter there were a number of sidewalk clearing invoices that were fairly high. She noted the cost of administration for a high invoice is the same as for a lower invoice and recommended the flat fee be put in place.

That fee covers town costs for when the town has a sidewalk not cleared under the Community Standards Bylaw. Administration costs a contractor, provides information on the site in question, reviews the contractor’s invoice with before and after photos, pays the contractor, invoices the property owner and then collects payment or transfers the unpaid invoice costs to the tax roll.

Hamilton advised that some invoices for snow clearing last winter were over $1,000. Under the Community Standards Bylaw residents are required to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their properties of snow within 48 hours of a snowfall.

Blizzard of concern over sidewalk snow-clearing bills in Redwater
Classified Word Ads require Payment with Order. Low cost - high circulation.

Combined assessment and tax notices were mailed May 23, 2019. To avoid penalty charges, tax payments are to be received at Sturgeon County Centre before the end of business, 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2019, without exception.

The options for tax payments are:

- By mail: 9613-100 STL, Morinville, Alberta T8R 1L9
- At the County Centre: cash, cheque or debit card only.

Monday to Friday during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- At the County Centre through the mail slot: cheque only.
- Non-business hours, weekends and holidays, until Friday, June 28 at 4:30 p.m. as noted above.
- In person, or via telephone/Internet banking at most chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions and caisse populaire, so that Sturgeon County receives payment by June 28.

To avoid penalties, taxes must be paid on or before June 28, 2019, as specified on the tax notice even if a complaint is filed.

Assessment Complaints

The Assessment Review Board complaint form can be found on the Sturgeon County website and is available at Sturgeon County Centre.

Please talk to your assessor before filing a complaint, as most concerns are resolved before complaints get to the Assessment Review Board.

A complaint must be made by July 30, 2019.

If you have questions about the complaint process, contact the Clerk of the Assessment Board at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take note that the following Development Permit(s) have been approved in accordance with Land Use Bylaw No. 1277-14 of Smoky Lake County:

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Note: Although legal land locations identified under this Development Permit, the actual locations of all signs contemplated under this permit are within the road allowance, and do not encroach upon privately titled lands.

For information or viewing any of the Development Permits, please contact Jordan Rugg, Planning and Development Manager at 780-666-3730 to arrange an appointment.

Persons wishing to appeal any of the above decisions must do so by filing a written “NOTICE OF APPEAL” to the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) Box 310, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 5C0 no later than June 27, 2019 at 4pm. The appeal letter should indicate the development permit number, contact name and phone number, mailing address, and reason(s) for appeal.

Jordan Rugg
Development Authority Officer/Planner and Development Manager
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Golf team Brianna Rosychuk (L-R), Doug Sullivan, Kristy Andersen and Vanessa Goodman chat with Redwater mayor Mel Smith, who is in charge of cooking the burgers, at the seventh annual Town of Redwater golf tournament held June 13. Funds raised this year will go towards new pumps for pumping treated effluent from the town treatment pond to water the golf course.

Steve Quinn is ready to tee off at the June 13 seventh annual Town of Redwater golf tournament.

Les Close (L-R), Walter Hryniuk, Mike Sawchuk, Bill Timmer and Erwvon Kowski enjoy a chat and a coffee at the June 4 Redwater Farmers’ Market. “I came for the B.S. and stayed for the coffee,” said Close.

In accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaw No. 1441/19.

This Bylaw proposes to amend the zoning of PT. NE 19-55-26-W4M, from AG – Agricultural district to a DC – Direct Control district that would allow for uses including, but not limited to: fleet services, accessory buildings, and a single detached dwelling.

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a submission in writing and/or registering to speak, either in person or in opposition to the bylaw, by contacting Legislative Services (phone 780-539-8279 or email legislative@sturgeoncounty.ca). Please note that all verbal presentations will be limited to five (5) minutes and must be summarized in writing to form part of the public record.

Although all those in attendance wishing to speak will be heard, persons registered to speak at the Public Hearing will be heard first.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw should be directed to Martyn Bell in Current Planning and Development Services at mbell@sturgeoncounty.ca.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the PUBLIC HEARING or otherwise made public. This information is collected in line with Section 3.5(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions, please contact the Sturgeon County FOIP Coordinator at 780-919-4371 or foip@sturgeoncounty.ca.

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The Public Hearing shall be held on:
Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at: Sturgeon County Council Chambers, 9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta
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