Sturgeon pushes through borrowing using future refinery taxes to add road projects in other parts of County

Sturgeon County council held a special meeting May 17 to push through a contentious $6 million borrowing bylaw to have funds for road work in three of the county’s six electoral divisions.

It passed third reading with a four to three vote. First and second readings were passed with the same split in votes earlier in the week at the May 14 regular council meeting. Mayor Alanna Hatnau and councillors Wayne Bokenfohr, Dan Derouin and Patrick Tighe voted in favor of the bylaw. Councillors Karen Shaw, Susan Evans and Neal Comeau voted in opposition.

Shaw raised a number of concerns regarding the bylaw and how it was presented to council. She pointed out the Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires a bylaw cannot be considered for three readings at one meeting unless all of council agrees with that action in order to provide time for sober second thought.

“There are always red flags raised for a meeting that occurs on a Friday afternoon at 3:30 just before a long weekend,” said Shaw. “It can be perceived two ways: one, either hoping that a full council would not be in attendance or two, to increase the odds that the public or the press would miss the meeting.”

Shaw said the reason given for the special meeting May 17 was that the May 28 meeting was cancelled because some councillors are attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference in Quebec, which starts May 30. She felt the bylaw is not an emergency and could have been dealt with at the June 13 council meeting.

She also noted that the timing of when the tax growth relates to the Sturgeon Refinery is uncertain. Borrowing money for additional road projects is not consistent with the county’s Significant Tax Growth Policy. Furthermore, the listed road projects are not part of Heartland Traffic Migration. Many are internal subdivision roads.

“This list is clearly intended to gain political capital and likely to fulfill campaign promises,” stated Shaw. “There are far poorer roads with a higher priority in Sturgeon County that are not included on this list. I find this offensive.”

Similarly, Evans noted that although earlier calculations had administration expecting 50 percent of the refinery’s tax revenue for this year, it appears that will not happen. She pointed out that two of the projects on the list are for $1.3 million in detailed design.

“I believe the county has more urgent projects that are ready for reconstruction,” she said, adding that those other projects would provide a “far greater benefit to county residents.”

Evans also pointed out that doing a borrowing bylaw this way does not give residents the opportunity to challenge it. Hatnau responded that she finds the assertion the date and time of the meeting were chosen so not all councillors would attend offensive.

Bokenfohr said he is offended at the idea anyone objects to him taking personal time before the FCM event and noted there is value in being there early. “If you’d ever been there, you’d understand,” he told Shaw.

Tighe said he saved the taxpayers $400 by booking an early flight.

Coun. Dan Derouin said Alberta’s construction is short and projects need to go to tender as soon as possible.

“Yes, some of these roads were campaign promises,” said Derouin. “They deserve to be done. Residents have been hearing this for years. Let’s get this done.”

Comeau did not support the bylaw because he did “not agree with where the funding is coming from.”

Hatnau said that before council considers increasing taxes it needs to ensure its own house is in order and efficiencies have been found.

“By pushing these projects forward we’re meeting the strategic plan,” she added. “I do not believe this is a reckless approach.”

The bylaw authorizes a $6 million loan as an interim measure to fund six of the 10 projects planned as Significant Tax Growth Funded projects. The county will pay the annual interest on the debt and repay the loan when tax revenues are received from the Sturgeon Refinery. It is expected to be fully operational at the end of this year.

In his background information, capital projects officer Stephen Hinton estimated about 50 percent of the anticipated annual tax revenue from Sturgeon Refinery would be received this year. That would be enough to pay off the $6 million debt.

The six projects have a total cost of $75 million. Funding of $1 million was allocated from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant and $841,500 from the road network reserve. Four of the road projects are in Division 1, two in Div. 3 and one in Div. 5.

Derouin is the Div. 1 councillor, Bokenfohr Div. 3 and both Tighe and Hatnau are Div. 5. As the Mayor, Hatnau is elected by the full County not just the division in which she lives.

At the end of December 2018 Sturgeon County had $30.8 million in long term debt. The county’s debt limit is $103 million.
Members of the Catholic Women’s League (CWL) at St. Anne’s Roman Catholic Church in Thorhild celebrated their 60th anniversary and hosted the 63rd annual diocesan CWL convention May 4. The Thorhild CWL is made up of 10 dedicated members who serve their parish as well as the regional and global CWL programs. Father Sebastian is parish priest and their Spiritual Advisor. In the photo are secretary Barb Hittinger (L-R), Thorhild CWL treasurer and CWL diocesan president Lola Atama, Marlene Guaghebeur, Spiritual Chair Phyllis Hickle, Carol Gill and Carol Wohland. Missing from photo: vice-president Amanda Bosch, Christine Bauer; Audrey Bridge, Collette Bonhomme and Rosalie Rosenberger.

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CALL STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT 780.939.4341 ext 3257 TO BOOK A SCREENING ASSESSMENT

Children must be screened and qualify for this program under Alberta Education guidelines.
Community Events Calendar
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Redwater Swimming Pool
The Swimming Pool Program Guide is available on the Town website at: www.redwater.ca/living/swimming-living and at various locations around Redwater. Phone 780-942-5682 for more information or to register for programs.
The Pool is pleased to offer Red Cross Swimming Lessons, Junior Lifegaurd Club, Bronze Medalion and Bronze Cross Training, Aquaise, Lane Swim, Parent & Tot, Special Events and more!

Redwater Summer Programs
The Summer Programs Guide will be available early June at www.redwater.ca and at various locations in the community.
Leaders in Training (LIT) applications will be available soon at Redwater School, the Community Services Office and at www.redwater.ca. Minimum applicant age is 13 years old. Contact Summer Programs at 780-292-6785 for more information.

Redwater & District Agricultural Society Farmers Market
Starting June 4, the Farmers Market will be open every Tuesday from 4:00-6:30pm at Pembina Place, 4944-53 Avenue (access through Central Gateway).

Redwater Ride for Hunger Rides Again!
In Support of the Food Bank
Sunday, June 2
10:00 am on Main Street
Show & Shine, Poker Bike Rally, 50/50, Prize Raffle, Lions Club BBQ (proceeds to Food Bank), Farmers Market, Vendor Market, Bands Contact redwaterfoodbank@gmail.com or 780-942-2063 for further information.

Summer Fun in Redwater

To Celebrate Seniors' Week!
Saturday, June 1, 2019
12pm-3pm
Diamond Sponsor Logo (4619-52 Ave)
Everyone of All Ages Welcome!
Join us for Free activities:
- BBQ, Cake and Ice Cream
- Door Prizes
- Senior Information
- Glitter Tattoos
- Sliding Demonstration by Heartland High Energy
- Jump Rope

MONDAY

Town Office Closed
10am-2pm for Training (11am-2pm)

Town Office, Monday to Friday (7:30am-4:30pm)
Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:00am)
Redwater School - Musical Theatre (9:00am)

Town Office, Monday to Friday (7:30am-4:30pm)
Health Centre Auxiliary General Meeting at Pioneer Club (1:00pm)
Redwater School Parent Council Meeting (5:30pm)

TUESDAY

Lighthouse Youth Group Bible Study at Redwater Alliance Church Tuesdays at 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Redwater School Musical Theatre: Nonsense in the North Woods
Tickets: 780-942-3152

THURSDAY

Public Health Clinic at Redwater Health Centre
Every Thursday plus Tuesday, June 11
8:30am-4:15pm
Ph: 780-942-6015

FRIDAY

Check out the TD Summer Reading Program at the Redwater Public Library!

SATURDAY / SUNDAY

Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast, Everyone Welcome (9:00am)

Redwater High School Graduation (6:00pm Ceremony, 6:00pm Banquet)

Happy Father's Day

Redwater Arboretum Society: Art in the Park (11:00am-2:00pm)
Hot Dogs, Tacos, Silent Auction (all proceeds donated by the Redwater Art Society)

Special Events at Ochre Park School
June 1 - Year-End Religion Celebration
June 2 - Bogo Book Fair
June 12 - Bike Rodeo
June 18 - Kindergarten Safety City
June 21 - Play Day at Outdoor Classroom
Ride for Hunger to support Food Bank

The Redwater Ride For Hunger will rumble into town June 2 to raise funds and food for the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank, provide fun and entertainment for community members and give motorcycle riders a good cause for a fun ride. The Audrey McIsaac Memorial One More Can of Beans poker run will roar out of town at noon.

“It’s an awesome event for our community,” said Ride co-ordinator Lisa Dakus. “Everybody needs to eat. We need to do this for the food bank. And it’s fun. There’s something for everybody, and the motorcycle community always wants to ride for a good cause.”

This year’s 12th annual ride honors McIsaac, a charter member of the food bank and one of the original Ride For Hunger committee members. She passed away in 2018.

“The first year she said if we get one more can of beans, it’s one more than we had,” recalled Dakus, who was also part of the original Ride committee. "She was so excited." The Ride For Hunger was a success, and food bank volunteers have never had to go door to door again, even though food bank usage has skyrocketed.

The Ride For Hunger event format is the same as in past years, with everything beginning at 10 a.m. on Main Street (49 Street). Live bands, a D.J. and vendors selling everything from art to snacks to Bad Apple Clothing. The Show N Shine has five categories to be judged by crowd ballots, with voting taking place from 11 a.m. to noon.

As well, the Redwater Lions Club will have an all-day barbecue, cooking up donated hotdogs and smokers so 100 percent of the proceeds go to the food bank. Serving alternate food choices will be Porky’s BBQ Pig roast food truck.

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RANDY WOSNACK

Has announced his retirement after 53 years in the oilfield. His ability to solve any problem, fix anything and especially his Solitaire playing skills were all traits to be admired. Randy began his career in 1966 at Tartan Transport and Construction. From 1967 - 1979, he worked for various companies in the Redwater area - Porta Construction, Cormack’s Oilwell Servicing and Sparrow Electric. His most lengthy position were with Redwater Water Disposal from 1980 - 2005 and then Pyramid Corporation from 2005 - 2015. He completed his career with his Connect Energy Services from 2015 - 2019. Randy has mentored countless apprentices along the way, sharing his knowledge of the electrical trade. He will continue to mentor in a different way now to his two children and four grandchildren.

PIONEER CLUB

on May 30, 2019 from 3 - 6pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES – SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

Due to the upcoming Ride for Hunger on Sunday, June 2, 2019, a number of roads will be temporarily closed in the downtown area. Please note the following road closures:

50th Avenue between 48th and 50th Street
49th Street between 49th and 50th Avenue

Energy, environment and jobs top issues at MP Lloyd’s open house

About 50 area residents took their questions and concerns to Sturgeon River - Parkland MP Dane Lloyd during the open house he hosted in Gibbons May 22.

Lloyd said most wanted to talk about energy policy, the environment and how to bring jobs back to Alberta.

“I was happy to see people from all across the county,” said Lloyd. “Jobs are a big issue, and infrastructure funding for communities.” He is working on getting more infrastructure funding as well as good broadband high speed internet for rural areas, because more and more farmers are using it.

“I’m fighting for jobs and the environment and to get three pipelines built: Keystone, Enbridge Line three and Trans Mountain,” Lloyd said. “Let’s welcome more pipelines. Investment here creates jobs.”

He said if the Conservative party forms Canada’s government after the federal election this fall, they will get rid of the federal carbon tax. His proposed McCanns’ Law legislation is ready to go and has been introduced. He does not expect it to be dealt with before the election, so he plans to re-introduce it after the election.

“I’m encouraging people to think about priorities for in the fall and contact my office they have questions,” said Lloyd.

Wellness Workshops

Do something for YOU, try something new and connect with others. Join us for the first of four workshops for 2019, light treats are on us.

They are free of charge, but spots are limited.

Please register at http://programs.sturgeoncounty.ca/

Sound Bath Meditation Therapy

Many cultures throughout the world have used music, singing and toning to bring togetherness of community and connection to spirit.

During this two-hour interactive workshop, you will experience a guided meditation using a variety of sound therapies. We will create sacred space calling in the four directions using a native drum, then flow into a sound bath using the Crystal and Tibetan singing bowls that send out a vibrational frequency that calms, rejuvenates, grounds and restores energy flow in the body.

Participants will be able to connect and contemplate the positive things they would like to manifest and create in their lives.

When: Thursday, June 20, 7-9 p.m.
Where: 79 Pinnacle Way, Sturgeon County
Register by: June 13
Facilitators: Jo-Anne & Mike McDonald
Information: programs@sturgeoncounty.ca

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JUNE 10, 2019
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Bylaw No. 10-2019 Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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

Bylaw No. 10-2019, being a Bylaw to amend Thorhild County Land Use Bylaw No. 1194-2015, as amended, as follows:

9.1 Land Use District Map, and 9.8 Inset Map – Hamlet of Thorhild, is hereby amended by redesignating:
   A. Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 0725538 which is currently designated “M3 – Industrial District” to “R1A – Low Density Residential District” as shown in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw as Parcel A;
   B. Part of S.W. 05-60-21-W4 which is currently designated “M3 – Industrial District” to “R1A – Low Density Residential District” as shown in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw as Parcel B; and
   C. Part of S.E. 05-60-21-W4 which is currently designated “M3 – Industrial District” to “A – Agricultural District” as shown in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw as Parcel C.

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Location: Thorhild County Council Chambers (801-118 Street, Thorhild)

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

The Public Hearing on Bylaw 16-2019 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.patry@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:
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Manager of Planning and Development
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Bylaw No. 18-2019 Municipal Development Plan Bylaw Amendment

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

Bylaw No. 18-2019, being a Bylaw to amend Thorhild County Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 1195-2015, as amended, as follows:

7.1 Future Land Use Map, and Map 7.8

Inset Map – Hamlet of Thorhild Future Land Use is hereby amended by redesignating:
   A. Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 0725538 which is currently designated “Industrial” to “Residential” as shown in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw as Parcel A;
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   C. Part of S.E. 05-60-21-W4 which is currently designated “Industrial” to “Agricultural” as shown in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw as Parcel C.

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Thorhild drama students claim provincial recognition

Thorhild Central School (TCS) drama students put on a great show at the Alberta High School Drama Festival Association provincial festival in Red Deer May 9-11. Josh Mosher won an award for Outstanding Character Acting at the provincial festival.

“We had an awesome experience at Drama provincials,” said teacher Shaun Kiselyk. “The Thorhild kids were great. On the stage they put on an awesome show that had the audience belly laughing the whole time. Off of the stage they were super supportive of their fellow competitors and great workshop participants and audience members.”

The TCS students earned a spot at provincials by having one of the top two plays at the Zone 2E One Act drama festival in Lac La Biche at the end of April. The 18 member cast and crew from TCS took six plays to zones and had a very strong showing. Their winning production of The Staggering Heartbreak of Jasmine Merriweather was one of 17 plays at zones.

“We were lucky enough to come away from that festival with lots of individual recognition from the adjudicator’s awards presentation,” Kiselyk said. “Our crew won best actor, best supporting actor, best up and coming young actor, and best director at the zone level.”

TCS drama students previously advanced to the provincial festival in 2017.
H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake Junior ATB program students Brooke Hamaliuk (L-R), Kali Przekop and Kiana Kozakiewich, ATB program organizer Raelyn Hale, and students Cameron Melnyk, Brooklyn Tychkowsky, Ayden Bazinet, Coralee Adams, Finn Johnson wrapped up the program with a pizza party and a generous $500 donation from the Smoky Lake ATB.

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With the water in Namepi Creek south of Radway reduced to a shallow stream May 17, a Carmacks crew put up bridge walls as they replace the bridge structure on RR203 that washed out during the 2018 spring flood. The bridge should be ready for traffic in July.

Get on the bus with us!

We are now accepting registration for yellow school bus service for the 2019/2020 school year.

You can easily register your child online by accessing the transportation page on our website and click on the “Online Application” form.

All students wishing to access the bus on the first day of school must register, using our convenient online application form, prior to August 21, 2019.

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It’s time!
The recycling roundup is on!
Saturday, June 15
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Your unwanted computers, TVs and old paint aren’t doing any good hanging around, but they will if you recycle them. Bring your old computers, TVs and paint to:

Legal Municipal Shop
5310 - 48 Ave.

Visit www.albertarecycling.ca or call 1.888.999.8762 for more information on electronics and paint recycling in your area.
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Grade 12 students Daniel Rhô and his escort, Bryn Boykiw, prepare to walk into the banquet at the H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake class of 2019 May 18 prom.
High Energy enjoys success at Nationals

Over the May Long Weekend, Heartland High Jump Club attended the 2019 Rough Skippers Canada National Championships in Olds. The 6 team members joined 348 other skippers from across Canada to compete in both Team and Masters (individual) events as well as see old friends, learn new skills, and make many memories. Several months of hard work from both team members and coaches (Kyla Graham and Jackie Lega) allowed for the many successes we had on the competition floor. The team worked very hard all weekend and had some great successes in many of the events. Our 15/14 year old mixed team of Avery Graham, Izzy Pawlik, Ashlyn Morrow, and Taylor Eleniak placed 5th overall in their age category after competing in 8 different events. Everett Graham and Alynn Lega had a 1st place finish in the 15/17 year old mixed team event of Single Rope Pairs Freestyle. Their exceptional performance earned them a Grand Champion 1st place finish. They achieved the highest score out of all the 46 freestyle pairs routines performed that weekend by skippers that were 15 years old and younger. Everett and Alynn also received a Grand Champion 1st place finish in a 4-person Double Dutch Freestyle routine. They were joined by members of the Camrose Spirals Jump Rope Club so that they could compete in a few team events. It is not unusual for members of different clubs to work together to form teams so that skippers can compete in events that they would not be able to do on their own.

On Sunday afternoon, the competition turned to Masters (individual events). All 6 of our skippers competed in either an overall competitor, competing in all four events or as track style where they competed in only a few events. Many personal best scores were achieved by our skippers. Taylor Eleniak placed 2nd overall in his 13/15 year old male age category. Everett Graham placed 1st overall in his 15/17 year old male age category. Everett also received a Grand Champion 1st place finish for his freestyle routine. He had the highest freestyle score of all male competitors 15 years and older. Everett also received a Grand Champion 3rd place finish for the Simple Rope Speed Event. He had a score of 85 jumps in 30 seconds.

Heartland High Energy team - Avery Graham (L-R), Taylor Eleniak, Ashlyn Morrow, Everett Graham, Izzy Pawlik, Alynn Lega.

Vandals target cemetery

On May 18th, suspects entered the Morinville Cemetery located at 4607-50 Ave in Gibbons. The culprit smashed a number of solar powered lights that were located at or near grave sites and also removed a number of items that were placed around grave sites. The Morinville RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in developing leads in this case.

If anyone has any information or saw any suspicious activity around the graveyard report it to the Morinville RCMP at 780-939-4520. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.PTIPS.com or by using the "93 Tips" app.

Council considers allowing backyard hens in Newbrook

Thorhild County council did not grant a requested bylaw exemption so a Newbrook resident could keep backyard hens, but is willing to consider amending a bylaw to permit backyard hens.

During the May 14 council meeting Audrey Garcia requested an exemption to the bylaw prohibiting livestock in residential areas and for council permission to raise four to six laying hens in Newbrook. She and her husband Artemio have two lots on 50 Street. One is the former Pennywise food store, and the other is a bare lot.

"I did go to my neighbors," Garcia said. "I went and knocked on every door. Everyone’s in favor."

She explained they would have a small hen house on wheels they could move around the yard to allow the fowl to graze. The eggs would be for their personal use.

"We have raised hens for many years before moving to Newbrook," added Garcia. "We find caring for and watching hens to be very enjoyable and calming."

Later in the meeting CAO Wayne Franklin said in the bylaw backyard hens are not allowed. He suggested council refer the request to administration for a proposed bylaw amendment.

Council unanimously passed course. Wayne Crowell’s motion for administration to bring suggested changes to the Animal Control Bylaw to a future council meeting. The Animal Control Bylaw 15/62/2013 (referred to as the Dog Control bylaw) legislates care and control of dogs and specifically excludes livestock.

Keeping of livestock in a residential area is prohibited by section 7.18 of the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) when contacted later Franklin said administration is working on bylaw amendments to address the keeping of hens in residential areas. That may eventually be addressed in or both the LUB and Animal Control bylaws.

The Newbrook 4H members recently visited the Westlock Vet clinic. The members were able to see what it takes for behind the scene animal care. While there, a horse, cat, and dogs were in for health care. They also had blood cells on microscopes to show what they looked like close up. They have many pens in the back for dogs. They have a big hydraulic system for larger animals so the vet can work on the animals and are safe. But members are now working with animals and getting them ready for coming June 8th at the Thorhild arenas – Carter Stevens, Club Reporter.

LEGAL / NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Assessment Roll for Sturgeon County used for 2019 Property Taxation, compiled under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, has been prepared and is open for inspection Monday to Friday during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at, Sturgeon South Office (2522 TWP Road 55). An electronic version is available for viewing at www.sturgeoncounty.ca/propertyviewer

For more information about your property assessment, contact Assessment Services at 780-939-0601 to speak with an assessor.

Combined Property Assessment and Tax Notice were mailed May 23, 2019.

- Taxes are due by June 28, 2019.
- To avoid penalty charges, Sturgeon County must receive your tax payment before the end of business, 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 28, without exception.

The options for tax payments are:
- By mail: 9613 - 100 St., 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.

Please include tax bill remittance portion with your payment.
Make your cheque payable to Sturgeon County. For your convenience, a post-dated cheque is acceptable.

To avoid penalties, taxes must be paid on or before 4:30 p.m. on 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 legalservicest@sturgeoncounty.ca, sturgeoncounty.ca
PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Bylaw No. 1440/19

In accordance with Section 605 of the Municipal Government Act, you are hereby advised that Sturgeon County Council is considering Bylaw 1440/19. If passed, this Bylaw would have the effect of closing portions of Road Plan 7777F and consolidation into the Camila School Site. Bylaw 1440/19 will result in the closure and disposal of a road allowance which will exclude future travel by the public.

A map showing the proposed road closures is set out below.

The Public Hearing shall be held on:

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.,
or as soon as practical thereafter at:
Sturgeon County Council Chambers, 9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a submission in writing and/or registering to speak, either in favor or in opposition to the bylaw, by contacting Legislative Services (phone 780-939-6877 or email legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca).

Written submissions objecting to proposed Bylaw 1440/19 should be submitted on or before June 7, 2019, 2:30 p.m. 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.

Any inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw should be directed to Aaron Hair in Current Planning and Development Services at 780-939-6875.

We the taxpayers of Sturgeon County respectfully urge you to attend and use your best judgment when considering this matter.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act and the Sturgeon County Bylaws. The Sturgeon County Council is entitled to be represented by any legal counsel it may employ.

Any person making a submission is entitled to be present and to be heard on all issues relating to the proposed bylaw, including the presentation of any evidence they believe to be relevant.

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**LEGAL / NOTICES**

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE**

The Village of Waskatenau is inviting the public to attend the following Public Meeting:

**VILLAGE OF WASKATENUA**

Meeting Date: **June 20, 2019**

Time: **9:15 a.m.**

Location: Village of Waskatenau Council Chambers

Address: 5001 – 51 Street, Waskatenau, Alberta T0A 3P0

Any person who is interested in participating in the discussion is invited to attend the Public Meeting or alternatively present a written submission at the Village of Waskatenau Office prior to **12:00 (noon)** on **Tuesday, June 18, 2019**. A copy of the information can be obtained at the Village of Waskatenau Office during normal business hours: Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For further information please contact Bernice Macyk, CAO at (780) 358-2208.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**TOWN OF SMOKEY LAKE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**Location:** Smoky Lake is located 116 km northeast of Edmonton at the junction of Highway 28 and Highway 655.

**Scope of work:** The Town of Smoky Lake is seeking proposals to remove and replace defective sections of sidewalk located on Wheatland Avenue from West Railway Drive to White Earth Street (Smoky Lake Inn to the Alberta Treasury Branch), approximately 636.45 square feet.

**Closing date:** Friday, May 31, 2019 by 4:00 p.m.

**Method to submit proposal:** Please send by e-mail, mail or in person to the Town Office located at 56 Wheatland Ave, Smoky Lake, AB, T0A 3C0

**Proposals must be submitted by indicating the project name: Sidewalk Project - Smoky Lake Inn to ATB.**

**Contact:**

Adam Kozilkeewicz
Chief Administrative Officer
P.O. Box 460
Smoky Lake, AB, T0A 3C0
(780) 650-3674
Email: cao@smokylake.ca

**Start date:** June 5, 2019

**Completion date:** June 30, 2019

**For information or viewing any of the Development Permits, please contact Jordan Ruegg, Planning and Development Officer at 780-656-3730 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 3G0 no later than June 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. The appeal letter should indicate the development permit number, contact name and phone number, mailing address and reasons (for) appeal.

Jordan Ruegg
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